



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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STRONGER TOGETHER

You're probably familiar with Solomon's "cord of three strands" from Ecclesiastes chapter four. It's a passage we most commonly hear at weddings: "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (Ec 4:12) As Christians, we can't help but think of Christ when we hear this at a wedding (Bride + Groom + Christ = Three Strands!), and while that's a wonderful, biblical, and even true thought, it's not exactly what Solomon had in mind. The wise king was making a much more simple point. Look at the surrounding verses and it's clear. He describes the emptiness of working for yourself alone. He talks about helping each other up, keeping each other warm, and pitying those who are alone. Simply put, we are stronger together.

That's why our Pregnancy Care Centers exist. We are stronger together, no matter who that "we" is. God has blessed us in so many ways, but especially with the knowledge and peace of knowing salvation is found in him. With that peace and comfort we are able and eager to be the second or third (or even fourth or fifth!) strands for people in our communities who may feel incredibly alone. We are stronger together when we give diapers and formula to a mom who isn't sure how she's going to pay rent. We are stronger together when we share our Savior's love with someone who has no one in their life to point them to Jesus.

Add in the amazing fact that our God and Savior, Jesus, comes to be together with us as well, and you have one incredibly strong rope! God bless all our volunteers and you as we all work to be part of each other's ropes!

EVERYONE CAN HELP!

There are so many ways to actively support the ministry of our Pregnancy Care Centers. It is not an exaggeration to say that anyone can help! Although you can help as often as you like, none of these positions require more than once a month service. We'll provide training so that you feel comfortable and ready for whatever work you choose, although you'll be surprised how ready your faith has already made you! Consider challenging yourself to serve in any of the following ways this year!

1. Be a **HELPLINE VOLUNTEER** - When our centers are closed, our clients' needs do not go away! During your shift, calls will be forwarded to your cell phone. You will record the caller's information, schedule appointments, and may connect callers with our mentors.
2. Be a **RECEPTIONIST** - Greet our clients as they arrive at our centers and record their basic information, like names and addresses. Answer the phone during business hours and help to schedule appointments with our mentors.
3. Be a **MENTOR** - Meet and talk to clients face to face in our centers. You'll offer Bible-based advice tailored to each client's specific situation. You will get wonderful opportunities to share the good news of God's salvation with people who need to hear it the most.
4. Be a **FINANCIAL SUPPORTER** - Your monetary donations are used to cover operating expenses for our centers as they perform important Gospel-focused ministry. This includes purchasing Bibles, pamphlets, study materials, and other necessities.
5. Be a **DONATION SORTER** - Shy or uncomfortable talking to others? You can help by sorting and organizing the many donations we receive.
6. Be a **CLEANER** - Another good opportunity for those who don't feel ready to be a mentor/receptionist/helpline volunteer.
7. Be a **HANDYMAN** - Men can help too! Help maintain the two properties the Pregnancy Care Centers are blessed to own.
8. Be a **SHOPPER** - Find a great deal at a store or garage sale on maternity & baby clothes and equipment? Pick it up for the PCCs! Your donations of this type are even tax deductible!
9. Be a **CHILD CARE PROVIDER** - Show love for our clients by watching their children while moms attend Bible classes.
10. Be a **PRAYER WARRIOR** - Don't underestimate the power of prayer. God says your prayers are powerful. Use them!
11. Be a **BOARD MEMBER** - Another great way for men to serve. We are in near-desperate need of Christian men to fill our Board of Directors, and to help guide the PCCS in the future!