



# THE pregnancy care center OF ROCKFORD

**THANKS TO YOUR KINDNESS AND SUPPORT WE HAVE BEEN OFFERING HELP & HOPE TO ALL FOR 36 YEARS! HERE IS A LITTLE OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO!**

## SUMMER CELEBRATION

On Saturday, August 3rd, The PCC welcomed 360 people from the community to receive free clothes, diapers, backpacks filled with school supplies, raffle items, family pictures, and much more!



Board members Anita and Cheryl along with event volunteer Cam ready and waiting to serve snacks and food provided by Chick-fil-a!



Photographers Isaac and Patty came to take family photos and hair stylists Nicole and Deanna came to do kids' haircuts.



Massage Therapist Jena, and balloon artist Terre donating their time.



Thank you Food 4 Fuel for coming out and providing fruit!



Penny from Safe Kids Winnebago giving a car seat safety demo.



# A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TRACY BREIT

## STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD 2019-2020



What are your strengths? What are your passions? What is your purpose?

These are questions I was asked recently at a conference for Executive Directors of pregnancy resource centers from around the country. Save the Storks generously gifted me with this amazing experience, and it was an incredible week of intense training but also rejuvenating for my soul. The work we do at The Pregnancy Care Center day in and day out can be hard, but I have found that I LOVE it! The work we do and the impact our center can make on our community is incredible. At this conference I figured out more about myself- I truly believe growing in self-awareness is a crucial part of growing as a leader. As I ponder the questions previously stated, the speaker who posed them helped us all to realize that the place where our strengths and our passions intersect is where our purpose most beautifully plays out. Before becoming director here, I worked for 15 years with junior high and high school students and I always thought students were my passion. However, God has shown me the passion I had for students was more about them knowing their value and their worth. I know a strength of mine is simply being a relational person, someone who can connect with others in a real and authentic way. So combine that strength and the passion for others to know their worth and wah-lah...there is my purpose. I believe God continues to use me to build relationships with people in order for them to know they have worth and to feel valued, and ultimately that is because of the price Jesus Christ paid for each of us on the cross. The value of life is difficult to describe, but at The Pregnancy Care Center that is what we stand for! We believe EVERY life has value. From the moment of conception there is life and that life has value! I am so thankful for the opportunity to work at an organization that is all about showing every person that walks through our doors that they are worthy and deserve to be treated as such. So, what is your purpose? How does God want to use you this

week to show someone else their value or the value of the life that is within them? Go and be a light in our world!

Continually growing,

*Tracy Breit*



The view from my room at the conference, surrounded by God's creation displaying His Majesty.



Nicole Belonger



Ella Hermansen



Ellie Schneider



Maisie Dausman



Jenna Swanson



Trevor Swanson

In September we welcomed a brand new Student Advisory Board. After applications were received and students interviewed with Executive Director Tracy and Advisory Board Leader Christiana Belonger, the 6 students above were chosen! These students meet monthly to learn more about non-profit board leadership and grow in their own leadership skills. This awesome team is already planning their own fundraising event and were a huge help at our Hike for Life. They will also be a part of our annual Celebrate Life Banquet in the spring. Congratulations, Nicole, Ella, Ellie, Maisie, Trevor and Jenna! We are so glad to have you as a part of our Student Advisory Board!



#GivingTuesday is a global giving movement that has been built by individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities in all 50 states and in countries around the world. Millions of people have come together to support and champion the causes they believe in and the communities in which they live. This year, our goal is to raise \$5000 on #GivingTuesday2019. Help us reach our goal by visiting [www.thepregnancycarecenter.org/giving-tuesday](http://www.thepregnancycarecenter.org/giving-tuesday) and follow the instructions if you would like to be a part of the millions that choose to give back on #GivingTuesday2019. Thank you for your consideration!



# HIKE FOR LIFE

On Saturday, September 28th, over 300 people gathered at the Midway Village Walking Path to honor and celebrate the beauty of life. Thank you to every single person that came and hiked, every person that volunteered to make it such a great success, and every person that donated. Our amazing community and supporters raised over \$57,000 so that The PCC can continue to bring help and hope to those facing an unplanned pregnancy by offering our services to our clients free of charge.



Executive Director Tracy found herself in the dunk tank!



Thank you to our sponsors!



Even Spider Man stopped by to say hi to the kids!



Musician Ryan Brown joined by Maggie Wiebe



Huge thanks to Bob Fleischmann from Reflex DJ Service for donating his time and equipment and providing sound for our event!





# 2019

Top Fundraising Individual-  
Ellie Schneider

Top Fundraising School/Youth Organization-  
Hallstrom Homeschool Co-Op

Top Fundraising Team-  
Rock Valley Bible Church



These students raised nearly \$20,000!!



The Geaschel Family brought out several of their animals for a petting zoo!



Food 4 Fuel and Chick-fil-a provided breakfast for the hikers. Yum! Not pictured: Mary's Market cookies, Meg's coffee, and Edward's Apples.



Thank you Ladder 5 Fire Station & Rockford Police for coming!



Thank you to Joanna Kay Photography for the photos!





We are thrilled to announce that we have hired Trey Brown as our Director of Male Education!

The classroom is not a new space for him. Trey comes with 18 years of education experience as a teacher, administrator, and researcher. Trey is an author and has a Ph. D in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis. Trey has jumped right in leading the Positive Choices Guy Groups in our schools and this year we have groups in 7 schools and he has already grown his team of male volunteers to go with him! Trey is looking forward to using his gifts to glorify God and we are thankful to have him as part of our team!

Trey will also be pushing into the area of male mentoring in the center with new dads, as we know our community has a great need for this! We want to empower new dads to feel capable of being good fathers, as well as, create a space for them to express some of their own fears and anxieties!

Trey is an avid sports fan that cheers for the Bears, Cubs, Wisconsin Badgers, and in Alabama it's War Eagle (Auburn University)! When the weather is right, he loves a round of golf, but more recently he is enjoying spending his free time at The Rock River House of Prayer Ministries.

Ana and her husband have a young daughter, and at the beginning of 2019 they found out Ana was unexpectedly pregnant with their second baby. Her husband was temporarily out of work due to an accident, and money was tight. Understandably, Ana felt like she needed some extra support, so she signed up for our Countdown To Parenthood program. While engaging with services at the care center, she also was interested in our Doula Services that offer labor and delivery support. On September 28th, Brittney (the center doula) was able to provide those services to Ana and her husband when they welcomed their sweet baby boy, Lucas, into the world! A doula can help talk through a birth plan and prepare women for labor as well as be emotional support during the delivery. It really is such a beautiful thing we are able to offer to our clients.

Ana says, "Going there and meeting with Barb [my mentor] and Brittney was very helpful spiritually and emotionally as well. Just knowing there are people that care and are willing to help is amazing. It helped me keep calm through my pregnancy and delivery." She said that at first, she felt like she shouldn't be receiving these services because her family has always been able to take care of what they need on their own. But after reaching out for help in a time of need, her family was able to find the love, care, and support they needed and welcomed an amazing little gift into their family!

Ana is a beautiful example of how anyone can find themselves in a situation they weren't expecting and our services have no qualifiers. We want to bring help and hope to anyone interested and shower them with love and grace--that's what we are here for!



Sweet Baby Lucas...just look at that face!

## GIFTS GIVEN...

Rachel Lundberg in honor of Wesley Lundberg in memory of Grandpa Richard Snow

Catherine Wilcox in memory of Grace Guerrera

Michael & Mary Ann Abate  
Michael and Kay Cauanagh  
Stephen & Mary Casper  
Michelle Coole  
Pat & Marion Coole  
Robert & Denise Grzelak  
Mark & Theresa Hiser  
Tom & Louise Mohr  
Bill & Kate Ordway  
John & Marilyn Paladio  
Sheila Snider

Tom & Lynn Splinter  
in memory of Nancy Coole

# WE HAVE MUCH TO BE GRATEFUL FOR...



Big thank you to Rachel and her son Wesley! Rachel used her own pregnancy to help raise awareness and financial support for The PCC.

Thank you so much to Cornerstone Family Church in Byron for the huge donation! We are so blown away and thankful for what you gathered for us at your VBS!



So grateful for the sweet group known as Nimble Fingers! They knit and quilt beautiful handmade blankets and hats for our clients to enjoy. Thanks for the donations!

Huge thank you to everyone that donated diapers, wipes, clothes, backpacks and school supplies for our summer celebration! We were able to give so much to families with young children in our community because of your generosity!



We are so thankful to be the non-profit organization in the Advantage Club Originals chamber group. They hosted an event and we received enough toilet paper from it to keep us stocked for the foreseeable future!

We put out a request for paper towels, and received several donations. Thank you!



Thanks so much to the group from Morning Star Church for getting some much needed yard work done this summer—even in the rain! St. Mary's/St. Patrick's Youth Group from Durand is signed up to come next! THANK YOU!



Thanks to Doug Price and his incredible team at Midwest Mailworks for donating the mailing of this newsletter!