



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

Positive Solutions • Informed Choices

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Love for Life Banquet

Over 90 people were in attendance at our first annual *Love for Life* Friendship Banquet. What a wonderful evening we had! Thank you to everyone who helped, attended, and generously gave! You are loved and appreciated. We enjoyed seeing each and every one of you.



The meal, catered by Ionia's Aunt Stephanie's restaurant, was delicious. We enjoyed our dinner in the company of friends with casual background music from MaryAnn Reid from Day Bible Chapel.

Daphnie Lattimore, our Executive Director, shared her heart on why she serves in the pregnancy help ministry and about a conference she attended on healing after abortion. Our Director of Client Services, Katie Kramer, shared about how the *Earn While You Learn* program is empowering clients to raise their children in happier and healthier homes with dignity that they are working to earn what they need from our Baby Boutique. Katie also shared about her future hopes for PSIC.

The special speaker for the evening, Jim Sprague, CEO for PRC Pregnancy Resource Center in Grand Rapids, shared about his family and his children, all who were adopted. He also shared what God laid on his heart from Nehemiah about the building of the wall around Jerusalem. We all were challenged to make a difference in our community, whether big or small, to do something, but not to be the one who does nothing.



We are so thankful for your support of this ministry. If you were unable to attend the *Love for Life* Friendship Banquet, but would like to help in some other way, see our website www.psicionia.org/about or call (616) 527-4626.

A Word from the Director



[Daphnie Lattimore](#)
Director, PSIC

Did you know that statistics say 65-70% of women who have abortions call themselves Christians and 45% are active in their church?

It has been two years since the Board asked me to fill the position of Executive Director. Many things have happened since that Spring of 2014. That first summer, we were closed except for one day a month for material assistance and as needed for pregnancy tests. This was temporary so we all could be trained to better serve clients faced with an unexpected pregnancy. In 2015, we introduced the *Earn While You Learn* program and changed our name to **PSIC** which stands for **Positive Solutions • Informed Choices**. Our most recent change was a complete makeover of the center, entirely paid for and completed by the volunteers.

What are PSIC's future goals? We have two major goals we hope to accomplish.

PSIC's first goal is to reach those who may be considering abortion. We want to help them find positive solutions through informed choices. There were forty-eight induced abortions recorded for Ionia County in 2014 (the last year statistics are available). PSIC hopes to reach and empower those facing this decision to choose life before they turn to an abortion clinic. If PSIC could offer ultrasounds, we would be helping clients make a better informed choice. Referring to other pregnancy help centers isn't feasible because many considering abortion have limited transportation. PSIC currently has two RNs volunteering, but we need finances for medical equipment and other costs associated with becoming a licensed medical clinic. We also need a Christian pro-life doctor on board to oversee and guide the medical aspects of the center.

PSIC's second goal is to offer post-abortive healing classes. Did you know that statistics say 65-70% of women who have had an abortion consider themselves Christians and 45% are active in their church? If 4 in 10 women have had at least one abortion, that is a lot of women sitting in our churches, suffering in silence. When asked why they keep the abortion a secret and don't reach out for help, most say it is because of fear of judgment and condemnation, guilt, shame and grief. They hear anti-abortion sermons, but never once have heard a sermon on God's forgiveness for abortion. As a pastor's wife and women's Bible study leader, this really spoke to me. Plus, for every woman that has chosen abortion there may be a man also suffering.

Isn't it time we reach out to them? PSIC would like to offer help and hope. We are a place where they can feel safe and non-judged. We also want to help equip churches to reach these men and women in their congregations. *"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."* Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV)

Thank you for your support these past two years. I'm looking forward to seeing where God guides PSIC in the next two years.

Lastly, if you, or someone you love, is struggling after abortion, we are here to help!

Upcoming Events

Our [RunWalk for Life 2016](#) will be held on Saturday, September 17. Save the date now for this family event. The RunWalk will start in front of the bike shop at the intersection of Main and Steele at 9 am.



For more information and to pre-register, see www.psicionia.org/events or stop by the center for the paperwork. Pre-register now as an individual runner or walker, or register as a team, or as a liaison to recruit other runners & walkers. Pre-register early and begin collecting sponsors to meet your goal. Registration the day of the RunWalk begins at 7:45 am at the Ionia Theater.

Exciting things are happening at PSIC



[Katie Kramer](#)
Director of Client Services

PSIC is excited to introduce our new volunteers! Welcome to Jerald Jones, Kellie Shattuck, Ashley Stowell, and Wanda Zenk. We are incredibly thankful for all of our volunteers. In order for our ministry to grow we need more people to generously give their time and expertise. One goal that I would especially like to accomplish is to be able to open our doors more than two days a week. We also would like to take our men’s ministry to a larger scale to serve the young men enter our center looking for guidance and direction and seeking to become better partners and fathers. Please prayerfully consider donating your time to this ministry. We are looking for volunteers willing to serve in the following roles:

- Female Client Advocate
- Male Client Advocate
- Bi-lingual Client Advocate
- Spanish Translator
- Receptionist/Secretary
- Cleaning Specialist
- Fundraising Consultant
- Grant Writer
- Accountant
- Marketing Consultant
- Licensed Medical Doctor
- Nurse or Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Counselor
- Boutique Organizer
- Attorney

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If you are interested, call us at 616-527-4626 or send an email to info@psic-ionia.org. Those interested must fill out an application, submit references, be interviewed, and have a background check before beginning to serve. If you would like to learn more about what is happening at PSIC or how you can help, please attend our Open House on September 8.

Special Thanks to the Following for their help with our Banquet:



- [All Call Restoration](#) for underwriting the meal at our banquet.
- [Aunt Stephanie’s](#) of Ionia for catering the banquet meal. It was scrumptious!
- [Divine Auto Body](#) for their donation to help with banquet expenses.
- [Shiloh Community Church-Orleans Campus](#) for allowing us to host the banquet at their facility.



Please join us in saying “Thanks” for their support of PSIC.





Volunteers Remodel the Center

Seeing a need to make the center more welcoming and useful, volunteers donated the labor, money and materials necessary to remodel. The center now has a whole new look. We would love to have you visit for a tour of the facilities. If you would like to learn more about what is happening at PSIC or how you can help please attend our [Open House on September 8](#).



Front Entrance



Lobby



Consultation Room



Mentoring Classroom

More Exciting News and More Upcoming Events!

[Online Giving:](#) PSIC is excited to announce we have made donating easier and more convenient. Donors, you now have the choice to donate using your credit or debit card and even schedule automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. See our website www.PSICionia.org/support for more information.

[M1CU The Drive for Your Community:](#) All you have to do is test drive a vehicle located at this event, held at the Michigan One Credit Union on Saturday, June 11 from 9 am - 2 pm. Then vote for PSIC's Baby Boutique as your favorite non-profit organization, and whoever has the most votes wins \$700. Its that easy!

[Munchkin Crawl:](#) Follow the brick road of Ionia's Main Street to the Wizard of Oz Festival and PSIC's Munchkin Crawl contest. The first contestant (a baby) in each division to reach the finish line by crawling will win a prize. The Munchkin Crawl will be held Saturday, June 18 at 11 am at the Ionia Theater. Pick up a registration form at our center or download it from our website www.PSICionia.org/events.