# MOTHER AND UNBORN BABY CARE NEWS





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Mother and Unborn Baby Care

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

Dear friends and benefactors,

Last month, we celebrated Mother's Day. How wonderful and indispensable our mothers are! My own dear mother was a kind and gentle woman with a deep and abiding faith. She wished for many things and maintained a trust and faith in God that never ceased. What a legacy and example!

When I think of all the mothers whom we have served and how joyful and thankful they are when their new babies finally arrive, I thank God for Mother and Unborn Baby Care. Without this organization, they most probably would have made a decision they would regret the rest of their lives. Without your role in our mission, their babies would not have survived.

May is the month of Mary, and June is the month of the Sacred Heart – both beautiful months, when new life and faith spring forth and grow. Mary is our Mother, Patroness and Protectress. She and the Sacred Heart of her Divine Son love what we do here.

At one of our mini, half-day retreats, Fr. Lorenzo Gomez told us that if we save just one life, all our efforts would be worth it. Already this year, we have confirmed dozens of babies saved from abortion. This is a tribute to the work of our first responders, sonographers and peer counselors. Thank you for your competencies, skill and dedication.

I'd also like to recognize a quiet hero – Dr. Dennis Vollman, D.O. Dr. Vollman has volunteered for more than 10 years to read all of our ultrasound scans in order to support women in choosing life for their babies. I was honored to present him with a Papal Blessing at our 34th annual Spring Banquet on April 19th.



Dr. Dennis Vollman, who for 10 years has read our ultrasound scans, received a Papal Blessing at the Spring Banquet.

Speaking of heroes... During his inspiring and motivational keynote talk at the banquet, Fr. Frank Pavone reminded us that the right to life at the moment of conception is fundamental to all rights. Without it, all the other rights are academic. We can never do enough to promote and honor this great right. There is no excuse. We have our precious gift of faith, the inspired word of God and great leaders like Fr. Pavone and Fr. Gomez.

Remember, we may suffer great pain, fear and anxiety, but these pale in comparison to what our clients face. Many times, they want desperately to escape the pain of shame, as well. It is becoming more difficult to reach women in problem pregnancies now, before they obtain and make use of an abortifacient. May God give us the wisdom, creativity and imagination to address this challenge!

We hope to find new and better ways to reach mothers and to show them that the abortion choice never pays, though it may seem temporarily convenient; it is the decisions in harmony with God's design that are the right ones. To make this happen, we are so blessed to have a wonderful base of volunteers, a dedicated staff and generous contributors.

Your outpouring of support is allowing new life to spring forth and grow. We love celebrating "Life in Bloom" with you.

May God bless all of you for your convictions and graciousness!

Jack McGrath

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

When it comes to the issue of abortion, it truly takes a community working together to save lives. I am amazed at how blessed Mother and Unborn Baby Care is to have such a generous and hope-filled pro-life community. Almost daily, the doorbell rings and we receive donations that are greatly needed. You surround us with the prayer, knowledge and resources needed to help so many expectant mothers who are considering a tragic choice.

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The Knights from St. Gerald Council 13673 raised \$1,500 for us at their pancake breakfast. Thank you to Grand Knight Fred Gerometta (pictured) and Tom McPhail for making our day.

We love to have members of our community stop by and see first-hand how their support saves lives, or lend a hand (or many hands)!



For "Be the Difference Day" in April, 15 Bishop Foley High School students provided lots of spring clean-up and baby boutique assistance.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to every individual, school group, church and Knights of Columbus council for the lifesaving difference you are making here at the center.



Our peer counselors love to meet and cuddle with babies saved from abortion.

In April, our 34th annual Spring Banquet took place at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia, raising funds that will forever impact many lives. Thanks to everyone who attended, sponsored or hosted a table, made a donation or bid on silent auction items. You made the evening a big success!



More than 330 guests attended our Spring "Life in Bloom" Banquet, raising funds to save more lives.

Among the banquet highlights was the story of our client Karlita, who was abortion-determined before a sidewalk counselor gave her hope and brought her to our center. Thanks to videographer Michael Moreland for helping us share her story. To view the video, visit maubc.org. We also invite you to check out the event photo gallery, courtesy of photographer Pat Gloria, at https://bit.ly/2seYu1f.



Karlita and Majesty's lives were forever changed through your compassionate support.

With a goal of helping as many women and unborn children as possible, currently, we are seeking opportunities to reach more abortion-minded clients through cutting-edge online advertising. If you can help, please reach out.



*Diane knit and crocheted 35 beautiful blankets to keep babies warm and cozy.* 

We can't say it enough – thank you for the many ways you surround MAUBC with prayer, hands-on support and financial and material donations so that we are well-prepared to meet our clients' needs!

#### Nancy Peterson

P.S. Please save the date for our Fall Banquet on Thursday, Nov. 15 in Troy!

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

When a woman comes to see us, she knows us as the Problem Pregnancy Center. We have to be competitive with the local abortion clinics by advertising online so that women who are shopping for abortions can find us instead.

When they call our hotline, we explain the importance of receiving an ultrasound and information before making a permanent choice.

Although many women find us online, occasionally, there are those who drive by and see the large, pink sign outside of our building.



Beacon of hope: Our sign brings in occasional walk-in clients.

Recently, we had a woman who came into our center requesting an abortion after seeing our sign while traveling on Southfield Road. She was offered a free ultrasound but agreed to first meet with a peer counselor.



The Intake Form of a recent walk-in client indicated that she was abortiondetermined.

After 30 minutes, she came out of the counseling room, looked at our staff, and said, "I drove past your center today, and I thought you were an abortion clinic. I was planning on having an abortion, and I was hoping I could get it done today. After having a conversation about it with you guys, I realized that I don't want to end my pregnancy. I am going to have my baby. I am so thankful I came here today."

And to our further delight, she added: "Anytime I meet a woman who is considering abortion, I am going to send her to you!"



A recent visit from one of our joyful moms who chose life for her baby.

Wow! This impact was made before the woman even had her ultrasound scan. We are so thankful that the Holy Spirit prompts these women to come to our center for care so that we may share the truth with them.

Knowledge is empowering to women considering abortion, and as a result, lives are saved every week!

Sometimes when a woman leaves our center, she is still determined to have an abortion. Even after all of the support and information, she may still be feeling like there is no other option. That was the case with Amanda\*, whose ultrasound was done at about 15 weeks. We shared this on Facebook, and so many of you responded with prayers.



Your prayers helped save this unborn child, shown at 15 weeks.

She left us determined to abort but then texted us a week later, saying:

"I decided to put this in God's hands and pray for the best. Thanks again for everything."

We were thrilled to confirm that she meant she was choosing life. Thank you for all of the prayers!

If you would like to stop by to pray in our chapel for the clients coming in on most any weekday, please let us know.

So far this year, we have confirmed 50 saves and look forward to many more lives changed this summer!

Christina Marchetti

P.S. For more recent stories and prayer requests, please visit our Facebook page!

#### \*Name changed

Mother and Unborn Baby care is a non-profit organization located in Southfield, Mich., that is dedicated to protecting mothers and babies from abortion. Since 1984, MAUBC has assisted more than 29,000 women in crisis pregnancies through Christ-centered peer counseling, ultrasound and material support. *To learn more, visit www.maubc.org.* 

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What a blessing! Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (left) and St. Regis (right) held Baby Showers for us, collecting three car-loads of diapers, wipes, clothing, car seats and monetary donations. Thank you for making a lifesaving difference!





# Summer Needs

STROLLERS- CRIBS- PACK N' PLAYS **BOTTLES-BIBS-PACIFIERS CRIB SHEETS-NEWBORN CLOTHING 0-3 MONTH CLOTHING- DIAPER BAGS** SIZE 1 DIAPERS- SOCKS- BABY WASH **BABY LOTION- BABY TOWELS** 

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