



# SPEAKING UP

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...for the Pregnancy Care Centers of Flint and Saginaw; and encouraging area WELS and ELS members & congregations to continue to support this ministry with their prayers, participation, and financial gifts. Our Centers are affiliated with Christian Life Resources, (CLR), a parasynodical organization of WELS.

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## TRUSTING GOD IN DIFFICULT TIMES...

...is difficult! The past 6 months have taught us all how many things we may take for granted, and how difficult and frustrating life can be. Perhaps it's a good reminder for those of us who have been blessed with peace and stability in our lives of how frustrated and scared the families we serve at our centers may be. The prophet Habakkuk, who lived during the exile, was no stranger to difficult times. Yet, as he prayed to God he prayed the same thing we can: "I will be joyful in God my Savior."

## SUPPORTING PCC THROUGH UNITED WAY PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Did you know that you may be able to designate your United Way contribution to support the Pregnancy Care Centers operated by our Saginaw Valley Chapter of Christian Life Resources? While there is *no affiliation* between Christian Life Resources and United Way, and our Pregnancy Care Centers (PCC's) are *not* on the list of organizations United Way supports, individuals in most counties *can* designate their contribution to be sent to the 501-(c)3 non-profit organization of their choice, as long as they make that request on their United Way form. If you are interested in doing this, these are some things you should know:

- Giving to United Way is completely voluntary, but there is pressure at some workplaces for all employees to contribute. By designating your gift to the Pregnancy Care Centers people who feel compelled to participate can do so knowing that their donation will be used in a God-pleasing way.

- Christians cannot, in good conscience, support some of the organizations that United Way subsidizes.
- United Way deducts 10%-20% of your gift as an administration fee. To avoid that fee and to contribute directly to the PCCs click the "Donate" button at [www.SaginawPCC.org](http://www.SaginawPCC.org) or on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/SaginawPCC](http://www.facebook.com/SaginawPCC) Or, write a check payable to Christian Life Resources Saginaw Valley and mail or bring it to our Saginaw location.

## Pros and Cons of Supporting PCC through UW

### Pros:

- Convenient: Automatically deducted from your paycheck and mailed to the PCC
- Can satisfy employer's expectations that everyone contribute to UW

### Cons:

- UW Supports some organizations that run counter to biblical principles.
- 10-20% of your contribution is used by UW, only 80-90% goes to the PCC.
- PCC cannot verify amounts of individual contributions received.

If you decide to donate through United Way via payroll deductions and you want your donation to be sent to the Pregnancy Care Centers, please remember:

- **The full name of the organization must be included along with the address.** In the blank for designating your contribution, write:

Pregnancy Care Centers  
916 Gratiot Ave  
Saginaw, MI 48602

- **Indicate that you would like an acknowledgment** so that the PCC can send you a Thank You!

The mission of the Pregnancy Care Centers of Christian Life Resources is to use life and family issues as bridges to convey the love of God and to share the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We continue to have need for additional volunteers. The Flint Center especially needs mentors and receptionists. Please pray that God will fill our centers' needs for workers, and consider whether you might be able to volunteer, even on a limited basis. Every hour counts!