

CARE HELP HOPE



Nick just wanted Cheri's pregnancy to go away.* After struggling with drinking, he was finally sober, but Nick just didn't feel like he was ready to be a father yet. He had even ordered the abortion pill online, but Cheri was hesitant to take it so it stayed on their bathroom counter-top.

Cheri felt like it was too big of a decision to just take a pill. Besides, they were engaged now and they actually did want to have kids someday. Cheri just wanted to talk with someone about their situation and she found us online.

During their first discussion with us, it was evident that although they were conflicted about how to proceed, they did have quite a bit going for them. Nick had a decent job and they had an apartment that they had made into a home. We set up an ultrasound to confirm that the pregnancy was viable.

The ultrasound showed that Cheri was five and a half weeks pregnant. The heartbeat was barely detectable but Cheri could see the flickering on the screen. Although their minds were not quite made up yet, Cheri quietly said to Nick, "I don't think you should have ordered the abortion pill." Nick and Cheri went home to talk about what they had seen during the ultrasound.

A few days later Cheri texted us, "We're keeping the baby!"

Nick and Cheri's decision was the start of many monumental events in their lives. **They had a gender reveal party a few months ago and they were married at the end of May.** Additionally, they have already started getting the baby's room ready.

Nick and Cheri have been coming to the center to take *Earn While You Learn* classes every two weeks. Cheri knows exactly which topics she wants to learn about regarding her pregnancy and parenting a newborn. She has been receiving maternity clothes from us and they have been saving their Baby Bucks to purchase diapers, baby clothes and a swing when the baby is born in September. Cheri also relates that she is the calmest and happiest than she has ever been. She and Nick are truly looking forward to the addition of their little one.

Thank you for helping to make Nick and Cheri's story a reality. Because of your financial and prayerful support, they are excited to tell the world that "It's a girl!"

In this Together,

Jamie Fisher, LAS, Executive Director



* Name changed to protect identity.

WALK FOR LIFE

On Saturday, June 7, the 11th annual Walk for Life was held at the Miracle of Life Building at the UP State Fairgrounds. Walkers enjoyed Stages of Life stations, live music performed by Ike & Deb Micheau, a bounce house, face painting, a silent auction and a free lunch. It was a wonderful time of fellowship enjoyed by all. Thanks to our generous supporters, we raised over \$35,000. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Couldn't have done it without our Walk for Life Sponsors!

John & Melissa Besse Foundation ● Community Foundation for Delta County ● Drifters Family Restaurant ● Elmer's County Market ● Ken & Pat Gartland ● Lakeside Christian Church ● Lyme Great Lakes Timberlands ● Binks Coca-Cola ● OSF Healthcare ● Tim Beauchamp Builders ● Greg & Linda Yagodzinski

Special Thanks to our Walk for Life Supporters!

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Congratulations Jacob and Kasadee on winning the giant gift baskets that First Bank donated!

Thank you First Bank!



















BUILDING RENOVATION UPDATE

When Pregnancy Services purchased the current building in December 2022, plans were in place to eventually make building improvements in order to have the space more usable for the needs of a pregnancy center. In mid-May, those plans began to be fulfilled when a crew made up of mostly Knights of Columbus members began work on the building renovations. The former teller station was demolished, some walls were removed, and other walls were added. Additionally, the former drive-through was closed in at the ends, doors were added and shelving has been built. It is anticipated that the work will conclude by early November. We are so grateful for all the hard work that

the renovation crew has been doing!



The Building Renovation Committee



Rob Morrow and Brad Challier work tremendously hard to create a space for our volunteers to clean baby furniture more effectively.





- ~ Diapers size 3, 4, & 5, ~ Gently Used Pack n especially size 4
- ~ Fragrance free wipes ~ Clothing sizes 2t-5t,
- ~ Fall & winter clothes
- **Plays**
 - especially larger sizes

~ Sleepers



WAYS TO GIVE

There are various ways to give to PSDC that will have a lasting effect on our community. Is estate planning in your future? If so, a portion of your assets could be distributed to PSDC. Wishing to make a one time gift or a multi-gift pledge? For information about the various ways to give or to become a Partner for Life, or to Sponsor a Visit, Day, Client, or Room, please contact Jamie Fisher at directorofpsdc@gmail.com or at (906) 241-9344.

> Scan our QR code to make your donation via our safe online page today! Thank you for your support!







CAR SEAT TRAINING

Thank you to Delta Schoolcraft Great Start Collaborative for their support of a car seat training program. With the assistance of Great Start, Jamie Fisher attended extensive car seat

training held in Marguette. Jamie also became certified in Child Passenger Safety. Additionally, Great Start donated 12 new car seats! This will allow us to provide clients with car seats while we also teach them how to safely install them.



WELCOME NEW STAFF



Michelle McNally, our new Office Manager, is originally from the New Orleans area and moved to the U.P. in 2017 with her husband, Kevin, and their family. She has four children, three step-children, and one grandbaby! Michelle and Kevin enjoy gardening, which led them to also embrace a new hobby, canning—something she never expected to enjoy! Before joining Pregnancy Services, Michelle worked in radio advertising and had Pregnancy Services as a customer. Michelle said she was so inspired by our mission that

when a position opened up, she knew she wanted to be part of it. She's proud to support such meaningful work in our community; she's thrilled to join the team at Pregnancy Services as the new Office Manager!

Kashmir LaMarch, our new Outreach Assistant, is married to her husband Ryan and is the mom of two little boys, Hyde and Trey. She is a nurse and also a lactation consultant. She loves being outside with her kids and going on walks with her dog. She also enjoys listening to books and podcasts. Kashmir started out volunteering at Pregnancy Services as a lactation specialist to help women in the community gain information about breastfeeding and help with the issues they were having. Kashmir said when a position opened to become staff, she knew it was the right fit for her to apply. Kashmir has so



many wonderful ideas to bring to this already amazing organization and she is excited to see the different ways she will help the ministry grow.

THANK YOU, PENNY

Penny Wachholz has served Pregnancy Services as the Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator for the past two years. We are grateful for her dedication as she oversaw many of the day to day activities of the center. Penny has recently decided to step down from her position to spend more time with her family. She will be missed!

WE MISS YOU

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER



Our volunteer of the quarter is Sara Kamerschen. Sara has been creating our quarterly newsletter for the past 11 years. She is married to her wonderful husband, Tony and together are raising 4 amazing boys. She

enjoys spending time with her family, supporting her boys in all their sporting and musical endeavors and crafting in her free time. She credits her parents, with teaching her the value of helping others in the spirit of Christ. She feels blessed to be a part of such a wonderful ministry. Sara is an absolute treasure to Pregnancy Services and we are very thankful for the time she spends making our quarterly newsletters.

REORGANIZATION OF THE DELTA COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

During the last several months, a team of volunteers has been meeting at Pregnancy Services in order to reorganize the Delta County Right to Life group. The group will have the goal of informing the public about pro-life political issues. Anyone interested in joining the group can contact Christina Velie at (906) 284-0484.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN THANK YOU

In memory of
Donald and Audrey Anderson
by their Family.
A leaf has been added
to the *Tree of Life*in their memory.

*Inadvertently omitted from last newsletter

MEMORIALS

GIFTS WERE MADE IN MEMORY OF

- Marie Ahles & Harold Cook by Gary & Lou Ann Cook
 Alice and Betty Bartosz and Bonnie Peterson by Terry & Carol Lancour
 Millie Bink by Nick & Michelle Bink
 Louise "Lou" Boddy by Anonymous
- Helen Chaperon by Tom Chaperon Fred Gagne by Frank & Cherie Dubord Catherine Johnson by Sara Lustick Elaine Frost by Karen Pepin Bridget Jauquet by Brittany Jauquet Rosemary Kaven by Mitzi Barra, Carl & Linda Bartoszek and Frank & Cherie Dubord Lloyd & Mae Ketchum and Lorain Russel & Robert Young, Sr. by Edward & Robin Custance John Paul Lamberg by Dorothy Kollmann
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 Harry Strem, Glen White and Jeff by Tim, Patti & Kevin Gould
 - Maverick Swanson by Philip & Alesha Swanson Betty Taylor by Todd & Mary Hurley
 - Dick Thompson by Lynn & Katherine Thompson-Vanders Tom Way by Pat Way
 - Dwaine Williams, III by Mary Lou Trudell

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GIFTS WERE MADE IN HONOR OF

Brian Blair, Flossie Mundinger, and Julie & Robert Neumann by Edward & Robin Custance
 Keith Ives by Marlene Winter-Johnson • Jason & Amy McChristian by Luanne VanElsacker • Walter & Leo by Fr. Rick Courier • Healthy Grandchildren by Charles & Emily Moreau • Babies by Maria McRae
 • Judi King by Judy Vader

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Escanaba Knights of Columbus

Thank you to the Escanaba Knights of Columbus for their generous gift towards the maintenance of the ultrasound. Tom Desy, Grand Knight of the Escanaba Council presents a \$2,000 donation to Jamie Fisher.

Jaime Fisher receives a donation of \$2,000 from the Bark River Knights of Columbus to be used for the maintenance fee of the Ultrasound machine. Presenting the check is Brent Madalinski, Grand Knight of the Bark River Council.



Bark River Knights of Columbus

Thank you to Jenny "NEWBORNS IN NEED" that donated several gift bags filled with baby items for our new mom's.



Newborns in Need

Thank you to Delta Church and Immanuel Lutheran Church for hosting Change for Life.



Immanuel Lutheran Church



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FREE SERVICES PROVIDED

Lab quality pregnancy tests
Ultrasound services
Pregnancy options education
Earn While You Learn parenting classes
Material assistance
Adoption support
Referrals to community agencies

Post abortion support and recovery
24 Hour pregnancy helpline
Prenatal and postnatal support
Breastfeeding support
Man to man mentoring
Healthy relationship education
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Pregnancy Services of Delta County Hours
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Friday: 10 -1

Closed: Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday

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