



We are in critical need of cans of powdered formula, Gerber brand Gentle and Soothe or Parents Choice brand Advanced and Sensitive.

We are also in critical need of laundry workers for both of our centers! This is a high volume donation time of year, so even if the help is temporary to get us caught

up, it would be greatly appreciated. This is also a great opportunity to get your group involved in a 1-day work day at the center. We can give your group a tour and have a project ready for them to do.

In Willard, clothing donations need to be picked up, washed at home, and dropped back off. This is also an option in Norwalk. Please call Carol Rinella, our Volunteer Coordinator in Norwalk at 419-668-9500, or our Willard Office Manager, Renea Back at 419-951-6109. Thank you in advance for putting your compassion in action with practical help in our centers. Every job is important!



Please report address changes to Terri at centermanager2@gmail.com. You may also request to receive this newsletter by email.

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Our Services

- Physician-Verified Pregnancy Testing
- Peer Counseling for Women & Men
- Maternity and Baby Supplies
- Parenting Classes
- Referrals to Other Agencies
- Abstinence Education
- Post-Abortion Peer Counseling
- Limited Obstetric Ultrasound

All services are provided confidentially and free of charge

Contact Us

Please call for more information about our ministry or the services we provide.

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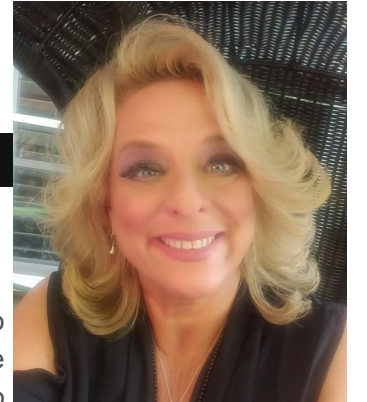
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Meet Our New Director

The Board of Abigail Pregnancy Services, along with our dedicated staff, are thrilled to announce the arrival of our new Executive Director; Theresa Varos. Although she comes to us most recently from Chattanooga, TN, this role welcomes Theresa back to her home community, having grown up in Willard, OH with family still local to Norwalk. Theresa came highly recommended and brings extensive experience in community outreach, marketing, and fund development-management. She has over two decades of senior leadership experience with non-profit organizations including as the Chief Executive Officer for Big Brothers Big Sisters in Tennessee and as the Director of Marketing and Public Relations and Director of Community Engagement for Lookout Mountain Community Services in Georgia. Prior to that, Theresa held professional roles as a mental health clinician and therapist; a background that allows her to bring an intimate perspective to the client-centered counseling and extended family support model that are integral to the ministry of Abigail Pregnancy Services.

Theresa has a polished list of credentials including a Master of Science degree in guidance and counseling from Loyola University and national speaking/training engagements, as well as a proven ability to deliver results and lift successful organizations to new levels. Almost more importantly than her track record, she's *already* engaged and is inspiring positive change for Abigail Pregnancy Services in just a few short weeks! Under her leadership, we have officially started on-site ultrasounds at the Norwalk location, collaborated with Huron County Transit to eliminate transportation as a barrier to clients seeking our services, and began offering peer counseling during extended evening hours to begin an intentional move toward 'meeting our clients where they are'. Also, leveraging Theresa's creative strength, watch for a refreshed approach to marketing and awareness of our purpose in this community!

When asked for her initial impressions as she joined the team, she said; "My first few weeks have been amazing! I have been afforded the opportunity to meet some of the most courageous women...all who have shown strength, and tenacity, as they have walked the path of an unplanned pregnancy. Being able to witness the way Abigail Pregnancy Services comes alongside these families with grace and compassion, to inspire confidence in order to successfully navigate the stressors of an unexpected pregnancy, has been very impactful! I am grateful to Abigail's Board for their trust in me and the opportunity to serve as the Executive Director of this incredible organization. I am excited to be working with the staff, board, volunteers and community partners and look forward to many new exciting changes as we build upon the great organizational foundation here!"

We invite you to connect with Theresa as she integrates herself into the work of Abigail with our clients, their families, our volunteers, as well as our church and community supporters. God has certainly orchestrated many blessings for the ministry of Abigail in the years that we have served Huron County and we are humbled to witness the greatness of His plan in crossing Theresa's path with ours! We thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing more as this new chapter unfolds.

Sincerely,

Abigail Pregnancy Services Board of Directors

Walk for Life

What an amazing day we had at the Walk for Life! The weather was beautiful and our attendance was almost twice the number we had last year. We were thankful to see many people who faithfully walk each year as well as many new faces including new teams of walkers.



Because of you we have raised almost \$23,000, with another \$1,500 pledged! Thanks to all of our walkers, their sponsors, Mercy Health for being our corporate sponsor as well as Advanced America, Sirna and Sons Produce, Dunkin Donuts, Dave and Kevin at WGGN, as well as all those who allowed us to put signs on their property. We couldn't have done this without you! Your generosity is changing lives in our community!

God is Bigger than Abortion



Longtime Abigail Supporter, Diane Walcher wrote the following account of her miraculous birth, and we think it is worth sharing with you.

I am an older woman now, with wrinkles that whisper my age.

But I am living, breathing and ALIVE all because a living, loving merciful God fills my spirit. God saved my life!

Memories of my mother, Martha, floated before my eyes.

She was a special person. This is her story and mine:

Mom was pregnant with her first and only baby, sick with toxemia. She wasn't any better and perhaps grew worse. The doctor decided to abort the baby.

He left to prepare for the procedure. In that time, Diane Kay Rahausser slipped from the womb to the bed, born 3 months early, weighing

2 lbs 6 oz. on March 1, 1944.

The nurse checked me over and put me in an incubator. I was 6 months old when my parents finally got to take me home. Mom recovered and lived a good life until she passed at 79.

God knits us in the womb and protects the heartbeat of the unborn.

- Diane Rahausser Walcher

Great News for Abigail Clients!

Serving our clients well is our #1 priority at Abigail and we're implementing new services to do just that!



Starting in August, Abigail will be providing free rides for our clients to come to the center in Norwalk through the Huron Co. Transit. Plans for clients in Willard are in the works.

We are also extending our hours to serve clients in the evening on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Evening appointments are by appointment only. Please help us share this good news with our community!



PLEASE ACT NOW!



Please help us raise awareness of our services so that we can help even more people in our community!

Nominate Abigail Pregnancy Services for best Non-profit. Go to:

Contests.tandemnetwork.com/norwalkrca

Scroll down and select the professional & Life Services and then Non-Profit & Civic Organizations.

We have until August 5th to have people nominate us. SO PLEASE ACT NOW! If we land in the top 5 voting will begin on August 12th. Please ask your family and friends to help. This is a great way to get the word out that Abigail Pregnancy Services is here to serve our community!

Client Spotlight

A New Thing

New and exciting things are happening in every facet of Abigail Pregnancy Services. We have a new director, our nurse manager has started her practice scans for ultrasounds-- a final step in offering that life changing service to our clients, our new parenting program is taking off, and an exciting potential opportunity for one of our most faithful clients has arisen. Each year Carenet asks us to nominate one of our moms to receive a four year scholarship to Regent University. In the past, there's never been a client whom our staff felt was in a position to commit fully to the requirements. Consequently we never submitted a nomination. However, this year, a "new thing" has happened, and a client has most definitely risen to the top.

Shannon is a friendly, articulate, intelligent and determined young mother of two active boys, ages four and two. Unlike many of our clients, she has chosen not to be hindered by her life circumstances. Rather, Shannon desires to use the struggles in her past, including abuse and the unexpected loss of her mother, to help others. Her goal is to one day become a school counselor or social worker. A four year degree in Psychology from a renowned Christian college like Regent University would help her achieve her dreams. As Shannon stated on her application, "This scholarship would be a huge opportunity for my family and me. It is never too late to give it your all, and I want to give my boys the world. I am ready to work hard and finally make my dreams come true, so that I can raise my boys, be successful, and show them that with God, anything is possible."

Shannon attributes much of her motivation and success to the help she received at Abigail. "About once a month I would go to Abigail's for baby supplies and be able to talk to the peer counselors about what was going on in my life. They kept encouraging me and I always felt so loved and important every time I walked in the door. I am beyond blessed to have met all the wonderful women who work there as they shared my journey through motherhood and kept encouraging me along the way to just keep going. They said that God was always there, always listening and he had a plan for me."

As a supporter of Abigail Ministries you are part of God's plan for Shannon and other moms who utilize our services. Please be praying for Shannon as we anxiously wait to hear if she is a recipient of this life altering opportunity. Even if she doesn't receive the scholarship we believe that Shannon's life, and the life of her young family, has been changed because of your financial and prayerful support. Thank you!

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43:19

THANK YOU!

Our thanks to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society for providing cribs and mattresses for our parenting class graduates.

Since we started one-on-one parenting classes and expanded our curriculum to children in their toddler stage, our Baby Basics and Beyond Basics attendance has tripled!