

# **Good News**For those who make a difference

#### Perfect Love Casts Out Fear: Erika's Story

When I found out I was pregnant I was 18 and in my first semester of college. My boyfriend and I had only been dating for about 3 months. We were both really scared. We just felt lost and we didn't know what to do. What if my parents are mad at me and kick me out of the house? What if I don't have medical insurance? I felt like there was no other option, so I told my boyfriend I wanted to get an abortion. He went online and booked an appointment at the Pregnancy Care Center, thinking we were going to a medical clinic.

When I came in for my appointment, I met with Lauren. I took a pregnancy test to confirm the pregnancy and she asked me how far along I might be. At the time I was at 8-10 weeks. She handed me a fetal model of a baby at 8-10 weeks. I just held it in my hand thinking wow there is really a person there, it's not just a clump



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of cells. It's really my baby. We discussed all my options and she told me about all the services they offer if we decide to have the baby. Just knowing that I had options made me feel less overwhelmed. It was during this conversation with Lauren that I knew that I was going to have my child.

Lauren gave me the confidence I needed to talk to my parents. After the appointment, I told them everything and realized all the support I had. I was mad at myself for basing my decision off of 'what ifs.' Like what if my mom is mad at me? What if she kicks me out? I'm so happy God led me to the Pregnancy Care Center so that He could take away all those 'what ifs' and give me the strength to follow through with the pregnancy.

When my daughter Novah was born, we were crying tears of joy. We took her home from the hospital to my parents' house. My mom was over the moon with happiness. She could not stop dancing! Both my parents said when they held her, "there's no greater peace like there is holding your grandbaby." It was really special.

Novah is now one year old and she is just the best thing ever. She really is the light of my life. She brightens up every room and puts a smile on everyone's face. I just couldn't be more grateful for my daughter. It's just a beautiful thing to be a Mom. I'm so happy that my plans changed because everything in life is so much better with her in it.

Erika and her family were helped because of your faithful support of this ministry. Thank you!

## WELCOME OUR 2021 BLESSINGS

Alijah, Elyannah, Bariel Gabriela Brooklyn, Emma Amberlee, Zaniah, Adeline Yandel, Nairim, Yosmel Rosaly, Jarielys Jesmairyn, Liam Yael, Alyanis Hazel Mae, Ian Darisleidy, Yahir Kemniel, Jaxiel

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#### PCC Annual Fundraising Banquet Goes Hybrid

On October 21st we held A Vision for Life, our first hybrid fundraising banquet! It was a blessing to celebrate in person again. What an exciting and busy night with over 170 guests in attendance at Lenzi's in Dracut and nearly twice that amount viewing the program online!

Our board president, Rev. David Braxton, shared the exciting news that two of our three center locations have purchased ultrasound machines! Thank you Knights of Columbus! Our keynote speaker David Bereit, gave an inspiring talk about how God is at work in the pro-life movement in America and around the world. He emphasized the importance of funding local centers, like the PCC, who educate and empower expectant mothers to make life-affirming choices. We also heard from our client Erika, who shared her beautiful testimony and received a standing ovation from the teary-eyed guests in attendance. (Her full story is on page 1.)

Thank you to everyone who participated in this groundbreaking event! Your support ensures that our three centers will run smoothly well into 2022. If you missed the banquet, you can experience all the joy and excitement by watching the replay of the program at AVisionForLife2021.com. Thank you!



KEYNOTE SPEAKER DAVID BEREIT JOINED US VIRTUALLY FROM WASHINGTON D.C.



PCC BOARD PRESIDENT REV. DAVID BRAXTON WITH ERIKA, ORDENS AND BABY NOVAH

### **Prepping Our Centers for Ultrasound**

We know that adding ultrasound services will attract more pregnant women considering abortion and ultimately save more precious lives. God is opening doors and leading the way for us to roll out ultrasound in our centers. We have purchased and received delivery of two Samsung ultrasound units. These units have been paid for by the incredible generosity of the Knights of Columbus. We have ordered exam tables, supplies and other items needed to successfully launch this initiative. Staffing is key, and God is bringing medical doctors, ultrasound technologists, and RNs to be part of our ultrasound medical team.

Entering this exciting new phase of service comes with many expenses. We can't make this happen without your support. Please consider the financial request below which will help us rollout ultrasound in all three centers in 2022. Increased monthly funding will ensure we can continue to offer this service to our clients for years to come. To our current monthly donors, THANK YOU your generosity will help set us on a stable path of growth and opportunity in 2022. To become a monthly donor visit PCCFriends.org. Thank you!



THE SAMSUNG HS40 ULTRASOUND IMAGING MACHINE GIVES OUR CLIENTS A GLIMPSE OF THE LIFE INSIDE THEM, LEADING TO A DISCUSSION ON FETAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE.

# Give a Gift that Saves and Transforms Lives!

With ultrasound rollouts underway, we are gearing up for a busy year! There are many ways to help ensure this program has the resources needed to succeed and serve as many women as possible. Thank you for your support!



WAYS TO GIVE: Please donate via our website at PCCFriends.org or call us at 978.373.5718. Thank you for your support!



As we enter the Christmas season, we are truly grateful for each of you, our donors, volunteers, staff, and board. Thank you for your incredible generosity of prayer, time, talent, and financial support. On behalf of the entire PCC ministry, we wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas!

# **Volunteer Spotlight**

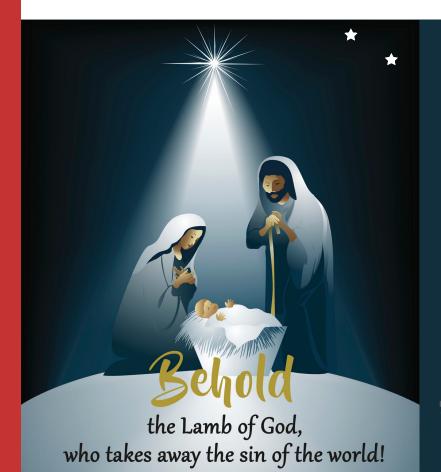
Many of our volunteers work behind the scenes to keep this ministry running smoothly. Nora Murphy faithfully crochets blankets for new moms at the PCC each year. Much love and thought go into each beautiful creation. When we asked her what being prolife means to her she said, "Children are a gift from the Lord. I had 6 of my own. We need to care for new mothers and especially their babies. It's not easy to ask for help, that's why ministries like the PCC are so important. They care for the full person as well as the child."

Nora's family is very supportive of her work. Her daughter buys all the yarn she uses and Paul, her husband of nearly 63 years, provides endless encouragement.



If you would like to volunteer at the PCC in one of our three locations, visit us online at PCCFriends.org or call 978 373 5718.

NORA AND HER DEVOTED HUSBAND PAUL



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