



Newsletter

Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County, Inc.

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10th Anniversary Fall Edition 2023

OUR STORY

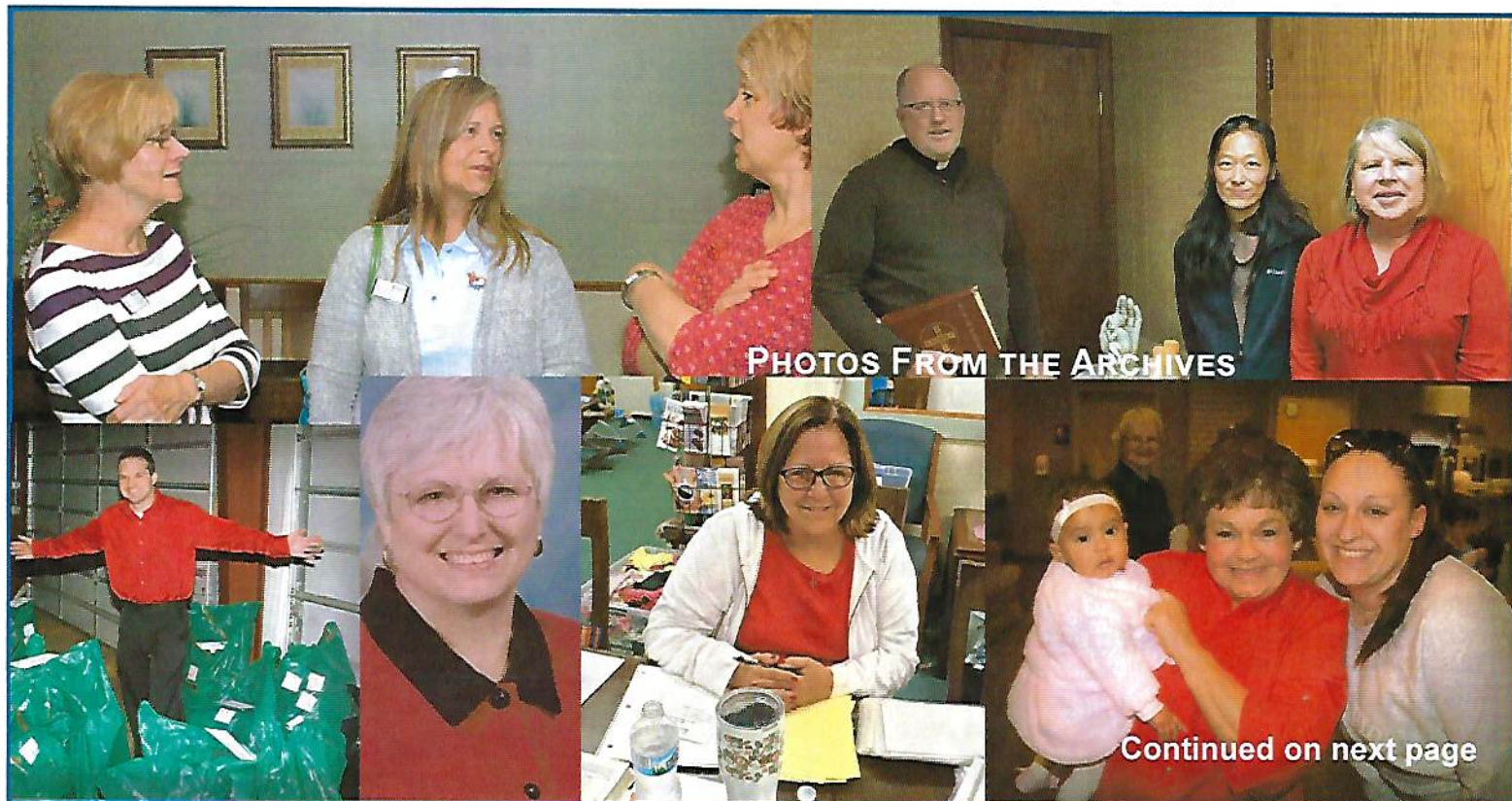
*Trust God! "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, . . .
"plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

The ten-year journey for the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County started with a firm trust in God. How could it not! There was little else in place other than the need, the desire and a commitment to make it happen when Fr. Mike Erwin, then Pastor of St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Beaver Dam, received "an anonymous donation" in the amount of \$30,000 "to be used exclusively for helping those who are facing a difficult pregnancy decision." He put out the call for individuals who were interested in taking the "bull by the horns" to get the ball rolling.

The initial core group answering the call included Vikki Sauer, Virginia Glasgow, Herb Jr. and Grace Lehner, Dottie Thompson, Sarah Hasbrouk, Connie and Javier Garcia, Gini Hanks, Jill Klawitter, Craig and Mary Payne and Ya-Fen Szczesny. The group began meeting in 2011. They started from scratch having to learn just what such an organization of this nature entailed.

- ♦ What services would it offer?
- ♦ How would it run?
- ♦ Who would head the Center?
- ♦ Where to start and how to begin?

The learning curve was challenging. They met regularly in the Old St. Pat's Church basement, later moving to their homes. They trained with Heartbeat International (now using Ekyros and Bright Course), learning how to become advocates (those individuals who meet with clients) as well as how to write policies and procedures. Vikki Sauer became their leader as they developed those essential policies and



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procedures that still hold true today. Since it was vital that these be kept up to date, Vikki became technologically savvy (not her comfort area) for the benefit of the group and the Center.

The group incorporated on October 11, 2013, elected a Board of Directors, rented the building at 108 Parallel Street, and opened its doors. In 2021, the Center entered into a five-year land contract to purchase the property with plans to upgrade the facility to better serve its clients. The Pregnancy Support Center has a set of bylaws by which it operates as a 501(c)3, a non profit.

From the onset the PSCDC has reached out to area churches in Dodge County for support since it serves all of Dodge County. There have been several Executive Directors over the past ten years with the current director being Nancy Villegas. (Vikki Sauer was its first.)

The overriding goal of the Center is to help families especially women who are facing unexpected, challenging or unplanned pregnancies. Pregnancy tests are provided free as well as ultrasounds, baby supplies including diapers, formula, clothing, etc., maternity wear, classes for moms, including encouragement and spiritual support ~ all at no cost to our clients.

Funding is a constant challenge. Thus, we have a steady stream of fundraisers, an Annual Fall Benefit and recently presented a project to the Beaver Dam Community Hospitals Foundation with the hope that we will be able to remodel the Center to better serve the needs of our clients. Any and all donations are gratefully accepted. No amount is too large or too small.

That being stated, perhaps you would like to make an end of the year **Tax Deduction Donation** to the Center. Make a check out to the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County (PSCDC) before the end of 2023. Mail it to 108 Parallel Street, Beaver Dam, WI 53916.

We'll keep you posted on the progress made toward our renovation plans. Keep your eyes open and your ears to the ground. Things are happening. And ~ if you want to get involved even more, don't hesitate to give us a call, send an email, stop in, or drop us a note! We can always use a helping hand or two. Ten years strong have proven

Many hands make light work!



FALL BENEFIT UPDATE

Thank you one and all for helping us enjoy a successful Fall Benefit. Whether you sent in a pre-Benefit donation, created a basket for the Silent Auction, presented an item for the Live Auction, came to enjoy the meal, bid on several of the fantastic auction items or did all of the above ~ We thank you with full hearts! Without your steadfast and generous support we simply could not do all that we do at the Pregnancy Support Center to assist those who come to us in their time of need.

We send special thanks to: Auctioneer Nate Pullnow, Chef Chanse, Speaker Rev. Mark Cutler, Musician Rodney Ashcraft, our Board of Directors, the Planning Committee and our Executive Director, Nancy Villegas.

We hope to see all of you next year in the same place for another wonderful evening in support of the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County. Save the date:

**Saturday,
September 21, 2024**

Spread the word!

This year's profit:

\$32,725.78



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*Let
the
little
children
come
unto
me.*

*Matthew
9:14*



Fall Benefit Continued!

CONNIE'S CLOSET

We go through supplies rather quickly at the Center. Sometimes it's one thing; sometimes it's another. We never know what our families will need. We also need to keep the Center itself fully supplied with items that accommodate not only our volunteers but also our clients and/or

Connie's Closet

BABY SUPPLIES

- DIAPERS, SIZES 5 & 6
- PULL-UPS, SIZES 3-4T & 5-6T
- FORMULA
- SNOW SUITS, SIZES 2-6



CENTER SUPPLIES

- DISH SOAP
- AIR FRESHENERS
- COFFEE PODS

visitors. Perhaps you can help us by providing one of those items. Listed are the items currently needed. As our needs change, we will let you know.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you may be able to provide. Abundant blessings are sent your way as you help others.



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- Center Hours : Monday 9am-5pm;
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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pizza Ranch:

February 5, 2024

Looking Ahead!

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