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# Compassionately Speaking

#### Mission Statement

Compassion Pregnancy Center is a pro-life, Christ centered outreach ministry which educates, encourages, and supports those who face an unplanned pregnancy to empower them to choose life.



# Letter from the Executive Director

Each year we welcome hundreds of new clients through our doors. The services each person receives at Compassion can be life changing. We offer lab quality pregnancy tests, limited obstetrical ultrasounds and material goods. Additionally, we offer one-on-one monthly peer counseling with on-purpose curriculum, abstinence and relational classes, postabortive counseling, community resources, and also present the gospel. What started out as a center to empower those who find themselves with crisis pregnancies to choose life has developed into a ministry, influencing generations by breaking cycles.

The face of Compassion continues to evolve. When the center first opened, we offered a listening ear to women as they walked through their decisions about their pregnancies. In an effort to be more on purpose, in 2008, peer counselors received training in Genesis Design, our abstinence curriculum. We introduced Bible studies to our clients in 2009, launched the ultrasound program in 2010, began the men's ministry in 2011, introduced on-purpose curriculum in 2012, and in 2013, signed a covenant with Online for

Life which birthed our call center to reach the abortion determined in our area.

We continue to evolve because the need is so great inside our community. Statistics show that one in four women will have had an abortion by the age of 30¹ and up to one in four women may experience a miscarriage². In your circle of friends and loved ones, someone you know may be mourning a loss. Each life has a purpose for their time here on earth. When we lose a life to abortion it not only affects a woman but an entire community.

Our goal is to provide an environment trustworthy of any woman who thinks she is pregnant. Inside this ministry, a client can find truth, love and hope.

#### (Endnotes)

- 1 http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb\_induced\_abortion.html Accessed October 3, 2013.
- 2 http://americanpregnancy.org/pregnancycomplications/miscarriage.html Accessed October 3, 2013.

# Prayers Are Powerful

We have a prayer group that meets every other Monday at 4:00 p.m. at the center. Please consider joining us. All are welcomed.

#### Please pray

- For all those that are undecided of their choice for there pregnancy to find us.
- For transportation to be available for clients to meet their appointments.
- For the unborn

#### Please give praise:

- We received funds from the Run the Plank 5K run/walk that was held Saturday, June 29th. Immanuel Lutheran, St. Isidore and St Peter's Macomb sponsored this event. A breakfast was held where twelve Macomb County recipients came together to share how we are helping our community.
- We are a grant recipient from the Shelby Community Foundation. A beautiful luncheon-celebrating
  women helping women was held September 27th where we received our funds. This donation will be
  used to purchase curriculum that will be utilized in the peer counseling sessions.
- Volunteers who serve with so much compassion and commitment.

**Our 15**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Golf "Fore" Life Event** was held at Burning Tree Golf and Country Club on September 9th, and we were blessed with a beautiful day of fun, fellowship and fundraising as twenty-two dedicated golfers came prepared to meet the challenge. We are pleased to announce through the effort of all who participated a record high of **\$40,000** was raised. **(PRAISE GOD!)** 

Thank you to the businesses, churches and all individuals who supported our event through their donations. Thank you to those who prayed for GOD's blessings (CPC Prayer Team), our committee members, as well as the volunteers who worked that day to make this a successful event. Special thanks to our golfers, who worked so hard securing pledges and those who supported them.

# Our Annual Golf "Fore" Life Event was abundantly blessed!



**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Jim Blank, Kenny Hasshaw, Steve Carlson, **Dr. Gary (15 year Honoree Golfer)**, Richard Stump, Pastor Ken Wise, David Bazzy, Ken Rottiers, Kyle Bazzy, Gary Kopp (Knights of Columbus), Cliff Wasmund (Knights of Columbus), **Rick Petrucha (15 Year Honoree Golfer)**, **Bruce Redoute (15 year Honoree Golfer)**, Peggy Redoute, Kathy Bazzy, Dan Small, Jacquie Figiel, Penny Williamson, Linda Neeper, Carol Marola, **Steve Neeper (2013 Top Fundraiser Shepherd's Gate Church)**, Lorraine Zauel, Jim Rickert, Norm Zauel, Karen Russell, Joe Augugliaro, Kathy Vosburg, Tom DeVoogd, Lynn Bulfley, George Thrasher.

#### **EVENT SPONSORS**

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#### PRIZES - DONATIONS

- · Henry & Penny Williamson
- Rich &Carol Marola
- · David A. Susko DDS and Associates
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- Hungry Howie's Pizza Harrison Township
- Linda & Steve Neeper
- · Maple Lanes Golf Club
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- Sentinel Underwriting Review
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- · Biggby Coffee, New Baltimore
- · Sunnybrook Golf Bowl Motel

# Firstprints for Life

Thank you for your participation or support in our annual walk, "FOOTPRINTS FOR LIFE". On Saturday, October 5th, we celebrated a successful event because of each individual, donor, sponsor or volunteer that contributed their time, talent or treasure. We raised new awareness and growth within the local community to share our vision of hope and support for young mothers and fathers facing an unplanned pregnancy. Compassion continues to grow in vision and ideas to reach the lost and hurting so we can build a foundation under their feet. We have strengthened all our programs for education with goal planning, Bible Studies and material support, abstinence curriculum and resources.

Footprints for Life had more than 70 participants and collectively raised over 11,000 and more than 70 walkers. Local businesses promoted us with posters in their storefronts or baby bottles at their registers. We received gift certificates for top fundraisers and ABC Magic Shop hosted a magic show and made balloon animals immediately following the event. We also had a nice surprise from the Varsity football team at Lutheran High North when they came to participate in this event.

Together we can continue to build on this event and reach more people with our message...of "Creating Cycle Breakers" to strengthen our clients and their families. Please consider joining us next year for this event.



### Thrivent Financial for Lutherans























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#### Walk Committee

Beth Devriendt Melissa Borza Peg Patchel Kristin Lozon Kathy Bazzy

Special Thanks: City of Mount Clemens

# **Training & Orientation**

#### Orientation:

January 27, 2014	11 am-12 pm and 6-7 pm
February 24	11 am-12 pm and 6-7 pm
March 31	1 am-12 pm
April 28	6-7 pm

#### Training:

Feb. 3,4 & 5	9 am -12 pm and 6-9 pm (Winter)
May 12,13 & 14	9 am-12 pm and 6-9 pm (Spring)

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the center and ask for Linda Neeper or email info@compassionpregnancy.org to explore our many volunteer opportunities.

\*Receptionist, Peer Counselors & Store Workers Cost \$25

#### Own an iPhone or iPad?

You can play a key role in saving lives. There is a free **Online for Life** ™ app available that you can download. The app will alert you when someone is connected with Compassion and considering an abortion and will invite you to pray. When downloading, remember to say yes to push notifications.

# What clients are saying about their visits to Compassion...

"Everyone was helpful and everything was perfect."

"My whole experience was very pleasant. Although, I am dealing with a lot of stressful events, this visit assisted me with hope."

"My peer counselor was pleasant to talk to. She spoke in calm voice which helped with my anxiety and gave me a variety of community resources."

"I liked that we got to talk about God and pray."

"Friendly staff."

# **Baby Bottles That Save Lives**

This is a fun, easy and effective way to make a "Change for Life." In the past year, over \$20,000 was brought into Compassion through the baby bottle fundraiser. What a wonderful way to make a difference in the lives of women, men and babies.

Just follow these 3 easy steps:

- Call Compassion and put a hold on baby bottles for a specified date range.
- 2. Distribute the bottles to your church, organization or school.
- Ask participants to return the filled baby bottles by a specified date.

Compassion will take care of the sorting, counting and rolling!

Call us today to reserve your baby bottles for January, 2013 in honor of Sanctify of Human Life Sunday.

#### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

Melissa Borza found her way to volunteering at Compassion by a speaking engagement by one of our staff members at Memorial Baptist Church in Sterling Heights. She has been a volunteer receptionist since May of 2012 and is truly an amazing asset to this ministry. The staff at Compassion finds that Melissa is always ready and willing to go above and beyond of what is asked of her. She is our go to project person, especially if it involves an excel spreadsheet.

You will always be greeted with a smile from Melissa who reports that her favorite thing about Compassion is being with other Christian men and women that have a desire to assist all those that walk through the doors. She has been reminded by her volunteering that the Lord has control over everything. Every person that walks through the door, every piece of equipment we use at the center...He is in control of it all!

Melissa would like others who are thinking of volunteering at Compassion to prayerfully consider answering God's call. The environment is very uplifting and the relationships she has built over this past year have been phenomenal.

# Do you have an email address?

In order to best use the funds God has blessed us with, we would love to send you our newsletter via email.

Please email your address to: info@compassionpregnancy.org

# Sacrificial Giving

A group from Right to Life participated in the 40 Days for Life. As they were in the 6th hour of prayer outside an abortion clinic they shared their experiences, which left them disheartened. It had seemed they received more negative responses than usual. Passers-by swore at them, disrespected them, and told them abortion was not a problem. Some even did this while holding a hand of a child.

Then it happened...

Two little boys aged 10 or 11 were walking back from 7-11. They had their earphones in and they were obviously enjoying their laughing conversation as they swung their bags of goodies. As they approached the group they saw the signs and heard the prayers. They stopped a few feet away and started going through their bags, shoes and pockets. It looked like they were trying to find something of importance. A few minutes later, they walked up, and with their everpolite voices, said, "Excuse me." The group members stopped their praying to give their attention to these two precious children, thinking they were going to ask what abortion was and what we were doing. One of the boys held out his hand and said, "We want to donate this to your group," and dropped \$1.48 into the hands of one of group members. The group's heart melted. They told the boys that this was one of the

# **Giving in Your Will**

It is easy to name a charitable organization such as Compassion Pregnancy Center as a beneficiary in your will or trust. Whether it is a large or small amount, it is such a great way to leave a legacy of your support for life. Such a gift, if you have a large estate, can have tax benefits for all your beneficiaries. Even if your estate is modest, you can leave a lasting footprint with a gift to Compassion.

If you do not have an estate plan, establishing one allows you to direct how you want your assets to be divided upon your death, rather than allowing state law to determine where they go. Prayerfully consider leaving a legacy for LIFE.

# Cartridges for Kids

Bring us your used print cartridges or old cell phones. Cartridges for Kids will make a donation directly to Compassion for these items.

If you want to collect cartridges at work, a collection box can be provided. Please call Compassion and ask for Kathy.

most generous donations they have ever received and that this money will definitely go toward helping women and their babies. The boys' full-faced smiles spoke volumes to the entire group! They prayed a blessing over the boys as they walked away. They also lifted up the boys' parents for teaching them the value of LIFE and showing them how to be respectful.

The group didn't ask their first names but God heard that thought! The two boys returned to the group at a quick pace. The other little boy anxiously held out his hand with a dollar bill, proudly stating that he wanted to offer this to the women and babies, too. This was truly a precious moment. After the group thanked them, one person asked their names. Their big brown eyes opened wide and they said, "We are Emmanuel and Amar." All the group could think was, "How great is our God." The group was discouraged and disheartened after facing so much negativity that night. What did God provide them? Himself, in these two little boys. Emmanuel, which means "God is with us" and Amar means "forever, long life."

Yes this was truly an amazing blessing on that sidewalk. Compassion Pregnancy Center accepted the \$2.48 with honor.

# Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Loraine Harnter by Virginia Harnter

In Memory of Wallace Wolfe by Shirley Hughes

In Memory of Loraine Harnter by M. Michel, Joanne Roose and William & Julie Schmid

In Memory of Dennis Weier by Sharon Weier

In Memory of Marilyn Villeme by Elmer Villeme

In Memory of Robert Herrmann by Janet Herrmann

In Honor of Addison Lynn's Birthday by Gloria Sankuer

In Honor of Lori Pastorino by Kathleen Pirtle

In Honor of Jane Nabinger's Golf Outing by Noffert Dental, Rocky Produce & TVA Properties



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### **URGENT NEEDS:**

- Diapers Sizes 4 & 5
- Baby Wipes
- New Car Seats
- New or Used Pack N Plays
- Forever Postage Stamps

We accept donations of new and gently used clothing up to 4T and baby furniture and equipment. Cribs and Car

Seats must be new.

## Diagnostic Manager Needed

We are accepting applications for a part-time, experienced RN or RDMS to head up our ultrasound program. If you are interested or would like some more information, please email info@compassionpregnancy.org.