

Options | RIVER FALLS

for Women

A TLC PREGNANCY RESOURCE CLINIC

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OUR MISSION: To support women in unplanned pregnancies and to promote the culture of life to clients and the community.

Greetings!

It is the perfect time of the year to be thankful to God! Options for Women has truly had a year full of wonderful blessings: new location right on Main Street, beautiful new clinic, new dedicated volunteer staff and board members, many new clients, new and loyal supporters like you who have a heart for pro-life ministry, and fantastic youth/student outreach opportunities (please see reverse for an exciting update!). We are thankful to the Lord for His guidance as we work to use all these blessings for His glory and for the good of His family, particularly the women, babies, men, families, and youth/students whom we are privileged to serve. We are also grateful for your support, for the prayers and gifts you have shared with us this past year. May God bless you for the love you have shown!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

JoAnne Parks
Executive Director



Banquet for Life, September 13th



Comedian Mike Williams

"We are so blessed and honored to support the work of Options for Women – River Falls. This was the second year that we were invited to share a table at the banquet. And again the food was delicious, the silent auction items were great and the comedian Mike Williams was so funny and relevant to the values of Options. His testimony was heart-wrenching and deeply touched us both. We hope Options will continue the tradition of an annual fund-raising banquet, and we look forward to next year." **Gary and Shelley Smith**



Liz and Lana, from Royal Neighbors of America

"What a FUN-Raiser! And what joy to be in the midst of so many like-minded people supporting life for families." **Teri Graham**



Tina and Sarah helping at the banquet

"The banquet was an enjoyable and inspiring evening: excellent food, wonderful company, hilarious entertainment, and heartfelt testimony from a mother and her child. Spending an evening with such an amazing group of people from our area strengthens one's resolve to promote the culture of life through the work of Options for Women!" **Father Kevin C. Louis**



Some of our banquet volunteers — thank you!

The Options banquet was wonderful this year! It is always such a joy and blessing to see hundreds of like-minded people who want to do what they can to help women through their pregnancies!!

Mike Williams was an amazing speaker who brought much laughter and his prolife conviction to the banquet. The young woman who chose life and brought her daughter left me in tears. Her story explained why we do what we do. Thank you, Options for helping her choose life!! **Carla Stream**



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Emma and daughter Kiley

Emma shared her touching story of how she faced the challenges of being pregnant at 18 with the help of Options for Women (then Pregnancy Helpline).

New Board Member — Nancy Fredericks

Nancy Fredericks grew up in Ellsworth, WI. Three years ago, she moved back to the area upon retirement as an anesthesiologist in Madison, WI. She and her husband Tod have supported crisis pregnancy centers for years. Nancy is pleased to bring past hospital and clinic board experience to the Options for Women River Falls board of directors and welcomes the challenges of a “working” board.

Nancy was instrumental in defeating a plan to perform late second trimester abortions at her clinic a few years ago and estimates that as many as 800 children may be alive today because of the courage of pro-life workers who refused to participate in the plan. She regards that experience and the opportunity to serve on the Options for Women River Falls board of directors as a privilege to witness God at work, upholding the dignity and right to life of every person. **WELCOME NANCY!**



New Volunteers — Monica Wallraff and Kristin Johnson

Monica Wallraff lives in New Richmond with her husband and daughter and has two adult sons. She has enjoyed homeschooling her daughter for the past four years and, prior to that, worked in insurance for several years. She is grateful for the opportunity to volunteer at OFW and looks forward to helping however she can!

WELCOME MONICA!



Kristin Johnson and her husband Greg have lived in the River Falls area since 2013. Born and raised just across the river, in the beautiful town of Stillwater, MN, she readily confirms they have found God’s country in the beautiful bluffs on the Wisconsin side of the St. Croix River valley.

She is first and foremost a Nana to her four beautiful grandchildren and enjoys her career as a Realtor with Timber Ghost Realty. In her free time, she takes advantage of her favorite hobby: horseback riding.

She is honored to bring all she can in the way of her cumulative life experiences to the volunteer position at Options for Women.

WELCOME KRISTIN!

Memorial

*In memory of her husband,
William, former Grand Knight,
from Anna Crownhart and the
Elmwood Knights of Columbus*

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A New Perspective! A Fresh Hope!

Options for Women will be hosting the **Love & Life Project** in January to provide youth/students with a new perspective on and a fresh hope in healthy relationships. We hope to have hundreds of community youth attend and be inspired by this important message.

Can you consider making an end-of-the-year gift to help us bring programs like this to the community and to our clients?



*A Blessed
Christmas
to you
and your
family!*

Please consider including Options for Women in your will.

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