

Thank you,  
Chapel Hill  
United Methodist  
Church for your  
donations to our  
Boutique!

## RPS Serves Downtown

As you may know, our plans to open a satellite office in Ocie Hill was short lived this past year. Shortly after we were approved to lease the room within Ocie Hill, we had a community clean-up day in which we got the room repainted, cleaned, sanitized, and ready to bless clients with. A couple weeks before our opening, it was announced that the City of Mansfield would close Ocie Hill for good on September 1, 2020. It was heartbreaking for us, but we persisted anyways. We believed that even if we could only be there from April-September, God could still be glorified if we could even just help one client grow her confidence in her parenting and have materials to ensure that her baby had all that he or she needed. We moved forward with setting our boutique up with the plan to bless the moms in the community, and we would count it an honor to even be able to serve for the 4-5 months that we had there. Then, COVID-19 hit! Everything shut down, including Ocie Hill. However, hope was not lost! Our friends at Crossroads City Center knew our desire to reach the women in downtown Mansfield (that may never step foot through our West Fourth location), and they wanted to help us make that dream a reality. One meeting led to another. On Friday, July 17th, we held our very first appointment and ultrasound at our City Center satellite location! We knew God was leading us to downtown Mansfield, and even though plans didn't go as we had foreseen, He made the outcome better than we could imagine! We have a beautiful room to work in where we can share about our services, offer pregnancy testing and verification (for WIC & Medicaid), and we can offer our free ultrasounds (90% of women will choose life when they see their baby on the ultrasound if they were previously considering abortion)! What a praise! "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20, NLT).



### Wish List

Baby Wipes  
Size 5 & 6 Diapers  
Travel Size Toiletries  
Boy Crib Sheets  
Bassinet Sheets  
New Car Seats  
New High Chairs  
Changing Tables  
Swings  
Strollers  
Boppy (or other breastfeeding pillows)



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## Blessings Through Uncertainty

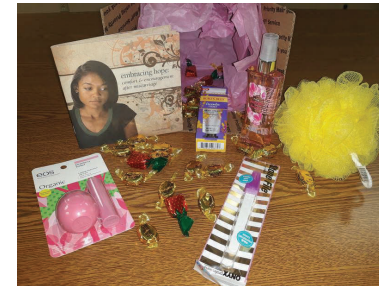
How things have changed since our last physical newsletter this past winter! Since then, a worldwide pandemic has hit, we have launched a new satellite center in partnership with Crossroads' City Center, we have brought on 3 new board members, we completed our first-ever virtual fundraiser, we graduated our first-ever virtual parenting class, and now we are planning a very unique fundraising night! That is a lot of changes! I want to mention one last change that may just be one of the most exciting of all: **we are seeing so many more clients!** Despite the ever-changing world around us, our mission and our vision has remained the same. We are here to meet our clients where they are at, without judgement, to be a safe place for them to share about their unplanned pregnancy as they learn about their pregnancy options. Not only are we a pro-life organization, but we are pro-abundant life as we share the Gospel. With so many clients coming in each day, that allows us to plant so many more seeds in the hearts of our clients to impact eternity. With more clients coming in, this allows each of us to walk along with that client in their journey as they share their story with us. We have heard heartbreaking stories. A couple of weeks ago, we had a client that we were sure was going to have an abortion. No matter what we said, her mind was made up. Surprisingly, she just called back in today and would like to set up an ultrasound appointment and learn more about local OBGYNs! This is what it is all about! We say what we can during the initial appointment, and then we trust God to do what He can! God is good! We know that we are blessed in that while other organizations may be suffering during this pandemic, we have continued to grow. We are thankful to our faithful donors that have allowed us to not even close for one day during the pandemic. Although there was a generous loan offered from the government, we knew that God was calling us at Richland Pregnancy Services to trust Him to provide and carry us through this storm. Not only has He carried us, but He has expanded the ministry into downtown Mansfield, brought young women to us in need of compassion and care, and I know He is not done! (continued on page 2)



## Caring for our Clients

At Richland Pregnancy Services, we care for our clients through many life circumstances. Sometimes those circumstances include a client's miscarriage. When we know that a client has miscarried, we send them a special box to let them know that they are thought of and prayed for. We are currently in need of items to fill these boxes. If you would like to donate to help with these boxes, we are in need of:

- Manicure set
- Nail file
- Lip gloss
- Loofa
- Face mask
- Travel size lotion



Donations may be dropped off at the RPS office at 1560 W. Fourth Street in Mansfield.

## Upcoming Events

**Volunteer Training**  
Thursday, October 15th  
Saturday, October 17th

**Fundraising Night**  
Thursday, November 19th

**#GivingTuesday**  
**#RichlandGives**  
Tuesday, December 1st

## Gifts In Memory of

Verle Badertscher  
Martha Selby  
Given by Frieda Gottschling

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Client Service Director

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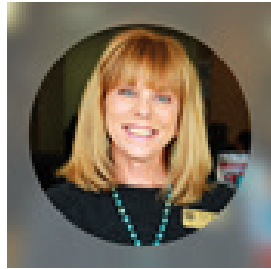
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## Compassion, Hope & Help Volunteer Training

As the ministry of RPS grows, our need for even more loving, and committed volunteers has grown.

**We will be bringing Care Net Specialist, Terry Williams, here to lead a special volunteer training!**



A former educator, Terry developed and designed a very successful abstinence program called Heart Choices and over the course of ten years spoke to thousands of students. A veteran of more than eight years as a pregnancy center director, Terry is a current board member at Texas Alliance for Life. Terry is called upon frequently to provide key testimony for pro-life legislation at the Texas state capitol and has been involved in several events and communications regarding pro-life legislative issues.

Training begins Thursday, October 15th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a light dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Training continues Friday and Saturday, October 15th and 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day, with a light breakfast and lunch provided.

Contact Lynn to register at 419 522-8863, ext. 202, or by email at [lynn@richlandpregnancy.com](mailto:lynn@richlandpregnancy.com).

## Change of Heart

Earlier this year, Richland Pregnancy Services made a new friend when Michael Clark brought his nieces and nephews by to drop off a huge donation of clothing and baby items for our Boutique! When we asked Michael what led him to give to RPS, he shared his personal testimony of a changed heart.

"I grew up in a good Christian home. My parents were very loving, taught me right from wrong and to read the Bible and pray daily. As a young man I got into things I shouldn't have. I became a very selfish man. Whatever made me feel good, whatever I wanted, whatever benefited me.

I was blessed much of that time with good income and an over abundance of food, but I wouldn't share with others without being angry about giving up what "I" had worked hard for. Eventually I was so miserable. My heart was very twisted and very hardened.

Broken and alone, feeling hopeless, I cried out to Jesus to give me the strength I need to get out of the addictions. I asked Him to take my heart and change it, to change my perspective into His perspective. A head knowledge of God slammed home into my heart and changed my life.

I no longer just read the Bible because it's what I was told I should do, I read it because it's the word of God, it is truth, and I want to know what it says so I can love accordingly and share it with others. I am learning to love as I strive to follow His example of love. I want my life to reflect Him. I used to be trapped and burdened but He freed me, I used to be selfish and my desire is to continually work at being selfless. I want to give what I have been blessed with to others, for His glory.

Thank you, Michael, for choosing to give to Richland Pregnancy Services!

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As I finish this article up, I would like to share with you the scripture that God laid on my heart as I am thinking of how faithful He is to this ministry:

But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in Him. He is like a tree planted by the waters that sends out its roots toward the stream. It does not fear when the heat comes, and its leaves are always green. It does not worry in a year of drought, nor does it cease to produce fruit. — Jeremiah 17:7-8

For His Glory,  
Amanda Clark  
Executive Director



Join us for an inspiring evening of ministry news, client stories and special guest, Abby Johnson!

Hear the story of Abby's incredible journey from Planned Parenthood Director to Pro-Abundant Life

Advocate to leading her own non-profit and helping others leave the abortion industry.



***While dinner will not be served this year,  
Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30 pm***

Stay up to date with event information at  
[www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com/events/annual-fundraising-night](http://www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com/events/annual-fundraising-night)

or on our Facebook page at  
[www.facebook.com/FriendsofRichlandPregnancy](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofRichlandPregnancy)



# Change for Life 2020 Gifts in Honor & Memory

## In Memory

Chuck Lewis  
Given by Jeff & Bobbie Schmunk  
Rosemary Lewis

Vanessa Wood  
Given by Bill & Theresa Coffindaffer

Dave McBride  
Given by Rosemary Lewis

Adelle Joy Young  
Given by Alan & Cherie Young

Ryan Prout  
Given by Jenny Hockman

Lee Jordan Freeman  
Given by Jason & Maggie Freeman

Rivembark Babies  
Given by Candy

Two Sweet Angels (miscarried)  
Given by The Weltons

Helen Ehrman  
Given by Lauren Ehrman

Zane Tolle  
Given by Logan Zane Carey

Pennie Whisler  
Given by Ted Whisler

Harry & Sally Stanley  
Given by Barbara & George Isaman

Richard Kocheiser  
Given by Jim Gregg

Alicia E. Witzky  
Given by Robert Witzky

All Little Babies in Heaven  
Given by Lee Huvler

Oscar  
Benavides & Richard Steiner  
Given by Teresa Benavides

Teresa Channell  
Given by The Zirkle Family

Velma Flood  
Given by James & Eva Mae Brundage

Raymond Kurtz  
Given by Keith & Dawn Ward

Arnold & Emelean Gee  
Given by The Gee Family

Reverend Ralph House  
Given by Steve & Ronda House Robey

Paul Whaley & Heath Bowman  
Given by Sydney Strain

Bill & Shirley Owens  
Given by Michael Owens

Gene Smith  
Given by Ron Smith

All Babies  
Given by Beverly Schopp

Nicholas Christus  
Given by Eileen Christus

Janet Holtzapple  
Given by Cindy Powell

Dennis Powell  
Given by Cindy Powell

## In Honor

Seth & Markie Hartz for their work efforts at RPS and other ministries  
Given by Bob & Becky Craig

Virginia Isaman  
Given by Barbara & George Isaman

Leah Desent  
Given by Paul & Susan Fisher

Dick & Delores Stedman  
Given by Dennis Tuttle

Joey Given by Candy

Miriam L. Kimbrel  
Given by Alan & Cherie Yount

Thank you for  
your gifts in  
honor and in  
memory of  
those you love.

