# **MOTHER AND UNBORN BABY CARE**

## **NEWS**



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### **JACK'S JOURNAL FROM OUR CHAIRMAN**



Dear Friends of MAUBC.

Happy New Year and best wishes for an abundant increase in holiness and prosperity!

As we start anew in 2019, our 35th year of operation, we thank God for his blessings and for smiling down on us. It is indeed a great blessing for us to have Mother and Unborn Baby Care in our midst, an entity that radiates light and hope.

Where else is there a charity where we know that whatever we contribute in service or funds goes directly to saving the most vulnerable among us?

What other organization most assuredly represents the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, calming and guiding desperate women struggling with the gravest personal crises of their lives? And feels our Blessed Mother's presence working alongside, saving these women from acting against their motherly natures?

You made 2018 a splendid year for our ministry. Through God's grace and the work of our staff and volunteers, we confirmed more than 100 babies saved from abortion.

You, our committed and faithful supporters, were most generous, supporting new investments that allow us to attract and serve more women in need. Thank you! This year, with God's help and your continued support, we hope to increase our ability to draw more clients and save at least 130 babies.

In December, we held the joyful Dedication Ceremony for our new ultrasound machine, so generously donated by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and an anonymous donor through District 27 and the Fr. Dolan Council #3170.



Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for our new ultrasound machine!

We are grateful for our new machine, equipped with updated technology that provides greater clarity for mothers to see living proof of their developing infants.

Special thanks to Father David Buersmeyer, Pastor of St. Regis, for joining us at the dedication, blessing our new machine and leading us in prayer for its fruitful use in our work to save vulnerable lives.

We also recently welcomed three new members to the Board of Directors: Ms. Laura Dysarz, a parishioner at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Mr. John Everly from St. Regis, and Mr. Dennis Fassett, a St. Hugo parishioner. They bring a great deal of experience and energy to further the cause of life. We are thankful for their desire to serve and look forward to their contributions to our ministry.

Our Spring Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 25 at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. It will be an extra-special night as we celebrate MAUBC's anniversary and our dedicated founders, Peggy and Mike O'Dea. There is no more life-honoring couple than the O'Deas, and we hope that all our supporters will be able to join us for this evening-of-a-lifetime on Easter Thursday.

We are blessed to feature internationally acclaimed Irish Tenor Mark Forrest at the Banquet. In addition to singing, Mark will inspire us all as he shares his own pro-life story.

Thank you again for living and promoting the cause of LIFE.

Jack McGrath

Founded in 1984, Mother and Unborn Baby Care is a private, non-profit organization that is dedicated to protecting mothers and babies from abortion through Christ-centered peer counseling, ultrasound and material support. To learn more, visit **www.maubc.org**.

#### **NANCY'S NOTES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Thank you for an incredible year!
The entire MAUBC team is filled with gratitude for your support, which protected 109 mothers (that we know of) from the false promises of "choice" and spared their unborn children. In addition, you have helped our ministry grow in ways that will change even more lives in 2019.

Our new Samsung ultrasound, provided by the Knights of Columbus and an extremely generous anonymous donor, even more clearly displays to our mothers the tiny baby and fastthumping heart within them.



A beaming mother makes our day visiting with her 9-day-old baby.

The new advertising we began last summer is reaching more young women in crisis so we can offer life-affirming options. We are planning to invest more into this much-needed outreach.

St. Patrick Church, Our Lady of Refuge, Shrine of the Little Flower, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and many individuals provided plentiful Christmas donations of baby clothing, diapers, toys and more. You are making our moms feel special with all the beautiful and essential items for their babies.



Christina stocks the Baby Boutique with Giving Tree donations.



You allowed us to assist 523 women with a variety of services during 785 visits in 2018. MAUBC also could not have met these needs without the kind hearts and helping hands of our dedicated volunteers, who together donated an amazing 3,500 hours of service.



Volunteer Donna talks with an adorable visitor.

There are many ways to help in early 2019. Here are just a few:

Do you shop at Kroger? Currently, 31 individuals and families raise funds for MAUBC each quarter through the Community Rewards program. To enroll, please visit Kroger.com and select MAUBC by inputting our new organization code VQ634. Then, simply show or swipe your card at checkout.

Join us for our 35th annual Spring Banquet – Life in Bloom – on Thursday, April 25 at St. Mary's Cultural Center. We look forward to honoring our founders, the O'Deas, who are still highly engaged in our mission.

Tickets and table sponsorships are available at www.maubc.org or by calling 248.559.7576.

Can you spare a few minutes to help save lives by giving us a 5-star online review? If you are on Facebook or have a Gmail or Yahoo email address, please contact us for all the details.

Thank you for walking with us in our mission!

Nancy Peterson

Dine for Dollars Fundraiser at Shield's in Troy
SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11am - 11pm



Shield's will donate 20% of your order to MAUBC! Dine in or carry out.

Must present flyer to qualify. Request a copy today at nancy@maubc.org!

#### **CHRISTINA'S CORNER DIRECTOR OF CLIENT SERVICES**

Over the past year, our ministry was blessed with the opportunity to serve more women, change more hearts and save many more lives.

Although none of this work would be possible without your financial support and prayers, we know that all of the glory ultimately belongs to God. We now thank God ahead of time for all of the beautiful work he will do through us in 2019.



This sweet mom was excited to have us meet her little girl.

We are working harder to reach more abortion-minded women and asking the Holy Spirit to guide our words and actions when they come to our center.

We have grown in our ability to evangelize to the women we serve as we realize how they are coming from a place of fear, brokenness and despair when they are considering abortion.



This bouncing baby's ultrasound images quickly changed the mother's heart from fear to joy.

Already this year, we've had several women who were considering abortion choose life for their babies. One mom that I counseled especially comes to mind. As I sat with her, she said repeatedly, "I can't do this. I'm not ready to be a mom." After seeing her baby bouncing around on our new ultrasound screen, she was overjoyed and left with pictures, a baby blanket and a huge smile!

Just as Jesus does for each of us as sinners, we share the truth with love and show these moms that there is a different and better way.

Depending on the individual woman, it may be the peer counseling, ultrasound or material support that causes the change of heart. Ultimately, it is their bravery and willingness to hear God's voice that allows them to say "Yes" to life.

If you would like to donate items for the Baby Boutique, please see our wish list below. Or, you can order items to be shipped directly to us via Amazon.com – click on Baby Registry and search for Mother and Unborn Baby Care. We especially need pack n' plays and small clothing. Thank you!



We appreciate all those who keep our ministry in your prayers at home or come to pray in our on-site chapel.

On a personal note, I'm excited to share that my husband, Mike, and I

welcomed our daughter, Veronica Mary, on Jan. 29! I plan to return in early March



working part-time as the Director of Client Services. We look forward to having you meet her at the Spring Banquet in April!

Christina Marchetti

## **Charitable Giving**

## More options under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

- Make gifts of cash, deductible up to 60% of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) if itemizing.
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- If you are over 70 ½ years, contribute your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA without tax liability.
- Make gifts that pay you income through Charitable Gift Annuities.
- Designate a charity as a beneficiary of your trust, IRA or life insurance.
- Bunching gifts, with a larger gift made in one year followed by a year of standard deductions, allows itemization.

For more information: Nancy Peterson, Executive Director | (248) 559-7576 | nancy@maubc.org



35th Annual Spring Banquet

Honoring our founders, Mike and Peggy O'Dea



Thursday, April 25, 2019 6:00-9:00 PM St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia



Featuring Mark Forrest: Internationally acclaimed Irish tenor and pro-life speaker

Tickets: \$75. Call (248) 559-7576. www.maubc.org





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