



The Connection



Love In-Deed

2023 THEME

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" 1 John 3:18.

Our theme for 2023 is "Love In-Deed" with the theme verse being 1 John 3:18. Here at Life Choices Resource Center, we believe we are called to love *in deed*...both in our works and wholeheartedly. As Christ-followers, we represent God's love. We are called to love **everyone** in our thoughts, words, and actions. Join us this year (and for years to come) in loving **INDEED**.

Inside, you will find details of our love being shown in our clinic, resource center, and to our community. You will also find ways in which you can join us in loving indeed this year.

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From the Director's Desk

BY JEREMY BEWLEY

Hello Friends,

We are excited that summer is now in full swing! The warmer weather brings our busy season at Life Choices Resource Center. We have continued to see an increase in our client visits month after month this year. I believe that client word-of-mouth, coupled with our supporters sharing this ministry with the community, has helped us to see this growth. While said growth is exciting to witness each month, our vision is to celebrate the "one". If we help save one baby from abortion, if we can help lead one person to Christ, we count it a victory for the Kingdom and is to be celebrated; all our efforts focus on that approach. We are simply thankful to be able to serve as God sees fit to lead us. The heart and poise of this staff and volunteer base is amazing. We talk often about a "womb to tomb" approach which we strive for each day - valuing every single life, no matter the age. God is so faithful, and we are happy to be called to serve Him here in this life affirming ministry.

With that said, we have asked for prayer in seeking volunteers over the past several months. While we still have need, God has been faithful to hear those prayers and I would like to welcome our new members:

*Pastor Rick and Zion Bible Church have been faithfully coming each Wednesday to help us clean. We appreciate their support very much. We are still looking for 3 more groups to come on a monthly basis, to help spread out this duty.

*Linda Foltz has been a welcome addition to our team as a store volunteer.

*Rickey Fox, Joan West, and Patricia Overley have begun training and we are in the process of placing them where they fit best in the ministry. We appreciate your prayers during this process. If you have a love for Christ and passion for life, we have a spot for you too! Please contact us if you feel called. I am happy to announce that our Walk for Life was nothing short of a blessing again this year. If you participated, you saw the zeal for life that came from so many. I would like to say thank you to all those who participated, in person, or by sponsoring one of our walkers.

Our Golf 4 Life is coming up on Wednesday, July 19th . This is a perfect opportunity to support the ministry while enjoying a day on the golf course. This event has grown over the past couple of years, and we intend to make it something you all can enjoy for years to come. If you are interested in golfing, we may still have room, so please check the Upcoming Events section for more details.

I would also like to provide you with an update on our 2023 parking lot project. This project is mission-critical for safety reasons and will roughly cost \$90,000.00 to complete. By the grace of God, we are comfortably more than halfway to our target. This project is due to begin at the end of August. We are trusting that God will provide the funds to support this necessary project. If this is an area where you are feeling led, no gift is too big or too small. A self-addressed envelope is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

A special thank you to those who have allowed me to visit, sharing the message and purpose of God's ministry here. If your church is interested in having me present the message of life to your congregation, please contact me. Thank you so much, from all of us here at LCRC, for your continued prayers, time, and support; this ministry does not function without faithful people like you!



Current Store Needs

- Baby Gates
- Baby Bottles
- Teethers
- Size 5 & 6 Diapers
- Sleep Sacs
- Children's Toys - up to 5 years of age
- Mens' & Womens' Items
 - Candles
 - Razors
 - Lip Balm
 - Lotion
 - Toiletries
- Storage Bags & Bottles for Nursing Moms

Client Services Manager Update

BY SHAWN PETSUCH

A client can "earn" a brand-new crib that turns into a toddler bed or acquire a new highchair through the Earn While You Learn program. Both items are very popular. We currently have 4 moms hoping to utilize our Crib Program. Transportation is one of the primary issues many of our client's face. I take my own car for granted much of the time, but many of our clients don't own a car and many can't afford the county bus transit. For instance, one of our clients has 3 children under 4 and is pregnant again. Imagine wrangling 3 toddlers and arms full of groceries on and off a bus or taking loads of dirty clothes to the laundromat by bus. One way we have learned to help is with our virtual lessons offered through Bright Course. This is part of the education program we use in the Center. We can send a link to a client's phone which will allow them to watch a video and do a worksheet along with accompanying homework. We can "see" the completed work on our end and give them credit so they can shop in the store when they're able to make it to the Center. We do have a small budget to pay for our client's use of the transit. Currently it's being used by one couple. We are still praying for more volunteers. We need people who feel called by God, have a listening ear, and compassion for others less fortunate than they. A little bit of love goes a long way! One day a week for 4 hours or so; a "treasure stored up in heaven".



Community Education Feature

Did you know we offer Lamaze classes? In these three-segment classes, pregnant mothers and their support person learn about what to expect during labor, postpartum, and newborn care. Our entire 2023 schedule is on our website, so be sure to check it out and share with any pregnant woman in your life.

These classes are available to everyone in the community. You do not have to be a client to join.

Sign Up Here



From the Nurse's Desk

BY MICHELLE DECKER

Summer is in full swing for all of us this year. Time has flown by at the clinic as well. So far this year, we have been able to attend Heartbeat International's Annual Conference. We had great speakers to encourage, equip, and inspire us as well as connecting with other pregnancy centers from across the USA and world. It is something we look forward to each year. Not only do we come back energized for the Pro-Life work we do, but also with new knowledge and information regarding the ever changing political world as it relates to our work and ministry.

I have also had the wonderful opportunity to work with Gaylord New Life Pregnancy Center. They found themselves without a nurse for their newly opened clinic and I have been able to help them twice a month since February. Through that connection, we have made great friends and partners in the work we all do. We recently hosted a joint new employee/volunteer orientation day and three of the staff from Gaylord were able to join us.

Of course our daily work in the clinic is still going on. Helen Bowen RN is quickly learning the ropes and will soon be able to fly solo!! Go Helen!

We are all looking forward to what God has in store for us in the last half of the year.

Upcoming Events

Golf for Life

Wednesday, July 19th the Nightmare Golf Course will be hosting our annual Golf for Life event. Join us for a day filled with fun and friendly competition, all in support of our mission at Life Choices Resource Center. There will be tons of great prizes to be won, including a **car** from Team Hodges. You don't want to miss this event. You can register in person, using our download friendly PDF on our website, or the QR you see here. We can't wait to see you there!



Annual Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, September 27th we will be hosting our annual fundraising banquet at the West Branch K of C Hall. An event to look forward to each year, we welcome you to celebrate all that we are doing at Life Choices Resource Center. Featuring our keynote speaker: Brad Stine, this is a night you won't want to miss. Contact us if you would like to be a table host.

Brad Stine Comedy Show

Friday, September 28th, we will be featuring comedian Brad Stine. The comedy show will be hosted at Ogemaw Hills Free Methodist Church. Tickets will be available to purchase online or in person; please stay tuned for more details.

Ongoing Fundraisers

Seven Weeks Coffee

Do you love coffee? Do you love our mission of pro-life? Buy your coffee through Seven Weeks Coffee, and 10% of your purchase goes *directly* to our center! Shop our link here: <https://sevenweekscoffee.com/?ref=LifeChoicesResource>



ShopRaise

Wouldn't it be amazing if a you could contribute to our organization while doing your daily shopping? Well, that's totally possible with ShopRaise! Simply download the Chrome extension or the mobile app and connect with us today. Find more details on our website.



Baby Bottle Drive

It's simple! Just pick up a basket of baby bottles from the Center, hand them out to your church or community group, then collect and return them to the Center. We do all the counting, and as always, donations are tax deductible.



Board of Director's News: A Note From the President

At Life Choices Resource Center, board members volunteer behind the scenes to ensure the ministry is funded and running smoothly. The membership of the Board changes from time to time, but many members have served long-term. After faithfully serving the LCRC ministry for fifteen years, Cindy Scott has stepped down from her position on the Board of Directors. For most of those fifteen years, Cindy provided leadership as the president. She oversaw many remarkable changes and much growth to the ministry. She led the way to the purchase of our own facility, providing more space and making it possible to add the Options Medical Clinic to the existing Life Choices Resource Center (formerly the Caring Pregnancy Center). Cindy's expertise in financial management and her vast knowledge of community resources was a tremendous asset in guiding the LCRC through the changes that accompany property ownership and expansion of ministry. Cindy has been a steadfast leader over the years as board members, staff, and volunteers have come and gone. The LCRC Board of Directors has been truly blessed by Cindy's service for all these years.

We thank you, Cindy, for your hard work, dedication, wisdom, and friendship. Because of your heart for the unborn and their families, many babies have been saved and families have been strengthened. You will be missed. We pray for God's rich blessing on you and your family.

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Our Mission Statement

"The mission of Life Choices Resource Center is to promote sanctity of human life by reaching out with Christ's love through our pregnancy resource center, medical clinic, and sexual and relationship educational programs".