



Crossroads Connection

Publication of Crossroads Care Center
January 2018

*Cherish
Life*

From the Director's Desk

Psalm 68:19 *Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.* Selah.

God uses many means to daily bear up this ministry, but the primary means He uses is prayer. Yes, Christ is the Cornerstone, but you are the building blocks that have raised up this ministry. We are so thankful for all of your prayers for Crossroads. In the book of James, we are told that the prayer of a righteous person has great power. And that is certainly true. Your prayers have provided protection from those around us that would see God's children terminated for convenience or some other reason. Your prayers have provided us, the staff, volunteers and the board of directors, with the wisdom that comes only from God in order to help the hurting with Christ-like love. Your prayers are instrumental in bringing men and women through our doors who need the services we provide, but most of all who need the love and truth found in God's Word. Additionally, your prayers continue to influence other men and women to give to this ministry.

We are so grateful and blessed by your constant prayers, lifting us up before God. Since 1983-84 when the founding men and women were moved to start this ministry, it has been the prayers of the saints that have sustained Crossroads. We would ask you to continue praying and asking others to pray also. God is growing this ministry beyond our wildest dreams. As we grow, our needs become greater, but our greatest need still remains your prayers.

God bless all of you for your faithful prayers and support for this ministry.

Tim Stickel



2018 Crossroads' Benefit Events

This year, Crossroads Care Center is excited to announce it will be hosting **two** wonderful benefit events, a luncheon and dinner, at the beautiful Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester on Friday, **March 2nd**. For your convenience, a luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (seating begins at 10:45 a.m.) or a dinner from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (seating begins at 6:15 p.m.)

Join us in welcoming our distinguished guest speaker, Rick Santorum. Rick is a father of seven, attorney, author, and politician. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, and on the Senate Armed Services Committee and fought vigorously for government reform. Rick and wife, Karen, are the co-authors of the New York Times bestseller *Bella's Gift: How One Little Girl Transformed Our Family and Inspired a Nation*. *Bella's Gift* chronicles the inspiring story of life with the Santorum's special-needs child. Bella's miraculous life has only strengthened Rick and Karen's belief in the dignity of each and every life.

These are our most important fundraising events of the year. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for each attendee. Ages 18 and up are welcome. Reserve your complimentary tickets for a lovely luncheon or dinner and program by visiting our website at www.CrossroadsCareCenter.org or by calling Alex at 248.293.0070 x107. All reservations for seating are on a first come, first served basis. Seats will be filling fast, so reserve your spot today. The deadline to RSVP is February 16th.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) Clinic Update

Our clinic has been open since February 2016 and has served a total of 129 clients. These clients have ranged from their late teens to mid-sixties and have been from all walks of life. We have served those from Christian, Jewish, Hindu and Muslim faiths. We have served the agnostic and the atheist. Crossroads provides testing for 7 STD's – HIV, HSV1, HSV2, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and Trichomonas. We test for 2 more conditions, Candida and Gardnerella, which put women at risk for STDs. Everyone is counseled on the consequences of the STD's and encourage healthy relationship choices. We have the privilege to even pray together.

We ask that you continue to pray for our continued success at reaching out to all who are at risk.

The Crossroads' STD Clinic Staff

Kirstie Almy, PA-C

Tracey Fish, PA-C

Written by Tracey Fish, *Medical Services Coordinator*

Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce Award 2017

On Monday, December 11, Crossroads was presented with the Auxiom Golden SMB Award which recognizes a small business that exemplifies "The Golden Rule."

**Treat others as you
would like to be treated.**



2016 Stats

- 1,630 Client Visits
- 180 Pregnancy Tests
- 174 Ultrasounds Performed
- ≈ 90,000 Material Aid Items Distributed
- ≈ 62,000 Diapers & Wipes Distributed
- 188 New Gospel Presentations
- ≈ \$133.58 Cost per Client
- 1,013 Classroom Presentations
- 10 School Districts
- 120 Volunteers
- 10 Staff Members



Board of Directors

Why Pray?

In John chapter 15 verse 5, Jesus teaches “I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; *apart from me you can do nothing.*” (Italics mine) I am cognizant of this truth every day in every facet of my life, and most especially as the President of Crossroads’ Board of Directors. Let this vital truth penetrate your soul: apart from Jesus Christ we can do nothing! To fulfill Crossroads’ mission and vision, it is imperative that we are in constant connection to our “vine” our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Prayer is this life sustaining vital connection.

In this connection, prayer is the “oxygen” that our souls need to sustain spiritual life. We are blessed to have an army of people who pray for Crossroads on a regular basis. To those of you who are on our prayer team; only eternity will reveal the importance of your faithful, heartfelt prayers! We at Crossroads are dependent on the leading of God in all aspects of ministry, and therefore prayer is paramount! Our board of Directors are united in prayer to know the mind of God as we plan and guide this ministry. Crossroads’ staff members are united in daily prayer to know the heart of God as they demonstrate God’s love in their various callings. Our volunteers pray for divinely inspired words to speak to their clients as they help them. In every relationship throughout our ministry, we pray for our connection with Jesus Christ to be evident by our attitudes, actions, and words. Does this sound like a tall order? It is, however, I am also reminded of the truth found in Philippians chapter 4 verse 13, “I can do all thing through Christ who strengthens me.”

As you read this newsletter, you will learn of some of the fruit that is a direct result of our connection to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are a part of our prayer team: God bless and strengthen you. If you are not, will you please consider praying for us?

As we move into the next phase of Crossroads, our vital connection to Jesus Christ will continue to be the source of our power and strength to fulfill His plans. Jeremiah chapter 29 verses 11: “For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” So why pray? Life itself compels me to do so; I am a branch and I must stay connected to my vine, Jesus Christ.

Victoria Mendler, *President*

Join our prayer team?

We would love you to pray for us and become a prayer warrior for Crossroads.

For more information about our prayer team, please contact Ladonna Even at 248. 652.9312 or ladonna.even@gmail.com.

2018 Events

March 2 - Benefit Events

March 23 & 24 - Mom2Mom Sale

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

June 4 - Golf “Fore” Life

September 15 - Bike for Life

November - Prayer Breakfast

Sponsorships

All sponsorship packages are tax-deductible. To be one of our sponsors, please contact Alex at alex.p@CrossroadsCareCenter.org or 248.293.0070 ext. 107.

Donate

You may donate by credit card online at www.CrossroadsCareCenter.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.

Charitable contributions

Much is spoken at this time of year regarding charitable contributions and the looming tax filings. For all of the dread, I am thankful that it raises our awareness and often makes us reflect on things that matter to us. It’s a little critique of what we value and how we have expressed that in our lives during the year. Many contribute throughout the year to Crossroads through their time, goods, and finances. God is faithful, and I pray that we will be found faithful stewards.

It is fairly common knowledge that contributions to a charitable organization like Crossroads are deductible as itemized deductions on your tax return. But another method for making contributions to Crossroads is to take a distribution, known as a QCD-Qualified Charitable Distribution, from your IRA account and have it go directly to Crossroads. There are a few requirements, chiefly that the taxpayer is subject to the Required Minimum Distribution rules. The beauty of this method is that it can satisfy the RMD requirement and the distribution is not taxable. This is especially helpful for those taxpayers forced to take minimum distributions but who do not itemize their deductions.

The words love and charity are often interchangeable in Scripture. So instead of making charitable contributions to Crossroads, think of them as love contributions. I Corinthians 13:13 tells us “And now these three remain: faith, hope, and charity (love). But the greatest of these is love (charity).”

Martin Schmitt, ABA, EA
Board Member



Sexual Health and Relationship Education

The educational outreach (SHARE) from Crossroads Care Center has experienced another amazing year of instruction and impact. With a teaching team that had many health, family, and relationship challenges, we presented 1013 SHARE presentations in schools and youth groups. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for all God has done and how He has provided.

Our impact isn't only local. We are also active with the Warriors for Youth in Michigan as well as a new coalition formed to enhance healthy youth development with other SRA (Sexual Risk Avoidance) educators at the policy level for sex education in Michigan.

From our early beginnings with 4 middle schools, it is humbling to see how God continues to grow the program and impact thousands each year. SHARE is currently taught in 5 local elementary schools, 25 middle schools, 21 high schools, and 1 university. SHARE presentations are also provided in Texas, Detroit, Farmington Hills, and Hamilton, ON. 2018 will add SHARE presentations for students in Leamington and Windsor ON.

SHARE teachers look at a series of students every week: some have made poor choices, some are desperate for information, some are hardened already, 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 sexual choices. If you would like to join our teaching team to build awareness and skill sets and teach healthy youth development, we would love to talk to you! Please contact us at info@shareforyou.org.

We are thankful for every classroom that opens their doors to us, for each student, for every prayer, and for your support which allows us to continue. We are making a difference one student, one school, one district, and one community at a time.

Evelyn Van Sloten, *SHARE Program Director*

Memorial to Roy G. Michell, Jr.

Roy was the first Board President of the Rochester Crisis Pregnancy Center. In fact, several of us here were involved with the very first fundraiser, some even on the steering committee that founded the Center in 1985. Roy and Ann began their marriage with a CPC prayer ministry, and it was a daily priority for them since then.



Roy was still the President of the CPC Board when I was hired in 1990, so we spent many of my lunch breaks in their apartment, along Tienken Road, with me giving them updates on the ministry and hearing Roy's words of wisdom for me as the Center expanded in those early years.

What a blessing to have known Roy & Ann, to have witnessed their love and devotion to the Lord, and to the call on their lives to speak for those who cannot speak – especially the unborn. Even after Roy left the board, maybe around 1996 or 1997, they never stopped praying. When they moved to Virginia, we still stayed connected. Roy always wanted to know what was happening at Crossroads (the new name!) When the Center moved to Auburn Hills, Elizabeth Pellicane was the Board President, followed by Ron Daggett for many years until his retirement. I think they both would agree that Roy was a great mentor and friend and are thankful to have followed in his footsteps.

The one who picked up the mantle in promoting the adoption option back then was Roy's son, Bill Michell, and now, Dave & Ann Strubler carry on that mantle with Ann's life story by sharing a multi-media presentation called "The Tapestry."

For many years, we were even part of the same church, but the Lord gave Roy a special calling to be a pro-life leader and role model for so many friends at the pregnancy center.

Ann, we thank you, too, for all those prayers! I'm sure you'll continue praying as the Lord leads you in the future. Rest in peace, Roy. God says, "Well done, faithful servant!" God blessings on the whole Michell family.

Written by Shirley Briggeman

2017 Honors & Memorial Gifts

*"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)*

In Memory of Cathy Cavanaugh

Robert Cavanaugh

In Memory of Dedan Swartz

Marilyn Swartz

In Memory of Grandpa Bill Peoples

Emily Peoples

In Memory of Joan Pistonetti

Michael & Karen Somerville

In Memory of Joseph Reimann

Jeffrey G. Reimann

In Memory of Maynard Moyer

Five Points Community Church

Bob & Janet Houston

Don, Mary & Scott MacDonald

Bonnie Mackley

Pauline McMullin

Don & Ellie Saxon

In Memory of Roy G. Michell, Jr.

Edgar & Shirley Briggeman

In Memory of Violet Roediger Trupiano

Jim & Janet Irvine

In Honor of Christy Wheaton

Raymond & Patsy Belanger

In Honor of Emily Bromund

Elizabeth Bromund

In Honor of my daughter Casey Grace

Anonymous

In Honor of Patsy & Raymond Belanger's 50th

Anniversary

Mary Weitzel

Memorial donations are a life-affirming way to honor deceased loved ones, celebrate important events and recognize special people. Thank you for these precious gifts.

When the Center moved to Auburn Hills, Elizabeth Pellicane was the Board President, followed by Ron Daggett for many years until his retirement. I think they both would agree that Roy was a great mentor and friend and are thankful to have followed in his footsteps.

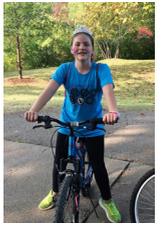
Our Proudly Pro-Life Sponsors

Tina Bayliss
Janet Bommarito
Paul and DeLana Borja
Tom and DeeDee Briski
Dr. Joseph Canu
Roger and Tracey Canzano
Ronald and Judy Daggett
Denny and Bonnie Emmons
Brian and Tracey Fish
Jay and Ann Greer Greer
Rita Harl
Joe and Jennifer Hickey
Bill and Janet Johns
Tim and Ruth Kniveton
Les Mack
Geary and Sandra Maiuri
Peter and Vickie Mendler
Mark and Marcie Moreno
Jim and Julianne Naum
Kyo and Petrina Oh
The Perlicks
Becky Reynolds
Richard and Tanya Saad
Marie Schwartz
Bill and Courtney Scruggs
Mary Lou Temple
Alan and Evelyn Van Sloten
Rich and Nikki VanDaele
Avalon Tools, Inc.
Benson's Building Supply
Bruegger's Bagels (Sarah)
Burn Fitness
C12 Group Detroit

Carl's Golfland
Central Oakland Right to Life/Friends for Life
Christ Community Church of Rochester
CoolYo Frozen Yogurt
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
Custom Sports & Apparel
Downey's Potato Chips
Faith Church
Gingellville Community Church
Grassroots Technology
Holy Redeemer Church
Impressive Printing & Promotions
Ingenuity Group, LLC
Knights of Columbus, Council #5452
Law Office of Dion E. Roddy
Living Rivers Christian Fellowship
Michigan Community Auditors, PLLC
North Oaks Community Church
Oakdale Academy
Oakland University Golf & Learning Center
Oakland University Students for Life
Oakland-Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology, P.C.
Plas-tec Inc.
Redeemer Church of Clarkston
Royal Park Hotel
St. Irenaeus Church
T.S. Moyer
The Give Thanks Bakery & Café
The House of Providence
Waterfall Jewelers
Wayne Baumgartner Jr.
Woodside-Spanish Bible Study Group
Yates Cider Mill

Bike for Life 2017

The Bike for Life is a fundraiser for Crossroads Care Center. With this fundraiser, we raise money to cover some of the costs it takes to run Crossroads. What we do is get sponsors to donate and then you will bike a few miles on the Paint Creek Trail. They have treats there like doughnuts and cider. You can also get your face painted! There is a long fun trail, and you say hi to all kinds of people. If you ride the whole way, you can stop at the cider mill.



The website is really easy to use. You type in your email and password. You can set a goal for how much money you want to raise. You can choose pictures from the past if you have done this before or just pictures. The way I raised money is on the website you can send it to other people to donate. When you set up the website, there is a choice to write posts on Facebook and other social media platforms about your personal web page so people can donate.

When you get there, there is an awesome bridge to cross. There is a building where you will stay until you start biking. That is where you can get your face painted. We will hangout for a bit then you go on the trail. When you go on the trail it is so, so beautiful!

It is a very helpful and a fun fundraiser. It is very fun because you get to help a good cause, and you get to experience the incredibleness of nature. I will definitely do this next year.

Written by Jordyn Stickel

(Note: Jordyn is 10 years old and raised over \$10,000 for Crossroads having fun and riding her bike!)



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.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Mail a check payable to "Crossroads" or donate online at www.CrossroadsCareCenter.org.

Help us by sponsoring a 2018 fundraising event!

Contact Alex Peterson at alex.p@CrossroadsCareCenter.org or call 248.293.0070 x107