



Crossroads Connection

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From the Director's Desk

Everyone has a story - all of our staff, all of the students we teach in the SHARE program, and every one of the clients that come into the center. The one thing I know for sure is that God is deeply involved in every story. Sometimes we see a change in someone where their eyes are opened and a confused, lost young person becomes a follower of God. Then we stop and pray and praise God. Sometimes we see what looks like a hardened heart and a poor decision is made, and a confused lost young person walks away; we stop and pray and praise God for what He can do even when things look bleak. We know that everyone whom God brings to us is impacted as we try to be the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior. But you, everyone reading this, have made this ministry possible; you are the reason we are here, helping so many. You see, every story is personal to us, and every story is possible because of you. Your prayer support is the backbone of all we do, your volunteer support demonstrates that "many hands make light work," and your financial support keeps everything running. It is all of you that God uses to help the hurting, to give comfort to the broken and gifts to those in need.

Thank you and God bless you for doing so much for so many.

Tim Stickel



2017 Annual Benefit Banquet

Please join us for our 33rd Annual Benefit Banquet for Crossroads on Friday, March 3, 2017 at the Royal Park Hotel featuring guest speaker Le'yandria Murray. We are also delighted to have Rebecca Kiessling with Save The 1 joining us.

Le'yandria Murray is a pro-life powerhouse who desires to inspire others. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, to a teenage mother, at a young age Le'yandria knew firsthand what poverty felt like. She also knew that hard work and determination could change her situation. The first person in her family to attend college, she graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor's degree in Communication. Le'yandria combined her passion for public speaking and saving unborn babies in 2014 when she joined Students for Life, a pro-life organization on campus. She shares her compelling pro-life story in the metro Detroit area with hopes to one day share her story all over the world.

Our banquet is a wonderful event and is the most important fundraiser of the year for Crossroads. We are blessed to have it once again at the Royal Park Hotel in Downtown Rochester from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Seating is limited and fills up quickly, so be sure to reserve your seat(s) by February 18th. Adults only please.

Register online at www.crossroadspregnancy.org by clicking the "2017 Benefit Banquet" button. If you are unable to register online, please contact Alex at cpcalexp@gmail.com or call 248-293-0070 x107. Table sponsor reservations are being accepted now. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

STD Services

On February 16, 2016, we opened our STD clinic at Crossroads to provide education, testing, and necessary treatment for up to 9 different sexually transmitted diseases. Our aim over the ensuing 12 months was to complete 60 client visits for those concerned with their immediate sexual health. Our center has been truly blessed! On December 15th, with 2 weeks left in the year, we completed 59 visits for testing and any necessary treatment the individuals needed. Those individuals also received education on the prevention of these diseases in the future, personal prayer, and Christ-centered counseling; all the information needed to go forward with healthier relationships.

Like all that we provide at Crossroads, STD services are free of charge. We partnered with the Gary Burnstein Health Clinic of Pontiac to provide the medications at no cost. We would love to meet the needs of more clients in 2017! Please pray for Crossroads, and if you are able to financially support us to underwrite the costs of these services we would be ever so grateful!

Tracey Fish, *Medical Services Coordinator*

2015 Stats

1,554 Client
Appointments

127 Pregnancy
Tests

122 Ultrasounds
Performed

90,000 Material
Aid Items
Distributed

56,000 Diapers
Distributed

166 New Gospel
Presentations

\$166.78 Cost
Per Client

1,234 Classroom
Presentations

13 School
Districts

120 Volunteers

9 Staff Members

Board of Directors

Crossroads Pregnancy Center is now doing business as Crossroads Care Center. We have changed our name to signify the expansion of services at Crossroads. For decades, we have served the community during their times of need surrounding pregnancy. As we move forward, we have added the service of sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing for at risk men and women. We desire to create an expanding environment at Crossroads that is consistent with our vision statement: To glorify Christ by encouraging a culture of life, hope and health that values every human being.



Care to us is more than a nice feeling or concern towards the clients we serve. Care as we see it at Crossroads may be viewed as an acronym for our overall approach to the clients and families we serve. The “C” in Care stands for compassionate and the “A” in Care stands for action. Isn’t that just what we do at Crossroads? Meet clients just where they are, prepared to demonstrate the love of God with compassionate action. The “R” in Care stands for responsible and the “E” in Care stands for ethics. In every Crossroads encounter, we strive to demonstrate the ethics of Jesus Christ in a responsible manner. When a client requiring STD testing makes an appointment at Crossroads, we are there to provide the compassionate action of providing the testing and treatment at no cost. The client receives these services along with counseling by our medical staff that demonstrate the responsible ethics of “speaking the truth in love” to encourage the client to make healthy life choices.

Victoria Mendler, *President*

PRAYING FOR CROSSROADS

In 1984, a little red-headed nurse named Karla Bauer had a dream for this ministry. She began it in the tiny apartment she shared with her husband and year old daughter. After many planning meetings there, she joyfully celebrated with a cake. The huge letters on this cake said "GOD IS FAITHFUL," and this is indeed still the motto of our Crossroads prayer team. Many people pray at home and a few individuals come to the center to pray once a month. The prayer team meets at Crossroads the 2nd Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. to pray and compile thanksgivings and requests for a monthly prayer letter. The letter is emailed to those who pray in agreement at home. We would love to have you join us and become a prayer warrior for Crossroads.

Ladonna Even, *Prayer Team Leader*

If you are interested in becoming a Crossroads prayer warrior, please contact Ladonna at 248.652.9312 or ladonna.even@gmail.com.

2017 Events

March 3 - Benefit Banquet
May 22 - Golf “Fore” Life
September 16 - Bike for Life
November 11 - Prayer Breakfast

Sponsorships

All sponsorship packages are tax-deductible. To be one of our sponsors, please contact Alex at cpccalex@gmail.com or 248.293.0070 ext. 107.

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You may donate by credit card online at www.crossroadspregnancy.org, cash, or check made payable to “Crossroads.”

Crossroads joins the women, babies, and families that we serve in thanking you for your support. May God bless you.



Our outreach education program, SHARE, has many facets to it. There is a curriculum development team, a purchasing team, teaching staff, support staff at the office, research and development.

Before a class is taught, scheduling with the school has taken place, supplies have been purchased and picked up by the instructor, a pretest has been sent to the health teacher, curriculum training has been done, and additional certification – SRAS (Sexual Risk Avoidance Specialist training) for all our instructors have been completed. SHARE consists of 3 or 4 days of curriculum that are usually taught consecutively. Scheduling challenges are huge and often instructors sacrifice personal plans to make a class work within the school requests.

So, why would a teacher go through all that?

Maybe it's for the hugs in the hall that are received from middle school students who thought the classes were "fun!" The giggles in the classroom when we talk about crushes and what real love looks like, the high fives from the students because they had the courage to talk with a parent about relationships, the intense attention when they are taught about STDs and why avoiding risk is the best option for them. Perhaps it's because we can present the challenge to think about marriage and commitment – to let them know they have worth and value. Or, maybe it's the awe in a 5th graders face when they have the puberty presentation and consider the amazing bodies they have!

It's for the high school student who sees the fetal models and realizes "that's a baby!!!" even at a few weeks after conception. It's for the teen wanting a pregnancy test or help for the child they already have and being able to refer them to Crossroads or for presenting HIV prevention information to a high school auditorium with 400+ students and holding their full attention for 60 minutes – so much so that you could hear a pin drop. It's about making an impact with each class and presentation – all with the message of God's design and plan for marriage as the foundation.

It's for the skeptical teacher thanking us afterwards for a positive message and presentation that really was relevant and made a difference with their students.

SHARE teachers look at a series of faces every week: some have made poor choices, some are desperate for information, some are hardened already, and some are on the verge of decision making that could hurt them. We look at these faces and are passionate about our message and empowering them with information which allows them to make healthy choices. We are thankful to be in every classroom that opens their doors to us, we are thankful for each student, and we are thankful for your support which allows us to do this work. We are making a difference in one school, one district, one community at a time.

Evelyn Van Sloten, *SHARE Program Director*

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"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."
Psalm 23:6 (KJB)

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Crossroads Mission Statement: We are a non-profit, Christian organization dedicated to assisting abortion-vulnerable women and men involved in an unplanned pregnancy, to choose life for their unborn children. Toward that end, we are committed to encouraging godly sexual attitudes and practices in our community.

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