



## **Celebration** of **Life**



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## At LifeCenters.com

Who: Pam Tebow, Keynote Speaker

What: Life Centers' 2019 Celebration of Life banquet

When: Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm

(Doors open at 6:00pm)

Where: JW Marriott, 10 S. West Street,

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Why: Benefits men and women facing

pregnancy-related decisions

Cost: \$60/Person,

table reservations are also available

#### You're Invited!

It's that time again! Our annual Celebration of Life banquet that we host every spring is next month. This event is our largest fundraiser to sustain the ministry and to raise awareness of the life-saving work done in our seven centers every day.

We would love for you to join us at the 2019 Celebration of Life banquet at the JW Marriott Downtown. This year's event is on Thursday, April 18th, and features keynote speaker Pam Tebow, a nationally recognized pro-life advocate.

During the banquet, not only will you enjoy a delicious meal, you will hear inspiring stories told by the **women who lived them**, and an encouraging pro-life message delivered by Pam Tebow.

#### Who is Pam Tebow?

Pam Tebow's notoriety increased when her youngest son Tim, quarterback for the Florida Gators, became the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy. During the nationally televised Heisman broadcast, ESPN aired a portion of an interview that focused on Pam's refusal to abort Timmy when she was advised to do so.



Pam Tebow

She was given an instant national platform to encourage the prolife message. In 2010, Pam and Tim appeared in a Super Bowl commercial that celebrated family and life, which according to a Barna Survey, resulted in 5.5 million people "having cause to rethink their stand on abortion."



# Our Response to New York's Reproductive Health Act

The news out of New York about the expansion of allowing abortion up to nine months gestation and contemplation of infanticide (killing born babies) by Virginia elected officials has saddened us at Life Centers. We have received many calls and inquiries. Many have asked, "What do we do?"

The expansion of killing of innocent life and the celebration of that killing should move you emotionally, **but an emotional response is not enough.** We are not to simply sit on the sidelines. We need to use the God-given urge to act. There are three areas of action to choose from: political, activism, and service.

#### **Political**

Roe v. Wade was implemented 46 years ago and has not been overturned. The law in New York was passed with a President in office that ran on a prolife platform, and a conservative, pro-life majority in the U.S. Senate. While we must not abandon the political fray, history should inform us to not put all of our hope in a political solution to a heart problem. Abortion is an option chosen out of a sense of hopelessness, not out of a political ideal.

#### **Activism**

Online engagement, marches, and rallies, while encouraging to those who agree with their positions, **these things do not change hearts or minds**. Christians need to be aware that for every six babies born in the U.S., one is aborted, but accurately describing the scope of the problem is not a solution in and of itself. What is worse, is that these efforts of activism often alienate those whose opinion is most important: **abortion-minded young women.** 

#### **Service**

This is the path that Life Centers chooses. We serve women facing pregnancy-related decisions with love and compassion. At our centers, we provide free services like pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, maternity and baby supplies, agency and ministry referrals, and peer counseling. We do these things so that these young women can find hope and choose life for their babies.



### **What Can You Do?**

#### **Pray**

We need your prayers as our staffand volunteers carry heavy burdens.

Get your church involved with Life Centers by emailing Brian Current at: bcurrent@lifecenters.com or (317) 968-9130.



#### **Volunteer**

Our budget is not enough to sustain all seven of our pregnancy centers without volunteers.

Visit <u>LifeCenters.com</u> for volunteer info or contact Tammy Johnson at: <u>tjohnson@lifecenters.com</u> or (317) 968-9134.



#### **Give**

We operate solely on the financial contributions of individuals, churches, and like-minded organizations without government funds.

Give online at <u>LifeCenters.com</u> or send a check to our administration office located at: 3901 W. 86th Street, Suite 111, Indianapolis, IN 46268.



## **Board Member Update**



Janell Shaffer

Life Centers has a new board member! Janell Shaffer is the Principal at BSC Strategies where she does Strategic Business Consulting. She is experienced with big data, analytics, user adoption, and digital strategy. Janell is a Kelly School of Business grad. She and her husband Brad have

been married for 24 years and have 4 children: Drew (22), Nick (20), Molly (17), and Meg (15). They attend a start-up church, Antioch Indy. Janell is very excited to serve with Life Centers.

### **Classes For Clients**

At Life Centers, we are always striving to help our clients make good changes in their lives. To help facilitate these changes, we held our first EVER classes in October and November. The classes were made available to all of our clients, free of charge.



The name of the class was "Healthy Relationships" and it was led by Alisa Knoll, a former center director, and now Director of Community Partnerships for Creating Positive Relationships. The class met five consecutive Tuesday evenings at our downtown center. The goal of the class was to teach the young women (clients) what a positive/healthy relationship looks like and how to foster them.

#### **Positive Feedback From Clients:**

"I've learned that it's very important to have good communication. I also learned that it's important to get to know each other before moving forward." — Class Member

"This has impacted a great deal because I can now see the true benefits of having a healthy relationship. I truly understand what it takes to be in a healthy relationship. This class means a lot to me. I hope that there are other classes in the future." — Class Member

## **2018 Ministry Stats**



Women & **Babies Served** 



Free



Spiritual



Ultrasounds Given



**Babies** Born

#### **Support Services In 2018**

Support services are growing in our ministry. After birth we continue to support our clients by providing practical help with material needs, such as diapers, clothing, and wipes.

#### We Provided:

966 baby bundles

1,484 tiny tot packages

\$193,962.96

total value in support service giving

Each of these baby bundles and tiny tot packages provide us an opportunity to share God's love and provision with the client. Lives are being surrendered to Christ and clients are building a relationship with Jesus because of the conversations we are having with them during their visits. There is a person and a story behind each of these numbers!

### You Can Help Us With Support Services!

Life Centers has an Amazon Wish List that lists exactly the items we need to make Baby Bundles and Tiny Tot packages. These are given to expectant mothers and mothers who have young children. When you shop for baby items with Life Centers' Amazon Wish List you can have items shipped directly to our center instead of dropping off items yourself. Visit <u>lifecenters.com/give/</u> MoreWaysToGive for a direct link to our Amazon Wish List.



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# Spring 2019 **Ministry Update**

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



## Thank you notes from our visitors to you!

Dear donor(s).

Thank you so much for blessing me and countless other women. I so appreciate your prayers, time, thoughts, and support. The shandmade baby blanket is definitely samething I will treasure!

Many blessings,

Thank you for the Help we get from you all I Appreciate The Prayer I Reeps me motivated When someone Pray for me and my family 00

this is the second time you helping me with no questions asked. thank you and God for this place because without you guys id and prease continue the exceptent

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