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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**

### **ULTRASOUNDS AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Compassion has performed limited ultrasounds since 2010. We felt some growing pains in 2013 and into 2014 as an increased number of abortion-determined women came into our center. God gave us a vision of having a separate, updated medical wing in which we could minister to women contemplating abortion. This vision moved closer to reality when the Knights of Columbus from St. John Vianney approached Compassion earlier this year about fundraising for a capital project at our center. After raising \$6,200 through a baby bottle campaign in their church, the Knights began construction on September 8th. Ten days later they presented us with a completely updated medical wing. This new wing offers clients waiting for an ultrasound a private entrance and lobby. The new layout gives clients much-needed confidentiality and an effective flow for our volunteer nurses.

Our new wing opened with a new ultrasound machine thanks to the generosity of Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton Township. The church blessed us in August with a new machine when they learned our original machine was consistently operating improperly.

Why is our focus on abortion determined women? According to the Guttmacher Institute "abortion is a common experience: At current rates, about one in three American women will have had an abortion by the time she reaches age 45." Abortion even affects women of faith as Guttmacher also reports that 73% of women seeking an abortion report a religious affiliation."

Does an ultrasound make a difference in a women's decision to choose life? That depends on the study you choose to read and believe. A recent Internet search revealed the success rates of ultrasound programs range from 7.4% (© 2014 by The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.) to 90% (National Knights of Columbus). Even if you believe that ultrasounds made a difference only 7.4% of the time, ultrasounds could have saved

3,996,000 babies since abortion was legalized in 1973.

The decision for a woman to have an abortion depends on many factors: her relationships, finances, housing, schooling, resources, and in some cases, how far along she is in her pregnancy. In Michigan, abortion providers are not mandated to perform an ultrasound before the procedure, failing to give women all the information they need to make fully informed choices about their pregnancies. An ultrasound is definitely one of those resources that present the visual truth of new life and in many times, yes, is a factor.

A limited ultrasound can determine that a pregnancy is viable, meaning the baby has a heartbeat and is in the woman's uterus. It can also determine the baby's approximate age. We have saved women from the pain of an unnecessary abortion because the FREE ultrasound she received at Compassion revealed a nonviable pregnancy. According to the American Pregnancy Association, up to 1 in 4 women miscarry. We are able to offer a woman who may be miscarrying an ear to listen and compassion.

A woman has the right to be provided factual information about her options in a non-judgmental, compassionate environment. The decision she is faced with is often stressful and carries consequences. That's why you as our supporters and volunteers are so very special to this ministry. Our doors remain open and our services remain free because you care and support life.

We are now just a few weeks into our new medical wing and the comments are overwhelmingly positive by those that use and give our services.

We give thanks to all of those that gave of their time, talent and treasures to make this update possible. We could not be more grateful to have exactly what we need to end abortion in our community.

### **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.**

**Special Thanks** to Run the Plank Committee (St. Peter Lutheran-Macomb, St. Isidore Catholic & Immanuel Lutheran for their generous donation to Compassion and 11 other charities in Macomb County that reach out to those in need.

### **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 again.
- K of C, St. John Vianney.

**Our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf “Fore” Life Event** was held at Burning Tree Golf and Country Club on September 8th, 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!***



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**PRIZES – DONATIONS**

- Act II, Shelby Township
- Biggby Coffee – Green Street, New Baltimore
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- Strawberry Fields Restaurant/51070 Foster, Chesterfield
- Sunnybrook Golf Bowl Motel
- Washington St. Wine House (New Baltimore)

***Compassion Pregnancy Center appreciates you, our golfers, for making this event a special day. We also wish to thank all our sponsors and supporters for the generous donations and prizes. Special thanks and gratitude, to our Golf Committee for their faithfulness and commitment to this event and LIFE.***

## More pictures from Our Annual Golf "Fore" Life Event



### ***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.

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### **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.

### ***We now have a volunteer selling things on EBAY for us.***

Do you have something you would like to donate and we can receive the funds from the sale?

Email us at [info@compassionpregnancy.org](mailto:info@compassionpregnancy.org) and let us know.

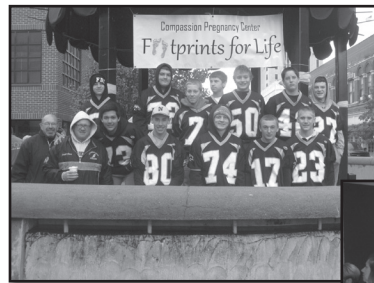




Thank you for your participation or support in our annual walk, "FOOTPRINTS FOR LIFE". On Saturday, October 4th, 2014 we celebrated a successful event because of each individual, donor, sponsor or volunteer that contributed their time, talent or treasure. We raised new awareness and growth within the 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 80 participants and collectively raised close to \$12,000. 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 continue to reach those facing an unplanned pregnancy with honest answers, sincere concern, along with free and confidential services. It is because of our donors, that our clients may receive pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, peer counseling, clothing, diapers, wipes and many educational and spiritual resources. Our mission is to support, empower and encourage women and men so they can "CHOOSE LIFE".



**Special Thanks: City of Mount Clemens**



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**Walk Committee:**

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| <b>Chris Petitta</b>  | <b>Peggy Redoute</b>    |
| <b>Beth Devriendt</b> | <b>Penny Williamson</b> |
| <b>Martha Fisher</b>  | <b>Linda Neeper</b>     |
| <b>Peg Patchel</b>    | <b>Carol Marola</b>     |
| <b>Karen Russell</b>  | <b>Jackie Figiel</b>    |

**Special Thanks to:**

- Lutheran High North, J.V. Football**  
**Keller Williams Realty Nando Bartolotta,**  
**for "Footprints Headquarters"**  
**Max & Ollie's**  
**Gemini Moon**  
**Chantel's Jailhouse Deli**  
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**Rev. Wayne Stapleton, Renewal Church**

## Training for Volunteers

### Orientation Dates:

January 16, 2015	10 am-11 am or 6-7 pm
March 30, 2015	10 am-11 am or 6-7 pm
April 27, 2015	10 am-11 am or 6-7 pm
June 29, 2015	10 am-11 am or 6-7 pm
July 27, 2015	10 am-11 am or 6-7 pm
September 28, 2015	10 am-11 am or 6-7 pm

### Extended Training:

#### Winter

February 9-11, 2015	9 am-12 pm or 6-9 pm
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#### Spring

May 18-20, 2015	9 am-12 pm or 6-9 pm
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If you are interested in volunteering, please call the center and ask for Colleen Raezler or email [info@compassionpregnancy.org](mailto:info@compassionpregnancy.org) to explore our many volunteer opportunities.

**\*Receptionists, Peer Counselors, Store Workers, Ultrasound Chaperones and Graphic Designer.**  
**Cost \$25**

## Change for Life

This is a great, easy way to make a difference. You will be amazed at the amount you can raise with this approach. This is great for churches, women's/men's groups and inside of your workplace.

Just follow these 3 easy steps:

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

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

Call us today to reserve your bottles. It's great to get started with the planning. We need more churches to help us with this campaign for Sanctity of Human Life month in January of 2015.

Also, great to do for February – Valentine's month, May – Mother's Day month, or June – Father's Day month. Youth groups have been really effective and blessings to us in running this campaign.



## Ultrasound Highlight

### What our nurses are saying about the ultrasound program...

#### What do you get out of volunteering here?

*Joy of answering God's call. Perfect fit not what I imagined. It is amazing to see God work through the combination of details.*

*Deb Easlick*

*A sense of fulfillment of helping others through a crisis. Seeing a client through a pregnancy that initially wasn't a joyful event and walking along side them and offering resources to turn their situation around.*

*Kim Winarski*

*A personal satisfaction. Giving myself to God to let him work through me. I am God's eyes and ears in the ultrasound room to show women and their families life.*

*Sandie Coon*

*Blessed and privileged to be at a place for women in the Detroit area to help save babies.*

*Kathy Paul*

#### What influences a client the most inside the ultrasound room?

*Baby's heartbeat. It becomes hard to lie to yourself when you see the visual truth on the screen.*

*Deb Easlick*

*That the baby's heartbeat which is so small can be seen so clearly flickering. Watching the movement of the baby in the 1st trimester when they can't feel it.*

*Kim Winarski*

*Even the most abortion determined women recognizing the kicking or squirming of the baby she is carrying.*

*Sandie Coon*

*The realization that the baby has developed to the point where he or she has features and a natural bonding occurs.*

*Kathy Paul*

Collectively at Compassion we defy the notion held by some that to be pro-life is to also be angry and judgmental. What we have found is that we can love them, we can teach them but we can't judge them. At Compassion we are Pro-Love regardless of our clients situation or choice.

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- Diapers - Sizes 4 & 5
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- Winter Coats/snowsuits & pants 12 mos. to 4T
- Baby shampoo and Wash
- Towels and Wash Cloths
- Burp Cloths

We accept donations of new and gently used clothing up to 4T. Cribs and Car Seats must be new.

### ***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:

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***586-783-2229***

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