



## Our Mobile Medical Unit's New Look

Our Mobile Medical Unit has a fresh, new look! The new wrap not only enhances the unit's visibility, but it also reflects the heart of our mission—to bring help and hope directly to those in need. Thank you to everyone who made this possible! Your generosity ensures that we can continue reaching and serving families throughout the community, one mile at a time. Thank you Colorwave Graphics in Loves Park for working hard to get this done for us!



## Our Abundant God Continues to Write Beautiful Stories

So much has been happening at The Pregnancy Care Center over the past few months, and we can't wait to share it all with you! As you read through this newsletter, you'll see firsthand how God has been working, graciously and abundantly providing for this ministry. You are such a vital part of that story—your prayers, support, and partnership continue to make an incredible impact in the lives of those we serve. Together, we are making a difference.



*I came THAT They MAY have life  
and have IT abundantly. JOHN 10:10*





# Hike for Life 2024: Worth the Walk: Abundant Life is Worth It

Wow! We are absolutely blown away by the incredible turn out and support for this year's Hike for Life!

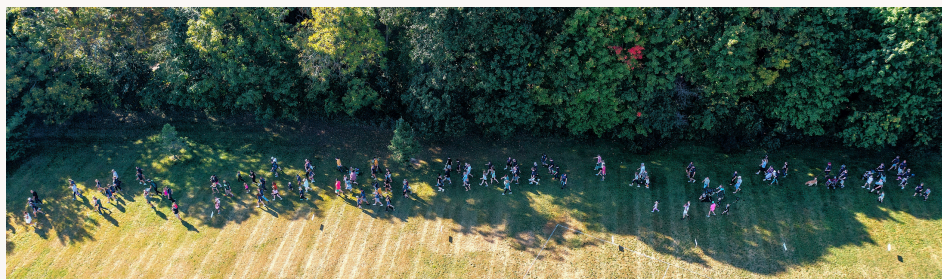
Thanks to your generosity and participation, we not only reached our goal—we exceeded it! Our goal was to raise \$110,000, but because of your fundraising efforts, we raised just over **\$126,000!**

To everyone who hiked, donated, or spread the word, we want to say a HUGE thank you. Your involvement has made a real difference in supporting life and helping our mission thrive. We are deeply grateful for each of you, and we couldn't have done it without your partnership and passion. Thank you for standing with us and being a part of this life-changing event!



Thanks for supporting this event!

Shout out to our generous sponsors! These individuals and businesses support the life-saving work we do at The PCC, and we are blessed by their generosity and commitment to making a meaningful impact in the local pro-life community.





## In Memory

Friends, you've seen memorial gifts mentioned in our newsletters for years. We want to take a moment to explain how meaningful these gifts are and the impact they have on our organization, as well as the strong legacy they create.

A gift given in memory of a loved one is a beautiful way to honor someone and help ensure that the life-saving work of The PCC continues for future generations. Every dollar given "in memory" goes into our endowment fund, providing long-term financial support for our organization.

### In memory of **Brenda Crocker**

James & Laure Haager

### In memory of **Linnea Dahlgren**

Margaret Dahlgren  
Betty McConoughey

### In memory of **Lois Dixon**

Jason Folkerts  
Gunnink Equipment

### In memory of **Joyce Gibson**

Ester Johnson  
Richard Johnson

### In memory of **Robert & Mary Lou McLaughlin**

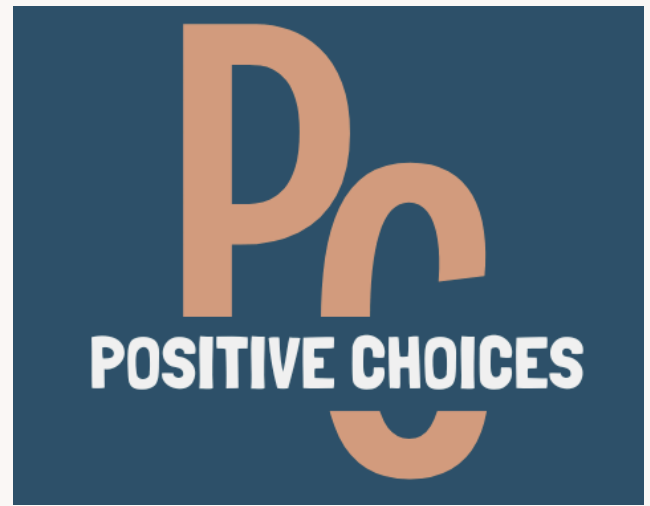
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Richard & Molly Crooks  
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Lois Fisher  
Peter & Mary Joan Keffer  
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Raymond & Mary Anne  
Pifer  
Jospeh & Mary Rita  
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Shirley Moffenbier  
William & Melissa  
Morrissey  
Bob & Janine Schneider  
Lee & Andrea Setter  
Connie Untersee  
Javier & Phyllis Vertiz

### In memory of **Janet Meyers**

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Jose & Lois Seijo  
Bill Sharelis  
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Wenig  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Williams  
The Wilke Family

### In memory of **Michael Montalbano**

Ryan Marsh  
Deborah McDonald  
John & Donna Miller  
Jerald Norquist  
Anthony & Nardine Sparacino



Our Positive Choices groups have resumed in Harlem, Belvidere, Roscoe, and Rockford Christian schools! We are grateful for our team of volunteers and the time they give to invest in the next generation. Be praying for the students in this program to make positive choices that lead them to the person they want to become. Pray for Lora as she leads this program, and for her team of volunteers as they work to mentor the students to know their value and worth, and pray for good partnerships with local school districts!



## Sponsor a Client for Christmas

Each year, The PCC loves to bless our clients with Christmas gifts and a meal for the holiday season. We invite you to come alongside us and sponsor a family in need this Christmas. Last year, thanks to our friends, we were able to bless **22 client families** with food and gifts for the entire family! If you have questions, want more details, or want to sign up to help, contact our Center Director, Vicky Steege, at [vicky@thepregnancycenter.org](mailto:vicky@thepregnancycenter.org).



## Embrace Grace: One Women's New Love for Jesus

Redeemer Churches' Embrace Grace Group recently hosted a Princess Day event for its Brave Mommas. Massage therapists, hair and makeup artists, and a local photographer donated their time to pamper the moms. Debbie, our Embrace Grace Coordinator who also happens to lead this group, and her co-leader had a time of 1:1 ministry with each of the ladies attending. They finished the day with a delicious dinner served by a couple of men from the church. The Brave Mommas were wide-eyed, and Debbie overheard them say **"I can't believe a church would do all of this for us!"** with others agreeing. Wow. The power of Christ's love lived out!

During the 1:1 ministry, one of the moms, who is also a PCC client, **excitedly proclaimed that because of The PCC and Embrace Grace, "I love Jesus now!" and asked for prayer that she would continue learning and growing in Jesus.** Other moms also expressed a desire to know more about Jesus because of Embrace Grace; maybe He isn't who they thought He is--He is so much more! Please keep praying for the seeds we are planting to fall on good soil.

Faith Center is starting their first Embrace Grace group on October 23rd! We are very excited to welcome them aboard. The ultimate goal is to have a new group begin every 6-8 weeks throughout the year as registration closes about 4 weeks into each semester.

For more information about Embrace Grace, check out their website at [embracegrace.com](http://embracegrace.com). You can also contact Debbie at The PCC to learn more about what it takes to host/facilitate a group at your church. Direct questions to [debbie@thepregnancycarecenter.org](mailto:debbie@thepregnancycarecenter.org).



## Caring for The PCC's Building

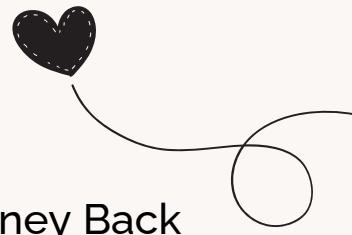
Because of your generosity at our banquet, we were able to replace the roof and ensure that our building remains a safe, welcoming place for every mother, father, and baby who walks through our doors. Your support has provided more than just a roof over our heads—it's an investment in the future of our ministry and the families we serve. Thank you for being part of this amazing blessing!



The PCC also got a fresh coat of paint! We are excited to welcome our clients into a physical environment that matches the warm and soft spoken encouragement they receive when meeting with our mentors.







## Answered Prayers: A Journey Back to Love and Healing

Sometimes, a client remains on the hearts of the staff at The Pregnancy Care Center long after her time there has ended. One particular client came to The PCC about two years ago, overwhelmed by an unplanned pregnancy. She was consumed with fear and anxiety after seeing the positive test and was unsure what to do. During her visit, she struggled with the three options before her, often in tears. Though undecided, she returned for a second ultrasound and further counseling. Having a relationship with Jesus, her convictions ran deep, but after her last appointment, communication stopped.

For two years, a mentor at The PCC passed by the client's workplace on her way to work, praying that God would meet her where she was and reveal His love. One day, the mentor was called in to the Center unexpectedly and, upon arriving, saw two young women in the waiting room. To her surprise, one of them was the very client she had been praying for. The two embraced, and the client shared that the love, compassion, and lack of judgment she experienced at The PCC led her to bring her sister, who was now facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Though the client had chosen abortion two years earlier, they were able to talk about The PCC's Post-Abortion Care and the unchanging love of Jesus. Her sister, after receiving support, decided to choose life for her baby and signed up for our Countdown to Parenthood program. She even asked her sister—the former client—to be her support person and come to each appointment with her.

This story beautifully shows how clients feel loved and safe returning to The PCC, regardless of their past. It also serves as a reminder that the prayers lifted on behalf of each person who enters the Center's doors are heard, and God remains faithful in His work.

## Fatherhood Program: A Space for Him

We have been missing the male influence at The PCC for the past few months, but we are SO excited for the two new male "coaches" who will be re-launching our Fatherhood Program in the next few weeks. These two men have been training, seeking, and learning new things to be ready to come alongside as many dads as possible.

Along with these new coaches, the Fatherhood space has had a makeover! To be honest, it might be the most coveted space in the Center right now. We are grateful to have a space created with the dads we serve in mind, a space that is a welcoming, comfortable environment where they can connect, learn, and grow, a space designed to foster meaningful conversations, provide resources, and offer support for dads as they navigate the important role of fatherhood. We can't wait to see how this refreshed space will impact the lives of the fathers we serve!

"Being a leader/being consistent stood out to me in the Fatherhood Program. I received good advice, and it was a very comfortable environment." -PCC Client





People of Praise Action Group

## Grateful Hearts: Your Generosity in Action

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who has organized donation drives or brought in much-needed baby supplies over the past few months.

Your generosity fills our shelves and, more importantly, provides hope and practical support to the families we serve. Every single donation is a tangible expression of love and care for the mothers, fathers, and babies in our community. Thank you for being such a vital part of this mission—we couldn't do this without you!



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