

At Our CORE

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER'S ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

RESCUE & REDEMPTION

In the summer of 2018 I was put to the task of choosing a speaker for our spring 2019 banquet. I knew what I wanted the speaker to talk about, the heart he or she needed to have to represent our mission of reaching the Grand Traverse region with the message of pro-abundant life. I was also just as clear on the attitude that would NOT represent us well. An attitude of judgment without love, or condemnation toward those considering abortion without offering an invitation to God's grace, would never be a true mirror image of the core of who God has called us to be. Pregnancy Care Center's essential nature, what defines us at the center of our mission, is not as much about our patients' struggle as it is about God's story of rescue - how He redeems all that is broken, transforming it into good.



Fast-forward to Fall of 2018 and I still had not found the banquet speaker that I was looking for. I was unwilling to settle for someone merely for entertainment purposes or simply based on their popularity. Our staff met together, and I explained my dilemma. Then suddenly, almost in unison, we began to say, "who is better equipped to tell our story than us? Who understands who we are at our core better than we do?" We had the answer to the two most important banquet questions; the theme and who will share the details of it. I'm excited to announce to you that the speaker of this year's Spring banquet, themed "At Our Core", will be the PCC staff. Please come to hear all that God has laid on our hearts and discover ways that you can join in the remarkable process of rescue and redemption.

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LET'S TALK BANQUET

WITH JEANNIE HEYSTEK

MY FIRST INTRODUCTION to Pregnancy Care Center was at the Light of Life spring banquet in 2018. I remember looking around the ballroom and being impressed by the 300+ individuals in attendance. I felt a unity among us as we supported the life-affirming services provided to abortion-vulnerable women and men in our community. But I also left with unanswered questions. I wanted to know more about the people "on the front lines" of the ministry. I wanted to know more about the local impact. And, I wanted to know how I could help. By God's grace, I joined PCC staff in late 2018 and my joy at being a part of this ministry has only grown. And, all my questions have been answered!

Maybe you have unanswered questions too! At the third annual spring banquet, we will take you deeper, "At Our Core", into the inner workings of the PCC and show you who we are, what we do, what the local impact has been and what our hope is for the future. You'll even have an opportunity to interact and ask questions!



EVENT DETAILS

Join us at the Hagerty Center (715 E. Front St.) on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30PM. Don't wait to register, this event has sold out in prior years!

Register today!

Visit friendsofpcc.org/banquet or call (231) 929-3488 and ask for Jasmine or Maddy. \$25 per seat.

Become a Table Host!

\$250 will reserve an entire table for 10. As a Table Host, you invite whomever you'd like to sit with you! We provide a packet with more information and helpful Table Host tips. To become a Table Host visit friendsofpcc.org and click "Yes, I would like to be a table host" or contact Maddy Klingelsmith at maddy@pregnancycarecentertc.org.

Become a Sponsor!

A tax-deductible donation of \$1000+ gets your company name and logo into our program, on our website, and in the PCC newsletter (sent to over 2000 individuals and churches). To become a Sponsor, contact Jeannie Heystek at jeannie@pregnancycarecentertc.org or (231) 929-3488.

Become a Banquet Day Volunteer!

It's an "all hands on deck" kind of event and we need ushers, a set-up crew and a clean-up crew on banquet day. Want to help? Contact Sandy Moon at sandy@pregnancycarecentertc.org.



1st Quarter Prayer Calendar, 2019

- 1st** Pray for our marketing team as they seek God's direction for new ways to reach abortion-vulnerable women and men
- 2nd** Pray for volunteers to help with this year's banquet
- 3rd** Pray for our new Medical Director: Dr. Bump
- 4th** Pray for staff and volunteers to not grow weary in their service at PCC
- 5th** Pray for Staff Members: Rosie Thiel & Jean Snook
- 6th** Pray for single moms and dads who have chosen life
- 7th** Pray for our Board Member: Andrea Critchfield
- 8th** Pray for PCC's new Patient Care Assistants as they train to reach out to our patients
- 9th** Praise God for the financial support of donors that enables PCC to give a voice to the unborn
- 10th** Pray for an increase in patient appointments
- 11th** Pray for the planning of our 2019 banquet
- 12th** Pray for our Board Member: Don Spinniken
- 13th** Pray for those who have lost their babies through miscarriage
- 14th** Pray for Staff Members: Catherine Skeba & Maddy Klingelsmith
- 15th** Pray for future expansion of PCC, including programs and office space
- 16th** Pray for Staff Members: Sara Stargardt & Jeannie Heystek
- 17th** Pray for our Clinic Director: Sandy Moon
- 18th** Pray that many abortion-minded women would consider adoption
- 19th** Pray for our Board Member: Wendy Downey
- 20th** Pray for physical & spiritual protection for our board, staff and volunteers
- 21st** Pray for patients who are having babies, especially ask God to be gracious to those dealing with all the issues of being a single-parent family
- 22nd** Pray for Staff Members: Joanna Riness & Jasmine Bower
- 23rd** Pray for our Executive Director: Rhonda Watson
- 24th** Pray that all women who make ultrasound appointments will show up for their appointments
- 25th** Pray for women seeking support and encouragement during pregnancy
- 26th** Pray for our Board Member: Lynette Clark
- 27th** Pray that the Lord will prepare the hearts of patients before they visit so they may be open to Christ
- 28th** Pray for Staff Members: Catherine Skeba & Jasmine Bower
- 29th** Pray for greater community engagement
- 30th** Pray for increased participation in Embrace Grace
- 31st** Pray that God will lead more women who are hurting from abortion to PCC for healing and recovery



FRIENDS OF PCC

BY JASMINE BOWER

It is incredibly comforting to remember how we are held so securely in the arms of a Father who sees, understands and cares deeply about the details we're dealing with, whether that be in ministry or in the day to day of our personal lives. "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:19

Throughout 2018, God has blessed PCC with patients, supporters, needed supplies, successful events, and new and exciting opportunities. Time after time, finding ourselves with a specific need, He provided, often far beyond what we had asked for originally. As the year wrapped up, we were struggling to supply enough diapers, wipes, hygiene products, and warm clothes for those in need of our material services. But His timing is always perfect! We are so grateful to have been gifted with an overwhelming supply of clothing, dressers, blankets, diapers, wipes, and so much more. Thank you to the groups and every individual who has so caringly given and helped meet this practical need!

A FEW SPECIFIC WAYS IN WHICH WE WERE BLESSED:



We were immensely blessed by **East Bay Calvary Church** when, during their Sunday service, they presented PCC with four stunning dressers. These dressers are so important to us because they are prayerfully given to patients who, despite their initial fears, make the brave choice to parent. Each dresser presented was filled with newborn supplies, then covered by the congregation with prayer and words of encouragement written on the back.

The **Students for Life** from St. Francis High School, together with their entire school, collected and delivered carloads full of adorable baby supplies for our patients and their little ones! They also gifted us with four dressers that were packed with newborn goodies! The passion that these caring, young girls display for life in each of its stages is beautiful and inspiring. We are beyond blessed by each one of them!



This small group of devoted individuals from **Bible Baptist Church** have been blessing PCC for years now, in more ways than one. Most recently, they put together a dresser for us to give to a pregnant mom who is expecting a little boy – we are excited to see who God already has instore for this gift of encouragement! Whether for a single mom or for a struggling couple, having the support of the church come along side them can be life-changing.



MEET OUR FRIEND: PAUL SIMPKINS

How did you learn about PCC?

My small group leader invited Joanna and Jasmine to come tell us about the ministry at PCC.

What motivated you to volunteer?

When I heard Jasmine and Joanna's heart for the Sanctuary Project, I got really excited. I had just been doing some work in a very nice office building in town and noticed how being in that environment made me feel important. A couple days later, when the girls explained to our small group that they wanted to update the office to make their patients feel safe, relaxed, and loved, that resonated with me, and I knew I had to be a part of it.

In what ways have you been involved?

Mainly just helping out with some of the work for the Sanctuary Project. A lot of painting with some great people and a few other small things.

What makes you excited about PCC?

I love that the vision at PCC is to love their patients with the love of Christ. It's not just about making a political statement, but about showing Christ's love in a real and tangible way to people with nowhere else to turn. I'm really excited about the new Embrace Grace group starting up! The Center was already providing needed support both during and after a pregnancy, and this effort just reflects and expands that drive.

What are you passionate about?

The two things that most consistently excite me are teaching others some skill or subject that I understand and using those same skills and knowledge to help others. Bonus points if either of those involves the Church in some way!

What are you doing when you're not volunteering?

I can often be found at a local coffee shop with a book or a friend. I enjoy playing in the NMC concert band, and, more recently, I get to play with my new dog, Carter.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW IT ALL WORKS?

HERE'S A BRIEF LOOK INTO THE PATIENT EXPERIENCE.

WHO IS OUR TARGET AUDIENCE?

Abortion-vulnerable women and men; those in complicated and unexpected pregnancies. Our largest demographic are women in their early-mid 20's.



HOW DO PATIENTS HEAR ABOUT OUR SERVICES?

Our top ways of reaching those most at risk for abortion is through the internet (our website, Google listing and social media), word of mouth and networking with other agencies, churches, etc. Our marketing team has been hard at work researching the most effective marketing strategies and planning for the upcoming year. We look forward to filling you in on all the special projects that are in process to make 2019 our most effective year yet!



SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS



The phone call is important. Whether or not a patient decides to schedule with us is dependent on this phone call. This is where the relationship starts and trust can begin to form. We ensure each

patient is greeted with a calming, caring, professional voice on the other end, communicating hope, help and empathy.

A PLACE OF REFUGE

This next stop on our patients' journey, the Patient Care Room, can be one of the most lifesaving and changing places in the whole Center. Our Patient Care Team is trained to present truth and information regarding abortion, adoption and parenting in a caring, non-judgmental way that honors the patient and their partner. During this time, if we feel the Holy Spirit's leading and with the patient's permission, we are able to share the Gospel of Jesus and pray with them.



THE FIRST STEP

From the Sanctuary Project decor and calming scent of essential oils diffusing, to the person carefully selected to greet the patient upon their arrival, every effort



is made to make the patient feel safe and loved the moment they walk through the door.

THE WINDOW TO THE WOMB

Many people enter the Exam Room fearful of how the images on the ultrasound screen will effect them. However, this is the room where we often see the most transformation in the lives and decisions of our patients. It is one thing to hear truth, but another thing entirely to SEE truth. This allows us the opportunity to show them the true value of their baby and the amazing development taking place.



PATIENT FOLLOW-UP



Birth Follow Up: We call close to/after birth to see how they are doing and if there are any ways we can assist or serve them.

Baby Pantry gives us the opportunity to meet some of the practical needs of new parents

such as: baby clothing, diapers, wipes, formula, blankets, etc.

Fathering in 15 is an incredible online resource to equip fathers to be the best men and parents that they can be.

Embrace Grace is a wonderful group for single, pregnant women. It creates a bridge from PCC to the local church.

UNCONDITIONAL GIFT OF LOVE

Regardless of what choices are made, at the end of their appointment we give our patients and their significant other a small gift (donated by local churches) and a hand written note of encouragement.



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JOIN US!

MAY 6TH, 2019 • 6:30PM | HAGERTY CENTER



By Maddy Klingelsmith,
Medical Services Assistant

Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) is elated to be sharing the theme of our banquet with you: At Our Core.

We are hopeful that as we unveil the heart of this ministry, it will give you, our amazing supporters, a sense of ownership and understanding of the day to day goings-on at PCC. In order to help facilitate this conversation we are going to be adding a new, **reoccurring Q&A segment to our newsletter!** We want to answer YOUR questions about the ministry! Not only will this occur in our future newsletters but, in addition, from now until May 6th (the date of our 2019 banquet) we will be accepting question submissions to compile for a panel of PCC staff members to answer as a part of our banquet program. So.... fire away!

Questions can be submitted by email to our wonderful Patient Services Assistant, Jasmine Bower, at jasmine@pregnancycentertc.org

We are eagerly anticipating all of your burning questions!



We are on all social media platforms as **Friends of PCC.**

GENERAL INFO

Clinic Hours: 10AM-2PM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Address: 121 South Garfield Ave.
Suite C, Traverse City, MI 49686

If You Wish to be Taken Off of Our Mailing List:
Please let us know by calling our office at 231.929.3488 or by sending an email to info@pregnancycentertc.org

WANT TO GIVE?

You can make a one time gift or sign up to be a monthly Giver on our website. It's very simple and easy to do!

(When you sign up to be a monthly Giver, you get a sweet tee-shirt. Just sayin'!)

www.friendsofpcc.org

You can also use the enclosed envelope and mail it right to our office!

Thank you!