



Diaper Donation Birthday Party!

Our Center Director, Mary Helen, was excited that her family wanted to do something special for her 60th birthday. She loved the idea of celebrating with friends and family, and at the same time wanted to "pay it forward". So when the invitations went out, they asked guests to bring diapers and wipes for Plus One in lieu of gifts – and the invitees responded with enthusiasm and generosity! The Center received 3,758 diapers and 9,496 wipes at last count...(and we can continue to count if you want to make a donation in our director's honor)!

Plus One Pregnancy Guidance Center is funded completely by donations from individuals, community groups, and churches. As the number of clients served at the Center continues to increase, our community perseveres to respond with overwhelming generosity! Events such as Baby Showers, Diaper Drives, and participation in the annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser make such a huge difference in the lives of the women and couples we serve. Thank you to all who participate in these special events! And Thank You to Mary Helen's family for providing a wonderful opportunity to support the Center.



Back Row: Jason, Ron, Travis.
Front Row: Stephanie, Mamie, Mary Helen, Samantha, & Opal

2019 Center Statistics:

Hours Open/Week: 13
Client Advocates: 23
Healthy U! Clients: 10
Plus One Clients: 21
Empower U! Clients: 17
Celebrated 7 births in 2019

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Center Hours:

Mon and Wed: 1-5 pm
Tues and Thurs: 6-8pm

CENTER DIRECTOR:

Mary Helen Wipf

CLIENT SERVICES DIRECTOR:

Angie Schutt

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Ray Meyer
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¿Hablas Español?



The Plus One Guidance Center is looking for **volunteer** Spanish interpreters and/or Spanish-speaking Client Advocates.

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Mary Helen Wipf at the Plus One Guidance Center, or for more information or an application, please email: info@plusonehuron.org.





**Pastor
Tom Christenson**

*At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." **Matthew 18:1-4***

On the behalf of the members of Hope Lutheran Church (LCMC), I greet you in the name of the one who is our life and our salvation, Jesus the Christ.

From the founding of the Plus One Guidance Center, Hope Lutheran has been a financial, in-kind and volunteer supporter of the ministry. We are grateful for the board and staff of the Center who have kept Christ at the center of the ministry to and with women and babies.

As is clear in the above scripture, Jesus had deep love and concern for all people, including children, even in face of the fact that in His day, children had no social standing. So, when He comes to us proclaiming "life for all", that means from the yet to be born to the oldest among us. And the ministry of the Plus One Guidance Center is testimony to what God in Christ wants us to hold and share.

May God continue to well up in us such a spirit of generosity that we may all do our part to ensure that this ministry is made available for all, to the glory of God!

Pastor Tom
Hope Lutheran Church
(LCMC)



Volunteer Spotlight



Kira Carabantes

My name is Kira Carabantes, wife and mother of 3. I'm a Wolsey native and my husband calls El Salvador, Central America, his home. This

is my 5th year teaching Spanish in the Huron School District. My studies and time with my husband have helped me to become fluent in Spanish, which led to me being asked to interpret at Plus One three years ago and now I am a client advocate. Being in the high school has also created a connection which has led a few young women to the center.

During my time at Plus One, we have had the opportunity to help Spanish-speaking women through some very difficult situations. The need for bilingual assistance continues to grow by leaps and bounds. One of my favorite stories is of a woman referred to us by a local clinic after a positive pregnancy test. She was seeking information for an abortion at her husband's demand. We were able to sit down with her, talk about her options, and show her our models so she could see the size of the baby growing inside her. We were also able to make an appointment for an ultrasound later that week, which I attended with her. It was the first time she had seen a 3D ultrasound and she was in awe when her baby moved and then "waved" at her in the image. We didn't see her again for several months, then this fall I ran into her in the community and she happily showed me her healthy, newborn baby!

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- * Preemie clothes
- * Preemie diapers
- * Diapers sizes 4-6
- * Wipes
- * New infant car seats
- * Sippy cups
- * Postage stamps
- * Funding for promo materials
- * New baby bottles
- * SpaceSaver high chair/booster seat



Baby Bottle Fundraiser

- 16 churches participated
- Raised a total of \$13,300
- That equals 22% of our annual budget of \$59,200!
- **THANK YOU to everyone who helped!**

