

ADVANCING TOGETHER

By Sandy R Moon, RDMS - PCC Sonographer and Clinic Director

Can you imagine the power of God, faithful christians, ultrasound technology and professionals all working together to make a great thing happen? That's exactly what happened when our heroes of PCC provided a beautiful new exam table for use in our medical clinic.

We made an appeal and some dedicated friends of PCC stepped up and purchased an exam table that, as soon as it arrived, we prayed over and dedicated it for our ultrasound exam room.

Our very first mom who used the exam table was abortion minded, scared and quite reserved. She shared with us that the father was not in favor of keeping the baby and the odds were stacking up against the choice for life.

After the ultrasound her countenance changed and she began sharing her plans and even appeared relieved that she was seeing her baby. I was happy that we were able to pray with her as

well. At a later appointment she told us that the father was coming around to the idea of keeping their child. I know that it is hard to understand sometimes how people process these seemingly cut and dried issues regarding the life of their own unborn children. I can only say that I thank God every day that I am on the team with all of you by showing men and women the reality of their unborn children and offering them hope. It is an honor working with God to bring alternatives and truth to our most vulnerable expecting mothers and fathers. Read more about how this exam table table was donated to us on the back cover of this newsletter!



MORE THAN WE COULD ASK OR IMAGINE

by Rhonda Watson, Executive Director, Pregnancy Care Center

From the moment that Sandy our Clinic Director received the prize drawing of our banquet speaker at a national conference in the fall of 2015, throughout banquet day May 1st 2017, and for the weeks that followed, God has continued to do "more than we could ask or imagine."

Pregnancy Care Center staff and volunteers were quick to admit to God and to ourselves that we were unsure about what we were doing. After all, this was our first banquet ever! But we were confident in God's ability to direct and provide. God's provision was seen in many ways. On banquet day it came in the form of more than 300 people in attendance.

Over \$62,000 was given by donors, many of them giving sacrificially because they were prompted by the Holy Spirit to invest in the important work that Pregnancy Care Center is

doing. We give all glory and honor to God. The funds raised will be used to hire and train a Registered Nurse in performing pregnancy confirmation ultrasounds to multiply the work that our Registered Sonographer is already doing. To implement additional creative marketing in order to reach out to more women in unplanned pregnancies, and to build on the foundation we have already begun in reaching out to the men involved in those pregnancies. Because we raised more than we had prayed for, we are also looking at some expansion ideas that God has been laying on our hearts for some time. Stay tuned for those details. We are so thankful for all of the people that volunteered and for those who attended and made generous donations. We appreciate our underwriters as well. Every person involved played an important role in making our first every abundant life banquet a total success!!!!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21







EXPANDING OUR REACH THROUGH CREATIVE MEDIA

By Joanna Riness, PCC Patient Services Director

We believe strongly that God is calling us to build into our ministry through creative outreach and visual marketing, and now because of the incredible success of the Abundant Life Banquet, we have the means to begin this

process! We know that if we can effectively connect with our patients, then we have the opportunity to touch their hearts; and if we can touch the heart of the patient, then SHE can save the life of her own child, by seeing their value. Through the funds raised, we were able to purchase a new computer that has the power to handle the heavy work load that will be needed. Through the generosity of an individual who caught the vision for this outreach, we were able to purchase an incredible editing software that gives us the ability to produce and edit our video footage directly at PCC on our new computer. Up until now, we have been working with volunteer photographer, Ben Law, to film our videos, and have been commuting to his office to use his equipment to produce and edit all our videos. While this has been a tremendous blessing, we recognize that it is not a long-term solution and that we need to be able to create these videos in-house.

To get this creative outreach team completely independent and fulling functioning, our needs are:

- Lighting equipment: \$100. Lighting is one of THE most important factors towards creating a high quality video. This equipment will allow us to film videos throughout the long Michigan winter when light is scarce, and filming indoors is our only option. This will be a HUGE game changer for our team.
- Two Hard-drives for storage and backup: \$350. Having backups for all of our videos helps ensure that everything we create is kept safe and secure. It can help prevent accidental loss and keeps video production more streamlined. This is absolutely essential for creative production.

We could not be more excited to see how God will use this creative outreach to bring more men and women to our doors. To all who give so sacrificially – thank you. You are changing the world!

Baby Bottle Boomerang!

Thanks to all of our participants for protecting the unborn through Baby Bottle Boomerang! We have had an incredible turnout for this years BBB so far, and are still receiving bottles and counting change! For a complete list of participants please go to our website, friendsofpcc.org

If you or your church would like to get involved with next year's BBB call us at 231-929-3488!



Another precious way you are coming alongside our patients!

By Carol Bunek, Recently Retired PCC Development Director

In the fall of 2014, PCC expanded the medical clinic in an effort to continue our commitment of providing the best of compassionate, professional care to our patients. Through the generosity of several supporters and a local foundation, a dedicated Nurses' Station was added, and softer lighting, a privacy curtain, and a 32" wall monitor were installed in the exam room. All of these additions honor our patients' privacy and help them feel comfortable. As we reach out to fathers through National Fatherhood Initiative, dads also feel welcomed with the changes that have been made.

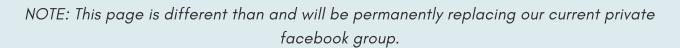
The only piece of medical equipment that hadn't been updated was the patient exam table. Just recently though, the clinic has made another leap forward! Thanks to other friends of the ministry, an updated exam table recommended by a local physician has been donated to the clinic. The refurbished table is a huge help in relieving the anxiety that women feel when they visit the clinic for their ultrasound appointment. Our heartfelt thanks to these donors for restoring sanctity of human life in this amazing way.



Building a Community for Life!

We are very excited to announce that Pregnancy Care Center is launching a new, **public** facebook page, Friends of PCC! We are starting this page so that our supporters can easily find us and freely engage through social media. We will post updates on what is happening at the center, opportunities to partner with us to bring life to our area and important news relevant to Traverse City's pro-life community!

Please take a moment and search for FRIENDS OF PCC on fb to follow us!







This place is a blessing. I have felt comfortable and safe and truly cared for. In a time that has been a struggle for me - this was a light!

- Pregnancy Care Center Patient Quote

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