



London Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

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"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." ~ 1 Chronicles 16:34



A Note from Lori

It's hard to believe that Christmas is only a month away, our girls, and their families are excited about our big Christmas Celebration that Gateway Church is hosting again this year for all of us. On Friday December 8th about 100 of us from the LPFSC will gather with our friends at Gateway to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This celebration has become the highlight of the year for our LPFSC family as they experience LOVE, JOY and the TRUE MEANING of Christmas.

Yes, they are blessed with beautiful gifts, but the message given, is about the ONE TRUE GIFT! This special evening has changed the lives of some of our girls, and family members. With the love that has been shown to them, we have had several make a choice that they wanted to attend either Gateway or another church and learn even more about the love of Jesus. Some of those have now invited Jesus into their lives and are in a relationship with Him. The life of our moms really parallels the life of Mary, the mama of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Mary was young, not married, and the idea of a baby would have been frightening. Mary was given an incredible honour and yet such an awesome responsibility, her womb would nourish, and cradle the saviour of the world. Wow, that's mind blowing! It also is mind blowing that while many of our moms are dealing with unplanned and crisis pregnancy situations, not one of them is unplanned in the eyes of Jesus (Jeremiah 1:5). Our moms too have been given an incredible honour and have an awesome responsibility to care and raise their babies. We know it might not always be His perfect will, but He has allowed these pregnancies to bring forth life for reasons only known to Him, that He will reveal along the way. (Jeremiah 29:11)

We are beyond blessed to play a small role in the lives of all the families that God brings our way. Without the support of our faithful donors this ministry could not operate. It is with grateful hearts that we say THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for caring enough to give! They say it takes a village to raise a child, that statement could not be more true. All of you who partner with the LPFSC help make up that village. God is at work, transforming lives, and He uses each and every one of us to be His hands and feet. Some of us are on the front lines, others are not, but it's the others that make it truly possible. However God is using you to support the London Pregnancy and Family Support Centre, we want you to know you are very much appreciated.

On behalf of all the staff, volunteers, the board, and all our families we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas, may you experience the love, joy and peace that is only possible through the One and Only who is Jesus Christ the Lord.

The LPFSC is thankful for...

Churches: We had 14 churches participate in our Baby Bottle Campaign this year! We are so appreciative of their support and several other churches that support the Centre throughout the year.

Volunteers: We had 25 wonderful volunteers help us out with our Western Fair Parking Lot Fundraiser this Fall. Thank you greatly for giving of your time for the Centre!

Donors: The LPFSC is blessed with Donors who give to this life giving and saving ministry and we humbly say "Thank you!"

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday January 21st, 2018

Would you join us in corporate prayer and recognition for the unborn and their mothers? Both need the support of the church, and we would appreciate your participation in this most vital advocacy. Please contact the LPFSC for more information:

info@lonpfsc.com



LPFSC 27th Annual Banquet & Auction: Anchored for Life

We look forward to celebrating all the things that God has done in and through the LPFSC this past year. Come celebrate with us on Friday April 6th, 2018. Tickets are \$45.00 each. Doors open at 5:00pm and Dinner is served at 6:30pm.

Early Bird Draw: Purchase your tickets early and get a chance to win 2 tickets to our LPFSC 28th Annual Banquet & Auction.



The LPFSC is always in need of items to give out to our families. Currently we are in need of:

- Diapers: Newborn & Size 6
- Formula: Liquid & Powder
- Head to Toe Baby Wash
- Newborn winter clothes/sleepers
- Baby Wipes

Welcome Steph!



Hello everyone, my name is Stephanie Gysfels. I am the newest edition to the LPFSC as the current Administrator while Megan is away. I am so pleased that my past work experience has allowed me to ease into this position so seamlessly. I feel honoured to be a part of this ministry and team. It is a privilege to work with such amazing women, beautiful families and supportive LPFSC community. This opportunity was such an answer to prayer for me. For the last two years I was a stay at home mom caring for and bonding with our little Tina (our 2 year old adopted daughter). Tina joined her older brother Lawson this Fall 2017 at school and I was looking to get back out into the working world of adults. God's hand was completely upon my prayer to be a part of an exceptional team with great leadership and I feel this is exactly where He has called me to be. This transition has been a change but so welcomed and I appreciate the love and support from Lori, Linda and Bri as well as from my husband and two children. I have had such a warm welcome in to the fold since I started at the end of June and I look forward to the many new faces I will meet during my time at the London Pregnancy and Family Support Centre. Proverbs 3:5-6 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."*

A Client Story...

Bailey is a 16-year-old girl who came to us with her parents at her side. This is so amazing to us all at the Centre when we see parents bring their most prized possessions to us and trust us to lead them through such a difficult journey. As much as Bailey needed the help emotionally, mentally, and physically to get through the pregnancy her parents needed just as much support. Having your 16-year-old daughter go through an unplanned pregnancy has many challenges. It brings many changes to the family structure and therefore many challenges arise from it. We met with Bailey and her parents on several occasions. Bailey and her mom attended the prenatal classes. We met with Bailey's whole family for counseling, as her siblings had a difficult time accepting this new reality. As a result there was sibling conflict, acting out, negative behaviours and much turmoil for Bailey's parents who had their whole world turned upside down. You see an unplanned pregnancy affects the whole family unit in ways no one could imagine unless they are living them. Our Centre was able to come alongside Bailey and her beautiful family in such amazing ways, with emotional support, many counseling sessions, baby items and teaching components. Bailey and her family are on this journey with a better perspective, a clearer focus and a more positive outlook for the future for every family member. Bailey is doing amazing with her baby and plans to go back to school in February. God is good!



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Giving Opportunity/End of Year Gift

The work at the LPFSC is nothing short of life-changing ... not because of staff or volunteers, but because God cares so deeply for the lives that walk through our doors. To continue this life saving work, we need financial provision to keep our ministry effective. We humbly ask for your joyful support for the LPFSC. Join us in the LORD's work! You can support the LPFSC by sending a cheque or by phone with your credit card at 519-432-7098.

Name: _____

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Email: _____

***All donations must be received by December 31, 2017 in order to be receipted for the 2017 tax year.**

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- I would like to become a monthly supporting partner, contributing \$_____ on the 15th of each month from my chequing account (Please include a void cheque).
- I would like to give a one-time donation of \$_____.
- I am already a monthly supporting partner, and would like to increase my giving to \$_____ per month.