2024 FALL NEWSLETTER



A Note from THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

Hope this newsletter finds you well. We want to share with you what the Lord has been doing at Immokalee Pregnancy Center throughout this year so far. We have much to share with you in our fall newsletter. I invite you to grab a cup of coffee, tea, or even sweet tea (I'm personally not much of a coffee drinker. I know, I know.). But please, take a seat and spend some quiet time catching up with us.

Our team recently met for our team prayer as we do every Wednesday morning before we open our doors. We were praying about a couple of heavy situations that our clients are currently facing. During our prayer time, the Lord brought to my mind one of my favorite bible verses. Romans 8:19 that says, *"For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed."* Let me tell you, that word felt heavy-yet exciting in my spirit!

Our clients are being pressured more than ever to abort and having to decide quickly about what they are going to do regarding their pregnancies. Many have been dealing with unhealthy relationships, broken family relationships, financial stress, mental health struggles and those closest to them telling them that they should not continue with their pregnancy.

Last week, our office team went into each room of the office and prayed for the Lord to move and minister to each client that steps into Immokalee Pregnancy Center. We felt the urgency to do this because of all the difficult life struggles our clients were facing. We were truly feeling the spiritual warfare that was happening. Sweet friend, that same day two of our clients decided to follow Christ and an abortion determined client informed us that she decided to raise her baby. (Many more exciting things have continued to happen. God is so faithful and good!)

During these times, we must keep our eyes on Jesus and rise-up fervently. The days are evil and right before our eyes we are seeing how the enemy is doing everything in he can to destroy lives and those created in the image and likeness of God. But this is OUR time! It is time to rise and show the light that Christ has placed in us. It is the time to spread hope, move in boldness, love fiercely and extend a hand to the moms and dads that deep in their hearts desire to choose life for their children. Many are being deceived by believing that abortion is their only choice. But deep inside, they are crying for help! Let's show them the light and continue to spread true hope.

How can we do this? By praying for our country, our clients, not just for Immokalee Pregnancy Center- But for all the pro-life ministries in the United States. I challenge you to pray for the abortionists in Florida and for God to convict their hearts. By voting NO on Amendment 4 and prohibiting the culture of death into our state. By educating others on what abortion truly does. By bringing awareness of what God is doing in Immokalee Pregnancy Center, thanks to every generous partner and ministry friend.

Romans 8:31 says "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" God is with us! What more do we need? It is time to educate, serve, minister and advocate for those who are <u>marvelously made</u>. Thank you for walking alongside us and loving them both.

Our team can't wait to see you at our banquet in February and to share with you what God will continue to do. God bless you and thank you for standing for LIFE!

Together in His Service,

Estefania (Stefy) Valencia Executive Director

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Thank Jou!

Thank you for everything! I am a young mom with not much family and Immokalee Pregnancy Center has already helped me so much. At first, I was doubting having Aurora due to financial and emotional struggles. But the staff and all of you have helped me realize I have support and that I have options. Keep doing what you do because it really makes a difference. Thank you so, so much!

Baby Aurora



- Clients Served: 237
- Pregnancy Tests: 192
- Positive Tests: 152
- Negative Tests: 40
- Sonograms: 115
- Parenting classes: 572
- Total office visits: 977

98 women have said YES TO LIFE! These were the clients that were initially abortion-minded/vulnerable.

Save the Date for Our

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Keynote Speaker: Jason Jones

IMMOKALEE PREGNANCY CENTER, INC

Thursday, February 20th

St Leo Catholic Church – Parish Life Center 28388 Beaumont Road in Bonita Springs

Volunteers **NEEDED**

YOU can make a difference. Do you feel led to serve on our team? We need volunteers to serve as:

- Nurse
- Office Assistant
- Receptionist
- Parenting coach
- Church Liaison
- Baby Boutique Assistant

If you would like to serve contact Stefy at: stefy@immokaleepregnancy.com

Vote Mo on 4

IMMOKALEE PREGNANCY CENTER IS HERE FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITY. WE PERIODICALLY SEND YOU OUR PARTNERS' CRITICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS AMENDMENT WHICH WILL DO GREAT HARM TO WOMEN, CHILDREN AND LIFE.

This November we will vote on an amendment which, if passed, will strike down **ALL** limitations on abortion in the state of Florida by:

- Eliminating any Definitions of Key Terms in the Amendment like "Viability".."Health Care Provider"
- Allow Late Term Abortions
- Allow Abortions on Minors with NO parental consent
- Reestablish and far exceed all pro-abortion provisions of Roe v. Wade

PLEASE EDUCATE YOURSELF ON THE RADICAL ESTABLISHMENT OF ABORTION WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.

VOTE NO on AMENDMENT 4

Lives Depend on Gods Grace – and Your Vote

Please scan the qr code for more detailed information:



Why We Do What We Do

By Gina Bonifacio, RN, Nurse Manager

I remember the day Emily came for her pregnancy test appointment. Her demeanor suggested she was not happy to be pregnant. She had her beautiful little girl with her. It seemed Emily wanted to get in and out as quickly as possible. We did the test, it was positive. As we do with every client, I gently asked about her plans. She said she was planning to have an abortion as long as she wasn't too far along. I asked Emily why she was considering abortion so that I could figure out what her needs and fears were. I explained the pros and cons of all three of her options and went through the short-term and long-term risks of abortion. I offered to tell Emily my abortion story. She was open to the whole conversation and seemed to appreciate the information I was giving her.

Normally I wouldn't do an Ultrasound if the client had a small child with them, but I felt compelled to offer her an Ultrasound. I wanted to give her as much information as I could so she could make a well-informed decision. The Ultrasound confirmed a viable 9 week and 4-day old baby with a strong heartbeat. I told her the baby's heart had been beating for just over a month. Emily was able to observe her precious baby moving around and decided to choose life! It's always a miraculous moment when a client who is considered at high risk for an abortion takes a bold stance to protect her child's life.

In a follow-up text conversation with Emily a few months after her initial visit, we offered her our Second Mile program. When she found out this program provides diapers and wipes free for the first year, this was her response: "Wow, thank you so much! I can utilize my BrightCourse points for the other essential items. I really appreciate you staying in contact with me given the fact that I wasn't planning on following through with this pregnancy. I'm so glad I did and I'm so grateful for you and your support!"

When Emily came in for her new baby gift set, she brought her precious baby boy, Jael, so that we could meet him. We were thrilled to see the bond between Emily and her son. He was so adorable with huge brown eyes. On her media consent, she wrote: "Thank you dearly for your continued kindness and support."

We recently received a donation of a new ultrasound machine from the Knights of Columbus at St John the Evangelist Church. We are honored to receive such a generous gift! The Knights understand the significance of allowing moms to view their babies in the womb. What an invaluable window to God's creation and the value of seeing life is immeasurable.



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Make your tax deductible contribution by mail or scan the QR Code to go directly to our giving page.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Collect change for life! Set up a baby bottle campaign at your church, business or group or join our annual virtual Baby Bottle Campaign. Contact our office for more information.

HOST A BABY SHOWER

Plan a baby shower to collect NEW items to help keep our shelves stocked for our local mothers. We would be happy to give a presentation at your event to explain our mission.

DONATE GIFT CARDS

When an abortion minded clients decides to "Choose Life for her Baby" she is enrolled in our Second Mile Program, baby's life. As our storage space is very limited, we use gift cards to purchase diapers and wipes for these clients who come each month to collect a one-month supply and visit with our staff. This gives us another opportunity to express God's love for them!

PSALM 139:13-14 (THE MESSAGE)

OH YES, YOU SHAPED

ME FIRST INSIDE, THEN OUT; YOU FORMED ME IN MY

mother's yomb.

OUR MINISTRY

I THANK YOU, HIGH GOD—YOU'RE BREAT

BODY AND SOUL, I AM Martelougly made

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