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God's Faithful Provision

BY MADDY KLINGELSMITH, MEDICAL SERVICES ASSISTANT

Fall is here! In many ways, God's provision is very tangible at this time of year. Harvest and bounty are all around us in the form of food, family and friends. But, when I think of fall, I think of the night sky. Remembering all the nights I have gone out with a blanket and looked up, surrounded by crisp air and the smell of wet leaves. Every time I see that huge expanse, my mind and heart marvel. It fills me with awe for the One who created that magnificent sight.

Oswald Chambers said, "To have a master means that there is one who knows me better than I know myself, one who is closer than a friend, one who fathoms the remotest abyss of my heart and satisfies it, one who has brought me into the secure sense that he has met and solved every perplexity and problem of my mind. To have a master is this and nothing less - 'One is your Master, even Christ. (Matthew 23:8).'"

So much peace and comfort comes from being able to put full trust in the One who already has it all figured out. It pulls my mind back to that night sky. The same One that created every piece of that glorious masterpiece is just as concerned with the intricately woven tapestry that He is forming into each human's life and story.

Over the past few months, we here at Pregnancy Care Center have only been able to stand back and marvel in much the same way. It has been awe-inspiring to watch the ways that the Lord continuously provides for our needs in abundance. We can't wait for you to read about and, in turn, rejoice with us at how great our God is and how much He delights in blessing us! Thank you for supporting us and being a piece of the beautiful tapestry God is weaving here at PCC.



A Sanctuary is Born

By Joanna Riness, Patient Services Director

It's hard to believe that, at this time last year, the Sanctuary Project didn't exist. It wasn't even a thought in our minds. It all started with a simple idea of re-painting two walls. Little did we know, God was about to launch us on a journey more powerful and life-changing than we could imagine.

In less than one year, God has not only provided for our every need and fulfilled every request, but He has provided far beyond what we even thought to ask for! Through countless givers and volunteers, He has created a space that changes lives and touches hearts in a deeper way than we thought was possible. Only God could take our little idea of painting two walls, and inspire us to renovate an entire building into a Sanctuary. Every time we reached a point where things seemed impossible, God stepped in and provided, sometimes without even being asked. Watching His provision unfold has humbled us deeply and left us in awe of God's goodness.

In the short time since the completion of the project and open house celebration, we are already seeing overwhelming responses. When someone walks in the center, no matter their age, gender or background, they almost immediately comment on the way the building looks; even more profound, they tell us how certain rooms make them feel, without any prompting to do so.

The open house was so encouraging and powerful. There is so much division in the world today, so seeing people from all walks of life - with differing opinions, church denominations and social status - gathered together in unity for one cause... wow... only God!!! It was amazing to celebrate with our dear friends and welcome new ones.

The worship portion of the evening was just incredible. Tony Pasquino, Dee Wilkenson and Benjamin Law led us in a truly powerful time of worship. The group spread out through the building, landing in whatever room they felt led, and worshipped through prayer and singing. We sang out the truth for the men and women that walk in knowing only lies. We sang hope and love over rooms that will be filled with women and men who feel broken and unlovable. We cried out for the Holy Spirit to dwell in this place so that every man, woman and child will feel the healing presence of God as soon as they enter these doors.



L-R: Ben, Tony and Dee

For each person who gave, volunteered, shared, prayed and celebrated with us, from the bottom of our hearts - thank you. Thank you for listening to God's voice and for dreaming big with us. God has provided in ways that we thought were impossible and blessed us far beyond what we asked. He's such a good Father and so, so kind.

If you were unable to attend the open house, have no fear! We would be delighted to offer private tours to individuals or groups. Also, we have a new Sanctuary Project video coming soon, so keep your eyes out for its release! It will have before and after footage of the building, giver and patient stories and all the little details you've been dying to see. You can find that video and photos from the event on our supporter website: friendsofpcc.org or on **YouTube & Facebook**, at **Friends of PCC**.

GROWING OUR TEAM

This summer, God provided us with two new staff members.

We are already so blessed by these two women! They are passionate, godly and have such tender hearts for the ministry. We have loved getting to know them, so we thought we'd give you the opportunity to get to know them, too. To know them is to love them!



Jeannie Heystek

How would you describe your role at PCC?

My role at PCC will likely evolve over time. Right now, my focus is on taking tasks off Rhonda's daily to-do list, so that she can focus on more long-term and strategic issues for PCC. I am basically here to do whatever needs to be done!

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about people. My heart's desire is to see people flourish. I love to connect to others, support others in their time of need and help people understand their value as a child of God... no matter what is happening, or has happened, in their lives.

My heart is especially tender for the orphan, the refugee/immigrant and the neglected or abused. I long to see restoration and redemption in the lives of those hurting and believe that people are what can impact the world for God's glory and our good.

What are you doing when you're not at work?

When I'm not working, you might find me taking my dog for a walk, grocery shopping, doing laundry or just cleaning my home. With a husband, 3 boys, 1 dog, and 4 chickens, there is no shortage of chores to get done! I also love meeting friends for lunch.

What is your dream vacation?

I have often thought it'd be wonderful to take my entire family to Australia for an extended trip. I lived there in college for a short time and loved it. Or, maybe just an all-inclusive trip with my husband; anywhere there is a beach would be nice! We'd get a long massage and relax on the beach with a good book.



Maddy Klingelsmith

What are you doing when you're not at work?

I am usually practicing for a musical that I am currently preparing to perform in, babysitting, spending time with my family, or doing laundry.....lots of laundry.

How would you describe your role at PCC?

My official title is Medical Services Assistant. I work behind the scenes organizing files, keeping medical policies and procedures updated so that our clinic can function at the cutting edge of medical practice, and making sure that all of our medical education materials are current and relevant to our patients. I also assist with general office up-keep and help to write pieces for our newsletter.

What are you passionate about?

I have a major passion to see college age men and women experience the transformative power of Christ in their lives. I love seeing young Christian men and women living within the Lord's leading and watching as God completes mighty works through their yielded lives. I am passionate about young people rising up in the church and allowing the Lord to change them into leaders He can use.

What is your dream vacation?

A train ride/backpacking/camping trip across Europe. Exploring all the quaint little street markets and mountainous countryside.



LYDIA'S LEMONADE STAND

By Jasmine Bower, Patient Services Assistant

Lydia Critchfield is a tenacious, bright, and tender-hearted 10-year-old who is passionate about doing all she can to make a difference. On September 10th, she walked into our Center and excitedly handed us an envelope - the entire earnings of the lemonade stand she had run.

She expressed herself with a beaming smile, "I just have such a heart for babies and their moms; and instead of keeping the money, I'd rather give it to an organization I believe in. It's not hard."

We were so moved by her generous and selfless passion. Through her and that lemonade stand, the Lord provided the funds to pay for nearly two patients' appointments!

Lydia's family has always been close to the heart of this work, and she wants to serve in the ministry when she grows up. Already, we are seeing her passion make a deep and lasting impact.



WHAT A COOKIE CAN DO

By Jasmine Bower, Patient Services Assistant

The day brightened when our bell rang, and into our Center walked a young dad, Nate, and his four-year-old son, Sawyer. With a grin, the little boy happily extended his hands which held a plate of fresh-out-of-the-oven peppermint chocolate chip cookies... our hearts melted!

These two had stopped by to simply gift us with encouragement in the form of kind words and a warm treat. They succeeded!

We are continually blessed with sweet surprises like this from individuals obeying God's nudging. He always knows our exact need - and He knows the exact needs of every man and woman we serve. He is fully capable every time, and this causes our hearts to swell with praise.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG!

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED: \$52,228.74

Thank you for an amazing year with our fundraiser BBB. As I think about the year, I am so grateful to you, the churches and people, all leading busy lives but always remembering the needs of others. Your faithfulness reminds us that we are not alone. Thank you for your continued support of PCC. Without your generosity we couldn't do what we do for those in need of our medical and supportive services.

Please continue to pray for us. I'm so thankful you see the big picture from medical to transforming lives.

- Sandy Moon, Clinic Director and Sonographer

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We give thanks...

By Rhonda Watson, Executive Director

We give thanks as we look back at thirty years of ministry and stretch ourselves forward into the future of continual reliance on God's guidance.

As humans, we are hardwired for comfort and just naturally resist change. However, our biggest need can only be satisfied in Jesus, where we ultimately find our identity, security, peace, and life's purpose. So, instead of settling in and getting comfortable, Pregnancy Care Center staff and board members are continually assessing the effectiveness of our current services and asking ourselves, "Are we engaged in ministry that is both life-changing and God-honoring?"

As Executive Director, I lead by asking God for His guidance, as I remember that He is the Vine and we are merely the branches (John 15:5). The exciting part of this journey is that God's Holy Spirit continually shows us "the way in which we should go." He straightens our path and fills it with His presence (Proverbs 3:5,6).

We recently celebrated our 30th anniversary and the completion of Phase One of the Sanctuary Project. We are praising God with many testimonies of how He has inspired and directed us. However, our work is not complete as long as there are hurting, confused women and men that have been led to believe that abortion is the best option for their unplanned pregnancy. So, be prepared to watch the amazing things that God will do next to heal these hearts and save lives. We are sensing that it is big, the kind of big that only God can accomplish.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and financial support. You are the hands and feet of Jesus.



The Love Box

By Jasmine Bower, Patient Services Assistant

"I have to do it," *Morgan said calmly. Her life had consisted of recent, tragic loss and sudden change, and she had been told that she was not capable of raising a child. She genuinely believed that she simply had no choice in the matter.

Our hearts broke as she shared pieces of her story. Certainly, this unexpected pregnancy seemed more tragic than blessed. But as she finished sharing, we were able to encourage her with truth. Morgan seemed relieved as we educated her on her options and told her about all of the help available. She said that, deep down, she never really wanted to abort, and was encouraged and grateful for what we shared with her.

Before she left, we wanted to bless her with an Embrace Grace "Love Box". As we handed her the gift, her face completely lit up. We explained that there would be a group starting soon that wanted to help her in her journey. She smiled as we talked about the baby shower the church would throw for her and the support she would receive with other girls facing similar circumstances.

Morgan left undecided about what choice she would make concerning her pregnancy. We pray that the gifts and personalized note in the "Love Box" will cause her to feel more loved, supported and valued than she has ever felt before. It is also our prayer that God will take each one of our precious patients and place them in the direct paths of loving believers.

While so many are strong advocates for life, often after a brave girl chooses life for her baby, the church can seem to then step back, like they have nothing more to offer. But truthfully, it is in this moment when the church has the most to offer! Practical support, encouragement, mentorship and the loving arms of Jesus is what she needs now more than ever, and we want the church to be the first place a scared girl goes - not the place she avoids.

Embrace Grace is a realistic and powerful way of making that happen, and we are thrilled to announce that God is currently putting together an Embrace Grace group in our community! Please pray for the success of this group as it comes together and that, through this, God's perfect will be carried out as more of our patients come to know and experience this beautiful grace through Jesus Christ.

To find out how your church can get involved in Embrace Grace, go to: embracegrace.com

*To protect the identity of our patients, names have been changed.





YOUR CHANCE TO

Shop with

A PURPOSE!



Shop Your Community Day!

By Jeannie Heystek

My family loves taking walks in downtown Traverse City during the fall. The smells coming from the restaurants, the beautiful shop window displays, and the flickering lights on the State Theater marquee make everything feel special and exciting this time of year.

On **Saturday, November 10**, we will have another reason to get downtown and shop with a purpose!

Pregnancy Care Center has been chosen to participate in the "Shop Your Community Day" on Saturday, November 10, in downtown Traverse City where 15% of all proceeds can be donated to us - **be sure to mention PCC at the check-out!**

So, grab your Christmas list and get a head start on your holiday shopping.

Our success this year will impact future participation, so spread the word and encourage your family and friends to get out and shop too.



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

GENERAL INFO

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

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If You Wish to be Taken off of Our Mailing List:

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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!