

LIFE'S CONNECTION  
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#### SERVICES

- One on One mentoring for individual and crisis support
- Resources and Referrals for support
- Divorce support group class
- Grief Support group
- Parenting programs
- Miscarriage and baby loss support program
- Families with special needs children referrals
- CARE Program for Pregnancy resource and support
- ♦ Free pregnancy testing

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## It's A Wonderful Life!—Waukesha here we are!



On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the day Pope Francis opened the doors to Jubilee Year of Mercy, Life's Connection officially opened its doors to Waukesha, complete with a ribbon cutting ceremony and champagne! It has been a whirl wind of a journey and God has blessed us in more ways that we could have imagined. Over a year ago, a few board members and some of the staff walked up and down Main St. in Waukesha looking for a place to rent for our branch location. We found a large but discreet empty building located a few

doors down from Planned Parenthood. After a couple months of fundraising for the down payment, we had purchased the building. Our next step was to renovate. Thanks to a very generous donors, we were able to build two counseling rooms, a baby boutique, an ultrasound suite, and several work spaces for our staff. The LC staff and several volunteers worked day and night to move furniture in and clean the center. The new coat of paint was barely dry when, after celebrating Mass at St. Mary's in Waukesha, our Director and founder cut the red ribbon to officially open our doors to the center. The next day, three very young women walked in seeking help. Their GPS had taken them right to us when they looked up Planned Parenthood. Not one day after opening were three young girls' lives changed. We owe this all to the grace of God and your help. Thank you for bringing us to Waukesha to help serve everyone in our community.

We also celebrated our new location with "It's A Wonderful Life Gala" with Father Rocky and Steve "The Homer True" as our guest speaker and auctioneer! A beautiful evening was had by all as we celebrated and supported our new location in downtown Waukesha. Join us for a tour of the center by calling 262-470-3119 or 262-290-LIFE!



# Memorial to the Unborn

One of our programs at Life's Connection addresses the needs of the families who suffer from a miscarriage, stillbirth, or newborn loss. Several of our HOPE boxes have been sent out all over the country to bring healing to these grieving families. It was decided that we needed to build memorials in honor of these "little flowers lent, not given, to bud on earth, and bloom in heaven". Many times and for different reasons, after a miscarriage the remains of the child cannot be kept and the parents are left "empty handed" with their grief. This memorial provides a place for parents to go and visit their child they lost and to seek healing and closure. St. Peter's Cemetery has partnered with us in making this a possibility! A beautiful headstone is being made that will be flanked by bricks that have the names of the loved ones etched onto the surface. One woman, who lost her daughter two days after delivery in New York, is grateful that she could have a place to "visit and honor her daughter" here in Wisconsin. This memorial will honor these "little flowers" who, although are not with us today, are never forgotten in the hearts and minds of their family.

## Volunteers

Over the months we have seen many wonderful volunteers come in and donate their time to Life's Connection. From building up our Waukesha location to trimming our Christmas tree, we are so grateful to have so many loving hearts who share our mission in building strong families in our community. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your hard work!

"Let the children come to me..." Luke 18:16



## Showered with Love



In October, the Mukwonago Walmart and Pick n' Save hosted our first annual Stuff the Crib Event to help stock our Baby Boutique. This community engaging activity helped stock our boutique with clothes, mittens, coats, bottles, shampoo, lotion, and over 1000 diapers!! One of our younger volunteers who came to help collect the items was approached by a high school friend. His friend asked him who we were and what we were doing. When he heard about our mission, he pulled out his wallet and handed us a \$20 donation and left saying "You guys are doing good work. Keep it up!" How blessed we are to have such a supportive community!

In November the LDS Church in Wales Wisconsin held a beautiful baby shower for LC! The evening was wonderful, filled with loving hospitality and generosity! What a blessing these ladies are and with their help we received over 100 much needed baby items!

## Hope Healing and Growth

Many of you might remember our appeal letter from last Christmas with the story of baby Juli. Her mother was going to have an abortion but chose life for her child. She has continued to come in for classes and to talk about their day to day life. At our last meeting, Juli's mom was reminiscing about this past year and couldn't

believe how much her life had changed. Since coming to Life's Connection, she had ended a bad relationship, gotten a job and a house, gone back to church, and started saving money for her daughter to attend a private school by the time she is four. She plans to teach her daughter about healthy

relationships and wants her to grow in her faith. Juli's mom continues to grow in her faith too. Praise God for his wonderful work in her life!



### ~Message from the Director~

*Dear friends,*

*Christmas is certainly a season for rejoicing in the birth of our Savior! At Life's Connection, we have so much to Rejoice in this year! God is good as we had over 1500 visits to the center and guided us in the founding of our second center. It began with a \$35,000 donation from our local Knights of Columbus group for down payment on a building in Waukesha. We also rejoiced in the fundraising effort from other Knights groups in the purchase of a new ultrasound machine! We received some very extravagant monetary gifts that allowed us to remodel our second location. We rejoiced in all of this but God showered us with more blessings. Numerous mission minded individuals came together to design and remodel the center for free or at greatly reduced prices. These blessings were very much needed and allowed Life's Connection to create a work of art and work of love that will provide a comforting place of hope and healing for all the families that enter our doors.*

*Why are these gifts so important? It is obvious, yes...but it transforms into saving lives. This saving of lives is not only the babies, but that of his mother and father who will not spend a lifetime living in regret ...and enjoying LIFE this Christmas!*

*And that they do! I have never had one mom or dad that regretted the choice of bringing their child into the world. They just needed help and support from our staff at Life's Connection. Our staff lovingly cares for and educates these families who are in the most need. They give them hope. They are there for them always and moms depend on them to mentor them in building a strong family. Our staff is by far the best trained and most loving group you will meet! They save lives every single day in the work they do and our clients are transformed. For this we are rejoicing.*

*Please consider partnering with us and join us in rejoicing! 2016 is going to be a busy one and challenging. We are growing and will serve twice as many families.*

*You can give a gift of prayer, of donated items and of monetary donations. These gift allow us to do the work we do and we can not do it without! Thank you for making 2015 a one to REJOICE in! Together we are doing God's work.*

*Krys*



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### Individual mentoring and referral program

- ◆ Crisis
- ◆ Adoption specialist
- ◆ Fertility and infertility
- ◆ Miscarriage
- ◆ Loss of a loved one
- ◆ Disease and illness
- ◆ Marriage and family
- ◆ Parents expecting a child with special needs
- ◆ More!



### Group programs

- ◆ Rainbow Grief Program-12 week program
- ◆ Divorce program - 12 week program
- ◆ Home advantage discussion group
- ◆ Miscarriage spiritual support: 5 week program

### CARE Program - Pregnancy support

- ◆ Free Pregnancy testing
- ◆ Parenting classes
- ◆ Baby Care Class
- ◆ Pregnancy, Labor and Delivery class
- ◆ Prenatal yoga
- ◆ Learn and Earn pregnancy support
- ◆ Healthy Pregnancy referrals
- ◆ Baby Boutique onsite

### Raising Children with Integrity

- The 6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make: A Guide for Teens Series
- The Princess Within
- The Knight Within
- Theology of the Body for Middle Schoolers and Teens

### Special Needs Children Support and Referral program

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## Ways you can help !

Life's Connection is a nonprofit organization and all programs and services are offered free or for a small fee. We are looking for support from individuals, churches and businesses to carry on our positive community work. Following are ways you can help us reach out to our community!

*There is no greater investment than in that of a family and their child! !*



- ◆ Volunteer
- ◆ Donate: baby items
- ◆ Host a baby shower from your organization or church
- ◆ Host a fundraiser
- ◆ Make a monthly pledge to our center
- ◆ **ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE:** Your specific donation will allow us to provide ultrasound services at our center!
- ◆ **Become a Lifeline Benefactor:** There are three levels of participation that provide a strong financial foundation for LC. A yearly dinner of thanksgiving offered to our benefactor.

#### **"Life-Line" level: \$5,000 and above**

*This level will help us in long term funding that will provide a "life-line" to those who need us.*

#### **"Life-Saver" level: \$1,000 - \$4,999**

*This level will help allow for program and advertising needs throughout the year. Become a "life-saver" to many!*

#### **"Life-Connection" level: \$500 - \$999**

*Help us make a "life-connection" to families, moms and babies who need a "place to turn" for support.*

#### **DONATE ONLINE AT:**

<http://lifescconnection.org/donate.html> or by mail to  
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