## AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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#### Letter from the Executive Director

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying our beautiful Michigan summer! We've had many exciting happenings this summer including the privilege of celebrating volunteers at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. We have volunteers that have served for as long as 20 years, and they are each an incredible blessing to us.

Volunteers are vital to LifeClinic, and their dedication and support have a tremendous impact on the work we do. In this newsletter, you'll read the powerful story of one of our client advocate volunteers who works one-on-one with our parenting education clients. Our volunteers are making a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

At LifeClinic, our volunteers play an integral role in everything we do, and we cannot accomplish our mission without their selfless contributions. Have you ever considered giving back to your community by volunteering at LifeClinic?

We have several areas that could greatly benefit from your expertise and passion!

Client Advocates: Women [in Saginaw on Tuesdays] or men [in \*all locations] who receive training to work one-on-one with mothers and fathers in our parenting education program.

**Virtual Client Advocates:** Women or men who receive training to meet virtually with clients one-on-one.

Blessing Boutique Attendants: Men or women [Tuesdays in Midland or Wednesdays in Bay City] who help clients shop and keep boutiques stocked and organized.

If any of these volunteer opportunities resonate with you, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our Center Directors. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of our clients and community. Thank you for considering volunteering with LifeClinic, and I hope you enjoy our newsletter.

Lori Drake, Executive Director

#### Addison's Story

Addison\* arrived at LifeClinic feeling overwhelmed and burdened with guilt. With four children ranging from elementary-aged to college-aged, she found herself completely unprepared relationally and financially for an unexpected pregnancy. Seeking help and guidance, Addison came in for a pregnancy test and options education.

During the appointment, Addison's emotions ran high as she grappled with the weight of the decision she had to make. The thought of bringing another baby into the world was a source of great struggle and uncertainty for her. Addison allowed the Client Advocate to pray with her; later, she recalled that moment gave her a sense of peace and support.

Addison left with information about our parenting education program. A few months later, the Client Advocate was excited to see Addison return to LifeClinic for a parenting education appointment.

Addison had chosen to embrace the decision to have another baby and eagerly shared with the Client Advocate how her children were ecstatic about the prospect of a new sibling! She excitedly recounted their gender reveal party, beaming with joy and anticipation.

Addison's commitment to attending parenting education classes has been She expressed unwavering. happiness in welcoming this new baby to her family, recognizing that he holds a world. Addison's purpose in this transformation from being overwhelmed becoming circumstances to confident and devoted mother is a testament to her strength and the received support she has LifeClinic.

Thank you for your partnership. You play a crucial role in providing women like Addison with a safe and supportive environment to make informed choices and navigate the challenges of motherhood.

# Happening Now | LifeClinic Silent Auction



# LIFECLINIC VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION

Now until September 5

Shop the auction at www.32auctions.com/lifeclinic or scan the QR code

Volunteer Appreciation Highlights

We love our volunteers! On June 20, more than 30 volunteers came together for a volunteer appreciation luncheon. We celebrated and honored volunteers who have served up to 20 years. Enjoy the photos of the event!









### New Staff

**Leanne Brown** is the new nurse at the Saginaw and Midland locations. She has been an RN for 10 years and has worked in public health conducting home visits with first-time parents. She is currently completing her Master in Social Work degree with a goal to become a therapist. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, reading, cooking, and spending time with her son. Welcome, Leanne!





Jenny Grady is a Life Clinic nurse and client advocate at the Bay City location. Jenny has been a nurse for more than 40 years primarily working with women and children in hospital and clinic settings. She completed her MS in Nursing degree at Saginaw Valley State University in 2005. Her hobbies include traveling, scrapbooking, and reading. She loves spending time with her family and six granddaughters who keep her active! Welcome, Jenny!



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