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Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above” James 1:17a

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Who Are We?

Katie Kramer, Director

Board Members:

- Diane Hatinger, President
- Toni McKay, Secretary
- Daphnie Lattimore, Treasurer
- Mike Cook
- Paul Lewis
- Jamie Quinn
- Lynn Taylor
- Pastor Ethan Tews

Appointments Available:

Tuesdays, 1-7 pm
Thursdays, 10 am-2pm

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Community Outreach

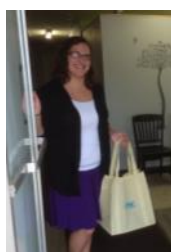


RunWalk for Life 5k:

Our RunWalk was held on Saturday, September 17. Almost \$4,000 was raised by this fundraiser.



PSIC Board Member, Pastor Ethan Tews, from First Christian Church of Ionia, was first place for the 5k run.



Open House: If you missed our Open House in September and would like to learn more about what is happening at PSIC or how you can help, call us to schedule a tour. *All supporters who visit will receive a free shopping tote, while supplies last.*

Baby Feeding & Diaper Change Station:

PSIC opened our center to the community and hosted a baby feeding and diaper change station for participants visiting Ionia’s Autumn Celebration.



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Save the Date:

Love for Life Friendship Banquet—April 20

Billboards Installed:

Our new billboards are now in place along M66, south of Ionia on the property of Dale and Carol Kramer. Special thanks are extended to all the generous donors and hard workers that made this project possible. Emily Mulnix, of Blue Lake Studios, designed the billboards and Mike Cook coordinated the billboard installation and his pastor, Father King from St. Patrick’s Parish, of Portland dedicated the billboards in a special



blessing ceremony on November 12. Additional thanks to the many other hands that helped to bring this project to completion.

A Word from our Executive Director



[Katie Kramer, Director](#)

We have been able to accomplish so much with so little. Just imagine who we could help and the lives we could change if we had just a 50% increase in income!

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas our hearts are often turned outwards. We strive to find ways to serve others in different ways than we have throughout the year. With so many wonderful charities and organizations serving the community it can be difficult to choose who to help. *This year I am inviting you to choose PSIC.*

Over the past year, PSIC has changed and grown in so many ways. There is no part that has remained the same since 2015. We have many new volunteers and board members. Every person that has joined our ministry has brought their own unique perspectives, ideas, and talents. I am extremely grateful for all of the staff, board members, and supporters of PSIC. *There is no way that this ministry could serve so many without each person, each dollar, and each prayer.*

Donations received in 2016 were collected and used for many projects. Thanks to our volunteer's time and money we were able to completely rejuvenate the interior of the office. Our clients have commented on how professional and relaxing our atmosphere is now. We have been able to purchase 21 new Earn While You Learn classes to help our clients reach their parenting goals. New software enables us to help clients on any day of the week, even when we are not open. Over 7,800 diapers were given to clients. All material donations were sorted, cleaned, and documented. A new program for clients was created to help individuals set and achieve their goals. All of these things would not be possible without every person's sacrifice.

My hope for 2017 is that PSIC can continue to grow. We would like to expand our client base to reach those that we have not been able to reach in the past. We want to add even more classes to our Earn While You Learn program including Spanish and Life Skills Curriculum. Another dream is to open our doors for more than 2 days per week and offer group classes so we will be able to see more clients. Our ultimate dream is to open as a medical facility offering free ultrasounds and pregnancy testing. Unfortunately, all of these goals are expensive. *For the past two years, PSIC has been able to operate on less than \$35,000 per year. We have been able to accomplish so much with so little. Just imagine who we could help and the lives we could change if we had just a 50% increase in income!*

If you can't help financially consider this: even if everything mentioned above was free, we would still need your help. In 2016, our volunteers donated over 1,000 hours of their time. We are currently most in need of Client Advocates and Receptionists to welcome our clients into our center. I have not even touched on our greatest need—prayer. *The Lord is the reason that PSIC exists. Without God there is absolutely no way that we would ever be able to reach our clients and help to change their lives.* Prayer is something we need from you every day especially while we are open. Thank you for your continued support and generosity as it is truly appreciated by every person involved in PSIC.



Diaper Need



One diaper (newborn size) costs about 30 cents and infants use about 240 diapers (\$72) a month. It's estimated that 1 in 3 moms in the U.S. lack a sufficient supply of diapers to keep their baby clean, dry, and healthy. Our Earn While You Learn program enables clients to earn up to 25 diapers each time they attend a parenting class. Thus far in 2016, clients earned over 7,800 diapers! The Mid-Michigan Diaper Bank is no longer in operation. Are you able to donate toward our diaper fund to help us meet this need for our clients?

New Faces at PSIC

If you have stopped in recently or have been to one of our events you may have noticed that there are many new people contributing to PSIC and our mission. We are very excited to welcome 3 new center volunteers, 4 new board members, and a new church liaison! Melissa Huff, Deb Meekhof, Barb Draper, Kenna Green, Mike Cook, Pastor Ethan Tews, Paul Lewis, and Lynn Taylor all have unique talents that I am confident that God will use to help our ministry grow. Thank you for giving us your time and talent!



Paul Lewis, one of our new Board Members, is "Serving You" at PSIC.

2016—A Year of Blessings

As we draw near to Thanksgiving, we are reminded of all that we have to be thankful for. This year PSIC has been blessed beyond our hopes and dreams.

- Remodel of Center paid for and completed by volunteers
- 1st Annual Banquet and \$15,000 from Banquet
- \$3,800 from RunWalk for Life 5k
- 4 New Board Members
- 5 New Volunteers
- New Church Liaison
- Many more blessings due to the hard work of our staff, volunteers, and donors

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Spread the Word

Do you know someone who is facing an unexpected pregnancy? Please refer them to PSIC where we offer free and confidential help. Our client advocates have received special training on crisis pregnancy and related issues of adoption, abortion, and parenting.

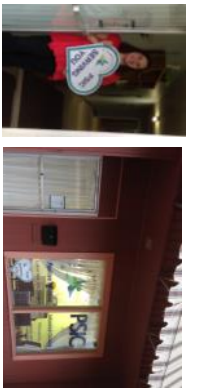
3rd Quarter Statistics

July-September 2016

39 unique clients
98 total client visits
67 educational classes taken
89 visits to the Baby Boutique



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Serving You at PSIC

Our hope is that you feel cared for when you step through PSIC's doors. There are no eligibility requirements to use our Family Resource Center.

All services are confidential and FREE of charge.

Pregnancy Services

- Free Pregnancy Test & Options Consultation
- Accurate Reliable Info On: Adoption, Parenting, Medical and Surgical Abortion
- Referrals for FREE Ultrasound & WIC

Family Services

- Free Maternity and Baby Boutique
- Free Mentoring and Classes On Parenting, Discipline, Pregnancy, Labor & Delivery, Developmental Stages, First Aid, and more.




Baby Bottle Fundraiser!

- The baby bottle fundraiser is a simple way to support PSIC's ministry. Even the smallest amount of change can make a huge difference. It's simple!
1. **Sign up Here!** We will contact you to determine how many bottles you will need, when you would like them, and arrange the pick up time.
 2. **Distribute the Bottles.** Distribute the bottles to your church, school, business or club. You can also give them to friends and family. We will provide you with a one minute card for you to present to your group that explains the baby bottle fundraiser and why it is important.
 3. **Collect the Bottles 1 Month Later.** Collect the bottles no matter how much change, cash, or checks are made, even a small amount can make a huge difference.
 4. **Return to PSIC!** Drop off the bottles at 208 W. Main any time that we are open!
- THANK YOU!!!**



Giving Tuesday—A Day to Generously Give Back to Your Community

#GIVINGTUESDAY
 A season of kindness.
 A day to give.
 Tuesday November 29th
 #GivingPSICTuesday



After Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday is Giving Tuesday, a global movement to celebrate generosity and the causes that are dear to our hearts.

We hope you will choose PSIC as your ministry to support this holiday season. You can participate in Giving Tuesday in many ways.

PSIC needs volunteers, donations of baby items (diapers, wipes, portable cribs) to support our Baby Boutique, financial donations (once or reoccurring) to help with advancing our center and serving the community, and your prayers. You can also give through our secure online donor page <https://connect.egiving.com/givingpsictuesday/psic>. Find this secure link and other ways to support PSIC on our website www.psicionia.org/support. Giving Tuesday is Tuesday, November 29.