

God Continues to Write Stories of Abundance

The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford

Summer 2024 Newsletter



A Pro-Life Coffee Partnership



The PCC is now partnered with **Seven Weeks Coffee**, a coffee company that believes every life is worth fighting for. You can purchase coffee using the link to the left, and The PCC receives 15% of every sale! A grateful shout out to Crossroads Winnebago for helping get this partnership set up!

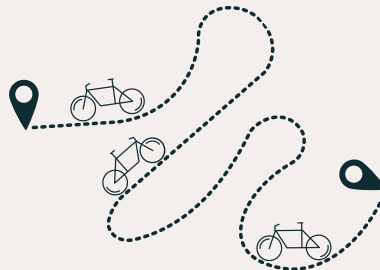


Megan Sardegna's Story: Biking for Babies

Showing support for the unborn can come in many different forms, and for a local college student, she's expressing her pro-life passion on her bicycle! Megan is a local "Biking for Babies" missionary who is embarking on a journey to raise money and awareness for The PCC of Rockford. Take a moment to read her story below and see how you can help Megan support The PCC, as well as other PCCs too!

"Hello!!! My name is Megan Sardegna. I am a second year Biking for Babies missionary. Just like last year, I am riding on the Wisconsin Team! I am thrilled to be coming back this year because I believe that all humans, from conception to natural death, should be loved, respected, and cared for. Last year, I experienced that love, respect, and care from my fellow Biking for Babies missionaries and from the pregnancy resource center (PRC) that I was partnered with.

Last year, I was welcomed to Biking for Babies with open arms. Throughout the missionary formation process, I was constantly told 'You are not alone,' and I constantly felt supported. On the National Ride, I was taken care of from sunup to sundown by my amazing Support Crew. The moment I walked into the PRC I was partnered with, I was met with smiles, hugs, and love. Immediately, they asked me how they could help me. I am returning this year to raise funds for the PRCs across the US to make sure that they can continue to meet every person who walks through their doors with the love and care that I experienced. Come join me in this life-affirming mission of supporting these pregnancy resource centers who respect, love, and care for the women experiencing crisis pregnancies!"



Scan the QR code to visit
Megan's fundraising page!



Meg and the rest of the Biking for Babies team will ride from **July 8-13, and bike 100+ miles per day**. In those six days, they'll make over 30 touchpoints with communities across the country, inspiring them to celebrate life in their own communities. In those six days, they'll "have countless opportunities to offer up our sufferings, our struggles, our frustrations, our pain, and our tiredness all for the sake of women with unexpected pregnancies who just might be experiencing the same thing."

Note from the Executive Director

This summer newsletter is full of stories and pictures of the Lord's abundant love, care, and provision to support our mission of offering help and hope to those facing unplanned pregnancies. I wish the families we serve could see the outpouring of unconditional love and generosity God's people have for them. We let our clients know that there is a community who faithfully supports our ministry so we can have this beautiful space for them and offer all our services at no cost. Thank you, Friends of The PCC, for partnering with us so we have the opportunity to serve families so they not only choose life for their unborn children, but so we can share with them the abundant life that is found in Christ alone. Maggie, a Client Advocate, recently shared how she is praying the gospel would bear fruit at The PCC in the lives of our moms, their babies, their families, and ultimately be a catalyst for change in the City of Rockford. This is what true help and hope looks like. This is why we exist. Your support allows us to continue on and fulfill our mission. Thank you!



In the midst of abortion access returning to our city, the Lord has encouraged me greatly by many young people in our community who are taking a stand for life. You hopefully read about Megan and her Biking for Babies ministry, and I have recently connected with an excited group of students who attend Rock Valley College and are working hard to launch an official Students for Life club on their campus. We also have a Student Advisory Board here at The PCC, and we will be taking new applications in August for a new year of service beginning in September. If you know a student 15-20 years old who would like to learn more about this opportunity, please have them reach out this summer to learn more.

We serve a God who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think (Eph. 3:20). He is faithful and we can stand firm knowing that He came that we may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10). This newsletter is a testimony of God's abundant provision and faithfulness to His people. Thank you for your prayers and partnership. We could not carry on without you.

Holding On To Life

16-year-old *Zara came to The PCC with her boyfriend at the end of March. She shared that though she had recently had an abortion, she was pregnant again. Her mom had pushed her to have the abortion for her previous pregnancy, but also gave her a Bible and books on sin. This left her very confused. Finding herself pregnant again, she leaned towards keeping the baby and parenting, but also opened up about being in a very vulnerable state and unsure what she could handle, and she was afraid to tell her family about the pregnancy.

Zara scheduled a follow-up appointment at The PCC but kept canceling and rescheduling. Weeks went by, and we didn't think we would get the chance to offer her the help and hope she desperately needed, but at the end of May, she showed up to her ultrasound appointment with Sheila. Zara's boyfriend didn't attend the appointment with her, so one of our volunteers, Judy, sat in with her. The ultrasound showed a healthy and growing 15-week old baby.



Baby model used in our mentoring room that depicts a 10-week old baby.

After the ultrasound, Zara, Sheila, and Judy were talking about Zara's previous abortion. She said she didn't think it affected her, until she saw the baby. She pulled out her phone and showed Sheila and Judy a picture of a perfectly formed 10-week-old baby in the palm of her hand. You could see a perfect little face, little hands and feet on his long arms and legs, and you could see that he was a boy. She told Sheila and Judy that "she didn't know." She didn't know she would see a baby; she didn't know she could already know the gender; she didn't know what the abortion was really going to do to her.

Zara shared that she started to read her Bible daily, and it is bringing her great comfort, and she realized that it was time for her to be responsible. She couldn't just keep getting an abortion and living life the way she had been. Though she and her boyfriend haven't told their parents yet, they are determined to show up and take responsibility. They have chosen to carry and parent the little life that is currently growing inside Zara, and are excited to have The PCC walking alongside them through our Countdown to Parenthood program.

One God-ordained detail in this story is Judy being the mentor to be in that ultrasound room with Zara. Judy is one of our mentors who offers Post-Abortion Care, which is a safe, confidential, and non-judgmental place where women can express their emotions and find healing and restoration from a past abortion. Judy was able to tell Zara about this service and as she mentors Zara and her boyfriend on parenting and all things related, she will also get to walk Zara through the Post-Abortion Care program.

Zara made a very brave decision to choose life for her baby while still going to school and trying to work. She is carrying the weight of the world on her shoulders as she prepares for this new life, while simultaneously processing the loss of the baby boy she aborted. But as Zara will learn as she continues to read her Bible and learn about Jesus, and as she is poured into by Judy during her visits, no matter what her past is, she can find redemption through His blood and freedom from the weight of her sin. She can find not only help and hope for her current circumstances, but an eternal hope. She can find healing.

*Name changed for confidentiality

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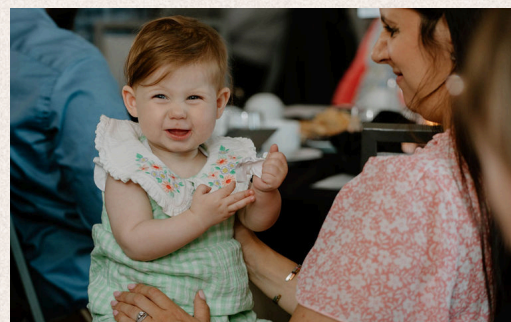
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A God of Abundance: Annual Banquet 2024



The theme for this year's banquet was "Stories of Abundance: When an Abundant God Writes Your Story" and, boy, is He writing The PCC's story abundantly!

At the banquet, we presented three tangible and necessary needs we have at the Center. The financial burden to these needs is heavy, and we set a lofty fundraising goal. We budgeted to bring in \$140,000, and we hadn't quite reached it at the banquet.

Well, God VERY QUICKLY showed us His abundance. Over the next couple of weeks, more checks came in, and we can share, with lots of excitement, that we MET AND SURPASSED OUR GOAL OF \$140,000! As of right now, we have brought in close to \$173,000.

Our God truly is capable of providing far more abundantly than all we can ask or think (Eph 3:20). He does so through people like you, and all we can truly say is thank you. To Him be glory forever and ever!

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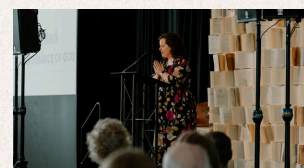
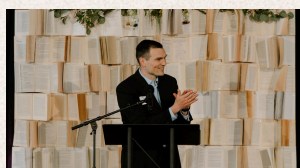
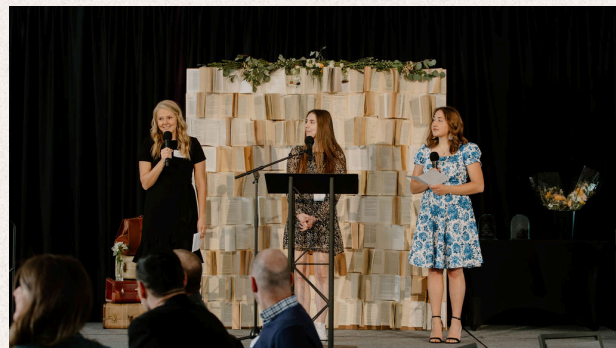


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The Board and Staff of The PCC want to say thank you to everyone who helped the banquet be a success!

Medical Mobile Unit Parking Spot

With a second trimester abortion facility preparing to open around the corner from us, we are facing a new chapter in our mission to support women facing unplanned pregnancies. We are thankful to Dr. Kim Williams at Rockford Wellness Collective for graciously allowing us to park our Mobile Medical Unit on her property, adjacent to the abortion facility.

Our presence there will serve as a beacon of hope, a safe place for women who may feel trapped and believe the lie that abortion is their only option. We invite you to join us in prayer for women to have courage and step inside our bus instead of walking through the doors of the abortion facility, and for every woman to understand her worth, her child's worth, and choose life!



An Abundance of Blessings



Some students at Rockford Christian sold homemade baked goods and bracelets to raise money so we can buy baby items! What an encouragement to have these young students already share their heart for babies & the unborn!



We want to say thank you to an anonymous organization that did a drive for us and dropped off loads of items! The PCC, and so many people in our community, are blessed to be a recipient of your generosity!



A huge thank you to the team at Timber Landscaping for giving the front of our Center a major facelift! Their team spent several days working on this project, and even donated some of the job. We are grateful for their hard work and generosity!



Big thanks to CYT's HYPE (High School Youth Pursuing Excellence) group who collected items for us! They chose to collect baby supplies for their winter project because the musical HONK! is about mothers and their babies!



On Rockford Christian's "Day of Caring," we had a visit from a group of their students. They came to The PCC for a few hours and helped with several different tasks and were a huge help! Thanks for spending part of your day with us!



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In memory of **Paul Burchardt**
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