

# SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our annual WALKFOR LIFE will be held on Saturday, October 10th. Pledge forms and details coming soon to our website, so be sure to check there for information. Hope to see you there!

## Natural Family Planning Seminar

October 17, 2020 (Saturday) 10 a.m. to Noon **Cornerstone Parenting Center** 848 Northside Dr., East Liverpool, Ohio

Cornerstone is hosting an introductory course on the Creighton Model of fertility awareness for women interested in this natural method of avoiding pregnancy, achieving pregnancy, and understanding their fertility. The seminar, open to anyone 18 and older, will be taught by Sairey Williams, Physician Assistant, and the cost is \$10/person (scholarships available). Registration required at 330-386-3999.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" Romans 1:16

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# Making a Difference

One of the frustrating things we encounter in our ministry is not being able to share details about the work God is doing through our donors, supporters and staff. Due to the confidential nature of our work at Heartbeat and Ava Women's Center, we don't often get to share success stories of the people whose lives were changed – mothers who had planned to have an abortion but chose life for their babies, women who received help and coaching on critical parenting skills, women who learned of God's love for them and accepted Christ as their savior, and women who have found emotional healing from the pain of a past abortion – but they are out there. They are among us in the community. We, and you, as a Heartbeat supporter, **ARE** making a difference.

We wish we could share all the moving stories of the women who pass through our doors so that you would see first-hand how important Heartbeat's services are and how vital it is that we keep them going. The next time you see a young mother with a new baby, just think, she could have been a client at the women's center – once scared and vulnerable, but now enjoying the precious new life she gave birth to. Or when you see a young family out and about, they may have earned their car seat through Cornerstone's "Earn While You Learn" program. Or when you see a new face at church on Sunday, she may be there because one of our patient advocates led her to the Lord.

So while we can't show you albums full of happy families that we've been of assistance to, know that they are out there, and that lives are being changed because of the dedication and love of all our Heartbeat supporters.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID crisis and the postponement of our annual Vision Banquets, we have not had the opportunity to reach out to our loyal and new supporters for the financial backing we need to keep these ministries operating. Thanks to God's graciousness, we have been able to keep our doors open so far, but the need for additional funding is great. If you are able, would you consider making a monetary contribution to Heartbeat to help us through this challenging period? It is only with your sup-To make a difference for port that we can continue making a difference in the lives of the women and children women and children in in our area. Donations may be made through our website or mailed to our office - see our community, please sidebar for information.

Your generous support will help Ava Women's Center reach young, vulnerable women who find themselves conflicted about an unplanned pregnancy. Your financial contributions will help Heartbeat give new moms the skills and tools they need to confidently continue their parenting journey. Your generosity will enable us to touch hearts and win souls to Christ. Your donations will support programs that heal broken hearts. You will touch real lives in a concrete way and enable struggling families to experience real hope and joy.

Thank you for helping us continue to carry out and grow our essential family ministry and positively impact our community at this critical time.

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### Summer 2020

### **VISION BANQUET** New Dates!

Due to evolving restrictions surrounding the pandemic. the **2020 Vision Banquets** will be held on Thursday Sept. 10 and Friday, Sept. 11. We hope you will be able to join us on one of those evenings of **DISCOVERING HOPE.** Please see our website for details and to register Contact Marsha Lewis at (724) 622-6580 or marshalew2002@yahoo.com with any questions.

make your donation online at <u>www.heartbeatcc.com</u> (scroll to the "Donate Today" button), or mail to Heartbeat of Columbiana County, PO Box 204, East Liverpool, OH 43920.

# **MINISTRY UPDATES**

#### **Openings at Heartbeat**

We are looking for part-time **RDMSs/sonographers** who would be interested in joining our team. If interested, please contact

Executive Director Linda Dankert to arrange an interview (Linda@heartbeatcc.com or 330-386-3999 x102).

Also, we are in great need of **parent mentors** to work with young mothers to develop and hone their parenting skills. We currently have a waiting list of **seven young women waiting** for an opportunity to learn from an experienced role model. No previous mentoring experience required, just an open heart and desire to come alongside a rookie mom and guide her through the Cornerstone

programs. If the you to serve in please contact Center Director, Lord is leading this manner, Tere Rufener, to volunteer.

#### NEW! HOST A "VIRTUAL" VISION BANQUET

You're probably aware that the 2020 Vision Banquets have been postponed due to coronavirus restrictions. Our newly scheduled Vision Banquets in September will be limited in attendance in order to maintain social distancing, as required by the venue. Additionally, we recognize that some people may not feel comfortable attending a larger gathering in the banquet facility, but still want to take part in the Vision Banquet experience. Therefore, we have developed a "Banquet at Home" option for those who may want to host a group of friends for an afternoon or evening of fellowship in support of Heartbeat. If you are interested in learning about this alternative, please contact Marsha Lewis for details at (724) 622-6580

# In Search of: Grant Funding

If you know of an organization or foundation that offers funding opportunities to charitable non-profits in the areas of family development, maternal resources, pregnancy services, family planning, or pro-life causes, won't you let us know about it?

Heartbeat has programs that address these issues and would love to get financial support from these types of backers. If your company or association awards grants such as these, please send the information to Lisa DeNiro at

We appreciate all donations to the Baby Boutique — they are a real blessing to our families in need. Just as a reminder:

**Baby Boutique** 

**New Offices!** 

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Thanks to the support of The

Heights Church, Heartbeat

and Cornerstone Parenting

Center now have new head-

quarters, and we can't wait to

expand and grow our ministry

ed at 848 Northside Avenue

in East Liverpool, though our

mailing address remains PO

Box 204, East Liverpool, Ohio,

in it! Our offices are now locat-

- We accept clothes that are new and gently used (no stains, rips, holes, please), in sizes preemie to 2T.
- We can only accept car seats and cribs that are brand new.
- Diapers, wipes, baby soaps/lotions, bibs, swings, etc. are always needed.

Thank you for your support of our mamas choosing LIFE!

#### Election Time!

Make your vote count this fall! Before you cast your November ballot, please take some time to research the candidates and their stances on life. We have an opportunity like never before to influence public policy at the state and federal levels by being purposeful to elect pro-life candidates into office. You can check online for voters guides to pro-life candidates.

- In Ohio, consult Ohio Right to Life for its voting guide and endorsements to help you identify the candidates who stand for life. Visit <u>www.ohiovotesforlife.org</u>.
- Pennsylvania voters should check out <u>www.lifepac.net</u> for downloadable voters guides.
- The National Right to Life organization also has a database of endorsed candidates you can access here: <u>www.nrlvictoryfund.org</u>.

If you haven't already, make sure you register to vote well ahead of the election! Not sure if you're registered? You can visit this site to check: <u>www.vote.org/am-i-registered</u> <u>-to-vote/</u>.

Also, consider getting some voter registration forms and handing them out to other pro-

lifers to ensure they are signed up to vote, or even hold a registration drive in your area!



# LIFE NEWS

#### Abortion Pills Easier to Get

In July, a federal judge suspended a rule that previously required



women seeking the abortion pill to visit a hospital, clinic or medical office for an exam prior to getting the abortion pill. The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit on behalf of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists requesting that the FDA forgo the regulation that requires patients to seek medical attention prior to obtaining the abortion pill, in part due to the COVID-19 crisis. The judge who ruled in favor of the ACLU determined the medical consult to be a "substantial obstacle" to women obtaining abortions via the pill. Now, women will be more at risk of harmful complications if their pregnancy is beyond 10 weeks or ectopic — things that would be caught in an exam.

#### Another Ruling for the Abortion Industry

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law which had required abortion providers to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the abortion facility. This requirement would have protected women from incompetent providers by ensuring they had the training and experience that hospitals require a doctor to have before gaining admitting privileges. The Court determined that the law "imposes a burden on access to abortion" just as did an identical law in Texas which was struck down four years ago by the U.S. Supreme Court. The opinion was split 5-4 in favor of striking down the restriction.

#### **Choose Life Plates Raising Big Money**

Currently, 31 states and the District of Columbia offer *Choose Life* license plates to residents (some other states are working on getting them approved or available), and the monies raised from their sale are distributed to pro-life pregnancy centers or organizations offering adoption services. As of May 2019, the *Choose Life* plates had raised over \$27 million, according to Choose Life America. Compare that to only 4 states offering pro-choice license plates, the