



Goals

We are honored to announce our partnership with Embrace Grace. This new outreach ministry has made it their goal "for every girl with an unplanned pregnancy to

have a church to go to for spiritual, emotional, and physical support. On their website they say "Single mothers are modern day widows, and some of them even orphans, because they may not have any parental support. In Embrace Grace groups, churches are taking young women by the hand and telling them they do not have to do this alone. We might be the one and only person who shows them what Jesus is like. God will use the church to plant His seeds of love and grace to these brave girls that chose life all around the nation." How wonderful would it be if you could make an impact in your community by simply being the hands and feet of Christ through Embrace Grace? Interested in joining our group and making a difference in the lives on new mothers in your community? Send us an email at lifesconnection1@gmail.com and we will send you information on training and Hope Boxes.

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Welcome

to our brand new "mini edition" newsletter of the community outreach center that is "your place to turn" during life's challenges and joys! I have spoken with many volunteers who graciously offer their time and talent towards raising funds through our Baby Bottle Fundraiser or Diaper Drive, and I am blown away by the response we've seen from each Parish as an outpouring of love and prayers comes in. Without you, our jobs would be much more difficult and we cannot thank you enough for your hard work! My fellow peer mentors and I are blessed to see miracles everyday as the grace of God works through not just us, but our donors and supporters as well. In an effort to share these miracles with our network of prayer warriors and donors who participate in fundraising opportunities via their parish, we designed this small newsletter and hope it brings as much joy to you as it has to us!

Blessings,
Jessica
Peer Mentor

"I didn't know I was pregnant"

At the end of 2015, a woman walked in for our educational classes. She had delivered her son in her friends house with his umbilical cord wrapped three times around his neck. She was taken to the hospital and given a clean bill of health. After the initial shock, she is now set on the right track to becoming the best mom she can be!





Baby Claire

Based on the up above pictures taken by her mother, Baby Claire would appear to be an ordinary healthy newborn. She is, but how she got here required no small amount of courage, faith, and hope. Claire's mom first came into LC in 2013 while pregnant with her son, Carson. After working extensively with her, E (initials used for client confidentiality) confidently struck out on her own with her fiancé and newborn son at her side with newfound faith in God. Then in 2014, we got an urgent message from E asking for our prayers. She had gone into labor with her second child, Claire, after a very difficult pregnancy, and things were not going well. A prayer chain was started and we held our breath waiting to hear the news. In the late afternoon, we received a birth announcement with a picture of Baby Claire via email. But unfortunately the news was not good. E was taken by flight for life to Froedert to deliver her daughter where she was resuscitated for 7 minutes before stabilizing. Claire remained in the NICU for several days for testing. Today, Claire and E are both healthy and continue to bond with family, friends, and photo ops!

"Every time I come here with my troubles, I leave feeling so much **better!**"

-Single mother of two

"**Thank you** so much! You have helped me in more ways that you know right now."

-A girl who found healing in **God**

A Rose Among Thorns

One day, a girl came in with two of her friends. She was hard set on having an abortion but her friends thought otherwise. They brought her in and all three sat down. The mom, H, sat down with her arms crossed against her chest and eyes cast down. She explained during the counseling that her parents were emotionally abusive and that they would be very angry with her, the father of the baby was a college student she met at a party, and she had hopes and dreams of being a doctor one day. For over two hours, our counselors sat and talked with her. She had built up a wall that kept her distant from us and the baby. She was then escorted to the ultrasound room where she got to see her growing child for the first time. Less than 6 weeks old, all we could see was the yolk sac that her child was growing in. As we walked out, she turned to our ultrasound tech and said, "May I have a picture of my ultrasound?" She was sent home with two pictures and a bag full of information that included a set of pink and green booties. Her friends took her out to lunch before one came back and said, "She spent the whole lunch staring at the picture and holding the booties!" Less than a week later, her friend contacted us saying "H choose life! She took me to Baby's r' Us and told me that she was going to keep the baby. Then she purchased a diaper bag, socks, and hats." Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she prepares to share the news with her parents that she is expecting a child!



Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in a fundraiser for Life's Connection this year! Your help has allowed us to add a miscarriage program to our center as well as fund several life saving ultrasounds! Many women have participated in our miscarriage program since last spring and have found healing in our Christian based program. If you are interested in hosting another fundraising event for Life's Connection, please contact Jessica at 262-470-3119 or via email at Jessica@lifescconnection.org.