

Building a Future of Hope

Mission

To provide life affirming emotional, spiritual, and physical support for individuals vulnerable to abortion.



Brandy's Story*

Brandy was 18 years old when she first emailed us. She thought she was pregnant, was looking for abortion providers and found us on-line. The Client Services Coordinator responded to her inquiry and invited her to come to the center, take a pregnancy test, and discuss her situation.

At her first session at the center, Brandy's pregnancy test came back positive and she was terrified. She was mainly concerned about how she could afford to raise a baby and about what her Mom would think. Jamie coached her on how to tell her Mom and explained some of the resources that are available. Brandy was also encouraged to get an ultrasound to confirm the pregnancy.

After the ultrasound, Brandy came back in to let us know that she was going to keep the baby. On a different occasion, she also brought her Mom to the center with her; her Mom ended up being Brandy's biggest supporter.

Brandy continued to return to the center throughout her pregnancy and after the baby was born. One of the Parent Mentors regularly met with her to facilitate Brandy's parenting, health and life skills classes. During this time, Brandy was able to earn baby clothes, diapers and even a crib. She felt well prepared when her son was born six months ago.

With the help of her mentor, Brandy is now leading a well adjusted life. She and her baby are living in their own apartment and Brandy has a full time job.

Many clients just like Brandy come to the center every week. They are greeted with love and encouragement. When they meet with their mentors, they learn to become better parents as they earn necessities for their children. A future of hope is given to each of the clients.

***Name changed to protect identity.**



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Free Services



1/3 of Delta County children live in single parent families.*

*datacenter.kidscount.org;
based on 2021 statistics.



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Pregnancy Services of Delta County is a Christian pro-life pregnancy resource center. We offer physical, emotional, and spiritual support by inspiring individuals in choosing and valuing life. We are open four days a week and offer assistance after hours and weekends. All services are provided **free of charge**.

Services

- **Peer-to-Peer Options Counseling**
- **Pregnancy Tests**
- **Man-to-Man Mentoring**
- **Parenting Classes**
- **Material Support**
- **Breastfeeding Support**
- **Post-abortion Support**
- **Referrals to Community Resources** such as WIC, Low-Income Housing, Employment Resources, Medicaid, Adoption and Mental Health Services.
- **Journey of Hope** A monthly support group for those who have experienced a miscarriage or early infant loss.

Help amidst Trials

Some of the barriers the clients are facing are:

- **Poverty**
- **Addiction**
- **Single Parenting**
- **Abuse**

In each of the situations, we walk alongside the clients for as long as they need us. The clients are very appreciative of the services and are usually surprised that we have so much support, education and material items to offer. It reassures them and gives them hope that they can handle their situation.

A Window to the Womb

80%

of abortion-minded mothers choose life after they see their baby via ultrasound*

*National Institute of Family and Life Advocates, 2023



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An ultrasound is a valuable tool for a pregnancy resource center. First, while a pregnancy test may indicate that a woman is pregnant, an ultrasound can confirm the pregnancy and verify that the embryo is viable. Second, the ultrasound can also confirm that it is not an ectopic pregnancy, which can be potentially harmful to the mother and indicate the need for immediate medical attention. Third, an ultrasound gives a woman a chance to see an image of her child. It has been shown that when a woman sees an ultrasound image of her child, she is much less likely to choose abortion.



The New Ultrasound

The *Knights of Columbus* and the *Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative* have partnered to raise the necessary funds for an ultrasound for the organization. Unfortunately, it was not feasible to operate an ultrasound in the former location due to a lack of space; it would also have been difficult to bring the building up to medical code specifications.

The new building will be an ideal home for the new ultrasound. It is already zoned for medical purposes and there would be minimal effort to bring the building up to medical code specifications.

Changing our Community

~ One Life at a Time

In their own words

We cancelled the abortion and we are keeping the baby.

Thank you for being there for me.

Everyone here is so helpful.

I don't know what I would do without you.



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Since 2015

- Diapers Earned 93,460
- Appointments 4,797
- Packages of Wipes Earned 3,096
- Families Served 711
- Spiritual Discussions/Prayer with Clients 444
- Pregnancy Tests 154
- *Journey of Hope* Clients 10 (started in 2022)

Client Stories*

- Maddie had two young children and felt very overwhelmed. When she found out she was pregnant again she was considering abortion. After talking extensively with the Client Services Coordinator, she decided to instead place her baby for adoption. We walked with her through her pregnancy; she was very grateful for services and said, "I couldn't have done this without you."
- When Jason and his wife came to us, Jason had just lost his job and was unsure of what to do to support his young family. We helped him enroll in a paid training program to become a certified nursing assistant with an opportunity for a full-time job and further nursing training.
- When Carissa came in with her son to get diapers, her advocate realized that she did not have much support and also needed some parenting tips. As her advocate described the support and training she could get at the center, Carissa became excited to be able to learn more about how to become a better parent. At the end of her appointment, Carissa became tearful and said, "I don't remember the last time I felt so loved and supported."

*Names changed to protect identities.

Faces of Hope

All of the children and families pictured in these materials have been served by Pregnancy Services of Delta County.



One of the many lives saved through the ministry!

The History

Early Years



Pregnancy Services volunteers with chastity speaker, Bev Hadland (back, center), who spoke at area high schools. April 1997

Pregnancy Services of Delta County was organized in 1978 by a small group of volunteers who assisted men and women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. During the early years, the materials were housed in a volunteer's basement and phone calls were forwarded to volunteers' homes. Options counseling was provided as well as baby clothes and baby furniture.

In the 1990s, the organization was incorporated and the 501(c)3 non-profit status was obtained. During that time, Pregnancy Services volunteers also spoke to youth groups on topics such as chastity and abortion. Additionally, the group organized a chastity speaker to talk at each of the area high schools.

By 2012, the volunteers were getting older and some had passed away. The organization was in a time of decline. The remaining volunteers began praying that newer, younger volunteers would take on the role of running Pregnancy Services.

A Fresh Start

In 2014, a small group of new volunteers came forward to reinvigorate Pregnancy Services of Delta County. Through the cooperation of the seasoned volunteers, the new volunteers worked tirelessly to locate a home for the new pregnancy resource center. A building was rented from a generous donor and new volunteers were trained.

In March 2015, an all-volunteer pregnancy resource center was opened on Ludington Street in Escanaba. The organization offered pregnancy tests, options counseling, parenting classes, and material support such as diapers, baby clothing and baby furniture.

In the years since 2015, the organization has continued to see growth by eventually hiring two staff members and expanding services by offering Man to Man mentoring, post-abortion support and a support group for those affected by miscarriage and early infant loss.



The former center
1801 Ludington Street, Escanaba



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The New Building

December 2022

Closed on the sale of the building with the purchase price of

\$575,000

Estimated remodeling costs

\$50,000



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A Larger Building was Desperately Needed

The former facility was inadequate!

- Unable to provide ultrasound. It would have been very difficult to become medically certified in the former building.
- Limited space for holding support groups.
- Insufficient storage for supplies.
- Insufficient offices and client meeting rooms. Staff members often needed to shift offices throughout the day to accommodate client meetings.

The new building provides space for an expansion of services and offers a welcoming atmosphere. In the new building, clients can discover a future of hope for themselves and their children.



2501 First Avenue North, Escanaba

Anticipated Improvements

- Remove the drive-through window
- Remove teller station
- Build walls for Resource Room
- Add doors from Resource Room to storage room and to the current drive-through
- Close in the current drive-through with a solid wall in the front and a garage door in the back

Completed Improvements

- Added washer and dryer hook-ups
- Converted former ATM closet to a receptionist work area
- Added signs to building
- Cleaned, painted and recarpeted rooms as needed
- Resurfaced parking lot

Funds Needed

\$750,000

for a

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Cost of Building	\$575,000
Renovations	\$50,000
Contingency	\$125,000
Total needed	\$750,000

Operational Expenses

Since there are no operational costs included in this request for funds, donors are encouraged to donate above and beyond what they would normally contribute annually. This will allow the life-saving services to continue without interruption while the building is being paid for.

Ultrasound Expenses

All expenses associated with the purchase and installation of an ultrasound have already been pledged.

Mortgage

A mortgage has been obtained and will be paid off when the funds become available.



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Giving



Name a Room

Donors giving or pledging at least \$25,000 may name a room (subject to availability). Rooms may be named with a first name such as *Sarah's room*—possibly in memory of a child lost to miscarriage, abortion, still-birth or infant death.

Pregnancy Services of Delta County is a recognized 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization;
Federal ID: 38-2579636



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Ways to Give

- **Gift from a foundation or trust.**
- **Personal, business, or church donation.**
- **Three year pledge.**
- **Gift through a retirement fund.** If you are at least age 70 ½, contribute up to \$100,000 from your traditional IRA without paying income taxes on the donation.
- **Gift of an appreciated asset.**

Suggested Three Year Pledge

Total Gift	10% Down Payment	3 Annual Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	36 Monthly Payments
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$7,500.00	\$2,500.00
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$3,750.00	\$1,250.00
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$1,875.00	\$625.00
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$1,125.00	\$375.00
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$750.00	\$250.00
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$375.00	\$125.00
\$2,500	\$250	\$750	\$187.50	\$62.50
\$1,000	\$100	\$300	\$75.00	\$25.00

My Commitment



Yes! I will partner with Pregnancy Services of Delta County to build a future of hope for those experiencing an unexpected pregnancy and for parents of young children.

Name _____

Foundation / Business _____

Address _____

Phone number(s) _____

Email address _____

___ Contact me before any public recognition

Amount of Gift \$ _____

Gift Fulfillment

___ One Time Gift \$ _____ To be mailed by: ___/___/___

___ Monthly \$ _____ Start Date ___/___/___

___ Quarterly \$ _____ Start Date ___/___/___

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___ Cash or check

___ Credit Card # _____ Exp Date: _____

Name on the Card: _____ CVC Code: _____

___ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

(Monthly transfers are withdrawn the 7th of every month)

Bank Routing # _____ Account # _____

___ Stock ___ Other _____

___ Please contact me

Signature

Date

Please return this commitment sheet to Jamie Fisher, Executive Director, 2501 1st Avenue North, Escanaba, MI 49829. For more information, please call Jamie at (906) 786-7474, ext. 105.



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The Team



Receptionist Linda Ramile calls a client to remind them of their appointment.



Volunteer Beth Charles folds baby clothes in the Resource Room.



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45 Volunteers

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