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For pregnancy support, questions, crisis or information go to: www.lifesconnection.org

### Can You Help? Office Supplies and Baby Boutique Needs.

A handy list to have when you are running errands, or shopping online!

Or, donate at our website and we'll purchase items most needed: <a href="http://www.lcmission.com/donate.html">http://www.lcmission.com/donate.html</a>

Bottled water & small nutritional snacks for moms and toddlers
Manilla folders with tabs
Keurig coffee and hot chocolate refills
Paper towels, Paper plates, cups, napkins
Antibacterial wipes
Postal stamps & Postal security envelopes

Diapers/Pull-Ups (all sizes especially NB)
Bath towels/washcloths
Nail clippers
Medicine droppers
New bottles & bottle brushes
Outlet safety plugs
Diaper bags

Computer paper
Computer Ink:
Epson 252XL/252 black HY and standard cyan,
magenta, yellow ink multi-pack
Epson 200 black ink cartridge
HP 63XL black/63 Tri-color
original ink cartridges, multi-pack
P-Touch 1/2" TZe machine tape cartridge

Boppy/Nursing pillows
Formula / Toddler dish sets
Bassinets with sheets
Bouncy chairs
Umbrella strollers, Car seats (must be new)
Pack'n Plays and sheets, Baby swings
Baby clothes (new or gently used)

We are [usually] in need of diapers sizes 3 and up; and pull ups for toddlers.

Thank You in Advance!!!

\* We <u>cannot accept used</u> car seats, or bumper pads for cribs.



#### Waukesha & Mukwonago

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Blessings to you this Advent Season

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#### **OUR FREE SERVICES**

- One-on-one mentoring
- . Pregnancy support
- . Pregnancy testing
- . Ultrasound
- . STD Testing
- Parenting programs
- . Baby care classes
- . Fatherhood Program
- . Miscarriage and Infant
  Loss Support
- . Community resources and referrals

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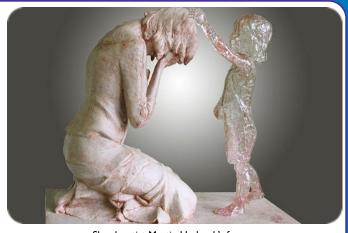
**UPCOMING EVENTS!** 

Spring into
Life Gala
FEBRUARY 28

Details coming soon!

## HEALING FROM THE PAIN OF ABORTION

About two months ago a beautiful, educated young woman came into the Center saying that she would like some help working through an abortion that she had about two years ago. With her was a beautiful four month old baby who had been



Slovak artist Martin Hudacek's famous post-abortion sculpture, "Memorial for Unborn Children"

born at only 27 weeks because of deep stress, and probably the effects of the previous abortion.

This young woman shared that when she found out she was pregnant two years ago, several family members encouraged her, even pressured her, to have an abortion. They told her that they themselves had several abortions and 'it was no big deal.' There was great shame involved with this pregnancy years ago because she was the first woman in her family to not get pregnant before graduating from college. She proceeded to have the abortion. Despite their admonitions, she immediately knew that she had done something terribly wrong. She was filled with regret and grief for what she had done, and found no support from her family. As is typical, she got pregnant again within a year, trying to 'replace' the baby she aborted. Her family once again, and the father of this baby, advised her to get another abortion. She considered it again but knew deep in her heart that this was wrong; she kept her beautiful little baby girl.

As she and I met weekly, we talked and cried about what she experienced. We talked about God's forgiveness, and her need to forgive herself which was the hardest of all. We talked about how her little one was in heaven, in the arms of Jesus, and how her baby has forgiven her, and will welcome her one day into heaven. This thought brought great relief, and tears. She continues working through the grief by journaling, reading healing booklets and learning to forgive herself.

We are so thankful for a loving, forgiving God who helps women through the pain of abortion and leads them to healing and hope. We are also, so very thankful to all of you, who make it possible for us to help these dear women heal.



#### **ABORTION REVERSAL SUCCESS**

Stacy called the Mukwonago Center recently. She said she had begun an abortion procedure the day before – using the abortion pills. She was crying and wanted our help. At the abortion clinic she took the first pill. She was supposed to take the second pill at home the day she called, but, she changed her mind and didn't want to go through with the abortion. She said she made a huge mistake and now was terrified;

she was so upset that she went through with the abortion. She said that the abortionist told her it was "no big deal," and was proud of her for being so strong. She told our counselor that this abortionist just made everything seem ok. But then she 'woke up' and instantly regretted everything. She said, "What did I do?" and looked online to see what would happen if she just didn't take the second pill. Then she found Life's Connection's through abortion pill reversal information. Maybe this could be her chance to make things right. And it was! Our counselor immediately called Life's Connection's medical director who was able to provide her with the abortion [pill] reversal pill! It worked and Stacy is due to have her healthy baby boy in mid February. Now Stacy comes to the center weekly, taking prenatal classes, while comforted by the emotional support as well. She is so thankful for Life's Connection because without us, she would be regretting an abortion forever. Life's Connection has done 22 abortion reversals - all of them being successful! We are blessed to be that "second chance" for moms who get into the wrong hands when facing an unexpected pregnancy.

#### 'CHANGE OF HEART 'PROGRAM \*

Life's Connection offers its *Change of Heart Program* to any mom who goes to the abortion clinic for a consultation, pays a down payment for an abortion but changes her mind about following through with the procedure. Many women feel that when they place that down payment in the hands of the abortion clinic they have to go through with it. At Life's Connection, we tell them that they can change their mind at any point, even if they are on the table. We will reimburse them whatever they paid. It gives them a way out when they are doubtful or change their minds. And it works. We save many babies through this program. Giving to this program is easy. Just send in your donation and write "Change of Heart" on the check. Funds will go into this program and will save lives!

\* [This is different than our "Hearts of Hope" program for those who have experienced, or are going through, a miscarriage or stillbirth].



#### **FATHERS AND MISCARRIAGE**

We had a man walk in and state he was a lost soul searching for peace. He asked if we could help because he needed to talk to someone regarding his son that he lost in miscarriage. He shared that he was recovering from AODA [alcohol and drug abuse] and has many mental health issues. He is taking many medications to help him just get through each day. He stated, he and the mother of his child were planning

marriage and were happy and in love. When they lost their son, the relationship fell apart. He said he was healthy, happy and enjoyed life but after the loss of his son and his fiancé he became lost. He struggles to stay sober and lives in a shelter. Our counselor gave him a Hope Box and talked through steps of grieving. He meets with us biweekly and told us that the journal we provided was helping him express his feelings in a positive way. He has had less cravings to use drugs and alcohol. He shared that the times he has come in, he has felt acceptance, love and peace, just what he was needing. He added that Life's Connection provided him more comfort than he has ever felt when attempting to go through the pain of his son. Life's Connection is happy that we are here for men who need us just as much as women during struggles with miscarriage and loss.

#### **PRAY FOR JOE**

A man stopped into our center to thank us. Joe had come in two months earlier seeking medical attention. He had an appointment with his doctor scheduled later in the month but felt so awful, he thought he would try a walk-in clinic. Rita invited him in, gave him something hot to drink and listened. He said it made his day brighter as he was feeling so alone. She then encouraged him to call his doctor to share how he was feeling, and to get in sooner. He left, called his doctor and was seen immediately. Joe was diagnosed with leukemia and will be undergoing chemo therapy for five years. He felt, without our encouragement to seek medical attention sooner, he would have been much worse by the time his scheduled appointment arrived. Joe stops in once a week with his dog, has something to drink and shares how his progress is going and how he feels. He emphatically thanks Rita each time he comes in for "saving his life."



THANK YOU! Two little words that are never said enough. We cannot help but to say "thank you" to all of you who are supporting this life-saving ministry prayerfully and financially. There are children cooing, crawling and walking today, and there are women who have new lives not only in the community, but in Jesus Christ, because of you and your commitment to this life-giving ministry! You took a leap of faith with us and said, "I will do my part." We appreciate every gift you have given to us because every single gift makes a difference in the lives of those So once again, a sincere, heartfelt, "thank you." We are glad you make Life's Connection a part

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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!** It is always our goal to pay off LC's mortgage in full so that we can then expand our ultrasound program, the miscarriage "Hearts of Hope" program and other educational programs that help us carry on this life-affirming work. It would be wonderful to be

free of this debt. Currently, our debt is \$135,000. We have been diligently working on its reduction since the purchase and remodel of our Waukesha location that is saving lives only 400 feet from Planned Parenthood. If you, or someone you know, has the ability to bless us with any amount please let us know.

FEELING CALLED TO HELP? NOW MAY BE THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER OR WORK AS A

PEER MENTOR. Have you ever thought about counseling at our Center, but decided, " I

just would not be able to talk to someone in that situation." If that's you, then you may

be just the person the Lord has in mind to help us out! The reason is, we are not looking

for those who think they have all the answers. Instead, we are looking for those who must

be totally dependent on the Lord for strength and ability, and are open to being guided by the

Lord. So if you think you "just couldn't," perhaps you are the person God is looking for to fill

some available times including "manning" our online Life-Helpline! Some of this can be done at home such as



# BABY-BOTTLE-BOOMERANG FUNDRAISERS! LEARN MORE ...

The Baby-Bottle-Boomerang Fundraisers held at local churches help us so much financially. It is so simple to do one at your parish. First, pick a weekend. Order the free [empty] baby bottles from Life's Connection.

Hand out the bottles to the congregation to take home and fill with coins. Then, the next weekend (or best after two weeks) bring all the bottles back, filled with coins, bills and/or checks. LC can pick-up the bottles from your church (include unused bottles). Advertise the fundraiser in your bulletin, and pass out and collect the bottles. *It is that easy!* These smaller FUNdraisers are the go between our major Gala fundraiser. You will be helping us change hearts, minds, and souls! Please ask at your church if you may hold a Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser in 2019, then call Krys at 262-470-3119 to arrange how many bottles you think you'll need to pass out. The advertising is up to you, but we do have flyers or bulletin announcements available for you to download and use.

the 24/7 helpline! Why not give us a call at 262-290-5433 and together, let's see what the Lord has in mind.