

Announcing “The Lighthouse: Beacon of Hope” Maternity Home

God's call upon the life of one couple to purchase and restore a 4 bedroom, 6 bath, 3,373 square foot home in Galion, Ohio will have a far reaching impact.

The Lighthouse: Beacon of Hope Maternity Home is set to open in 2022, as a ministry arm of Richland Pregnancy Services, and is currently undergoing the finishing touches of renovations to prepare to welcome pregnant women in need of a home.

In preparation for opening and managing a maternity home, two of our staff members, Amanda Clark and Nancy Thorne, attended a Maternity Home conference earlier this year. They were able to learn from other Maternity Home ministries and experts from across the country.

The Maternity Home will allow RPS to minister to pregnant women in need by, not only providing a place to lay their head at night, but also by helping them learn life-skills such as cooking, housekeeping, finances and more. The Lighthouse staff will include house parents as well as a social worker for our residents.

The Lighthouse is located on 8 acres conveniently close to the Galion Hospital.

We know that there are a lot of people who would love the opportunity to tour this home. We want you all to know that there is a plan to have an open house fundraiser for individuals to tour the home and hear the story about how this came to be. Once the COVID crisis lets down, and it safe to gather together for an open house event, we will be sharing more details about when this will happen. We look forward to the time when you can tour this home and see what a beautiful environment our future clients will have when they stay here.”

If you would like information about how you can help complete The Lighthouse to prepare for its opening, please contact Amanda Clark at (419) 522-8863, ext. 200 or by email at amanda@richlandpregnancy.com



Wish List

Miscarriage Box
items (Lotions, mini
manicure sets, loofas,
face masks, nail files,
and lip gloss)
Travel size toiletries
Diapers
(Size 3, 4, 5, and 6)
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Strollers



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"Life is Beautiful" Fundraising Night Held In-Person and Virtually

Friends of Richland Pregnancy Services came together in-person and online, on November 19th, to hear all that is happening in the ministry. (see Amanda Clark's Executive Director's Report on page 2 for two big announcements!) Former Planned Parenthood Director, Abby Johnson shared her incredible story of going from Planned Parenthood to Pro-Abundant Life Advocate and challenged all those in attendance and watching online to give sacrificially to support the ministry of Richland Pregnancy Services.



Abby Johnson spoke from her heart about her personal experience with abortion.



Village Catering served a variety of appetizers prior to the program.



Abby Johnson met with guests who attended Fundraising Night in-person.

Abby's message and the entire program can be viewed for a limited time at www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com/events/annual-fundraising-night

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PREGNANCY TESTS
319



MOM-TO-MOM MENTORING
130



ULTRASOUNDS
200



DAD-TO-DAD MENTORING
34



PARENTING CLASSES
42



LOCAL STUDENTS REACHED WITH ABSTINENCE EDUCATION
2,585



STD TESTING
143



BOUTIQUE VISITS
344



VOLUNTEER HOURS
3,717



TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIENT VISITS
1,316

Richland Pregnancy Services Impact October 2019 - September 2020

Richland Pregnancy Services remained open throughout the entire pandemic, serving clients with our regular services, as well as expanding our services to meet immediate needs such as diapers and formula.

Executive Director's Report

When I came to Richland Pregnancy Services a year and a half ago, God spoke clearly to my heart that there were women hurting in Mansfield that He wanted to heal. I knew He was speaking directly to me in regards to abortion recovery. Although I knew it was something we needed to do, I wanted to wait on God for His perfect timing to launch this program the right way. We are blessed that our Board Vice-President, Clint, is trained and experienced in leading men through abortion-recovery. However, we did not have a post-abortive female that had gone through recovery herself to lead it. As God continued to place the need for a post-abortion program on my heart, I shared one day in a staff meeting that we had no post-abortive female to lead this. That is when, Lynn, our Client Services Director, shared with us she had an abortion as a teenager. Since then, God took control, and He set up the path perfectly for Lynn to be forgiven and set free, perfectly whole and healed, in order that she can lead others through this healing journey.

Lynn shared with us that her abortion was 40 years ago. My heart breaks that she carried that with her for so long. I recently went to an Abortion-Recovery Conference in which a woman shared that after she had her abortion, she felt dead inside. I know that Jesus came to give us life, and life abundantly, not for us to keep secrets buried deep within us for decades and to feel numb. I want to thank our friends at the pregnancy center in Ashland for having such a tremendous abortion recovery program so that we could send Lynn and a young lady through it because we had nowhere in Richland County that was filling this need.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce to you all that no longer will Richland County be ill-equipped in helping men and women walk through healing of their past abortions, because we are launching our Post-Abortion Recovery Program in the Spring of 2021. God has brought us the right woman and man to lead. We have also been blessed with a grant from the In His Steps Foundation as well as a matching fund from a private donor to underwrite everything this program needs in regards to training, curriculum, and more. It is clear that God has called

Lynn to lead this program at Richland Pregnancy Services. No longer will women need to live in shame due to past regret of an abortion. God wants them whole and healed...especially the women hiding in shame within the church. We cannot heal you, but we can introduce you to the One who is the Healer as we walk with you alongside your healing journey. God wants to heal all of you, not just some of you, but you need to go through healing to learn how to be whole. In looking back, this year didn't go how we, or how anyone had anticipated, but through the struggles, God remained faithful and carried this ministry through. We had planned to launch our new satellite center downtown at Ocie Hill this past spring. A week after we had painted and set up the office, Ocie Hill had closed due to COVID and then was announced that it was permanently closing. We weren't prepared for this, but God is faithful! Within that time, our friends at Crossroads reached out to us and offered us an office at their City Center which is in the heart of downtown Mansfield. This was a match made in heaven!

Crossroads' City Center generously gave us an office in which we could have our ultrasound machine in as well as a tiny boutique without charging us a penny! Since we opened our doors at City Center to officially take client appointments, 100% of our clients have been homeless women that are pregnant and are staying at the Harmony House.

For the past year, God had placed on our heart that we were not seeing all of the women that needed our help, and we needed to go to where they were. We had no idea what awaited us when we arrived downtown at City Center, but now we see the great need of a steady, safe place for a woman to lay her head down at night while she is pregnant. We see pregnant women in need of nurturing and compassion.

I was recently told from someone that their friend would have chosen life for her child rather than abortion if she had a steady home to stay at while she was pregnant, but because she didn't even have the stability on where she would be staying, she chose abortion. She just needed the basics that so many of us can take for granted.



It would be so easy to stop growing and just give ourselves a pat on the back and boast in helping over 1,300 clients last year, operating two satellite offices- one downtown and one at the local campus, and that we kept our doors open through all of the COVID shutdown to help those in crisis during their pregnancy and with essential baby supplies such as formula and diapers, But God says no. Keep Going! Hebrews 12;1-3 states, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." God is telling us at Richland Pregnancy Services to continue to run this race set before us and to not grow weary, but to persevere. With that, I have told you of our abortion recovery program we are launching in 2021, but now I want you to fix your eyes with us onto what we have planned for 2022: This ministry is being given a beautiful home on 8 acres of land with the purpose of women helping women. What better time than to show the love of Christ, mentor and nurture a woman, and teach her how much she is valued than when she is pregnant and has nowhere else to go. We pray for these women to choose life, and God is showing us it is not enough to just provide parenting education, spiritual and emotional support, and baby supplies, but we need to do more.

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As you can see, there is a lot of work that lies ahead of us at Richland Pregnancy Services! I recently heard a pastor say, "A ministry that costs nothing does nothing". We know God will provide for this ministry as we keep Him as our focus. How He provides and through who, we don't always know. During the pandemic, the federal government had issued funding for nonprofit organizations, and God spoke to my heart to not apply for those funds because He was going to provide. Friends, did He! Not only did we remain financially

steady while other organizations may have been struggling or shutting down during this pandemic, but we were given a new satellite office and a future maternity home as well! God blew our expectations out of the water! We have a year to develop Policies & Procedures, hire staff, finish renovations, and prepare to take in pregnant women at The Lighthouse, and we have no intentions of accruing debt to do so. We have a year to raise and set aside these funds as well as continue to raise the funds to allow us to reach over 1,300 clients in our community for life with our life-saving, life-giving, and pro-abundant life work which includes medical services such as pregnancy verification, prenatal vitamins, limited ultrasounds, and STD/STI testing that we do for free. All of our services are free for clients because our community continues to come alongside Richland Pregnancy Services for over 30 years! That is why despite the pandemic, we are trusting God to meet every financial need. We know that great faith pleases God, and that is what we have.

Thank You,
Amanda Clark, RPS Executive Director

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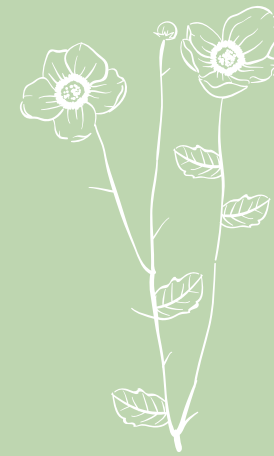
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Baby Bottle Refresh

Every year Richland Pregnancy Services sends out hundreds of baby bottles into the community for our Change for Life Campaign. This fundraiser provides more than \$30,000 for the ministry annually. If you have gotten a baby bottle for this fundraiser over the past couple of years, maybe you noticed your bottle was looking a little worn. You can help RPS purchase new bottles that will allow us to raise even more funds for the growing ministry of Richland Pregnancy Services! Your donation of \$200 will purchase one full box of 200 baby bottles!



If you would like to help refresh our baby bottle collection bottles, please contact Amy at (419) 522-8863, ext. 203 or by email at amy@richlandpregnancy.com. You can also submit a donation and designate it "New Baby Bottles". Thank you for helping us reach more women and men facing unplanned pregnancy by helping us get baby bottles into the community for this important fundraiser!

Caring for our Community



This Fall, Richland Pregnancy Services participated in a drive-thru Community Baby Shower organized by the Richland County Youth & Family Council and hosted at Crossroads Church.

Richland Pregnancy Services gave out 130 bags of supplies to expectant moms at this event! RPS was one of nearly 20 local agencies represented at this event.