

Speaking Up ...

for our Pregnancy Counseling Centers in Flint and Saginaw, informing and urging members of WELS and ELS congregations in the area to continue to support this ministry with their prayers, their participation, and their financial gifts.



Our Centers are affiliated with Christian Life Resources (CLR), a para-church organization of the WELS presently located in Slinger, Wisconsin.

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We Are In Debt ... To You

If yours was anything like ours, then last month your mailbox overflowed almost daily with year-end appeals of every sort. Many of them were deserving. But, like the year before, there were so many.

If our Centers had to depend on last-minute appeals and “year-end” giving, 2015 could have been another 'nail-biter'. But once again, God didn't make us wait until year's end. He worked graciously and steadily throughout the year *through people like you* to more than meet our material as well as our financial needs.

Some of you brought in bagsful of groceries, boxes of canned goods, and even Thanksgiving dinners for our clients. Others of you remembered their children with generous amounts of new or clean and gently used clothing. Many of you gave them 'Tree of Life' gifts. For Christmas, some of your families adopted some of our families. One of your children even gave a brand new bike to one of theirs.

Our ministry was blessed by your prayers, and more than maintained by your contributions. We try always to be good stewards of your gifts and happily, last year's budget of \$33,500+ was able to be underspent by almost \$4,200. But when the checkbook has us going into the new year with a cash-on-hand balance of \$13,550, that can't be traced to our efforts. That can only be traced to the goodness of God and to the generosity of God's people – to people like you.

Thank you. We are in debt ... to you.

Pray with a Purpose

In the past few months, Lorena, Lindsay, Rene, Amber, Brianne, Heather, Jyllyssa, Michelle, Kari, Erin, Shatoya, Lynn, Doris, Racshele, Kathryn, Tiara, Linda, Zoey, Brittany, Alicia, Esmerelda, Chavonne, Dawnshell, Candice, Michelle, April, Sarah, Monica, Erica, Marquisha, Elizabeth, and Shyann ... have been in contact with our ministry and **have expressed an interest in having their children (all 61 of them) baptized.** Ask the Holy Spirit to move the hearts of these mothers to follow through so that their children might also become God's children.

It may not be the “hottest ticket in town”, but ...

We Warmly Invite You To Our Annual Meeting

on Sunday, January 31st at 3:00 PM

at St. Paul's Parish Center (2745 W. Genesee / Saginaw)

- ... to learn still more about our ministry
- ... to receive year-end activity reports
- ... to adopt a new Constitution & Bylaws **
- ... to elect directors to the PCC Board
- ... to adopt a proposed budget for 2016
- ... to hear and learn from one of our clients
- ... to add a favorite dish to our potluck supper
- ... to celebrate our Christian cause and fellowship.

(** ask your pastor for a copy)