

# Caring and Sharing

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## Spring into Success

As we settle into 2018 it's exciting to think about what the future holds for Pregnancy Helpline. In March, we held our annual Strategic Planning meeting. The meeting was filled with positive energy and excitement for the new year. This year we hope to increase community awareness and partnerships, grow the number of diaper drives, safe sleep and baby care package deliveries and host our most profitable Diaper Dash to date.

Although we have a lot of work ahead of us, we are confident that these goals are attainable because our wonderful volunteers, Board of Directors, and staff work so hard. In just three short months we have already seen success:

### January

- We grew to over 100 volunteers!

### February

- We held our biggest diaper drive to date at Blessed Sacrament Church collecting 19,003 diapers!
- We nominated two volunteers for the United Way Community Volunteer Award. Winners chosen in April.

### March

- We filled all vacant spots on our board.
- Hosted our 3rd annual Comedy Night-a smashing success! We collected \$5,000 in honor of former Director Alissa Hirscher.

As you can see we are on our way to another successful year. We thank all of you who have contributed to our success and we hope you continue to stay involved. If you are new to Pregnancy Helpline we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us at [info@pregnancyhelpline.net](mailto:info@pregnancyhelpline.net) or 608-222-0008.

## Our Programs

- 24/7 Helpline
- Baby Care Package
- Safe Sleep
- Sharing Center & Diaper Bank

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## Director's Corner

### The Next Chapter

2018 has been a time of change for Pregnancy Helpline. I am excited to fill the Executive Director shoes and am pleased we have filled all vacant positions on our Board. We are all working collaboratively to ensure a smooth transition and are looking forward to a successful year.

As a surprise thank you for Alissa we secretly collected money in her honor and presented the gift at Comedy Night. "Boy was I surprised to receive a very special honor! Bridget Yallaly, Board President, presented a gift that had been secretly worked on... \$5000 in donations to Pregnancy Helpline in my honor! I felt so blessed! It was a perfect way to be thanked for serving as the last six years as Executive Director. I'm pleased and proud to pass it on to Stephanie! I'll still be helping on the Board, so I hope to see many of you around! Thanks again! It's been a pleasure!" This gift is a symbol of the impact Alissa has left on Pregnancy Helpline. We are forever grateful to Alissa for sharing her knowledge and expertise. I hope to carry that energy and passion into the next chapter of our journey.



Stephanie Ehle, ED &  
Alissa Hirscher past ED

Stephanie Ehle

Alissa Hirscher

## Client Story - John

My first day at the share center I expected to meet lots of moms and infants but instead I met John, a grandfather. John had come to the share center for the first time as a favor to his daughter who has been struggling with post partum depression. What I enjoyed most about John, was his honesty about his family's situation and his pure love and dedication for them. He was beaming with joy as he showed me pictures of his grandchildren and was truly appreciative for what we could offer.

In that moment I realized how special and unique Pregnancy Helpline really is. We not only offer life-affirming, compassionate care, but a sense of hope for the future. Our small acts of kindness are helping to create a loving community and a brighter future for all. A special thanks to John for sharing your story.

If you are interested in helping others contact us at [info@pregnancyhelpline.net](mailto:info@pregnancyhelpline.net)

## Volunteer Spotlight - Kate Briguglio



Kate and her husband Joe moved to Madison from the Chicago area a few years ago. Kate got involved with Our Lady Queen of Peace church and found out about Pregnancy Helpline. As a pro-life advocate she felt called to help women in difficult situations and decided to become a phone volunteer. As her own family has grown she has enjoyed the flexibility of the position. One of Kate's favorite parts about the Pregnancy Helpline community is the commitment phone volunteer coordinator Courtney places on assessing the total well being of the clients and providing them with the support and guidance needed to address many different difficulties faced. Kate also was impressed by the number of resources we are sharing with our clients and their unique situation. A special thanks to Kate and to all our volunteers as you are the front lines and the face of Pregnancy Helpline.

Updates

**Coming soon...**

4th Annual



Saturday  
September 22

Join us for a cause  
you can get "behind"!

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and 0.5% of your eligible  
purchase price will be  
donated to the Helpline.



**Upcoming  
Phone  
Volunteer  
Training**

April 28th August 25th  
November 17th

9:00am - 2:00pm  
Catholic Multicultural Center

Answer all calls from home.  
On-going training & support at  
monthly meetings. Sign up for shifts  
that fit your schedule. **We especially  
need Spanish-speaking volunteers.**  
If interested email:  
info@pregnancyhelpline.net

Partners in Caring — 2018 Sharing Center Sponsors

January: **Ripple Management**

February: **Total Care Dental**

March: **In memory of Victor and Carol Dorn**

April: **In in memory of Carl and Kathleen  
Regenfelder and Richard Meyer**

May: **Bellissimo Family**

June: **In memory of Maria E. Welton**

July: **North and South BBQ, Anonymous**

August: **Springtime Chiropractic**

September: **Hartberg Family—in memory of our  
children**

October: **Kapur Family**

November: **Cabinet Masters**

December: **In honor of Dorothy Riesch**

Sharing Center sponsors donate a month's rent  
(\$600). To become a sponsor call 608-222-0008.

Opportunities

**Donate**

We depend entirely on donations of time, material  
goods, and financial assistance from generous people  
in the Madison area. For questions about donations  
please call 608-222-0008.

Checks can be made out to:  
*Pregnancy Helpline, Inc.*

Mail to:  
PO Box 5261  
Madison, WI 53705



Donate using PayPal  
on our website

www.pregnancyhelpline.net

**Volunteer**

- Safe Sleep Volunteers
- Sharing Center sorters. Come 1-2  
times/month for 2-3 hrs to sort and  
size baby clothes
- Helpline Volunteers

Volunteers can join us for single or  
recurring experience. We offer  
opportunities for individuals as well as  
groups. To book your experience  
call 222-0008.



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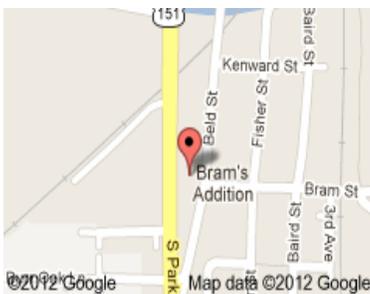
### SHARING CENTER HOURS

Saturday 9am-12noon  
(closed Holiday weekends)  
Tuesdays 5-7pm

Catholic Multicultural Center  
1862 Beld St. (off Park St.)  
Lower Level  
Call 608-222-0008

## Our MISSION:

The Mission of Pregnancy Helpline, Inc is to provide life-affirming, compassionate care; giving accurate information, material support, and community referrals to women and their families before, during, and after pregnancy.



**Pregnancy Helpline** is a non-profit, non-political organization supporting Madison-area families for 35 years. We depend entirely on donations of time, material goods, and financial assistance from generous people in the Madison area. If interested in volunteering, donating, or for more information, please call (608) 222-0008 or email us at [info@pregnancyhelpline.net](mailto:info@pregnancyhelpline.net).



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