



## Winter 2023 Newsletter

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## RPS Expands Hours to Serve Women Considering Abortion

For many years, Richland Pregnancy Services has served clients Monday - Thursday and two Saturdays each month. Because of your support RPS is now open to clients two additional days each month! RPS will be open the first and third Friday of the month from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm to serve women and men facing a pregnancy decision! These days are critical because Fridays are being targeted as the days that are "best" for women to take the abortion pill. RPS will now be open during these times to offer life-affirming alternatives to that message!

"I appreciate all of the time and services invested into moms who are seeking assistance"  
~ Sarah

Expanded hours means that more volunteers will be needed!

Client Advocates, Mentor Moms and Dads, Nurses and Boutique Assistants are needed for these Fridays. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up for New Volunteer Training coming up in February! (see details on the next page!)



## More than \$18,000 Raised for RPS Through Richland Gives

Richland Gives is held every year on Giving Tuesday (The Tuesday after Thanksgiving). The Richland County Foundation coordinates this giving opportunity for area nonprofits.

This year more than **160 donors** gave \$12,683 to RPS through Richland Gives!

This allowed RPS to earn \$6,250 in bonus grants for **a total of \$18,933!**

These funds will go directly toward life saving services and programs offered at RPS, such as free pregnancy testing and verification, ultrasounds, mom-to-mom and dad-to-dad mentoring, abortion recovery, parenting classes, STD testing and treatment and material support!

**Thank you to all who supported Richland Pregnancy Services through Richland Gives!**



Richland Pregnancy Services

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# From the Director



What an historic and memorable year 2022 was!

Along with the celebration of the overturning of Roe vs. Wade came the need for increased vigilance in safety at pregnancy centers, as well as approaching the battle for **LIFE** on a new front with the widespread availability of the abortion pill.

As we walk boldly into this new year, Richland Pregnancy Services stands ready to face these new challenges. Our Board of Directors approved and led the effort to increase security at our building. In addition, men from the community have stepped up to be a protective presence during the hours we are open to clients. The men have come together as part of the RPS Safety Team and keep watch to allow our staff and volunteers to focus on the mission of Richland Pregnancy Services: saving lives and strengthening families! We are so thankful for these men who God has called to serve in this role!

It seems that nearly every week brings news about the abortion pill and it's ever increasing ease of availability. Advocates for the abortion pill are promoting Fridays as the "best" day for women to take the abortion pill. In answer to that, Richland Pregnancy Services will be opening our doors two Fridays a month to offer **life-affirming alternatives** to the abortion pill. RPS will serve as a beacon of light on those days to women and men facing a pregnancy decision!

It is because of your generous giving to RPS that we are able to expand hours to serve women and men and offer them hope in what may feel like a hopeless situation to them. Thank you for supporting RPS.

We are so excited to see where the Lord is leading RPS in this new season.

Serving in great hope and expectation for what the Lord will do in 2023!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy".

Amy Kahl

## New Volunteer Training Coming Up!

Richland Pregnancy Services is able to serve clients with excellence because more than 60 volunteers give their time on a regular basis. Volunteers serve in the following areas:

**Client Advocate** - Meet with clients as they come in for their pregnancy test which is their first visit to RPS.

**Mentor Mom or Mentor Dad** - Build relationships with clients in a one-on-one setting as you go through lessons and share your experiences.

**Boutique Assistant** - Help clients choose items for their baby from donated items in the Boutique.

**Office Assistant** - Help with tasks around the office such as filing, copying, data entry and more.

If you have a desire to help women and men facing a pregnancy decision choose life, sign up for New Volunteer Training coming up on February 17th & 18th! Contact Lynn Ernsberger to reserve your spot! Lynn can be reached at (419) 522-8863, ext. 202 or [lynn@richlandpregnancy.com](mailto:lynn@richlandpregnancy.com)

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## Dad-to-Dad Mentoring Changes Lives

By Dick Stedman, Dad-to-Dad Director



Recently, a male client stopped by RPS because he wanted to schedule a special two-hour session with me. He specifically wanted to learn more about the Bible. This client had been faithfully attending sessions with me and another mentor dad for nearly 16 months.

When he came in, I asked if he wanted some of the time to continue with a DVD we had previously started, but he was intent on learning more about the Bible. For the next 90 minutes, I shared several Bible lessons and documents with him.

When it came time to end the session, I asked him if there was anything that I could pray for. His response was sincere and eager, "Could you explain to me how I can become a Christian?"

We trust God to bring about these moments as we interact with clients, knowing that with Christ in their heart and life, their lives will be completely changed. He repeated after me the sinners' prayer and joyfully thanked me for guiding him in this prayer to accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

None of this would have happened if it weren't for the dedication and generosity of our donors. Because of your support, we have these opportunities to share Christ with clients. Thank you, donors, for your prayers and giving.

*The Dad-to-Dad program is a vital ministry at RPS that provides support, practical parenting tips, boutique access and accountability for fathers facing an unexpected pregnancy. It is our prayer that men would come to know Christ, growing both in their relationship with God and in their role as a father and that churches will come alongside them to disciple them in salvation, their walk with Christ and in fatherhood.*

**If you would like information about how your church can partner with RPS to disciple men and women beginning their parenting journey, please contact Amy Kahl at [amy@richlandpregnancy.com](mailto:amy@richlandpregnancy.com) or (419) 522-8863, ext. 200 and request information about Making Life Disciples.**

## Wish List

- Individual size snack items for Parenting Classes
- \$10 Gas Gift Cards
- Adult Toothbrushes
- Bottles (all sizes)
- Full size Baby Wash, Shampoo and lotion
- Travel Size Toiletries
- Two-packet folders
- Baby Towels
- Men's Toiletries
- New Car Seats for Premies (3lb weight approved)
- Wipes
- New High Chairs
- Baby Swings



# Upcoming Events

Change for Life  
Anytime in 2023!

New Volunteer Training  
February 17th - 18th

Volunteer Appreciation Week  
April 16th - 22nd

Walk for Life  
Save the Date: June 3rd



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