

2016 Celebration of Life Banquet Recap

Each spring, there is one signature event for those in Central Indiana that are passionate about life for the unborn. It is Life Centers' Celebration of Life Banquet.

This year, on Thursday, April 21st, over 800 supporters gathered for the 2016 Celebration of Life banquet to benefit Life Centers. Those who attended heard from one of the original board members about the importance Life Centers plays in our community by touching the lives of thousands of young women and men. We also heard a wonderful story from one of our clients. As a result of visiting one of our centers, she not only chose life, but gave her life over to God.

Our emcee, Pete Heck, did a terrific job and shared his personal observations about the importance of Life Centers and the work we do. I was able to share my deep level of appreciation to all who support Life Centers in any number of capacities.

Our keynote speaker, David Limbaugh, spoke about his journey from skeptic to Christ-follower and how that faith drives him in supporting ministries like Life Centers.



Emcee Pete Heck



I was also able to share our vision for Life Centers and how this ministry impacted over 8,900 women and their families that visited our centers in 2015. We are excited about the campaign to open a full-time pregnancy center in Hamilton County, the fastest growing county in Indiana. Much like our new center in Hendricks County, we expect this new center to greatly increase the number of women and their families that we are able to help.

We fully rely on the generosity of our donors, and I want to personally thank each and every one of you, including our financially-supporting churches. Regardless of the amount, do know it truly makes a difference in saving lives.

Tom Shevlot
Executive Director



Keynote Speaker David Limbaugh

Executive Director Tom Shevlot

If you were unable to make the banquet, there is still a way to give and we've made it easier to do so. You can do it directly from your smartphone by texting **@LC** to **52014**. You will get a text with instructions on how to make a secure donation via iDonate. The donation comes from the credit card of your choice.



One Question Away: Part One

This is part of a series of blog articles written by Brittany Sherrill for Life Centers that can be found on LifeCenters.com.

“They tell you, ‘it’s a simple medical procedure, you’ll be fine and get on with your life,’ and I wanted to believe the lie. But I knew that day as a 15-year-old my life would never be the same.” Walking out of the clinic, Machelles was hit with the weight of the decision she’d made, one she knew could never be undone. She had allowed someone to take a life.

The months following were consumed with trying to forget, but nothing could erase the guilt. Drugs, alcohol, relationships – she wondered if what she did with her life even mattered anymore, until she learned she was pregnant again at 16. *“When you have an abortion, you think to yourself, ‘I’ll never do that again. But there I was at sixteen without a supportive family and honestly, I considered it. I considered another abortion, but I just couldn’t do it again.”*

Born a month after her seventeenth birthday, her son became her absolute joy. She was a young mom, but loved her son more than life itself. As time went on, a young gentleman at work started inviting her to church. He would ask people around the office every week and didn’t even seem to mind when people said no – it was weird. But, his persistence eventually paid off, and Machelles and her son attended church with him one week.

Walking in, everything was new, different. The people were nice and appeared so “put together”

– and there she was, a young mom with no ring on her finger. At the end of the service, the pastor asked if anyone would like to come and receive Christ as Savior. Already a little nervous, Machelles was stunned when the man who’d invited her turned and asked if she’d like to go forward. *Uh — no.* No, she would not like to go forward. She went to pick up her son when church was over, and she was greeted with smiles, excitement, and lots of Sunday School papers. At her sweet son’s request, they returned the following Sunday.

Many Sundays later, Machelles was convicted by the gospel and knew she needed to accept Christ as Savior. She fought to sit quietly through the altar call like normal, but couldn’t get it off her mind. Before she could leave, an older couple came and asked again if she’d like to accept Christ as Savior, saying, “We think you might want to receive Christ today.” At that moment, Machelles knew it was God tugging on her heart; she prayed and accepted Christ as her Savior that day. Immediately, *all* of her sins had been forgiven – even the abortion she’d been trying to forget. *Christ forgave it all.*

Don’t be afraid to ask loving questions; you never know – *they may be one question away from knowing forgiveness in Christ.* May God be honored for His redemptive, healing work in this young mother’s life!

Machelles’s story doesn’t end there — God has more work to do through her beautiful testimony of redemption! Tune in for One Question Away: Part Two coming soon.

Board Member Spotlight

Brad Lindemann has been named the new Chairman of the Board of Directors for Life Centers. He is CEO/Co-Founder of Ambassador Solutions, a 27 year old Indianapolis-based IT solutions and recruiting company. In June, Brad and his wife, Elaine, will celebrate 40 years of marriage. They have five married children and seven grandchildren. Brad and Elaine are members of Grace Church in Noblesville.

It’s easy to sense Brad’s passion about life and Life Centers – *“I believe abortion is THE defining issue of our generation. As our nation goes on this issue, so goes our nation. Until abortion is once again outlawed, we must*



save as many innocent lives as possible! Life Centers has been doing this for over three decades by providing compassionate care to expectant mothers, while sharing the Gospel with those who are open to it.”

Staff Updates

In March, we hired three new center staff to fill all of the open positions and improve our coverage at the centers.



Marguerite Havard is the part-time Associate Director at the South Center and the Life Ambassador Coordinator.



April Wilson is the full-time East Center Director.



Lauren Branks is a full-time Associate Director that floats between centers as needed.

These women will really help strengthen our team and allow us to better serve our clients!



Tom Shevlot
Executive Director

Tom Shevlot, Life Centers' Executive Director, has accepted the position of President of the Board for the Indiana Association of Pregnancy Centers (IAPC). The IAPC administers funds from the Choose Life license plates, as well as provides training and support to pregnancy centers in Indiana.

You can save lives by getting a Choose Life license plate. The cost is \$50 and \$25 goes directly to your local pregnancy center (Life Centers in Marion, Hamilton, Hendricks and Boone County).

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June Ministry Update

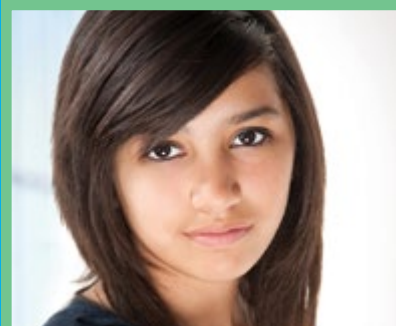
Life Centers' goal is to **save babies** from abortion and **transform** the **lives** of their mothers.




Life Centers

Ministry Stats: January – April 2016

So far in 2016, we have seen **2,714** different women and babies in our centers. Often they had multiple visits, and our total number of free services are over **4,884**. These services include pregnancy tests, peer counseling, helpline calls, maternity support services, post-abortion counseling and **81** ultrasound exams. **45** women that told us they were strongly considering an abortion, decided to give life to their child. Also this year, **45** women and men chose to respond to our counseling by giving their lives to Christ.



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