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

**OUR NEW FACILITY IS  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION!  
PRAISE GOD!!!**

Greetings!

What an incredible beginning to 2016! We are overwhelmed by the generosity of many as we continue to spread the message of our ministry in area churches and to individuals who share our prolife concerns. It is so encouraging to see the Holy Spirit at work, prompting new donors and volunteers to support us! Please pray for us and especially for the clients we see at our temporary location, 402 N 2nd Street. Thank you for your support and God Bless You!

JoAnne Parks  
Executive Director

**LATE BREAKING NEWS —  
WE HAVE A MEDICAL DIRECTOR!**

## Sarah's Story

My name is Sarah, and I chose life. My story is a bit complex. I knew from the moment I got pregnant that I was pregnant. I was so scared. Even though I was 38, it frightened me to bring a baby into this world. I have a 9 year-old boy with ADHD and other issues, and I am a single mom.

I was shopping at Family Fresh one day, and while I was pulling out, I saw the Pregnancy Helpline sign hanging in front of a tiny office. I thought to myself, "Wow. If I'm pregnant, maybe they can help with the termination." So, I drove home, unpacked my groceries, and googled Pregnancy Helpline. A nice woman answered the phone and made an appointment for me. A few days passed and then I went to my appointment. When I walked in, a lovely woman greeted me. We sat down and the advocate listened to me talk. She told me that the Pregnancy Helpline does not refer women to get abortions. She and I talked for about an hour. She told me that there were options. But, the single most valuable event that took place was that the advocate and I decided to pray. We prayed to God for His will to be done.

Now, all this didn't really matter at the time because, when I took the pregnancy test she gave me, it came back negative. It wasn't until about a week later, when I took another test, that I found out that I was definitely, 100%, pregnant. I was SO scared. The father of the baby wanted termination and pushed for it hard. I called Planned Parenthood, and, just like that, I had an appointment. With the pressure from the dad and with my own fear, I was all ready to get rid of the baby. I went into a state of shock, something that I have never felt before. I was low, depressed. My heart was heavy. I started going back and forth in my head, "Should I or shouldn't I?" It was draining and evil.

The night before my appointment, just 12 hours away from termination, I remembered the woman at Pregnancy Helpline, our prayer, and I remembered who I was. The feeling was of peace. I knew what I needed to do. I called Planned Parenthood and cancelled my appointment. I chose life! Now, I have an amazing gift from God. Her name is Irene-Lynne, and she is the most precious gift God could have ever given me. It if wasn't for the advocate at Pregnancy Helpline and her prayers, I might have made the biggest mistake of my life. But, instead, I chose life. And that is the best feeling I've ever felt.





## Office Administrator— Marie Regnier

I am very excited to join Options for Women and be involved in the growth process of the center over the months to come! As the oldest of seven children, I have personally experienced what blessings babies and family are. I am a recent graduate from UW-River Falls, and I am excited to begin using my psychology education to help counsel women in making life-giving decisions. My internship with Options for Women combined with my experience as the former president of the university's prolife club, Lifeguards, has prepared me well for the opportunity to continue supporting a cause in which I so heartily believe! **WELCOME MARIE!**

Marie Regnier

## New Board Member — Tony Nasvik

Since 2007 Tony and Nancy Nasvik have been involved with [Christians United for Israel \(CUFI\)](#) and last year were appointed Directors of [CUFI Western Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota](#). He and his wife Nancy are passionate defenders and educators on our national Judeo Christian Heritage and Pro-Life advocacy and activism. Tony is the Honorary Chair of [Wisconsin Faith & Freedom Coalition](#). Tony is also President of [Mark Anthony Design Group](#), an Architectural and Interior 'Boutique' Design consulting firm and President of [Mark Anthony Homes, Inc.](#) an award winning Design-Build custom home builder. He served as a Director of both the National Association of Home Builders and the Wisconsin Builders Association and served as President of the Saint Croix Valley Home Builders Association. Tony was a member of the Executive Board of Directors for the Saint Croix County Republican Party. He graduated from Northwestern Bible College with a BA in Business, and minors in Music and Art. Tony and his wife Nancy are best friends and have been married 30 years.



Tony Nasvik

**WELCOME TONY!**

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JoAnne Parks

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*Matthew 25:40*

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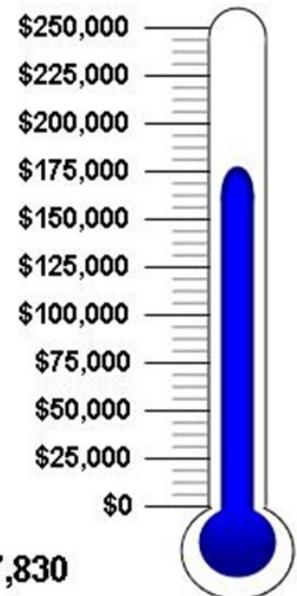
Thank you to all who have helped us reach \$177,830 towards our Capital Campaign goal of \$250,000!

A very special **Thank You** to several anonymous donors for their great generosity!

The members of Faith Community Church in Hudson have contributed over \$40,500 so far!

**May God Bless You All!**

### Capital Campaign



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