

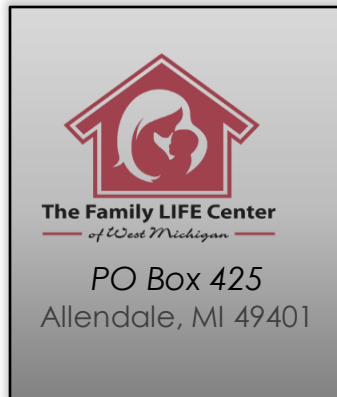
LIFE TIMES

a newsletter of the Family LIFE Center

The FLC is bursting at the seams! We have a house full! Here is a glimpse of the young women currently living at the Family LIFE Center:

K has been at the FLC since November and just welcomed her new baby girl into the world a week ago! Both mom and baby are doing great! K's relationship with her parents is nonexistent due to decisions that she has made in her past. She is fervently seeking to change her life and is beginning to understand what it really means to be a child of God...both the benefits and responsibilities. Her head knowledge of the Bible is very good, she is now connecting that knowledge with her heart. What awesome progress we have seen in her! It is such a privilege to see how God is working in her life.

K had her beautiful baby girl in early February. She came to



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The mission of the Family LIFE Center is to demonstrate the love of Christ to young women experiencing unplanned pregnancies by equipping them for the challenges of LIFE.

What's new at the Family Life Center?

the FLC having not spoken to her parents in 2 years and unsure of whether she would parent or allow a loving family to adopt her baby. As she worked through her parenting and adoption workbooks with Lynn, she has chosen to make an adoption plan. Giving a baby to a loving couple is such a brave and loving thing to do. With lots of prayer and a changed heart, K has also reconnected with her parents. We are so proud of her!

J is such a hard-worker and is attending classes in Grand

Rapids from 8-noon Tuesday through Thursday. Her goal is to graduate from High School in 1 year. During the last week of January J gave birth to a beautiful baby boy! She is a wonderful and attentive mother already! J has a dry sense of humor that keeps us laughing. She arrived at the FLC as an agnostic but through our Bible studies with Conni Christy she has repented of her sins and invited Jesus to be her Lord and Savior! We are excited to watch God's will unfold for her and her baby boy.

Make a difference

M is in her 4rd month of pregnancy. She hadn't slept on a bed for over 6 months and was excited to do just that when she arrived. She was initially a little nervous about the resident policies here at the FLC, but out of desperation decided to come. Now she has become such an important part of this home with her insights and level headedness. She is resistant to Christianity and has lots of questions. We are walking this journey with her and pray that she will discover who she is as a child of God. It is such a blessing to see how determined she is to make good choices.

New Babies: Our newest baby was due in early March but decided she could wait no longer! What a wonderful experience it

has been getting to know these young women. They never cease to amaze us with their strength. What a blessing it is to see how much God loves them and cares for them! We believe that each child is created and loved by God. If we, as Christians, proclaim the sanctity of life, then we must support the young women who choose LIFE. If we cannot change the laws about abortion, let's change the heart!

We need you!

If you would like to be a part of the Family LIFE Center volunteer team contact

Jackie at

Director@familylifecenterhome.org

We are especially in need of drivers and baby sitters☺ Please prayerfully consider how you can get to be a part of the lives of these amazing girls.



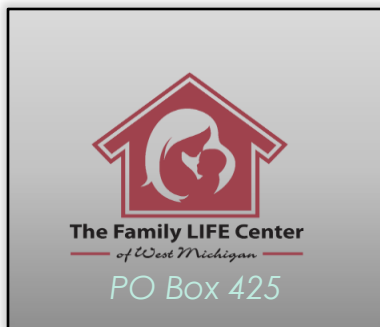
Simply put, our responsibility lies in working for the Lord, whether it is in "looking after orphans or widows in distress" ([James 1:27](#)), giving to the hungry, the naked, visiting those in prison (see [Matthew 25:35-36](#)), serving in our workplace (see [Colossians 3:22](#)), or doing whatever we do ([Colossians 3:23](#)). And our motivation is that we have God's own promise that our work "is not in vain" in the Lord "since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving" ([Colossians 3:24](#)).

DEAR DONORS,

Once again we want you to know that we are thankful beyond what words can express!

Thank you!! Thank you!! This ministry could not be fruitful without you!

Please follow us on Facebook to see the latest happenings of our residents. Your donations are so important to the success of these young women.



Save the date!

The Family LIFE Center will be holding a bowling fundraiser on April 11 from 6:30-8:30! This will be a fun way to meet our residents, staff, and board!

Stay tuned for more information about this family friendly event! Please take advantage of this opportunity to support the Family LIFE Center and see all the ways God is working through the FLC. The cost will be \$15 per individual. This includes shoes☺ You can sign up to attend by texting Jackie at 616-550-5770 or sending an email to

director@familylifecenterhome.org

Needs for the house:

Services:

House parent Respite,
transportation volunteers,
mentors,
Bible Study leaders.
cleaning and organizing
lawn maintenance services,
weeding,
window cleaning

If you prefer to donate items below are some of our needs:

Newborn Diapers

Laundry detergent, paper towel, toilet paper, cleaning supplies

Gift cards for Food

Gas cards!

Keep checking Facebook and our website for updates!

Thoughts from Jackie

The past 4 months have been a whirlwind! God has been evident each and every day! He has brought these girls away from drugs, abuse, poor relationships, and loneliness to a place of self-confidence, love, selflessness, and motherhood. We now have 4 women and 2 babies at the FLC☺ God is forever faithful and truly uses every circumstance for our good and His glory! I have been blown away by how God is at work through the Family LIFE Center. Not only is He working in the hearts of these women and their babies, but He is reaching out to their extended family, friends, and especially all of us working to make this a mission that glorifies God! The Lord is good and His love endures forever☺ Praise God for the many ways that He has blessed this ministry!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We would like to say a special thank you to donors and volunteers who have helped us by donating some specific items:

Edgar and Elsa Prince Foundation provided us with a very generous grant!

Tom Day and Tom Day Roofing for all the time and energy put into replacing our roof!

The many churches who support us in prayers and donations!

Lurtsema Tree Farm- provided us with a beautiful Christmas tree that put us all in the Christmas Spirit.

An Anonymous donor who helped defray our food cost by donating a

whole pig!

Bruce at Element Mattress who provided 4 memory foam mattresses so that the women could feel rested and energetic.

Jim, Joan Van Farrow, and Jackie Sietsema for their faithful servant hearts. They have provided respite, transportation, and mentoring. This ministry would not be the same without them!

Roto Rooter who gave us a great deal on a Saturday night emergency toilet clog clearing!

Feeding America- Wow! Does this help defray our grocery costs!

Gary Baigle who generously fixed the DeBoefs computer for free!

Krystin Paris at Paris Photography who took beautiful baby bump photos for our girls☺

South Christian High school generously donated chromebooks for our residents☺ This was a life saver!

Jen Brower, Jan Ubels, Sara Avink, Bill and Bonnie DeKleine, Reta Spolstra, for helping out at the house!

Consumers Energy and Mustard Seed Ministries who provided the grant for our new roof!

Carol Lubs and Cradles of Grace who have provided training and Bible Fellowship for our staff and residents.

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