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## **A Community Pregnancy Clinics Update**

"Our mission is to save babies from abortion while providing care, compassion and choices for women."



As Hurricane Irma wreaked havoc on Florida last September, a distraught, pregnant teen sought help from the Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline to save her baby from the "abortion pill" she had taken under pressure from her family. Immediately, she was referred to the nearest certif ed Abortion Pill Reversal physician: Dr. Karen Liebert, medical

director of CPCI's Sarasota clinic.

In spite of Irma and other challenges, the young woman was able to receive prompt treatment and the necessary follow-up care from Dr. Liebert and our staff. We're happy to report this young mom gave birth in April to a healthy baby girl, Zarah.

## CPCI OFFERS FREE ABORTION PILL REVERSAL

Women seeking to stop the effects of the abortion pill (known as RU-486 or Mifepristone) can call any CPCI clinic or, to locate the nearest provider:

800-712-HELP (4357)

Early treatment, usually within 72 hours, is essential.



## Thank you, donors!

This little visitor to our Naples clinic can't wait to take home the new activity toy provided by a generous donor.

## Save the Date for Life Saver 2019, an Evening with Tucker Carlson on March 30<sup>th</sup>

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Fox News personality Tucker Carlson has been a hard-hitting newspaper journalist, magazine columnist, and host of several cable news programs. He's reported live

from the war-torn Middle East. He's even appeared on *Dancing with the Stars*. And on Saturday, March 30, 2019, Tucker Carlson will headline CPCI's Life Saver 2019 as we mark our 45th year of helping moms and saving babies.

Known for his strong pro-life stance, Carlson is sure to inspire us with his personal observations and experiences. The popular host of *Tucker Carlson Tonight* credits his own birth to the

absence of legalized abortion prior to the 1973 Roe v Wade decision. His father was born in 1941 to a 15-year-old girl who placed him for adoption. "If it had been 1973, I wouldn't be here," he said. And we look forward to having Tucker Carlson here, in Naples, for Life Saver 2019! Watch your mail or go online to LifeSaverEvent.com for more information, and please reserve your seat early.

#### **LIFE SAVER 2019**

Saturday, March 30 Hilton Naples Reception 5:30 PM Program 6:50 PM

Register now to sponsor or attend LifeSaverEvent.com

### Message from the CEO by Gary Ingold



**Gary Ingold** 

As I write this, we're on the countdown to opening CPCI's newest clinic in Gainesville, in the heart of Alachua County, where the abortion ratio is the second highest in Florida. Sadly, for every 1,000 live births in Alachua County, 560 babies are lost to abortion. But that's just one reason why,

when we implemented CPCI's 5-year strategic expansion plan in 2015, we made sure Gainesville was on the list.

#### Opening soon: CPCI Gainesville

Another reason is that Alachua County suffers the second highest rate of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in our state. Indeed, STIs have reached epidemic proportions nationwide, with half of all STIs occurring in young people age 15 to 24. Similarly, nearly



half of all abortions occur in this age group of women. Which brings me to the most compelling reason for CPCI's expansion to Gainesville...

Gainesville is a university town with a large population of students, over half of whom are female. This, when taken into consideration with Alachua County's alarmingly high abortion ratio and upsurge in STIs in young people, is what brought CPCI to Gainesville. They need us! Soon, CPCI will open its doors on University Avenue, overlooking University of Florida's Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Meanwhile, with Planned Parenthood less than two miles away, we will be the "first responder" to any student seeking free, confidential STI testing or help with an unplanned pregnancy. Ultimately, we aim to renew the Culture of Life in Alachua

County and points beyond by transforming the hearts and minds of these young people and everyone whose life we touch.

As with every move and every challenge CPCI has experienced since our launch in 1974, God has provided for this moment by sending us loyal, caring supporters like you. I especially want to thank our 25 generous Century Club founders, whose noteworthy financial commitments to our mission have enabled CPCI's successful expansion—from Naples to Ft. Myers to Sarasota to Gainesville. Donations of any amount are always welcome and needed, but if you can join them in saving 100 babies, I urge you to consider becoming a CPCI Centurion with your gift of \$72,000 payable over five years. There's a special place in Heaven for this kind of generosity—and we've reserved a special plaque for your name to be engraved and displayed in our clinics. Above all, thank you to everyone for your continued prayers and donations of any size, large or small. You are the life force behind CPCI!



The United States abortion rate is at its lowest point since 1973 when Roe v Wade legalized abortion.

Young people, age 18-29, are the most pro-life of any age group today.



Pregnancy resource center locations doubled nationwide between 1997 and 2007.

CPCI locations have more than quadrupled since 1974!



### Ready for big changes



A young woman, Paola, came to our Sarasota clinic for help and found the caring support she needed to resist pressure from others to abort her child. Today she eagerly awaits the birth of her baby, ready for the many changes that motherhood will bring. And that includes diaper changes! Thanks to a generous gift from an area family, Paola is now the grateful recipient of a brand new changing table.

#### Board of Directors Update by David Joyce, Chairman

From the moment CPCI was launched in 1974 as "Emergency Pregnancy Services" in Naples, God has provided what this ministry needed, precisely when we needed it. As those who've been with CPCI the longest can attest, when opportunities to advance our mission present themselves, the right people and sufficient resources somehow find their way to us. Now, as we approach our 45th anniversary of helping moms and saving babies, there's no doubt it was God's plan all along for one small clinic serving the Naples area to blossom into a major, pro-life presence in Florida.

With this growth comes exciting new opportunities to transform hearts and minds of those in the communities we serve in Collier, Lee, Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, Hendry, Desoto and—as soon as our Gainesville clinic opens—Alachua Counties! Exciting new initiatives are underway to reach abortion-minded women and, equally

Since 1994, more women facing unintended pregnancy are choosing life instead of abortion.



important, young women and menespecially college students. Through strategic partnerships with Ave Maria University, Florida Gulf Coast University and, in Gainesville, University of Florida and Santa Fe College, CPCI aims to sow the seeds for a Culture of Life through programs



**David Joyce** 

that instill the profound importance of abstinence outside of marriage. With the portability of our services through CPCI's Mobile Medical Clinic, students on these campuses will have a trusted, confidential resource for free counseling, testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds, and compassionate, Christian care.

Meanwhile, CPCI has been cultivating young, pro-life leaders through accredited internship programs offering college students hands-on, real-life experience in our clinics. But, as they say, wait there's more! Recently the board of directors launched a new Leaders for Life program to engage young, local professionals in our mission and groom "our replacements"—that is, the next-generation of leadership for CPCI. It is truly a community-wide effort, bringing young business, church, and civic leaders together for the pro-life cause. Headed by chairperson Karen Chancey (whose mother, Sandy Chancey, was our first board president back in the 1970s), Leaders for Life is off to a running start in the Naples community and will be growing along with us. Stay tuned for news of more developments!

#### Volunteer Corner: Maria Claudia Gomez

With credentials as a mom, a dentist, and even a Catholic radio show host in her home country of Colombia, Claudia Gomez now radiates enthusiasm for helping CPCI clients at our Downtown Naples clinic. Since moving to the area in 2013 with her husband, Felipe, she found herself with more time to "give back" now that the couple's two children are starting life on their own. She had busied herself with handcrafting and giving away rosaries to others "...until one day," she said, "I felt a calling in my heart that helping at the pregnancy clinic was what God wanted me to do."

With Spanish as her mother tongue, Claudia is an especially appreciated volunteer client advocate for Hispanic clients. On her first day at the clinic, both the language skill and her six years in dentistry were put to use: Claudia advised a young, Spanish-speaking client about dental problems she was experiencing that are common during pregnancy. But Claudia insists it is she who is gaining from the experience. "I truly love being a volunteer at CPCI," she said. "I have been learning so much....to be patient, to be kind, to listen more and talk less....to remember that in every woman that enters CPCI we can see Jesus' face."



#### Like us on Facebook

Want to know the latest happenings and keep abreast of important developments impacting our mission to save moms and babies from abortion? Check us out on Facebook.com/CommunityPregnancyClinics -where our tireless team of Development Interns is posting news and information, as it happens, just for you. Simply click on "Follow" to have our posts delivered directly to your Facebook newsfeed. And please be sure to click on the "Like" button to show your support!





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#### Be a friend, bring a friend—for life

With the goal of spreading the word about our baby-saving mission in the areas we serve, each year we hold a series of "Friends for Life" receptions at the private homes of CPCI supporters in Naples, Fort Myers, Sanibel, Sarasota, Ave Maria, Marco Island, and more. In a casual and relaxed setting over libations and hors d'oeuvres, guests learn about the impact CPCI is making in their community and how they may choose to become involved. It's a fun and easy way to introduce your friends and associates to CPCI and engage them in our ministry.

**Contact Dom Micillo, Development** Director, at dmicillo@community4life.com to be notified of upcoming events

#### Moms: Are you meant to be a mentor?

CPCI is seeking moms to share their knowledge, friendship, and "mother's intuition" with our clients, many of whom are first-time moms. As a CPCI mentor, you'll volunteer your time every other week or so to help a new mom prepare for parenting from the time of her pregnancy until the baby has reached three months of age. Meanwhile, both you and the new mom will have CPCI's caring support every step of the way. To help boost your confidence and expertise, we'll provide you with resources and training on such topics as prenatal health, managing relationships, budgeting, early childhood education, and more. For more information, please contact Sarah Kozak, CPCI Assistant Regional Clinic Coordinator, at 239-262-6381 skozak@community4life.com. And be sure to sign up for our Volunteer Orientation Night (see below)!

#### Other volunteers needed, too

In addition to Mentors, CPCI volunteer positions include Nurses/Sonographers, Counselors, and Interns (Development and Medical). Find out more at our first-ever CPCI Volunteer

Orientation Night to be held in early October. Please send your name and email address to Geri Kull at gkull@community4life.com to be notified when more details are available.

