

#### 2017 Celebration of Life

Wow, what a night we had at the 2017 Celebration of Life Banquet! On April 27th, over 900 supporters gathered together to affirm life and be encouraged by how God is using Life Centers to carry out His mission of sharing the Gospel and protecting the unborn.



Janet Parshall, this year's keynote speaker, was absolutely fantastic! Her message about how we are winning the battle for the hearts and lives of our clients and the unborn captivated all who attended. As evidenced by the standing ovation she received, everyone was excited to hear her heart and passion. She also spoke powerfully about the work Life Centers is doing right here in our community and the impact it has had on the thousands of clients that came to one of our centers looking for hope, love and help as they face the many decisions that come with pregnancies.

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The banquet also gave me an opportunity to share with our supporters the results and impact Life Centers has had on thousands of women, men and their children. In 2016, 7.800 women and their children were served in one of our centers. 1,962 babies were born to mothers that were served during their pregnancy by our staff and volunteers. And just as importantly, 117 clients made a spiritual decision in one of our centers by inviting Christ as their personal Savior.

The Celebration of Life is also the primary fundraiser that helps fund this important work of saving babies and transforming the lives of everyone that walks into one of our eight centers. We do our best to provide an enjoyable evening with great food and captivating speakers, but equally important is the fact that almost 35% of our operating revenue is either given or pledged that night.

We are grateful and appreciative for all your prayers and support, and we hope to see you all again next April at the 2018 Celebration of Life Banquet.











In His service,



**Executive Director** 









If you weren't able to join us this year but would still like to help support our work, you can give 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.

### **Greater Impact**

Life Centers is not having the impact that we could, but that is about to change. Recently, we found ourselves needing to relocate not one but two of our eight centers, due to circumstances beyond our control. Our Boone County center was struck by lightning and the resulting fire destroyed the building. In Hamilton County, our landlord has put the building up for sale. But these are good things.

We see both of these events as God's prompting for us to improve. Hamilton and Boone County are the two fastest growing counties in Indiana. Both of these centers were part-time and the new centers will be open full-time. Also, the nature of abortion is changing — it is becoming easier. We need to see women (and men) facing pregnancy decisions earlier — before they choose to use the morning after pill or RU-486 (the abortion pill) to end the pregnancy. Our new centers will be strategically located and highly visible.

But progress is expensive. We are truly amazed and grateful by the outpouring of support of our donors. Our donors are passionate and as a result, have stepped up and showed their commitment by donating to help defray the costs associated with having to move and build out two new centers. We estimated that the build outs and a full year of operating costs

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for both centers would be approximately \$150,000. To date, we have raised about \$120,000 for these two projects and we are confident that God will bless us with the funds to complete the relocations.

We are now in the process of narrowing our search in Hamilton County and hope to have two or three sites selected that meet our needs and are affordable. As far as Boone County, we have found a location and are currently in negotiations with the landlord.

Thanks to all who have donated towards these two projects. As things progress, we promise to you keep you fully informed as we work to meet the needs of the thousands who walk into our eight locations, looking for hope and love rooted in God's purpose for every life.







**Boone County Center** 



**Hamilton County Center** 

**Boone County Center** 

## People find it hard to believe that a pack of diapers can save a life, but it is true.

Imagine that you are a young woman who just found out that you are unexpectedly pregnant. The father of the baby is not interested in being a father and you are barely scraping by financially. Everyone that you confide in either shames you or tells you to get an abortion. Your mind floods with thoughts about not being able to work once the child is born. How will you support this child? Babies are expensive. What will you do for food, diapers and clothing?



This is what many of our clients face. In the US, 73% of women who seek an abortion say that they "just cannot afford a child right now" (Guttmacher Institute). A lack of resources creates fear and drives the decision.

Among many other services, Life Centers provides counseling and referrals to state and federal programs that will help our clients financially, but that is not enough. That is where our support services come in. Support services is the name given to the distribution of many free baby items to our clients. Items like diapers, wipes, bottles, formula, baby clothes, blankets, toys, baby furniture, Pack 'n Plays, strollers and other baby-related items. It can also include maternity clothes for the mother.

In the eighth month of pregnancy, mothers receive either a boy's or girl's "Baby Bundle." It has \$60 worth of diapers, wipes, clothes and other supplies to get them started. The mothers make appointments to regularly come back and get new outfits, diapers, and other supplies as the child grows.



Rachel Lehi

The person in charge of making sure we are ready for these moms is Rachel Lehr, the Support Services Director. "It makes a huge difference to our moms. They have hope when they feel supported."

So how does Life Centers afford all of these diapers and supplies? We actually spend \$0. It is all through donations. Churches and individuals send us diapers and wipes. Moms forgo garage

sales and swaps to donate clothes and baby supplies. We simply use them to give hope. And hope gives life.

#### **Upcoming Events**



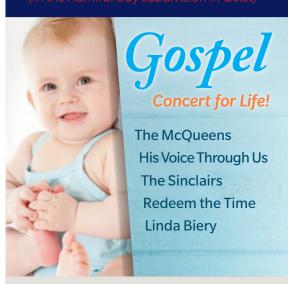
### Saturday July 1, 2017 Noon - 4pm

Registration 10am - Noon, Judging at 3pm, Awards at 4pm

Car registration \$15 Spectators FREE

### 12549 Old Stone Drive Indianapolis, IN 46236

(In the Admiral Ray subdivision in Geist)



### Friday, July 7, 2017 7:00 pm

Free will offering, with total proceeds going to Life Centers

Northside Baptist Church 3021 E. 71st St., Indianapolis, IN 46220

# Summer 2017 Ministry Update

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



## Life Centers

### Ministry Stats: January – April 2017

So far in 2017, we have seen **2,343** different women and babies in our centers. Often they had multiple visits, and our total number of free services are over **6,217**. These services include pregnancy tests, peer counseling, helpline calls, maternity support services, post-abortion counseling and **60** ultrasound exams. We had **589** women with positive pregnancy tests tell us that they would give life to their child after visiting one of our centers. Also this year, **38** women and men chose to respond to our counseling by giving their lives to Christ.



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