

# The Joinlife Journal

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A Publication of LifeClinic Community Resources



Dear LifeClinic Partners,

Every year we come up with a Gala theme to help us highlight what God has been doing at LifeClinic. This year we decided on the theme **Transformation**. The dictionary defines transformation as the act or process of changing one's appearance, nature or character. As Christians we know that true life changing transformation can only come through Christ.

We are privileged to see firsthand how God is using LifeClinic to transform individuals, families and our community. Often we find that it isn't just those we serve that are being transformed! God is working on all of us, transforming us daily from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18). We are excited to share with you some of the real-life transformations happening through LifeClinic at this year's galas.

Please mark your calendars for either the **Saginaw Gala September 30<sup>th</sup>** or **Midland Gala October 1<sup>st</sup>**. You will find more details within this newsletter. It will be an amazing evening reminding all of us that some of our most "colorful and complicated" stories often have some of the most beautiful results when God becomes part of the narrative.

You will also hear from our wonderful speaker, **Darlene Pawlik** as she shares her dramatic testimony and how God has used her trials for His glory. We have been praying that each of you are blessed through the information you hear at the gala. We can't wait to see you there!

Many Blessings,

Lori Drake  
Executive Director

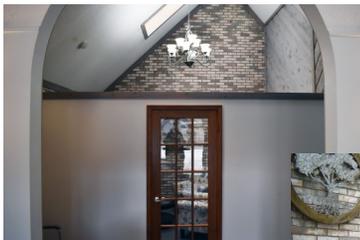
*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.  
2 Cor. 5:17*

# Introducing The Saginaw Location

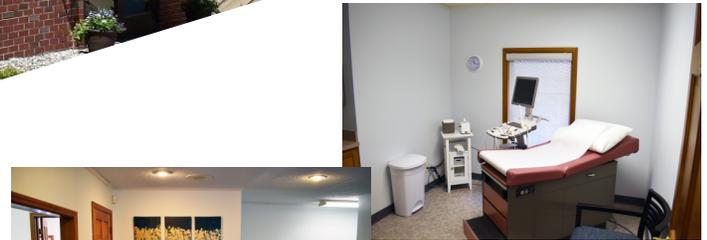


Our Saginaw center officially opened on April 15th after all renovations and painting were completed. We are excited to share our progress with you! On May 14th we held an open house and over 100 guests toured the center and heard about our services. If you missed the open house, the following will give you an update about our new building.

The main entryway consists of a receptionist station and our Prayer Chapel. Depending on the service needed, the receptionist will direct the individual to the upper or lower level.



The medical clinic is located on the upper level of the building. This level consists of an exam room, consultation room, two PATH rooms for trauma care, administration offices, and a conference room. The services offered on this level include pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STI testing/treatment and trauma care.



Our parenting education services are located on the lower level with one large classroom, three mentor rooms and our beautiful new Hope Closet.



We thank God for blessing us with this building and look forward to using it to carry out His ministry. If you are interested in seeing it in person, please contact us at 989-754-0091. We would love to give you a tour!

# *Needed*

## **Men and Volunteers**



### *Saginaw needs you!!*

Our Saginaw location is in need of volunteers and we would love to have you join us! We have several different opportunities for involvement based on your desire to work with clients or behind the scenes. We encourage you to pray about how many hours you would be able to commit to, whether it is a few hours each week or a few hours a month. Each volunteer contributes to our success and is deeply appreciated!

We are specifically looking for prayer volunteers who could commit to a 2-3 hour time block to come into the chapel at our Saginaw clinic and be available to pray for our staff or clients as needed. During this time, you will pray for the needs of the clinic, the clients for the day, and any personal prayers that may arise.

Our hope is to have a prayer volunteer on site the entire time LifeClinic is open (Mon.—Thurs. 9:00 AM—4:00 PM). We would like the schedule to be as consistent as possible; for example, you could commit to volunteer every Monday from 9:00—11:00 AM. Please contact our Saginaw office at 989-754-0091 if you are interested in becoming a prayer warrior or interested in another way to serve. We will work to match your spiritual gifts and talents to an area of need in our ministry.

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### *Calling all Men!!*

Most people would associate LifeClinic with helping women in our community who are facing a pregnancy or sexual health concern. However we also serve men and it is our desire to help them become better fathers and leaders. Currently we have a men's client advocate in the Midland office who is meeting with the fathers and building a clientele for our men's parenting education program.

As the men's clientele increases we will be in need of godly men who could volunteer for 2-3 hours per week as a men's client advocate. Appointments may include meeting with men for general mentoring in parenting education, building better relationships, referrals for financial and job skill training. If you have a heart for helping men and families, please contact LifeClinic at 989-835-1500 or Len at [leonard@lifeclinic.org](mailto:leonard@lifeclinic.org) or 267-242-7224.

### *Supplies Needed*

- Copy paper
- Bleach wipes
- Bottled water
- Boutique size tissue boxes (small, square)
- Baby toiletries
- Diaper bags
- 18 month sleepers
- \$15 GAS ONLY gift cards
- Wipes
- Diapers - Specifically sizes 4,5,6

# Supporting Bottles and Racing

## Baby Bottle Fundraiser

### Your Change Can Change Lives!

Are you looking for a simple way to make a big impact at LifeClinic? Consider filling a baby bottle with loose change, cash, or a check. It is a great way for your church, school, community group, or family to help support our clients with free and confidential medical services, parenting education classes, and trauma support programs. Campaigns typically run for 3-4 weeks and we provide the baby bottles and materials.

So far this year, we've raised over \$23,000 from 26 Midland and Saginaw area churches and one school. If you would like to help us reach our 2019 goal of \$50,000, we would be thrilled to hear from you! For more information, contact Sue at (989) 835-1500 or [sue@lifeclinic.org](mailto:sue@lifeclinic.org).

#### Midland

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Blessed Sacrament Church  
Calvary Baptist Academy  
Christ Covenant Church  
Countryside United Brethren in Christ  
Eagle Ridge Church of God  
First Baptist Church of Auburn  
Floyd Church of God  
Merrill Wesleyan Church  
Midland Christian Church  
Midland Christian School  
Midland Free Methodist Church  
Midland Missionary Church  
Mt Haley Church of God  
North Bradley Church of God  
North Point Church of God  
Our Redeemer Evangelical  
St Johns Lutheran Church  
Sunrise Baptist Church

#### Saginaw

Christ the Good Shepherd Parish  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
Reach Community Church  
St Elizabeth Parish  
St Martin Lutheran Church  
St Michael Church of Maple Grove  
St Peter Parish



Pastors from all over the community will be gathering at the Tri-City Motor Speedway to see who will claim the title as Faster Pastor. One pastor will receive the trophy but it will be the charities that they are racing for that come out the ultimate winners.

LifeClinic Community Resources is blessed to have Pastor David Warren from Calvary Baptist Church drive for the fifth year in a row to help support our ministry.

There are several ways that you can help Pastor David succeed in this race:

1. Come to the race! The speedway will donate \$1 toward LifeClinic for each person that mentions LifeClinic.
2. Make a donation! Pastor David has a [gofundme page](https://www.gofundme.com/faster-pastor-race-for-lifeclinic) to collect contributions. <https://www.gofundme.com/faster-pastor-race-for-lifeclinic>

**AUGUST 9, 2019 7:00PM**

TriCity Motor Speedway  
85 W Wheeler Rd  
Auburn MI 48611

# Upcoming 2019 Galas

**Our 2019 Galas are right around the corner!**

## Saginaw Gala

September 30, 2019  
6:00—9:00 PM  
New Life Christian Fellowship  
6115 Shattuck Rd  
Saginaw, MI

## Midland Gala

October 1, 2019  
6:00—9:00 PM  
Great Hall  
5121 Bay City Rd  
Midland, MI

We hope you will be able to join us for one of the nights for dinner, fellowship and an opportunity to give alongside others in our community that value the sanctity of human life.

This year's theme is Transformation. We will be sharing how God has transformed our ministry and how we are able to help families find life-transformation. Our speaker, Darlene Pawlik, has an amazing testimony of transformation. She was conceived by rape, grew up feeling worth less than others as a result of child sexual abuse, was a target of human trafficking at 13, sold into prostitution on her 14th birthday and later faked an abortion to get free from the man holding her. Her story will be eye-opening to the issues we see at LifeClinic and show how God is leading us to address these issues within our communities.

If you are interested in partnering with us as an underwriter or table sponsor, please contact Sue at 989-835-1500. This partnership will allow all donations given on the night of the Gala to go directly to the ministry. This is essential in the success of the event and reaching our goal of \$200,000. We are so excited for our 2019 Galas and we look forward to seeing you there!

## Prayer Request

Right before this newsletter was to go to print we found out that our upcoming Gala speaker, Darlene Pawlik's daughter had a horrific accident. She was run over by a RV while on vacation with her children in California. She lives near Greenville, SC so on top of it being an awful situation it is a logistic nightmare for the family. The children witnessed the very gruesome accident leaving them traumatized. Darlene's daughter sustained significant internal injury and will most likely lose her sight in her left eye. We are thankful she is alive and know God must have an amazing plan for her! We offered Darlene the option of cancelling her speaking engagement with us but she declined. Please pray for Darlene, her daughter and her daughter's children for healing both physically and emotionally. Also pray for Darlene's strength and endurance as she cares for her daughter during this time. May we be a blessing to her when she joins us and may she find encouragement and strength through our prayers.



# *Blessed* Advisory Board and AED



## *Young Professional Advisory Board*

We are excited to announce that LifeClinic is launching a Young Professional Advisory Board (YPAB) this fall. Under the direction of our Executive Director, Lori and her assistant Sarah, the YPAB will serve as ambassadors to educate and engage others in their networks about LifeClinic. The goals for the YPAB are to increase our volunteer base, assist with fundraising and marketing, provide feedback to the governing board and create events to support LifeClinic's mission. Not only does the YPAB provide an opportunity for young adults to grow and develop philanthropic leadership skills, but it will help prepare them to possibly serve on our governing board in the future.

We are still in search of members to be on the YPAB between the ages of 18 (senior in high school) and 25. If you or someone you know might be interested in more information about the YPAB please contact Sarah at [sarah@lifeclinic.org](mailto:sarah@lifeclinic.org).

## *AED Grant*

The Saginaw location was recently awarded an automated external defibrillator (AED) from the Pulse3 Foundation! Through the MMR and Saginaw Spirit charity hockey game, Shocks and Saves, the Pulse3 Foundation raised funding to provide grants to local nonprofits, schools and ice arenas who do not yet have an on-site AED. This was a competitive application process and we feel so blessed to have been selected! In addition to the unit, MMR is donating a free CPR/AED training class for two organizational representatives. Tamra and Julie attended this class on July 16th. Our new AED will be centrally located in our lobby.



# *Healing* **Freedom and Support**

## *Surrendering The Secret* Post-Abortive Healing Journey



**1 out of 3 women in your world**  
—daughter, sister, friend, co-worker, church member—  
have experienced the pain and shame of a past abortion.

Millions of women hold this secret deep inside and are silently suffering severe consequences. LifeClinic offers an 8 week Bible Study that enables women to release this burden and find freedom through the honest, interactive study of God's Word; meaningful group experiences; unique journaling exercises; and confidential, caring community. It offers a safe place to talk with other women who understand and connect with women who can help.

If you or someone you know has been silently suffering from their abortion, it may be affecting their current quality of life, and robbing them of the joy and freedom that is available. Take the first step on this journey to healing by calling Shelly at 989-205-7772 or [shelly@lifeclinic.org](mailto:shelly@lifeclinic.org).

Our next study is set to begin on **Monday, October 7, 2019**. Classes will be held from 6:30-8:30pm at the Grace A Dow Memorial Library.

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## *Wildflower's Retreat* **Trihope Trauma Weekend Retreat**

LifeClinic's Trihope Trauma Program is hosting a weekend support group retreat for survivors of childhood sexual trauma on **November 7-10, 2019**. The goals of the Wildflower's Retreat is to offer hope to those who have experienced trauma, eliminate feelings of isolation, create a safe environment for healing, and lead participants to a biblical understanding of healing and God's unconditional love.

Location: The Center for Ministry 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw, MI 48603

\$125 per person - double occupancy

\$150 per person - single occupancy

\$25 early bird discount if you register by October 1, 2019

Check-in is Thursday at 9:00 a.m. The retreat ends Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Registration and full payment deadline is Thursday, October 24, 2019. Cost includes lodging, meals, and a workbook.

To register or ask questions, call (989) 754-0091 or email [Donya@LifeClinic.org](mailto:Donya@LifeClinic.org). For information regarding the "In the Wildflowers" curriculum, visit [www.rthm.cc](http://www.rthm.cc).

# Red, White and You!

## A Celebration of our Midland Volunteers

On July 23rd we gathered at Emerson Park to celebrate our faithful volunteers at our Midland Center. We enjoyed an evening of food, fun, fellowship and sharing our appreciation for all the time and talents that you share with LifeClinic. We are so blessed to have help with a wide range of services: board members, medical director, processing and sorting material donations, maintenance, mentoring clients, administration duties, making food for meetings, bible study leader, IT services, childbirth education teacher, and prayer warriors.

**38**  
**volunteers**



**2,333**  
**hours**

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