

## After Fire, New Vision for Boone County Center

Lightning struck the Boone County center in the early morning of July 18<sup>th</sup>, starting a fire. No one was in the building at the time, so no one was hurt. The building has been declared a total loss and is now unusable. Clients who would normally come to the Boone County center are being directed to one of Life Centers' seven other locations in the Indianapolis area.

Areas of Boone County are some of the fastest-growing in Indiana, according to 2015 U.S. census data. As the county's population grows, the need for the services Life Centers provides grows as well. Boone County needs a new center, and Life Centers sees this circumstance as an opportunity to expand and improve their work in the region. The center was previously open three days a week and located in a lower-population area of the county. Life Centers would like to move the center to a more densely populated area and serve the clients five days a week. A full time center with a better location would allow the center to be more accessible to women and men who need the services provided.

Life Centers recently accomplished a similar change in the Hendricks County center. It was also located in a less strategic area. After moving to an area of the county with more traffic, the center saw a dramatic increase in clients served, and in babies saved. Life Centers is confident that locating Boone County's new center to a different location would result in a similar increase in effectiveness.

The move is not without challenges. Life Centers Executive Director Tom Shevlot pointed out that moving the center to a more populated area would cost up to three times as much as the rent at the



previous location. In addition, time is of the essence. While there is no center in Boone County, the access to pregnancy services in the area is dramatically lowered. Reopening the center as soon as possible is a priority.

In order to open the new center, Life Centers will need to raise funds quickly. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Lebanon Walk+Run for Life will take place across the street from the burned Boone County center.

"We are going to use the walk event as a spring board to launch this fundraising project," Tom Shevlot said. "Getting the word out to as many churches and their congregations as possible will be vital for us to reopen sooner rather than later."

Life Centers will continue after the Lebanon Walk+Run for Life to raise funds for the new site, partnering with churches and individuals to contribute to the project. Those interested in helping open the Boone County center are encouraged to participate in the Lebanon Walk+Run for Life as a walker/runner or a sponsor, or to donate directly to Life Centers. More information can be found on the Life Centers website.

An additional option to give is 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.



## Please Join Us for the 2016 Walk+Run for Life!

The Walk+Run for Life began in 1988 to celebrate the work of Life Centers and provide for its financial stability. The tradition continues each fall with runners and walkers collecting sponsorships from family and friends to participate in a 5K run or one mile walk to benefit life. This year you can either attend the Walk+Run for Life on September 24<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Creek Park or on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Lebanon Memorial Park

**Our goal is to raise \$100,000**  
to help **save babies and transform lives!**

You can learn more, register to attend, or pledge support for a walker or runner by visiting [LifeCenters.com](http://LifeCenters.com).



**Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016**  
Eagle Creek Park  
**9am** Registration  
**10am** 5K Run & Walk

**or**

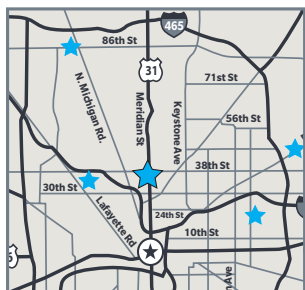
**Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016**  
Lebanon Memorial Park  
**9am** Registration  
**9:30am** 5K Run  
**10:30am** Walk



We are honored to have Sundown Gardens as our title sponsor for the 2016 Walk+Run for Life. They are known as one of the premier garden centers in the Midwest. Please consider them for your next landscaping or outdoor project.

[SundownGardens.com](http://SundownGardens.com)

## Center Spotlight



The Downtown Center is the busiest of the Pregnancy Choices Indy centers, serving the large population of downtown Indianapolis at its location at the intersection of Meridian and 33<sup>rd</sup>.

The full-time clinic offers comprehensive services to clients, including pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, and material support. Ashley Houston is the Center Director, and Lauren Branks and Theresa Johnson are both associate directors.



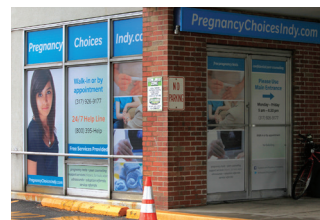
Ashley Houston



Lauren Branks



Theresa Johnson



### Downtown Center Stats: Jan. — July 2016

			
<b>906</b> Clients Served	<b>1,234</b> Support Services	<b>46</b> Ultrasounds	<b>96</b> Babies Born



## Staff Updates

### Brian Current

#### Director of Community Partnerships

Brian Current has transitioned within Life Centers to be Director of Community Partnerships. He will focus his time on developing Life Centers' relationships with local churches and other ministry partners in the community.



### Kristin Schwartz

#### Director of Events and Communications

Kristin Schwartz joined Life Centers in August as the new Director of Events and Communications. She is a graduate of Taylor University's Professional Writing program and previously worked in Indiana state government.



**Brett Reffeitt** has joined the Life Centers Board as treasurer. He brings financial experience as the Vice President of Private Banking for the National Bank of Indianapolis. He is a graduate of Indiana University and an avid musician. He and his wife have two daughters and attend Connection Pointe Christian Church in Brownsburg.



**Brett Reffeitt**  
Treasurer



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## Executive Director Report



**Tom Shevlot**  
Executive Director

Life Centers was formed over thirty-three years ago with the mission to protect the lives of the unborn. Our goal has always been to show God's love and compassion to every soul who walks through our doors. Times and society are changing — in some ways not for the better. Thirty-three years removed from our founding, the challenges, struggles, and brokenness of society surround us. Our centers are facing sudden and stark changes in the realm of abortion. Today, a woman can walk into almost any drug store and purchase the morning-after pill to end a pregnancy in the first 7 days. Up to 9 weeks into a pregnancy, women can get abortion medication (RU-486) to induce a miscarriage and end the life of her unborn child. Though the culture is darkening around us at an alarming rate, our centers remain a beacon of hope and compassion, welcoming any young woman (or man) by offering encouragement and comfort in the

midst of their struggles. Each person is welcomed with love, affection, and grace.

Last year, over 8,900 women and children entered one of our centers looking for hope, for a light in the midst of a society that increasingly provides nowhere else to turn. We were able to provide that light because of the generosity of our supporters, others who recognize along with us that life is valuable and must be protected. If not for our generous supporters, Life Centers would not exist, and then where would these 8,900 go? Who would share love and hope with them as they face some of the most challenging moments of their lives?

My staff and I thank you for your gracious and faithful support of our ministry right here in our community. It is making a difference.



**Tom Shevlot**  
Executive Director

## September/October 2016 Ministry Update

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



## Ministry Stats: January – July 2016

So far in 2016, we have seen **4,301** different women and babies in our centers. Often they had multiple visits, and our total number of free services are over **11,370**. These services include pregnancy tests, peer counseling, helpline calls, maternity support services, post-abortion counseling and **149** ultrasound exams. We had **1,096** women with positive pregnancy tests tell us that they would give life to their child after visiting one of our centers. Also this year, **83** women and men chose to respond to our counseling by giving their lives to Christ.



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