

# Summer, 2018 Ministry Update

#### 2018 Walk + Run for Life

When: Saturday, September 22, 2018

Registration: 9:00am

5k Run: 9:30am

1 Mile Walk: 10:30am

Where: Lebanon Memorial Park, 130 E Ulen Dr., Lebanon, IN 46052

Can you believe it's almost fall? We can't either, but that means the Walk + Run for Life is just around the corner! Life Centers has put on this event since 1988. The Walk + Run for Life is an annual tradition where participants choose between a 5K run or a 1 mile walk and collect sponsorships from family and friends. This event is a major fundraiser for Life Centers. All of the funds raised for this event go directly toward our seven pregnancy centers around the Indianapolis area. Our centers provide free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, peer counseling, and support services such as diapers and baby clothing.

This year, we are hosting our Walk + Run for Life in Lebanon at Lebanon Memorial Park, right across from our new full-time center. There will not be an event at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis this year. We are combining the two events to focus all of our efforts on creating one big, successful Walk + Run for Life!

We hope you will join us this year by participating in the event, raising money through your own fundraising page, or supporting someone who is running or walking in the event.





#### Registration

To register, visit lifecenters.com. You can create your own peer-to-peer fundraising page for the Walk + Run for Life at http://idon.at/ums9d84.

There is also a link to create your own fundraising page on *lifecenters.com/get-involved/events/walkrun-for-life*.

#### Sponsorship \$1,000

#### **Business/Organization Sponsorship**

Your business or organization can be a sponsor for the Walk + Run for Life! A key component of the walk is the role the sponsor plays. Sponsors not only help us financially, sponsors help spread the word to their staff, friends, and network of fellow life supporters.

#### In Memory of Sponsorship

Another sponsorship option is to remember a loved one by doing an "In Memory Of" sponsorship. In place of a business or organization, the sponsorship will proudly recognize the name of your loved one on all shirts and posters at the event.

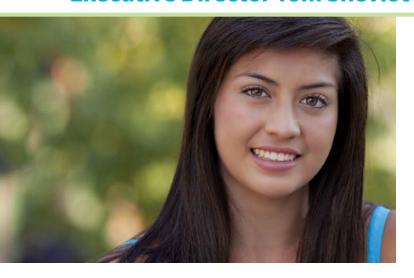
#### What You Will Receive

- Logo on the back of all T-shirts distributed
- Logo on posters at event location
- Name + link to organization/business on Life Centers' website for one full year

#### **Please contact:**

Tom Shevlot at tshevlot@lifecenters.com or Mark Pappas at mpappas@lifecenters.com if you are interested in sponsoring this event.

## **Spanish Translation Program Update from Executive Director Tom Shevlot**



#### **Breaking Down Language Barriers**

A little less than a year ago, many of our supporters were gracious enough to respond to our request to help us launch our Spanish translation program. This was born out of a need we were seeing on a daily basis. We wanted to implement the tools and resources necessary to help and support our clients who do not use English as their first language. Fortunately, we met this need by hiring two bilingual staff members.

I wanted to share with you a comment and a story from our new Center Director Lizbeth Barajas who is bilingual:

"Being able to have full interaction with Hispanic clients has brought more awareness to the Hispanic community that Life Centers does more than just free pregnancy tests. I have been making Baby Bundle calls to our clients who are soon to be mothers, and I explain to them what a Baby Bundle is and all that comes in the bundle. All of the women have been very grateful. Most of the women I talked to who use Spanish as their first language, were not aware that we also provided support services. This is often because when these women come in for the first time for a pregnancy test, they couldn't have a full conversation with our staff because of the language barrier. All of the clients I have seen have asked if I will be at the center now, so that they could call and ask for me. To the right is one of the many stories I have of a Spanish-speaking client I've been able to help."

— Lizbeth Barajas

### **Connecting With Our Spanish Speaking Clients**

I called Elisa\* for a Baby Bundle, and as I explained everything that came in a Baby Bundle she seemed very grateful. I scheduled her to come in. When Elisa came in, you could just see how relaxed she felt that I was there and could speak to her in Spanish, her native language. We had a long conversation about her life, her husband, her faith and how this would be their first child.

She was still in need of a lot of things before her baby was scheduled to arrive. Elisa stated that getting everything she needed for the baby had been hard because of money and her having to stop working. I asked Elisa if she had somewhere for the baby to sleep, and she said no. Thankfully, our center had a basinet in good condition we could give her. I also reminded her that she could come back every 3 months for support services. Elisa then asked if I had business cards because she knew a few women that could use some help.

\*Name changed\*

# Thank you for responding and making a difference!

#### **Staff Update**



**Lizbeth Barajas** 

Life Centers is pleased to announce Lizbeth Barajas as Associate Director for the northeast and west centers helping our Spanish speaking clients. Lizbeth graduated from Anderson University with a double major in 2014. She has a variety of different work

experiences, mainly with youth and young adults in the Hispanic community. Lizbeth and her husband, Wilfredo, have a 5 month old son, Iñaki. She enjoys spending quality time with her family, working out, being outdoors and traveling.

#### **Sponsor Spotlight**

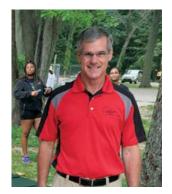


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# Walk + Run for Life Title Sponsor 2016 -2018 Q & A with owner Todd Erb

Q: Why is it important to you to have Sundown Gardens sponsor the Walk + Run for Life and other Life Centers' events?

A: Life Centers lines up with our philosophical belief in the sanctity of life, and as an organization we want to offer support and assistance



Todd Erb at 2016 Walk +Run

to Life Centers. We hold the belief that God creates all human life from the moment of conception, therefore every new life has the right to be born. We believe strongly in this basic principal and we are glad to contribute to Life Centers as they hold this same belief.

Q: How does sponsoring our events positively impact your business?

A: Sponsoring Life Centers' events allows us to have a public presence and creates public awareness representing what we stand for. We hope the positive image we convey to the public will encourage many people to support us as a business, and in turn support the work of Life Centers.

#### Ministry Stats January – June 2018







10,594
Free
Services



Spiritual Decisions



98 Ultrasounds



Babies Born



#### Ways to Give to

## **Life Centers**

#### **Kroger Community Rewards Program:**

Life Centers has enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. This program allows Kroger Plus members to designate Life Centers to receive a percentage of what they spend at Kroger. To designate Life Centers as your charity of choice, visit krogercommunityrewards.com, set up an account and enter 79056 when prompted to enter a "NPO #" (nonprofit organization).



#### Choose Life



#### Make a statement... make a difference.

By selecting the Choose Life plate when you renew your license plate, you not only make a statement, you make a difference.

Annually, \$25 of every Choose Life license plate goes to your local pregnancy resource center to help families facing pregnancy decisions and their unborn babies.



Renew at any BMV or online at

https://www.in.gov/bmv/2620.htm

Questions? E-mail us at info@lifecenters.com or call (317) 968-9132.

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



# Thank you notes from our visitors to you!

because they treat our because they treat our family like we matter, family like we matter, we are not just another number walking through the door! Thank you

Thank you so much for all the denations and support.

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lach and every one who donates
to the center and families. You all
and other families tremendasly.

Thank you and GODBESS