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The Heart of a Young Woman Who Chose LIFE!

What do you see when you look at me? You probably see an average high-school senior getting ready for her first experience away from home. What you would not guess is that I am 24 weeks pregnant.

I grew up in an extremely strict, faith-oriented family and relied on the power of prayer during my most difficult times. Over the past four years, I have experienced and overcome a car accident, arthritis, extreme depression, self harm, a failed suicide attempt, a physical assault, and being a caregiver for my disabled mother, all while attempting to earn an IB Diploma from Catholic Memorial High School. I thought that I had faced the hardest of all challenges and was certain I could handle anything thrown my way. However, nothing prepared me for this day. On January 4th, 2016 I found out I was 4 weeks pregnant. Sitting in the Walmart bathroom, I grasped what seemed like 100 pregnancy tests and felt my heart sink as a second line appeared on each one. When I got home, I immediately began to look up local abortion clinics, methods, and costs until I realized that there was no way I could afford this \$800 or more procedure. However, I knew that this was cheaper and more convenient at the time than raising a child so I scraped together any money I could find.

I felt terrified, isolated, and trapped so I turned to a close friend for help. She begged me to meet her friend who may have a solution. At this point, I was terrified that she would be taking me to the back of an alley for a cheap, unsafe abortion like something from a horror story. Although I was hesitant, I felt a sudden reassurance and agreed to go. Thankfully, I was directed to Life's Connection.

Walking in the next day, I was convinced that they would judge me for my mistake, like most people would. Again, I was wrong about my assumption but was still fixed on abortion. Life's Connection gave me a bag full of pamphlets, vitamins, and pictures of my "baby", which at the time just looked like an empty circle. I felt no connection to this child and was still set on abortion. Despite my decision to have an abortion, they still offered support every step of the way.

Over the next few weeks, I went to Life's Connection for solely expecting counseling, but received so much more. They informed me about every option, including the terrifying risks of abortion, which I was not previously aware of. The women at Life's Connection provided everything I needed from pamphlets to prayers. However, it wasn't until they asked me, "Who are you really doing this for?" that I realized I had made a huge mistake, worse than getting pregnant. In today's society, teens are shamed by just about everyone for becoming pregnant unintentionally and at such a young age. The father of this baby told me to get an abortion because of all the social, emotional, physical, and financial consequences of our situation. It wasn't until Krys asked me, "Who are you doing this for?" that I realized I was doing this for the father, ironically enough claimed to be pro-life. I also realized that he was only saying this to protect himself, not looking at my wellbeing. At that meeting, I chose life, not because anyone else wanted me to, but because I knew this is what I wanted.

If it hadn't been for Life's Connection, I would have ended the life of my daughter before she even had the chance to live life on her own. In that moment, I would have taken away every dress-up party, play date, and prom for her and felt ashamed of myself. I knew the father would not help if I made this decision, but I also knew that I would not be alone.

The women at Life's Connection continued to support me and provided me with an adoption agency, prospective families, pregnancy classes, mommy money, and an entire support network. However, they connected me to one more person, and perhaps the most important person, my daughter. Throughout the weekly ultrasounds, I watched my little girl grow from what appeared to be a tiny empty circle with a little heartbeat to a baby!

In a world consumed with corruption and catastrophe, it almost seems...*continued on next page.*

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...impossible to find someone who will genuinely love and support others without looking for personal gains. However, when we do encounter those rare few, we want to keep and treasure them for the rest of our lives. We want to make them part of our family. I have been extremely blessed with Life's Connection and all of the people associated with them. Their selfless compassion, humbleness, and never-ending generosity reassured me that I am not alone and will never have to be. This also insured me that my little girl will always have a family to support, love, and nourish her. She will always have Life's Connection.

Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Infant Loss

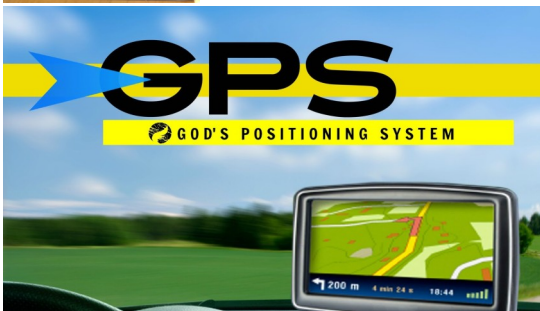


Last fall, Life's Connection designed and then collaborated with St. Peter's Catholic Church Cemetery to bring a sacred site where mothers and fathers who have suffered any loss of an infant can come to mourn their beloved child. By recognizing these loss', we celebrate the dignity of every human being and bring closure to those grieving the loss of their baby. Part 2 of the plan can now take place. Those who would like to recognize the loss of a child from miscarriage, still birth, abortion, or infant/child loss can purchase a brick for \$40 and have the name of their child inscribed in it. The brick will then be placed in front of the tomb in remembrance. This is one aspect of our miscarriage program that also helps parents bury the remains of their child by giving a burial vessel and HOPE box to the couple and making funeral service arrangements. Holy Cross and St. Jerome's Cemetery in Oconomowoc are working with Life's Connection and reserved places for the burial of these children. Call 262-470-3119 for a remembrance brick or support.



LC has sent 38 HOPE BOXES to parents who suffered the loss of a baby just this year!

"Without this place, I don't know where my husband and I would be. Just to know that our baby has a place be until we bury him means the world to us!" JJ and Michelle



GPS: God's Positioning System

Ever since Life's Connection's Waukesha Center opened, we have been enjoying counseling and mentoring to young men and women who come to us by God's divine plan.

You see....the GPS system is bringing them to us instead of Planned Parenthood. Each week we are blessed to serve as many as 8-10 clients that were taken to us by GPS instead of Planned Parenthood. They had appointments for pregnancy tests, for STD testing and just today to have a birth control device removed. They are abortion oriented, worried about an STD, and contracepting. The "wrong door clients" who come to us via GOD's POSITIONING SYSTEM are met with love and compassion. They all have needs greater than that medical test so we work with them, give them the truth, support and put in place a steadfast plan so that they make live affirming decisions and decisions that not only nourish them in body but in soul. Life's Connection is equipped to handle all cases and they not only get their medical needs met, but leave choosing life, off of contraception and making positive life choices. Now don't you just love that? We certainly do!

"I wish everyone knew about this place. I don't know where I would be without you!"

-Katie

Life's Connection's International "Life Helpline" Explodes!

The Fran O'Meara Helpline has been giving life affirming help all over the United States since 1986. Women considering abortion from all over the country would find their name and number in the yellow pages and call them and receive loving support as each of their trained staff guided these fearful women to choosing LIFE and finding hope. On May 2nd, 2016, O'Meara Resources "passed the torch" and entrusted Life's Connection with the "Life Helpline." Since so many youth are on their smart phones, we added a "live chat" feature to the website they designed to educate and inform women on every angle of abortion. The morning of May 2nd, Jessica, walked into the Mukwonago center at 9 am and heard an alarm going off. Kryss turned around in her chair, eyes wide, and said "We are getting chats! Since 7:30 this morning!" Nothing prepared us for this response! That day we had 3 live chats and two phone calls. 4 of the 5 women were directly sent to pro-life Pregnancy Centers in their area that will give them support and life affirming information. Since then, 40 women in the United States and Canada, chose life and were sent to life affirming pregnancy centers in their area. We have had 3631 unique visitors to the website, 4,500 visits to the page, and 11,500 page views of the website. These stats are already outdated because every second they change! These men and women are receiving accurate, life affirming information as well as support from our counselors via our online chat and phone calls. We are truly blessed!



This map shows some the places someone has viewed our website. Life's Connection has gone global!!

QUOTES FROM WOMEN WE COUNSELED THROUGH THE HELPLINE

"I can do this. With or without. Just making me go over my life with my son made me realize.. he wasn't planned but he's perfect ...you are God sent." Chat

"I was so afraid until I spoke with you! You made me realize everything will be ok." Phone call

"I almost made a huge mistake. Thank you!" Phone call

First Year Milestones



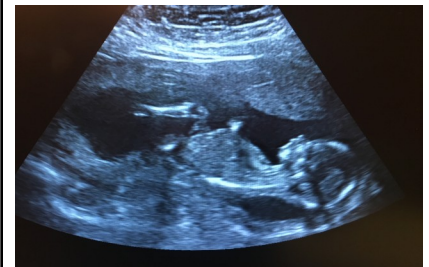
I have been working with this family at Life's Connection -Waukesha. They are so cute and are so in love with their new 3 week old baby boy, R.J.* They've had their share of struggles as you can imagine because both used to be heroine addicts. Praise God, they pulled themselves together when she found out she was pregnant and got off this dangerous and highly addictive drug. They were referred to us by a local hospital. They live separately, and plan to marry. The father of the baby has a steady job and works hard. He takes off

from work when he can to come to classes with his girlfriend. Even his mother comes with them, which we welcome, because the more in the family who gain the knowledge of the classes we offer, the better. Grandma is thrilled with her first grandchild! Currently, this young couple is in the "First Year Milestones" classes, learning about baby development, adventures and experiences in the first year of life after birth. They are making some "first year milestones" of their own in life as well. R.J.'s father is on the stern side, yet every time he comes in for class he is so gentle and loving with his son as he holds him throughout the class. Nathan* is a proud papa, and Rachael* is a good and attentive momma! A future goal for them will be understanding marriage and a healthy relationship, while at the same time always keeping their new baby's needs and developmental growth and health at the forefront.

Life Saving Ultrasound



^^ This 7 week baby's mom chose life after viewing her ultrasound!



^^ This baby has its life on earth because of LC's Ultrasound Program!! Thank you !

- A Grim Diagnosis -



One morning, our HELPLINE rang and on the other side was the a shy voice of a girl named Mia asking about abortion. She

had jus been told bad news. Her doctor told her that since she had a CAT Scan while in the early stages of pregnancy, her child would be deformed.

Scared, Mia went home and looked up the chances that her 5 week old child could have deformities. The internet did not give her much hope. "I can't bring a child into the world like that" she said. Mia was told that it was very important to get a second

opinion and to have an ultrasound. The counselor looked up and talked to a pregnancy center close to Mia's house and they had lots of resources for her as well as several life-affirming doctors who could offer her medical support and advise. Mia is now in good hands and so is her baby!

"She had a miscarriage a few months ago and now she has terrible depression. She has let her job go because of it and I don't know what I can do!"

-Benjamin

When a Baby is the Answer

Benjamin called one evening asking about abortion. He and his wife were pregnant with their third child. They had never thought of the word abortion until now. They both lost their jobs and their marriage was falling apart. Ben's wife, Anna,

was falling deep into depression after a miscarriage and lack of communication in their marriage. Ben was trying his hardest to be a good father and supportive husband, but his wife insisted on abortion. She refused to talk about it. Ben and Anna were directed to several pregnancy centers in their area that would not

only go through all their options, but also offer Anna much needed emotional and spiritual support. Ben and Anna also received a HOPE Box for the loss of their baby earlier this year. With help from the pregnancy center, they will soon find that this child will breath new life into their family as well as new hope!

Someone is hungry!

Baby George came for a visit 2 weeks after he was born.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

Life's Connection staff would like to take a moment to thank all the churches, individuals and companies that participate in our Baby Bottle Boomerang Program.

This campaign allows individuals to fill baby bottles with loose change, cash and checks. The funds come directly to the center and helps us

to provide diapers, baby items, counseling and ultrasound to the clients that we serve. This is a vital way to support LC and we appreciate it greatly! Thank you!

A Party Fit for a Princess

If you happened to see a white car driving through Mukwonago and Wauke- sha (and the McDonald's drive through) with 9 bright yellow emoji bean bag chairs in it, that was us! Life's Connection hosted it's very first Princess Party for the Rose Petal's of St. Paul's. These

young ladies sat in these cozy chairs while learning about true love and how Jesus is the ultimate pursuer of their hearts. Every girls got a tiara, necklace, and red flower to take home with them. They also received a "Love Letter" from Jesus and got to write one back. Then

next morning their group leader wrote to us saying "I have to tell you the impact you have had on my Sarah!" Attached was Sarah's love letter to Jesus:

Dear Powerful God,
I want you to know
you have all the
hearts listening to you

You are every great word. You are the top of my life. Never forget what you did. I wish I could be like you from your teachings. Never forget you will be honored for ages. I wish I could see you.

Love, Sarah



Life Helpline

Life's Connection is so busy with the new Life Helpline that we would like to invite anyone who believes they are being called to be part of our Life Helpline team.

Training is being scheduled for July and August in order to take chats, phone calls and

text messages from your home or at one of our two centers.

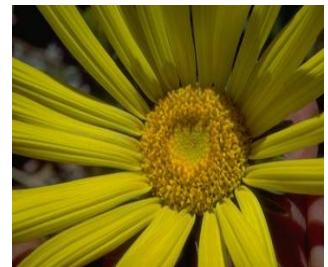
The goal is to provide a team of individuals who can help Life's Connection offer 24/7 chatting and phone call support with 24/5 text support.

You may choose which outreach fits your life.

If you are interested and would like to learn more please contact Kry's at

262-290-5433

Donations are also needed and welcomed in order to provide our services to the world! Thank you!





Above:
This baby's
mom chose life
at our center!

Up Coming Events

Life's Connection has many ways you can support its life giving mission. The following pages include events and ways that you can help us support families in our area. There are so many non profits that you can donate your time and treasure to so we want to take a minute to thank you for supporting this mission. At Life's Connection, saving moms and babies, respecting souls from the moment of conception as well as building strong families makes a difference and changes lives right here at home.



Laugh for Life Comedy Event

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

5 PM TO 9 PM

CARROLL UNIVERSITY STACKNER HALL



Dinner
 Auction

Talk and Blessing by
 Archbishop ListECKI

Comedy Show
 Robert Lee

A Family Event!
WALK FOR LIFE

TOGETHER WITH



IN THE

WAUKESHA
4th of JULY PARADE!

Registration is Required

Call: 262-470-3119 or Register Online at:
www.lcmission.com/parade

Please come show your support for Life!

All participants will get a free T-shirt!
 Meet at Life's Connection-Waukesha by 9:00am
 494 W. Main Street, Waukesha

Mix and Mingle

Are you being called to support LC in big ways?

Join other “Life” Benefactors and enjoy a special evening with us. Catered by Zilli’s, this special event is Friday July 15th during Waukesha’s Friday Night Lights at our Waukesha location. Call 262-470-3119



307 S Rochester St
Mukwonago WI 53149

Life's Connection needs your help....

As you can see we are saving lives one person at a time and changing the world...it takes YOU to make it happen. Please take a look at our new website. There are many ways to give! Your gift is also tax deductible.

1 Mail in a tax deductible donation:

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2. Give a one time or recurring gift online

3. EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer from checking/savings

Call 262-470 3119

4. Stocks, Mutual funds

If you own stocks purchased or inherited some years ago, it may be advisable you to reduce your tax liability by donating them now. The tax deduction you claim will be for the value of the instrument at the time of donation, **not your cost or the value at the time it came into possession.**

5. Charitable Trusts, Wills and Estates

6. Tax Free IRA distributions for charitable giving

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