



Crossroads Connection

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A Voice for Life

“I was aborted and lived.”

More than 55 million children have lost their lives to abortion in the United States since 1973. Many know the sad reality of this statistic, but most do not know that sometimes children survive failed abortions.

Melissa Ohden has a powerful story. She survived a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977 and has thrived. With a master's degree in social work, she shares the pro-life message with a very unique perspective.

Melissa was formerly a college outreach speaker with Feminists for Life, traveling to college campuses to share her story while advocating for rights of the unborn.

The birth of her first child in 2008 prompted Melissa to found For Olivia's Sake, an organization which seeks to peacefully raise awareness of the inter-generational impact of abortion on men, women, children, families and communities. Painfully aware that Olivia would not have come into existence if the abortion would have succeeded in ending her life, Melissa felt driven to create this organization that would positively raise awareness of the ripple effect of abortion across generations.

Please join us Friday, March 1, 2013, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in welcoming Melissa Ohden as the guest speaker for our 29th Annual Benefit Banquet at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester. Come hear Melissa's struggle to face the reality of her life as an abortion survivor and, ultimately, becoming a voice for the unborn.

This event is the most important fundraiser of the year for Crossroads. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for each adult planning to attend.

Consider becoming a table host, which means you would fill a table with nine other guests in addition to yourself. For a \$260 donation, you would receive priority seating at the event. Table hosts must reserve their table in advance.

All reservations will be accepted on Crossroads' website beginning January 14. Simply click on the Benefit Banquet 2013 Registration link on our homepage and fill in the form for individual reservations and/or table host reservations.

For questions, please contact a staff member at Crossroads by calling 248-293-0070.

2012 Stats

1,950 Client
Appointments

199 Pregnancy
Tests

130 Ultrasounds
Performed

70,000 Diapers
Distributed

270 New Gospel
Presentations

\$ 160 Cost Per
Client

864 Classroom
Presentations

from the director's desk

I began my eighth year as director of Crossroads in May 2012, and God has continued to pour out His blessings and grace on Crossroads each year. We are blessed with a great Board of Directors, great staff, the best volunteers anyone could ask for, and your countless prayers for continued blessings.

God has and is blessing us in other ways: God showered His grace on us by NOT allowing Planned Parenthood to open their mega abortion clinic on Opdyke Road.

God blessed us with sufficient funds to expand our SHARE program in 2012. God blessed us with women and men that we can serve, teach and tell about Christ.

Now we ask God to bless us further:

First, with a doctor that would join us as a member of the Board of Directors, to help us make godly decisions for all of our clients.

Second, God has brought us a donor that will match, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000 until February 1, 2013. These

funds are for NEW donors or INCREASES in giving by current donors. So, if you are not a donor, please become one. If you know someone that might become a donor, please encourage them. If you are a donor, thank you for your faithful support and please consider increasing the amount you give to Crossroads. (Mark the new/increased donations MDP in the memo field on your check or on the website.)

May God continue to bless us all.

God bless you,

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SHARE SHARE SHARE SHARE SHARE

8000 Students Impacted in 10 School Districts

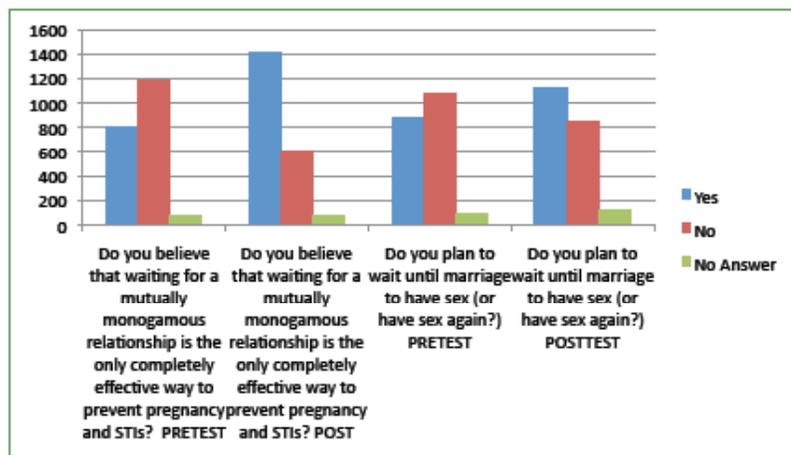
So how many items are in the jar? Inane question if you don't know what the item is. Each middle school session begins with this question. First, we find out they are mini marshmallows and then narrow the number down until the correct answer is found. Having information allows us to make informed choices and decisions. The SHARE (Sexual Health and Relationship Education) program is being taught in local schools to give young people information. This way we avoid a future conversation of "I didn't know" or "Nobody told me." Three one-hour sessions are presented at both the middle school and high school health classes, outlining various aspects of choices and sexuality and why it is so important to avoid sexual risk and wait for marriage.



We have recently come out of a political campaign where some very important platforms were discussed, including issues of life and the value of each person. Sexuality is an important part of our makeup and when treated with respect and dignity and saved for the boundaries of marriage it becomes something which creates a beautiful, intimate bond. Rather than relaying a message that sex is to be treated like a styrofoam cup – cheap, disposable and to be thrown away after use, the SHARE program presents it as an intimate, beautiful expression of real love and affection within a relationship with someone who loves you enough to make a commitment to you and make you feel cherished for life!

1 out of every 4 teen girls is living with an STI (sexually transmitted infection) in the United States today. The only 100% effective method of avoiding these diseases and outcomes is an understanding of abstinence. These messages need to be heard. Unfortunately, our culture undermines sexuality as an expression of pure physical gratification with no awareness of the emotional, social, relational and physical bonds that are created. The messages from music and TV underscore these things. Our children are exposed to this, so to help them understand that these are not acceptable behaviors in "real life" is important. We hope to affirm what parents are already teaching in their homes – repetition with these messages makes a difference.

Last school year we made presentations to 5,000 middle school students and 3,000 high school students within Oakland County. Below is a sampling of results from the pretest given to high school students prior to our presentations.



We are often asked if it's worth it – the time, the expense, the stress. The answer continues to be an unequivocal YES! All those involved in presenting this information are doing so out of a sincere desire to make a difference, and they are doing it.... one student, one class, one district at a time.

Are we making a difference in your child's school?

Growth spurts

“Fresh Talk” our Moms’ Support Group, is a group that was established over 20 years ago and exists to meet the needs of current and graduate clients of the Mom and Baby Care Program. This group is presented to clients as a “small group” help, which will serve as a complement to the monthly one-on-one counseling appointments they receive. Our goal is that every client would be involved in the support group while part of the program. When they complete the program and are no longer coming to CPC, this group will serve as their continued care program, allowing these mothers to encounter the Gospel, gain biblical wisdom, learn practical life skills, and receive help and support in parenting their children.



Mom and Baby Care Program (MBC)

Our additional building next door to the center has allowed us to accept abundantly more of the items necessary to care for the moms and babies who come monthly to Crossroads. This space has been organized by a team of dedicated volunteers, making it more efficient for the clients. We are always in need of more volunteers to sort, label, and keep the area organized. If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them off during normal business hours. A list of items we currently accept is located on our website under “Get Involved>Our Needs.”

If you feel led to help with our “Fresh Talk” group or our MBC Program, please contact Crossroads!



Golf “Fore” Life

Indianwood Golf and Country Club will host the 2013 Golf “Fore” Life charity outing on Monday, May 6th. Space is limited to 120 golfers. Sign-in begins at 8:00 a.m. with a shot-gun start at 9:30 a.m. Register your foursome today to ensure you receive this year’s special golfer gift. To sponsor this event, contact Charlotte by email at cpcccharlotte@gmail.com or call 248-293-0070 ext. 107.

CPCalendar

- March 1 Benefit Banquet
- May 6 Golf “Fore” Life
- July Garden Party (date TBD)
- September 14 Walk for Life
- November 2 Prayer Breakfast

Sponsorships

All sponsorship packages are tax-deductible. To be one of our pro-life sponsors, please contact Charlotte at cpcccharlotte@gmail.com or 248-293-0070 ext. 107.

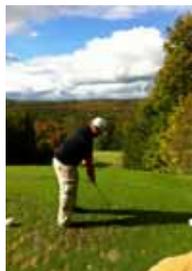
Event Info

All upcoming event information is available on our website in more specific detail.

Walk for Life



Golf “Fore” Life



Benefit Banquet



The Power of Prayer

James 5:16 (NLT) “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”

The success of Crossroads Pregnancy Center is based on the prayers of God’s people. Your prayers, for us and for the women, men, and children involved in difficult situations, are essential. If you wish to become involved in our prayer team or would like to submit a prayer request, please call 248-293-0070 or email crossroadspregnancycenter@gmail.com.



Giving in Your Will

Have you considered providing for Crossroads in your estate plan? It is easy to name a charitable organization such as Crossroads as a beneficiary in your will or trust. In a large or small amount, such a gift is a great way to leave a legacy of your support of life. If you have a large estate, such a gift can have tax benefits for all your beneficiaries. Even if your estate is modest, any gift to Crossroads will leave a lasting impact. You can leave any percentage of your assets or a fixed amount of any size. You could even make a gift contingent upon your survival of another named beneficiary. Such a gift would only take effect should the other named beneficiary not outlive you.

The process can be as simple as adding a codicil on to your existing will or trust. If you do not currently have an estate plan, establishing one allows you to direct how you want your assets to be divided upon your death, rather than allowing state law to determine where they go. Consider calling your attorney today to start the process. Leave a legacy of life!

Please contact Crossroads at 248-293-0070 if you are considering this and have some questions.

Baby Bottles That Save Lives



This is a fun, EASY, and very effective way to truly make “Change for Life.” This program has a lasting effect in the lives of women and babies, giving them an opportunity to learn, to grow, and to choose life. It may seem small, but the impact is HUGE.

In 2012, twenty churches helped raise over **\$25,500**, which was used in support of the life ministries Crossroads Pregnancy Center offers free of charge to our clients.

EASY 1-2-3 Steps for Baby Bottle Fundraiser:

- 1) Contact us anytime to place a hold on bottles (no cost to you) for your church or school.
- 2) Distribute the empty baby bottles to your school or church congregation.
- 3) Ask participants to return filled bottles on a designated date.

Crossroads does ALL the sorting, counting, and rolling!

Call us today to schedule a baby bottle drive for your church. Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, and Respect Life Sunday are very popular times to host a baby bottle drive. Be sure to call in advance to place a hold on bottles!!



Our Urgent Needs

Baby Wipes
Towels and Washcloths for Infants
Gently Used Clothing (size newborn-5t)
Financial Support (www.crossroadspregnancy.org)
USA First Class Forever Postage Stamps

Enfamil Powdered Formula
Car Seats
Event Sponsors and Underwriters
40 Watt Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Volunteer Counselors and Hispanic Translators

2012 Memorial Gifts

“Everytime I think of you, I give thanks to my God.”
Philippians 1:3 (NLT)

In Memory of Joan Pistonetti
Michael and Karen Somerville

In Memory of Glenn Moses
Shirley Baird
Five Points Community Church
Joseph and Donna Grasl
Lois Trimm

In Memory of Shirley Douglas
Jeff and Charlotte Douglas

In Honor of Emilee Lavigne
Suzanne Towers

In Honor of Violet Mae Douglas
Jeff and Charlotte Douglas

**Thank you to ALL
of our faithful
Volunteers!**



Hand made blankets from
a group of volunteers.



Volunteers, The Support Beams of Crossroads

In any building, the foundation is crucial in determining the stability and longevity of the structure. The support beams that are sunk into the foundation and support the structure must be made of material that is strong, as well as enduring. Crossroads can be likened to a building, where Christ is the foundation on which it is built. The volunteers are the support beams, rooted in Christ, our foundation. Our volunteers provide stability through their prayers, time, talent, skills, and abilities. This ministry endures because God has brought us a group of dedicated, faithful volunteers who love Him supremely and therefore cherish life. They are who want to preserve God's design for the family and who see the value of investing in the lives of women and their families.

We have approximately 148 dedicated, faithful, committed volunteers working together to support this ministry. They are steadfastly giving of their time and talents in a wide variety of ways: sorting and hanging baby clothes, serving as church liaisons, helping with fundraising, being a part of our prayer ministry, providing public relations, cleaning and maintaining our building, counseling women in a crisis pregnancy, mailing out newsletters and event invitations, leading a moms' support group, making copies, sorting change from baby bottles, serving as receptionists, and many other vital tasks that we depend on. Crossroads would like to extend the opportunity for you to be a part of cultivating a culture of life by investing in the lives of families in your community. Please call Petrina at 248.293.0070 ext.103 to support life.

In Year 2012, more than 148 volunteers collectively provided nearly 6,547 hours of service!

Consider becoming one of our volunteers. It is essential for a Christian to serve the Lord by using their God-given talents, and if God has put on your heart to use these gifts here at Crossroads, we are both blessed.

Volunteer positions include: Receptionist, Data Entry Volunteer, Hispanic Translator, Abstinence Teacher (training provided), Peer Counselor, Mail Team, Prayer Team, Church Liaison, Fundraising Event Assistant, Social Media Volunteer (Facebook), and many other opportunities.

We believe that every person who has a desire to be involved with CPC can find a place where their skills are useful.

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Yates Cider Mill

Your tax-deductible donations are greatly appreciated by our clients who have chosen life for their babies.



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