October Newsletter
10.23.19

Branch County Community Network
CRUISE TO YOUR CAREER
YOU assists young people, ages 14 to 24, in taking steps toward their professional goals.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP
YOU provides customized career support based on your professional interests and skills. Tell us where you want to end up, and we'll help you get there!

TOURING THE TOWN
Build connections with other community agencies, education providers, and business allies, who are all here to help you succeed.

YOUR CAREER PASSPORT
No experience, no problem! We can help beef up your resume through internships, training, and more.

SMOOTH SAILING
With guidance from our team, you'll be able to navigate around trouble with ease.

Kalamazoo County / 269.776.1660
Calhoun County / 269.660.1412
St. Joseph County / 269.273.2717
Branch County / 517.278.0200
WWW.KRESA.ORG/YOU
WHAT'S YOUR DESTINATION?

Whether you're taking the scenic route or making a bee line, let YOU be the next stop on your road to success.

CONTACT US
www.kresa.org/you
HQ: 269-775-1660
You Are Cordially Invited!

Come join the
Branch County Literacy Council (BCLC)
&
Coldwater Friends of the Branch District Library
For the Third Annual Celebration of

Literacy and the Library!

Friday, October 25th at 5:30pm – 7:30 pm
At the Branch District Library Coldwater Branch
10 E. Chicago St., Coldwater

Wine, Cheese, Cider & Donuts
Will be Served
Special Recognition of Our
Tutors, Volunteers and Adult Learners
Entertainment by
The Hazelbaker Group
With
John Rucker, Sam Greenburg & Randall Hazelbaker

For More Information call 517-279-9833
This is a Free Event - Donations Happily Accepted!

Fall 2019 Newsletter

Dear Literacy Supporter,

Thanks to your continued support, BCLC is celebrating 33 years of improving the literacy skills of adults living in Branch County! As a free program, BCLC offers tutoring in basic reading and writing skills, GED preparation and job literacy skills.

BCLC also has a strong English as a Second Language (ESL) program for those who wish to improve their English reading and writing skills.

(Con’t.)
Job Opportunity and Basic Skills (JOBS)

We are very excited about our new JOBS program! This new program provides adult learners with the literacy skills they need to engage in workforce development activities. This includes equipping learners with the vocabulary, reading, writing, and critical thinking skills necessary to successfully interact with workforce development and employment readiness agencies.

BCLC will be working closely with the Branch County Corrections and Probation Department to make this program available to individuals who have interacted with the court system. We feel that our JOBS program could greatly improve the success rate for those who have previously encountered obstacles to finding and keeping a job.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart!"

There are several ways to become involved with Branch County Literacy and the Reading Center and we always welcome new volunteers.

Tutoring - No teaching experience necessary! We train you, supply all teaching materials for both you and your student, and our director is there for any support you need along the way. Tutoring takes about 2 hours per week and you set your own schedule.

Reading Center – Our Reading Center hours are Monday through Thursday, 11am to 3pm, and Friday from 11am to 1pm. Our volunteers donate 2 hours a week at the center answering the phone and assisting those who stop by for more information about our literacy program.

Board of Directors – Become a guiding force for our organization. Contact our office for more information.

And as always, THANK YOU for your support!

Warmest Regards from all of us at BCLC.

Sam Ellis Greenburg
Executive Director

Board of Directors: Ron Budd – President, Jeanne Berg - Treasurer, Barb Yesh - Secretary, Mugeeb Al-Hobishi and John Rucker.

Tutors and Volunteers

Gary Burkhardt, JoAnne Duff, Barry Duncan, Margaret Fillmore, Linda Ives, Annette Johns, Molly Jones, Jeanne Milnes, Bobbi Norton, Ester Norton, Deb Stechschulte, Bob Schaupp, Dee Smith, Carol Tinervia, Sandra Vance and Barb Yesh.
Healing the Heartbreak of Abortion
Confidential Abortion Recovery
Bible Study

Starting October 7th, 2019
9 Weeks
Mondays 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Beginnings Care for Life Center
16 N Clay St., Coldwater

"Surrendering the Secret"
By Pat Layton
She has been there; she knows how you feel and what you're going through.

Backdoor access, private meeting area

You are not alone. Many are suffering in silence and have no one to whom they can turn.

Research shows that over 40% of child-bearing aged women have experienced the pain of abortion.

Learn about God's grace, mercy and forgiveness.

Receive a new hope-filled and purposeful life for the future!

For more information or to register, call Jodie Johnson at 517-227-4555 or our confidential helpline at 517-462-5999

Experience healing, peace and freedom

Hosted by:

Beginnings Care for Life Center
16 N. Clay St.
Coldwater MI 49036
beginningscare.com
Self-Care & Resilience for Educators

Session Objective:
Feeling overwhelmed, burned out, or could just use some self-care time? During this one hour session we will examine the concept of compassion fatigue, identify risk factors and warning signs associated with compassion fatigue, discuss tools for self-care and resiliency, and participate in an iRest practice. (https://www.irest.us/projects/irest)

Topics include:
- Compassion Fatigue & Secondary Traumatic Stress
- Six Critical Building Blocks of Healing
- Self-care strategies
- iRest practice

Questions:
Contact Angela Blood Starr at blooda@calhounisd.org or Kari Roberts at robertsk@branch-isd.org

Please go to branch-isd.org to register: (Must Pre-register)
WHAT TO DO FOR HEALTHY TEETH

FREE WORKSHOP

October 24th, 2019  5:30-8:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
102 Bishop Avenue Coldwater, MI
To register call 517-279-5830

Transportation and Child Care available (space is limited)
To reserve a ride or child care you must register no later than October 17th.

Raffles, games, and door prizes
Dinner will be provided!
All participants will receive a free oral hygiene kit
SECOND ANNUAL
FREE COMMUNITY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

BUILDING
RESILIENT
COMMUNITIES

Please join us as we continue our mission to locally educate parents, teaching staff, law enforcement, and local professionals on the effects of childhood trauma. This year we will be viewing the documentary, "Resilience"
The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope

OCTOBER 17, 2019
DEARTH CENTER IN COLDWATER
4:45 FREE CHILI SUPPER
6:00 DOCUMENTARY
7:00 DESSERT AND PANEL DISCUSSION

This learning opportunity is brought to you by:
Branch Intermediate School District, Branch County Great Start Collaborative, and the Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
Getting Ahead is Coming in October 2019

The goal of the Bridges Out of Poverty – Getting Ahead Program, is a plan to put a person in a position to understand why they are in the economic turmoil they are in and how to better their situation by setting personal goals to get ahead, if they so decide. The participant will individualize their plan and are assisted with making contacts in the community to have access to connections that help them achieve their goals.

Our agency hosts the Getting Ahead class and we want to work with other agencies to supply the participants in this program. Each class is usually comprised of a diverse group of people in the community.

The Details

WHO: The Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is hosting this program. Facilitators will be Julia McIntyre and Trienne Topp. The participants can be anyone who is motivated to learn and would like to go on a journey toward their goals.

WHAT: Each week at class a meal will be provided as well as child care if you Pre-Register. Participation makes you eligible to receive a $25.00 gift card that will be given at the end of each session that is attended. Participation in the entire eleven week program gives a person the fullest benefit.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! CALL 517-278-SAFE (7233).

WHERE: The class will be held at the Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence- Laura’s Place Community Room at 210 N. Michigan Avenue, Coldwater, Michigan

WHEN: The classes will be held each Monday with classes being held from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Class begins Monday October 21st and will be each Monday for 10 weeks in length. This class requires a commitment to attend weekly.

WHY: We as a community are excited about partnering with United Way and offering a program that invokes change in the way that we look at our community and allows people to set goals and gives them the tools in which to reach those goals! We believe our community is ready for Getting Ahead and we are ready to supply it as a community agency!

If you would like more information or to Pre-Register, please call 517-278-7233 and ask for Julia. We look forward to hearing from you.
STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

BRANCH COUNTY COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE & PINES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ABOUT STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is a nationally recognized parenting/family strengthening program. SFP is an evidence-based family skills training program found to significantly improve parenting skills and family relationships, reduce problem behaviors, delinquency and alcohol and drug abuse in children and to improve social competencies and school performance.

SESSIONS INCLUDE

• Improve family relations
• Increase parenting skills
• Improve child/teen life skill behavior
• Increase child/teen social competencies
• Reduce/prevent alcohol or drug abuse

OCT 23-DEC 11, 2019
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 5:30-7:30PM

BCCADSV & Pines have partnered to bring the community this FREE 7 week program for families with children ages 6-16. Space is LIMITED! Pre-registration is MANDATORY!

PROGRAM INCENTIVES

• Weekly dinner provided
• Weekly incentives
• Larger, final Incentive upon completion
• Childcare provided

BRANCH COUNTY COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
(517) 278-SAFE 7233

PINES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
"Life should be enjoyed...not endured"
SELF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS at EXPANDED LOCATIONS


BCCADSV

New Classes!
Open to the Public!

BRANCH COUNTY EVENTS FOR THESE MONTHS INCLUDE:

BCCADSV Family Open House - Tuesday, October 15th 5 - 7PM

Fall Festival & Craft Show - Saturday, November 2nd 9 - 2PM

Empty Bowl - Tuesday, November 5th 11AM - 7PM

Pancakes with Santa - Saturday, December 7th 4 - 7:30PM

Keep an eye on our website and our facebook page as new events happen!

278safe.com/events
facebook.com/278SAFE

LOCATIONS / TIMES

Quincy: 17 W. Chicago St.

October 24th: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
November 7th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 12 - 1:30PM
November 14th: Wreath Class 5 - 6:30PM
December 6th: Friday Night Lights -
Wreath Class 12-1:30PM
Dealing with Holiday Stress 2:30 - 3PM
Evening Open House - Stop in and Meet the Staff

Coldwater Downtown location: 117 W. Chicago St.

October 7th: Darkness to Light training 5 - 7:00PM
October 30th: Wreath Class 1 - 2:30PM
November 8th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 12 - 1:30PM
November 13th: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
December 6th: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
December 13th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 12 - 1:30PM


October 21st: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
November 4th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 12 - 1:30PM
November 18th: Wreath Class 5 - 6:30PM
December 9th: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
December 16th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 5 - 6:30PM

Union City: Located in All Things Serenity 106 E. High St.

October 22nd: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
November 12th: Wreath Class / Yoga 5:30 - 7:30PM
November 19th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 12 - 1:30PM
December 10th: Dealing with Holiday Stress / Yoga 5:30 - 7:30PM

RSVP using the link below or by calling (517) 278-SAFE (7233)

www.278SAFE.com/rsvp
The Branch County Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence proudly invites you to the 29th Annual Fall Festival & Craft Show

The Craft Show with a Heart

November 2nd, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Legg Middle School
175 Green Street
(Entrance on Western Ave.)

All proceeds will go to fund:
Backpack Buddies and prevention education programs in our schools.

For more information, contact 517.278.7233 or shelterhouse@cbpu.com
Concessions available

Again this year!
Every person (18 or older) coming in the door gets registered for one of the following prizes:
(Need not be present to win, no purchase necessary)

Holiday Shopping Spree
Television
Alexa
Health & Fitness Package featuring a Fitbit
For every vendor purchase — you will get additional entry
Fall Festival and Craft Show Application

Saturday, November 2nd 2019 - 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Legg Middle School-175 Green Street, Coldwater, MI 49036
(entrance on Western Avenue) $30.00 for a 10' x 8' space

All proceeds of spaces go to support the Backpack Buddies & Prevention Education Programs (programs that the Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence facilitate)

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the following application. Tables will be made available with advance notice only at $10 each. Chairs will be provided.

AGAIN THIS YEAR! SPECIAL DRAWINGS FOR VENDORS AND PARTICIPANTS!
Check out the attached insert. There will be help to assist you in setting up and tearing down.

Set-up time will be between 7:30am and 9:00am. There may be no early tear downs.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim at 517-278-7233 or send an email to shelterhouse@cbpu.com

Please no independent raffles or food booths without prior approval.

Thank you.... We hope to see you there!

Mail application to: Kim Hemker,
Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
220 N. Michigan Ave., Coldwater, MI 49036

Applications must be returned by Wednesday, October 30th, 2019

Please make checks payable to B.C.C.A.D.S.V.

Name_____________________________Address_____________________________

City________________State_______Zip_________Phone_____________________

Craft Item(s)_________________________________________________________________

# of spaces needed _______ # of tables _____ ($10 each) Electricity Yes or No

Preferred location_____________________________________________________________________

E-mail Address: __________________________________________________________________

Total $ Amount Enclosed __________________________ Comments: __________________________
EMPTY BOWLS

The opportunity to have a meal while helping homeless children in Branch County!

Help fill the empty bowls of these children with your donation. In return you will receive a soup dinner in a bowl decorated with love by a local student.

limited quantity of handcrafted bowls - so come early to support these students!

Lunch and dinner will be served. Delivery during lunch will be provided with a $20 order.

November 5, 2019 11AM - 7PM

Coach Eby Community Youth and Family Center, Inc.
89 W Chicago St,
Coldwater, MI 49036

The number of Branch County Homeless children for the year 2018/19 is: 
456!

We only have a limited amount of funds to assist with student needs and it is very specific.

Branch County Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence is hosting the event.

**All money raised from this Branch County event will stay in Branch County**

Email your order to shelterhouse@cbpu.com
Soup selections and menu will be posted on facebook that day. Fb/278safe.com

BRANCH COUNTY COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

220 N. Michigan Ave. Coldwater (517) 278-SAFE (7233)
www.278SAFE.com
Facebook.com/278SAFE

TEXT LINE: 517-227-0320
**EMPTY BOWLS**

The opportunity to have a meal while helping homeless children in Hillsdale County!

Help fill the empty bowls of these children with your donation. In return you will receive a soup dinner in a bowl decorated with love by a local student.

**November 10th, 2019 2-7PM**

Olivia's Chop House
205 E Chicago St,
Jonesville, MI 49250

Come join us for soup supper from 2-7

limited quantity of handcrafted bowls - so come early to support these students!

We only have a limited amount of funds to assist with student needs and it is very specific.

The number of Hillsdale County Homeless children for the year 2018/19 is: 471!

Branch County Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence as the McKinney-Vento Coordinator is hosting the event.

**All money raised from this Hillsdale County event will stay in Hillsdale County.**

Email for any questions to mvcoordinator@yahoo.com

BRANCH COUNTY COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

220 N. Michigan Ave, Coldwater
(517) 278-SAFE (7233)
TEXT LINE: 517-227-0320

www.278SAFE.com
Facebook.com/278SAFE
STEM QUEST
Saturday, November 9, 2019 - 8:30AM-3:30PM

COST
$10 per youth
Adults are free to attend
This is a family event!
Open to all youth!

HOW TO REGISTER

Printing provided courtesy of KALBLUE

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS (MORE TO COME!):
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EAT·N Kalamazoo Valley Community College MISTEM Network
Kalamazoo RESA

PROGRAM PARTNERS (MORE TO COME!):
USS Silversides Naval Museum Civil Air Patrol Rockford ZOO Air & Science Experiences NCOPE
GROW Museum of Science SWE Michigan Maritime Museum 4-H USPTO Stryker
Welcome to STEMQuest! You have a unique opportunity for family fun at this hands-on day of STEM exploration! Over 30 program partners are participating in our first annual STEM Quest for youth. Families will be able to engage in activities with our program partners and even sign up for their hands-on STEM take-aways! For more information visit the registration website.

This day of fun is for ALL YOUTH - you need not be a member of the BSA to register for the event. K-12 youth will engage in programs as they move around while collecting scavenger hunt items at each area. Read more on our registration website: [http://bit.ly/STEMQuestPublic](http://bit.ly/STEMQuestPublic).
Pop-Up Rummage Sale

Friday, October 18th ~ 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Saturday, October 19th ~ 9:00 am-2:00 pm

At Coach Eby Center Gym
~ 89 West Chicago Street ~ Coldwater ~

Proceeds go to support education in Branch County
Upcoming Events
The Coach Eby Youth & Family Center

- October 25 ~ Connection Café & FNA Halloween
- October 26 ~ Cider & Donuts
- November 4 ~ Family Movie Night
- November 6 ~ Pastor Breakfast
- November 28 ~ Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Proceeds will go to the ProMedica Coldwater Cancer Center

10/18/2019
5:00-7:00PM
Tailgate Party at the Soccer Field at Coldwater HS

Join us between the Games
JV Game at 4:30
Varsity Game at 7:30 PM

SPONSORS
A Grand Occasion
Alcott Pork
Aunt Millie’s
Bill’s Grill House
Butchers’ Row
Charlie’s Pride BBQ
Chartwells
Coca-Cola

Go Cards!

10/18/2019
COLDWATER CARDINAL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB FAN APPRECIATION TAILGATE PARTY

Join us before the big game for good food & great times!

Come and join us anytime between 5:00-7:00pm as we celebrate this year’s Purple Game, and give us the opportunity to say thanks to all of the amazing fans who support Coldwater Cardinal Athletics!

Suggested donation of $5 includes pork sandwich, baked beans, mac & cheese, coleslaw, cornbread and a beverage.
The Salvation Army
2019 Christmas Assistance Application
INFORMATION
Branch County, Michigan

Sign up Dates: October 15, 2019 to November 15, 2019
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am – 3:30pm

Qualified family applicants will receive:
- Gifts for their children ages infant to 16 years old

Income guideline to qualify:
Federal Poverty Level 101-150% or below.

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For each additional family member add: 6,630 553 128

To apply you need the following documentation:
- Picture ID for head of household
- Proof of income for entire household for the last 30 days
- Birth certificate or shot records for each child age 16 and under

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS November 14, 2019

Toy Distribution is December 17, 2019 at the Coach Eby Center Gymnasium
El Ejercito de Salvación
Solicitud de asistencia de Navidad 2019
INFORMACION
Branch County, Michigan

Fechas de registro:
Octubre 15, 2019 to Noviembre 14, 2019
Martes y Jueves de 8a.m. a 3:30p.m.

Los solicitantes calificados recibirán:
- Regalos para niños de edades comprendidas entre los bebes y los 16

Directriz de ingresos para calificar:
Nivel federal de pobreza 101-150% o menos.

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Para aplicar necesitas la siguiente información:
- Identificación con foto de jefe de familia
- Comprobante de ingresos de todo el hogar durante los últimos 30 días
- Certificado de nacimiento o registros de vacunas para cada niño de 16 años o menos

Les fecha limite para presenter la solicitud es el 14 de Noviembre de 2019

Distribución de juguetes es Diciembre 17, 2019
En el gimnasio Coach Eby Center
Pines Behavioral Health Services
Housing Assistance and Referral Agency

• Are you homeless?

• Are you being evicted from your home?

• Have your utilities been shut off? Or have you been given a shut off notice?

If so please contact Pines Behavioral Health (517-278-2129) and speak with Angel the Housing Resource Specialist
I would like to support Beginnings Care for Life Center

____ as a volunteer ______ as a church/business liaison ______ as a prayer partner ______ helping with special events
____ with my financial gift of $ _______ ______ with my monthly donation of $ _______

Name: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
State: __________________ Zip: ___________

Beginnings Care for Life Center 16 N Clay Street Coldwater, MI 49036
517/278-3355 (phone) 517/924-1111 (business & fax)
beginningscare@hotmail.com BeginningsCare.com

Please help us remain in business by letting us know if your address has changed or if you’d like to be removed from our mailing list. Thank you.
____ Please send me the newsletter at my email address, written above
____ Please change my address to the new one, written above. ______ Please take my name off of your mailing list.

Beginnings Care for Life Center
16 N Clay Street
Coldwater, MI 49036

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit #71
Coldwater, MI

Return Service Requested

INSIDE:

OPENING DOORS

Mission Statement
To reach out in the love of Jesus Christ in a spirit of help, truth and hope in order to foster positive choices and healing for women, men and their families.

Clients are served without regard to age, race, income, nationality, religious affiliation, marital status or disability.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you.
Plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Opening Doors

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits.” Psalm 103:2

Our last newsletter Feature Story was entitled “Bearing at the Seams” and described how severely we had outgrown the building that housed this ministry for 23 years. Since that time, God has blessed us with the means to find, purchase, prepare and move into a new, beautiful, spacious facility.

Here is how it happened...

At our Fall Banquet, last October, our keynote speaker, Tiffany Schwemel mentioned that we had outgrown our building and desired a larger one. Two days later, we received a call from the executor of the Lucille Deardorff Trust (who had attended the banquet), offering a $200,000.00 donation toward a new facility.

First, we contacted the owner of 16 N. Clay Street (a building that we had been dreaming about and praying about for over four years). Then, we formed a Search Committee, who diligently explored this and other commercial properties for over six months. Realizing that we would need about $150,000.00 to purchase and/or renovate a suitable property, our Board of Directors decided to run a Capital Campaign.

On a very cold January day, while working from home, I was prompted to place a phone call to an administrator of the Clemens Family Foundation. We had spoken in the past and he had been helpful and encouraging. I told him of our Capital Campaign and he asked me to send some information. So, the sixth draft of the Capital Campaign Case for Support was emailed to him. This was on a Friday. On Monday morning, he called and said, “We’d like to give you the $150,000.00.”

At times, God shows Himself in mighty and wonderful ways.

We continued running our Open Door Capital Campaign, to help with the costs of moving, renovation, furnishings and the overall transition. Our community responded in their usual, generous way. Financial contributions, professional expertise and good, old-fashioned hard workers came in from all around us (see Creative Support, inside). So many blessings!

Our Ribbon Cutting and Open House were held on September 6. What a fan gathering and celebration! Many people showed up to see the new building and share in our joy. Our major donors, staff, board members and several volunteers gathered for the (continued on page 2).

INSIDE:
• Pickleball Tournament
• Creative Supporters
• Tribute to Linda Penn
• Wish List
OPENING

Ribbon Cutting. Tours were given of the facility, including explanations of each of our new services and the resources that we offer to individuals and families. It was truly a Red Letter Day in the history of Beginnings Care for Life Center.

We are excited and thankful that God has placed us in this beautiful, new home. We're glad to be located in the heart of our city and look forward to our continued, mighty presence in and through this ministry. We know that, as we seek and follow His leading, He will use us to meet needs and touch hearts in our community.

In Service to Him,

Jane Ford,
Executive Director

Life Walk&Run:

Back in May, we gathered at the First Baptist Church Activity Center for our annual Life Walk&Run, enjoying the walk, run, children's activities, drawing for prizes, refreshments and Silent Auction. Nearly $12,000.00 was collected in Business Sponsorships, runner's registration fees, on-line donations and the Silent Auction. Thanks to all who prayed and participated this year.

Save the Date: Life Walk&Run 2020 Saturday, May 16

CARE FOR LIFE Walk & Run

DIAMOND SPONSORS:
Compton Marine Service
Gordon's Culligan Water

GOLD SPONSORS:
Excell Paving Plus Smith's

SILVER SPONSORS:
Adventures in Nutrition
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CREATIVE SUPPORTERS:
So many people have supported our transition to the new building, in so many ways! We marvel at your thoughtfulness and generosity:
- Servpro/Coldwater - free carpet cleaning
- Bob Edwards - mowing lawns, building set up
- Hands On Decorating - free consultation, excellent work
- Sherwin Williams - discount on paint, helpful referrals
- Premier Finishes - excellent painting help
- Knights of Columbus - donation, help with moving
- Habitat for Humanity - help with moving
- Christian Homeschoolers - help with moving
- Jeff Kiersey - technology advice & set up
- Jim & New Lounds - donation of space to change
- Greg & Marcia Ledyard - building set up and landscaping
- Terry Tornstrom, Ron Ford, Tony Smothers - building set up
- Lockwood Ladies Cleaning Team - cleaning new and previous buildings
- Chris Pierce - free appraisal of 213 Marshall Street
- Coldwater Noon Rotary - funding for new, outdoor sign
- Coldwater Downtown Redevelopment Program - funding for sign, exterior work
- Patricia Klein Shoemaker Donor and Advised Fund - funding for artwork, furnishings
- Coldwater Kiwanis - funding for Children's Corner items

FOR SALE

Our home for 22 years is now available for purchase!
213 Marshall Street Coldwater, MI 49036 8104965575
For Information, call Deb at 517-732-8003.

BRIEF FOR BEGINNINGS

WHAT: COLDWATER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST
WHERE: ST. CATHLEEN'S MARKETPLACE HALL --- 925 MERRIMAN STREET, COLDWATER
WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019 --- 9:00-11:30 AM
WANT: TO BENEFIT BEGINNINGS CARE FOR LIFE CENTER?
 How: Buy Knights will make a delicious, hot breakfast and meet donors who can support such a wonderful need

WISH LIST
- Male & Female Volunteers
- $5 Gas Only Gift Cards
- Baby Wipes
- Unopened Infant Formula
- New Boys Clothing (NB-3T)
- New Housewares, Cleaning Products

UPCOMING DATES
- Fall Banquet: 10/10/19
- Pickleball Tournament: 10/19/19
- K of C Breakfast: 11/13/19
- Life Walk&Run: 5/16/20

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Board and Staff Members recently held a Strategic Planning Meeting to discuss plans for the future. Our new facility will allow us to add additional services. These will be explored in the coming months.

Thank you for your Service, Linda!

It is with great appreciation that we say “Farewell” to our Board Secretary, Linda Penn. After serving on our Board of Directors for 22 years, Linda is ready to close this chapter and move on to the next. Having been with the Center from the very beginning, Linda has seen the ministry through many changes, including some uncertain times. She has served faithfully, bringing a steady supply of grace and wisdom to our meetings. “This seems like a good time to move on, knowing that new faces and perspectives can take over”, Linda told the Board. “It has been an honor and privilege to be part of the board and work with some excellent people who have a heart for this ministry. It is exciting to see God at work in the ministry and I am so impressed with the look of the new building. We have somehow volunteered and a fantastic staff and it has been a pleasure watching it grow to this point. What a blessing!” We look forward to continuing to work with Linda as she serves as Barb Gilkay's Church Liaison and at Life Walk&Run and we wish her, Bill and their family many blessings, in the future. Well done, Linda!

JUMPING FOR BEGINNINGS Care

In perhaps the most creative and useful support for this ministry, Pastor Shayne Loope, of Lockwood Community Church has initiated a GoFundMe Page to sponsor his plan to parachute from an airplane. When speaking of Beginnings Care for Life Center, Shayne said, “In the midst of all the abortion skirmishes in our culture, they are quietly doing something that everyone can agree is necessary. They are helping young women and men who are having babies lovingly nurture and wisely raise their children. They make it possible for young parents to get diapers, car seats, and clothing who might not be able to afford these things otherwise. Even more importantly, they serve as mentors and educators, helping young women and men learn to parent responsibly and lovingly. There is a desperate need for this kind of loving service in our community and in our culture.” We’re thankful for Shayne’s thoughtful support and hope that he enjoys his jump immensely.

To donate, visit https://www.gofundme.com/Jumping-for-beginnings-care

Top image:

Healing the Heartbreak of Abortion: 9 Week Bible-Based Series Starting October 7th, 2019 Mondays 5:30 - 7:00 pm Beginnings Care for Life Center 16 N Clay St, Coldwater Private meeting area. “Surrendering the Sower” By Pat Layton She has been there; she knows what you’re going through. For more information or to register, call Joel on our confidential helpline: 517-462-5999

Bottom image:

Beginnings Care for Life Center First Annual Pickleball Tournament Saturday, October 19 Coldwater Recreation Center

Women's Doubles Men's Doubles Mixed Doubles Beginners and Intermediate Intermediate/Advanced $25: First Event $5: Additional Events Guaranteed: 2 matches/entry J. Wright E. Jones BEING KIDS OF INNOCENCE