



**Feb/March
2021**

Pregnancy Resource Center of the Park Rapids Area

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Partnering with our community so that we can be "here to help".

A newsletter to keep you informed!

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Marth!

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"fundraising"
committee?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Jaunita Marth

THANK YOU
Board
Members!

We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year's. Covid-19 is STILL with us, but at least we have a few more tools to fight it. Two big changes have occurred here at the PRC since our last newsletter.

One is the resignation of Tim Balfanz from the PRC Board of Directors. We thank Tim for his generous service to the organization's efforts to serve the young moms and dads in our community. We are asking those in our community to prayerfully consider joining our volunteer Board of Directors. Please find information and an application on our website <https://www.prcparkrapids.org/applications> or contact us at the center (218-732-5212).

The second is the resignation of our Medical Director, Dr. Nathan Harris. We thank Dr. Harris for his thoughtful and prayerful analysis of our needs and his role in helping us with our ultrasound objectives. Unfortunately, he has decided he is unable to help us move forward in this endeavor. We do **THANK** him for his efforts!

Without the services of a Medical Director, this Pregnancy Resource Center is unable to provide ultrasounds for our moms. The Knights Of Columbus made it possible for the PRC to procure an ultrasound machine by the end of 2019. We spent the first half of 2020 looking into the legal and medical aspects of operating an ultrasound. With the assistance of NIFLA (National Institute of Family Life Advocates), we obtained the needed policies/procedures and membership(s). We have continually investigated training availability, legal issues and costs which are going to be significant and possibly not within reach for our nonprofit organization. With holiday seasons approaching, costs and covid-19 restrictions, we decided to wait until January 2021 to move forward with decisions regarding the ultrasound services. As of now, with the resignation of our Medical Director and the lack of financing required to provide staff training and highly recommended legal support needed to move forward, the Board of Directors has put the ultrasound project on hold for further prayer and evaluation.

As an organization, we'd LOVE to be able to offer ultrasounds (especially since we have a machine onsite). There is a LARGE training budget required. With PRC personnel changing somewhat often, we are likely needing to send new people through training. NIFLA also strongly recommends that our Medical Director and ultrasound tech(s) go through training as well. At this PRC, we are not positioned in such a way that a training budget can be maintained. With these hurdles at play, we are asking God's guidance as we determine if an ultrasound service is reasonable going forward. We are also asking our medical community (if you are a medical professional, **this includes you**) for assistance in finding a potential Medical Director. We KNOW that many people in the community contributed a great deal towards our goal of getting the ultrasound project up and running, and we have tried very hard to make it a reality. We do not have many options at this point. If we cannot find a Medical Director, we cannot offer ultrasound services. We are asking ALL of you in the community to prayerfully reflect on any and all potential options that may help us move forward successfully with this ultrasound effort. Please feel free to contact us with ideas, thoughts and potential solutions! Call **218-732-5212** or email: director@prcparkrapids.org



Update

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Please help us welcome...

Our newest board member,
Jaunita Marth!



My name is Jaunita Marth, I moved to the Park Rapids four years ago and although fairly new to this community I have fallen in love with this area that I now consider my home. I have two grown children who have given me six amazing grandchildren. I purchased a home out in the country where I live with my two dogs.

I have worn several hats in my lifetime that influence my outlook on life and particularly as a board member for the PRC such as a probation officer, victim advocate and mental health therapist. I work for Steller Human Services and they have a contract with the school to provide therapy services inside the school setting. I am mainly at the High School however I do see a few kids at the Middle School.

My goal and prayer for this agency is that we utilize our gifts and talents to reach out to this population and shower them with education, love and support. I look forward to the next three years and am excited to see where God brings us to and through!! Thank you for this opportunity.



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Community at work with your PRC

A special “THANK YOU”...

... to **First English Lutheran Church of Dorset** for donating a number of handmade quilts to PRC for clients!

... “**Meals For Moms**” cooks, your efforts are appreciated for our moms/families in need!

... **Hubbard United Methodist Church Quilters** for their “Threads of Love” quilts and “Mom Bags” filled with soaps and toiletries” donated to PRC for clients!

... **Michelle Fritze** for donating numerous gift bags with a devotional and gift set for our clients!

... ALL the individuals who took part in the “Pies For Life” fundraiser in December, we are extremely grateful!

... Numerous individuals who stopped by the center to make financial or material donations! Thank you!

Again, we’d like to give a big “THANK YOU”

to the wonderful folks at Haas Printing of Park Rapids. They are the ones who help us get our newsletters out and we greatly appreciate their efforts!



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Fundraisers during Covid-19 restrictions...

December's "Pies For Life" fundraiser

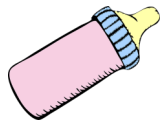
So many thanks to Debbie Yennie for ALL of her efforts to make numerous pies and cheesecakes for the "Pies For Life" fundraiser during the entire month of December 2020. And again, **THANK YOU** to all of you who made donations during that fundraiser. We appreciate all of our community donors, for we do not exist without **YOU**! With your continued support, we will be here to follow God's calling to serve young moms and dads who are making life decisions concerning their precious baby.



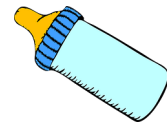
February and March "Read For Life" fundraiser



With Covid-19 still preventing us from in-person fundraisers, we launched a "Read For Life" fundraiser for the entire months of February and March 2021 for school-aged students. This fundraiser was primarily advertised via our Facebook page. It is awesome to see so many young people involved in an effort to help young moms and dads in their community. Get the details on our FB page and the website: <https://www.prcparkrapids.org/readforlife-fundraiser> You kids rock! **Thank you!**



"Baby Bottle Brigade" fundraiser



If your church (or other organization) would be interested in helping us fundraise through our "Baby Bottle Brigade", please let us know! We will bring the number of baby bottles you can use, and we will pick them up at the end of the month you choose to participate. It's an easy and fun way to help support your Pregnancy Resource Center with spare change and such found just laying around the office, house and vehicle. The best part is having the community be involved! It is only because of **YOU** that we are able to provide the **FREE** services (and items) that we do to the young moms and dads who need us. Again, **THANK YOU!**

2021 - fundraiser page on our website

Since covid-19 continues to prevent us from in-person gatherings, we continue to try new ways to fundraise. As a nonprofit, we can **ONLY** continue providing free services to young moms and dads via our community's generous donations. Interested in seeing our web page dedicated to fundraising information? Check out <https://www.prcparkrapids.org/prc-fundraiser> and consider partnering with us, any time, at your convenience! Want a quick way to get there? Scan this QR Code! Again, **THANK YOU** so much!



We'd love to have you become a regular supporter of God's ministry to help save His precious babies. Every donation, large or small, makes a huge difference. Join us! Paypal makes it very easy and convenient (and automated). Also, I can send you envelopes that make it just as convenient (just not automated)! Either way, **thank you** so much for partnering with us to serve God in His ministry. May God abundantly bless you!



PRC “Fundraising” committee

Your Pregnancy Resource Center is completely community-funded, which means we are able to provide needed services to those young moms and dads in need in our community in a compassionate, faith-based way while fulfilling God’s mission to save His precious babies and improve the lives of all involved. This means we must constantly ask our community members for funding. Your PRC Board of Directors recently discussed an idea of starting a volunteer “Fundraising” committee comprised of community volunteers whose function is to organize and execute creative fundraising activities to help the PRC remain strong and viable for years to come. Are YOU motivated? Have a heart to save God’s precious babies? Want to contribute in some way but don’t know how? Love to work with others to achieve big goals? Please consider becoming involved by joining this new committee! We are excited to see some creative ideas employed in our community, especially in this continuing covid-19 season! Call 218-732-5212 or email us at: director@prcparkrapids.org or send us your thoughts via mail at: **PO Box 759 Park Rapids, MN 56470**

*** The *Pregnancy Resource Center of the Park Rapids Area* ***
a community resource made possible by **YOU!**
God bless you!

Material Donations: We **cannot** accept things like used car seats, used furniture, used beds/bedding, used mattresses/covers, used stuffed animals/dolls, opened packages of diapers, hygiene products. We do not currently give out enough baby food/formula, so please donate those elsewhere. Thank you!

We **can** accept unopened packages of diapers/wipes and used maternity and children’s clothing (up to size 5t) in reasonably good shape. Thank you!

... to all of you who **volunteer** your time!
... to all of our generous **donors!**
... to all **prayer warriors** in His name!
... to all who help spread the good news!
... to all who **partner with us** to make sure people who NEED us will find us!

We appreciate ALL of you!



Have ideas or concerns?

We’d love your feedback! Feel free to call us, FB Message us, email us or come visit (please schedule it first, and come with a mask (per Gov. Walz)), or use the cut-out form below! Anything we can do to make things BETTER, we want to know!

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Not on our Mailing list yet???

Would you like to receive our newsletters in the mail? Know of someone who WOULD like to be on our mailing list? Please send us your name (or theirs) and address with your request (to add, update OR delete) to:

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