



LOVE SAVES LIVES

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Celebrating 30 Years

RHONDA CELEBRATES 30 YEARS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Rhonda Wrede, Executive Director

Thank you for helping to make Thrive Medical Clinic a reality! I am so grateful for you and know that God will make Thrive Medical Clinic everything He has planned it to be through people like YOU who do His work in this community!

As I celebrate 30 years as Executive Director, I have been contemplating some important questions:

- How will the world be different because I was here?
- What is the legacy that I will leave behind when I step away from my position as Executive Director at Thrive?
- When I leave this world for my heavenly home, will my life's work carry on?

I am reminded of a quote from John Allston, "The only thing that you can take with you are the things you leave behind."

With these truths in mind, I want to give God the glory, for He has sustained me and multiplied my efforts one-hundred-fold. I am truly blessed. The encounters that I have experienced with our supporters over the years have altered my heart. The transformations that I have witnessed in our patients are truly life changing. The relationships that have been developed with our passionate, talented staff members are forever one of life's greatest blessings to me.

No, I am not retiring just yet. However, I want to make the most of my investment of time and energy while simultaneously, waiting on the Lord for His direction. What about you, what legacy are you leaving behind?

Abortion Pill Reversal

By Maddy Klingelsmith RN, Thrive Forward Director

We are excited to announce that Thrive Medical Clinic will be offering a brand-new service this Fall - Abortion Pill Reversal (APR)! APR is an amazing protocol created by pro-life physicians as a “last-chance” effort for women who have begun a chemical/medication abortion within the first ten weeks of their pregnancy but have changed their minds and would like to have the abortion reversed. APR is designed to intervene within the first 72 hours of beginning the chemical abortion by providing the woman with a medication that would reverse the effects of the initial medication taken for a chemical abortion.

According to the American Pregnancy Association, this protocol has a 62% rate of success; and Thrive Medical Clinic is proud to be the only Clinic offering this life-saving intervention north of Grand Rapids!

For more information about APR and the reasons it is so important, visit: thischemicalabortion.com. We are so grateful and full of hope that through the Lord and your generous support we will be able to sustainably offer this new service that will save babies AND motherhood!

Ultrasound Machine Dedication

By Rhonda Wrede, Executive Director

On August 2nd, Thrive Medical Clinic was privileged to have the Knights of Columbus St Francis Council #13958, along with Ed Strach, State Life Director for KOC, and Fr. Mitchell Roman of the Diocese of Gaylord, offer a blessing for our new ultrasound machine. The funds for the machine and other ultrasound support were raised by this local council and matched by Michigan KOC Charities earlier this year. Their motto, “We change lives, and we save lives” was certainly seen in action throughout this process. A special thank you to Ken Brzozowski, former Grand Knight of Council #13958, for making this entire process possible.





Kaylee's Story

By Jasmine Bower, Patient Services Director

God recently brought us a young woman who came in already decided that an abortion was what she needed.

When *Kaylee arrived, she shared that, although she had hoped to be a mom someday, this seemed like a terrible time to bring a new life into the world. Kaylee was very open and shared with me about how she came to her decision and how torn and alone she had felt while making it. She said she felt bad about choosing abortion but thought that this would be the most responsible choice for this time in her life. She told me about some people in her life who were trying not to sway her decision, but she assumed they hoped that she would choose abortion, and she wanted to please them.

Kaylee hadn't told most people, especially her mom, that she was pregnant. She and her mom were very close, and Kaylee knew that news of an abortion plan would break her mom's heart. I tried to encourage her to consider confiding in her mom, since she would otherwise be keeping a heavy secret long-term from someone she loves dearly. **Kaylee started to tear up, and said, "It has been a lot to sort through alone and has felt heavy not being able to talk to people about it."**

During the ultrasound, we were able to clearly see her tiny, 7-week-old baby. Kelly, our sonographer, gently pointed out the baby's heartbeat and the fetal development taking place. Kaylee responded with surprise and referred to her child as "baby" several times throughout the scan. **She then looked at me and said, "Wow... I think I'm undecided again. I don't know what I'm going to do."**

After the ultrasound, Kaylee was open to learning about her parenting, abortion, and adoption options. It was clear that she had never felt good about choosing abortion, and that she needed to be encouraged by hearing truth and being cheered on. She left encouraged but undecided and said that she would seriously talk with her boyfriend about their options again. I encouraged her to please reach out any time she needed to talk and reminded her that she is not alone.

When she left, I quickly sent out a request asking our prayer warriors to pray for her courage, hope, and love for this baby to grow, and for the same to be true of her boyfriend who would be such an essential piece of her decision-making process.

Read the rest of her story on page 5 →



**BABY BOTTLE
BOOMERANG**
FILL A BOTTLE = SAVE A LIFE

Baby Bottle Boomerang

By Stacie Deik, Greeter

Hurray! Baby Bottle Boomerang (BBB) is back, and this will be our first year hosting BBB as Thrive Medical Clinic (TMC). We could not be more excited! BBB is TMC's Annual Fundraiser, where we send out baby bottles to local churches to amazing supporters like you. It's time to fill your bottle and save a life!

Baby Bottle Boomerang launched at local churches on September 12, 2021. If you haven't already, grab a bottle to take home and fill it with cash, coins, and checks! Then on October 10, 2021, bring back your filled bottle to your local church. Your church will return the bottles to TMC for counting. Of course, **there are other ways to support BBB!** You can fill a "bottle" virtually and find more ways to get involved by visiting our supporter website, www.friendsoftmc.org, or simply scan the QR code above (to scan, open the camera on your smart phone, point it at the QR code, and click the link that pops up) to learn more. **All proceeds go directly** into making all the Lord does through Thrive Medical Clinic a daily reality for those facing an unplanned pregnancy in our community. Your gifts are changing the world!

KAYLEE'S STORY CONTINUED...

Sadly, we often aren't able to hear what happens to the women, men, and babies we see here once they leave. But the following week, we got the best voicemail ever... Kaylee had reached out to let us know that she and her boyfriend had decided to parent their baby! She had also told the news to her mom, who responded with excitement and support. Kaylee repeated how appreciative she was and accepted our offer of a dresser filled with newborn items for when her baby arrives.

It cannot be overstated that God is so good! Thank you for praying for this ministry and our patients, and thank you for providing Kaylee with a place to learn, be loved, heard, and to see her baby for herself.

"I cannot thank you enough for today!" – Kaylee

**Patient names are changed to preserve confidentiality*

Transformation

FROM PREGNANCY CARE CENTER TO THRIVE MEDICAL CLINIC

By Jeannie Heystek, Office Manager and Mary Brown, Administrative Assistant

Wow, we continue to be overwhelmed -- in the best possible way -- by the generosity and encouragement coming from you, our supporters, and the community following the announcement that Pregnancy Care Center is now Thrive Medical Clinic.

Since the May 25th Thrive Virtual Event, you have donated \$87,968* to make this dream a reality. That is almost \$8,000 above and beyond our goal of \$80,000! So much is happening it's hard to know where to start – but the below list will give you a snapshot of the things we've accomplished thus far.

*as of 8/5/21

INTERIOR

Our office expansion is well under way!

- Lots of painting, deconstruction and reconstruction has happened to create a continuous office space between Suite A, B & C – THANK YOU MANY VOLUNTEERS!
- A NEW Patient Care Room has been added – it has been freshly painted, is almost fully furnished, and the finishing touches are underway. This new space will allow us to DOUBLE our daily patient capacity! We can't wait for you to see it.
- Improved soundproofing in the ultrasound room and adjoining Patient Care Room for added privacy.
- Lord willing, new carpet for Suite A will be installed in the next few weeks!
- Planning has begun for the completion of a NEW Prayer Room by the end of 2021.

BUILDING EXTERIOR

We can't wait for you to see the transformation!

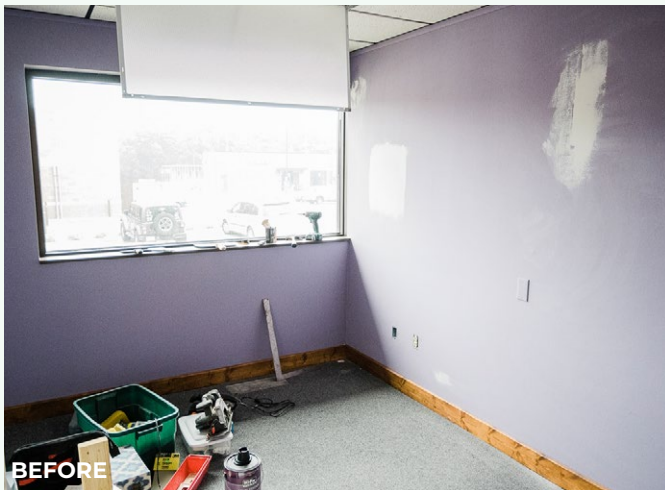
- Exterior painting is scheduled to begin in the fall. A fresh white building with black accents will be a welcomed change and we know people will take notice!
- New signage will be added at our entrances, throughout our parking lot, and on the north-facing wall - including several of the windows!
- The road sign will be updated and repaired.

MARKETING

More people will know about TMC and more patients will find us!

- The PUBLIC launch of Thrive Medical Clinic is targeted for late fall of 2021.
- Stay tuned for news about a special supporter dedication event and an open house for the community.
- The NEW Thrive Medical Clinic marketing campaign is well under way – casting, production, and procurement of advertising space is nearly complete.
- Friends of Thrive Medical Clinic supporter marketing materials, including the website, have been updated.
- Patient-facing marketing materials, including an updated website, brochure, business cards and social media accounts, will be completed this fall.

Read the rest of the story on page 7 & 8 →



Office Update | Rhonda's office has been moved to Suite A (our new space) to make room for the additional Patient Care Room in Suite C (our current space)!



Conference Room | Walls have been knocked down and a new hallway has been added to connect the suites together for quick and easy access. This is one of the rooms that will be getting new carpet!



Supply closet | We have moved and updated the material services space – leveraging our expansion into Suite A and allowing for better efficiency.



Transformation Continued...

This is the biggest change that's happened here in over 30 years, and it is no small feat. With God's help, we are excited to build on a strong foundation so that 30 years from now the legacy built today will serve women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy with the truth in love so they can thrive for years to come!

As you can imagine, the details are immense, but our team is AMAZING and so committed to reaching more people who need our services and care.

Pray with us that God would be gracious and continue to bless our rebranding efforts for His glory and our community's good.

Pray specifically that the many delays in supplies and difficulty in finding contractors will NOT significantly delay our ability to launch publicly by year's end.

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WANT TO DONATE?

You can make a one-time donation or sign up to be a monthly giver on our website: www.friendsoftmc.org

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