



# Pregnancy Support Center

of Dodge County

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**January 2024 ~ Newsletter ~ Winter Edition**

## CENTER PROJECT UPDATE ~ FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to each and every one of you for all you do to support the Center. Special thanks to those who helped make the Fall Benefit a huge success. We would not be able to do the good things we do without your help.

At the Fall Benefit, I spoke briefly about a potential building renovation project. For those who were not in attendance, a little background is in order.

We learned in late 2022/early 2023, that there was a local organization with a significant amount of money they wished to donate to the local community; they also had a limited amount of time in which to liquidate their holdings. In order to qualify for grant consideration, the applicant had to be a 501C-3 non-profit and had to be focused on improving health. Organizations that had received grants included the YMCA and Church Health Services. The Board felt the Center would qualify for consideration. We hired an architect who interviewed staff and volunteers and ultimately came up with a renovation plan. WDS Construction analyzed the plan and provided an estimated cost of approximately \$630,000.

On September 25, 2023, Executive Director Nancy Villegas and I presented our request to the Grant Committee for consideration. Our power point presentation included a brief history of our organization, client services, Center statistics, and the drawing, along with the estimate concerning the renovation project we were asking them to help fund.

A month or so later, I was contacted by two of the Grant Committee members, who I knew through my banking career. They conveyed there was near unanimous committee support for our mission but there was concern over the amount of money we were looking to invest in an older building at our current location. Those two members suggested we consider the former clinic building across from the theatre on Maple Avenue.

In mid-November, one of the members with whom I was working, informed me he had personally purchased that building and would make it available to us at an attractive price. On December 11, Nancy and several board members toured the building. That evening we had a board meeting and discussed the Maple Street building at length, coming to the conclusion it was not a good fit for us. The Board decision was conveyed to the building owner.

Since that board meeting, I met with Ben Westra (WDS Construction) and his wife, Julie, who expressed their desire to personally support whatever renovation campaign we may choose to pursue. As a follow-up to that meeting, Ben, Julie and Steve DeYoung, the project manager who formulated the estimate for the renovation, met with Javier Garcia (Board Vice President) and me at the Center to consider potential, less expensive plans that would still accomplish our objective of providing a comfortable, secure and confidential environment to provide services to our clients.

When we get the new Plan B and Plan C, we will contact the Grant Committee and hopefully obtain a dollar amount they will provide. Your board will then decide whether to proceed with a Capital Campaign. The success of the Capital Campaign, combined with whatever we receive in the grant, will determine which plan we can afford to pursue. We will keep you informed as to our progress through these quarterly newsletters.

Thank you again for all you do for the Center. I wish you all a joyful, happy, healthy and prosperous 2024!

Jay Vanden Boogart, Board President



## HOLIDAY MUSINGS

The holiday season is a mere few weeks behind us. While the Center did not issue a Christmas/New Year's newsletter, we thought it would be a good idea to share what the Center did to celebrate the holiday season with our clients.

Annually the Center gathers, wraps and presents gifts to the children of our clients. The chief elf and mastermind behind this gift giving event is Alex Williams. Alex, his parents, and volunteers wrap gifts that have been donated and/or purchased by various individuals and groups. Entities involved in donating to the gift giving project include: Food Pride (hosts a gift giving tree with child ages designated), Rock River Tap (provides store gift cards), MSA (gives a monetary donation), River Front Wine Bar (donates reading books) and the Beaver Dam Knights of Columbus (gives a monetary donation). Gifts are wrapped and distributed to the children of clients who have been identified by Center advocates. Alex's father reigns as Santa and his mother as Mrs. Claus. Christmas Blessings indeed! Thank you to all who participated through providing donations, time, and creating an opportunity for families to share in the joy of seeing the smiles of our youngsters. Special thanks to Alex and his parents!



## UNSUNG HERO!

Another of our unsung heroes is Keith Glasgow. All of those ads for the various fundraisers the Center undertakes are designed by Keith. He has generously given of his time and creative talent for years. As a result, our ads for Benevento's, the Brat Frys, our Open House, the Stuff the Crib and the Fall Benefit look phenomenal. It's not by magic that these expert ads appear; it is because of the work of our friend and colleague, Keith Glasgow. If we haven't said it often enough, thank you, Keith! We are blessed indeed to have you working with the Dodge County Pregnancy Support Center. When you see Keith, say thank you. Tell him the Center sent you.



## Family of the Month



**Awarded to the family of:  
Chairs and Volunteers for  
PSCDC fall Benefit**

who has served as an inspiration to  
strengthen Christian morals throughout  
their family, the community, and the church.  
Beaver Dam Knights of Columbus Council 1837

November 2023  
Date

Arden Howey  
Original Knight

## CENTER AWARD

The Knights of Columbus honored the Center with the Family of the Month Award for November. To have the hard work, spirit, and values of those who diligently work with us is gratifying. We humbly thank KC Council 1837 for their recognition. We also thank them for their steadfast support of

the work the Center undertakes to assist those who come to us for help in time of need.



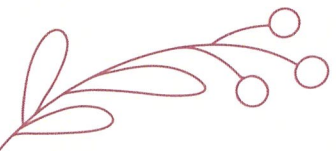
*Children are a heritage from the LORD,  
offspring a reward from Him.*

*Psalms 127:3*

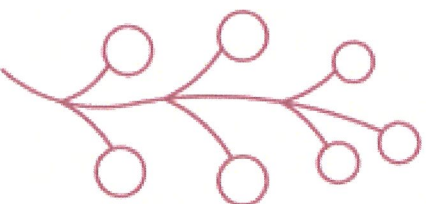


# Fall Benefit Thanks

Cindy Abel  
American Bank  
Gregory D. Armstrong  
Josh & Sarah Beecher, Gutter Tek  
Margaret Bennett  
Chuck Bille  
Christian Women, Sacred Heart Parish  
Donald & Jackie Cuperly  
Wayne Fischbach,  
Fischbach Tires & Auto Service  
Connie Garcia  
Mark & Nancy Gordy  
Megan Grahl  
Tom & Deb Gricius  
Richard Griep  
Barb Haase & Family  
In Memory of Marcia Haase  
Dan & Kerri Hammer  
Roger & Sarah Hasbrouck  
Robert Helbing  
Cathy Hoeschele  
Sarah Hoffman  
Katie Holewinski  
Rachel Horetzki  
Tom & Sharon Kalinosky, Friends of PSC  
David & Barbara Kalscheur  
Knights of Columbus, Beaver Dam  
Knights of Columbus, Reeseville  
Betty Krahn  
Jim & Andi Larson



Herbert & Marverne Lehner  
Jackie Lese  
Loving Grandmas: Michelle Retzlaff,  
Rita Hookstead, Jeanne Pekarske  
McKinstry's Home Furnishings  
Dan Miller  
Fred & Janet Minnig  
Peter J. Seipple Foundation  
Samantha Radig  
Sherry Rentz  
Richards Insurance  
Kimberly Ritchie  
River Front Wine Bar  
Dorothy A. Roedel  
Julie Ronzani  
Katy A. Ruys  
Sandie Schneider  
Jacquie Schott  
Carole Schulte  
Peggy Scott  
Lisa Sheffer  
Silica For Your Home  
Georgia Smith  
Brittany Stenberger  
Robert & Dorothy Strassman  
Johnathan & Yafen Szczesny  
Chris & Dottie Thompson  
Nancy Toll  
Cal & Terri Vandekolk  
Jay & Kathy Vanden Boogart  
Mike & Bonnie VanderBerg  
Alvin & Ranae Venhuizen



Randy & Sue Wallintin  
Carrie Wapneski  
Linda Wapneski  
WDS  
John & Sharon Westenmeyer  
John & Tracy Zanghi  
Zigs Lakeside Pub & Grill

We believe that one can never say thank you enough. So, in the words of a song:

*Thank you very much!  
Thank you very much!*

*That's the nicest thing that anyone's ever  
done for (us)*

*It isn't everyday  
Good fortune comes (our) way . . .  
(From the musical Scrooge)*

Even though our Fall Benefit took place at the end of September, we want you to know how very grateful we are for your heartfelt generosity and steadfast support. It is because of you that we are able to continue assisting those who come to the Center in their time of need.

If we have forgotten any name, please forgive us. It was not intentional. Let us know and we will make it right.

Abundant blessings are sent your way, each way, and every day!



# Thank You Very Much



## WE REMEMBER RITA BACHER ~

On February 28, 2023 we said good-bye to one of our dedicated advocates, Rita Bacher. Rita is remembered as loved by her clients, fun to be around, very giving, and happy go lucky. She was a prolific basket maker for the Fall Benefits, always finding yet another item that just fit the ticket, something someone might be excited to bid on. Rita farmed most of her working years with her husband, Joel. When he passed on, she needed to fill the void. She found the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County. We were blessed, indeed, the day Rita walked through our doors. She offered her gifts and talents to her clients and to the Center as a whole. Thank you, Rita! May you rest in peace.



## CENTER SERVICES

We are sometimes asked, "What is it you do at that Center?" We provide quite a wide range of services for our clients. These include:

- ◇ Serving Moms and babies (and Dads, too),
- ◇ Providing counseling on being healthy moms and babies,
- ◇ Establishing goals and setting steps,
- ◇ Providing accurate information about pregnancy and prenatal development,
- ◇ Building confidence,
- ◇ Helping with physical, emotional, and spiritual guidance as needed,
- ◇ Providing pregnancy tests and ultra sounds,
- ◇ Providing diapers/pull-up's, formula, and baby clothing,
- ◇ Providing classes on a wide range of topics of particular interest to families.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call the Center. If you know someone who could use a helping hand during a challenging pregnancy, don't hesitate to call the Center. We are here to be of help to those in need.

## Thank you, St. Jerome's 5K!



Big surprises come in quilted delights. Those little 5K fingers blessed us with their quilting finesse.

## Connie's Closet

### CENTER NEEDS

#### BABY SUPPLIES

- \*DIAPERS, SIZES 4,5,6
- \*PULL-UPS, SIZES 3-4T & 5-6T
- \*FORMULA
- \*SNOW SUITS, SIZES 2-5
- \*DIAPER RASH CREAM

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Come In

#### CENTER SUPPLIES

- \*DISH SOAP
- \*AIR FRESHENERS
- \*COFFEE PODS





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Wednesday & Thursday: Noon—8pm
- Walk-ins are welcome.
- Other hours by appointment.



### **VISION STATEMENT**

*As instruments of our Lord Jesus Christ, we provide an environment of unconditional love with utmost confidentiality for women and children in crisis.*

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Serving women and their babies born and unborn, in Dodge County by offering support, guidance and education in times of physical, emotional and spiritual need.*

### **VALUE STATEMENT**

*We hold basic our commitment to Jesus Christ as the foundation for our organization, which includes the following values: service, Christ-like compassion, impeccable honesty and confidentiality, affirmation of life as a gift from God, total acceptance of each person and Christ's forgiveness for all.*

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## **Looking Ahead!**

**Pizza Ranch:**

February 5, 2024



**Benevento 2024 dates are**

- ♦ April 9 & June 11
- ♦ August 13 & October 15

**Fall Benefit 2024 ~ Saturday, September 21!**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2024**

- President: Jay Vanden Boogart
- Vice President: Javier Garcia
- Treasurer : John Zanghi
- Secretary: Barbara M. Haase
- Other members: Jacquie Schott  
Gloria Rutherford  
Pam Fox



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Barbara M. Haase