

Pregnancy Resource Centers

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PREGNANCY RESOURCES

- ♦ **BIRTHRITE—Cleveland** - 960 East 185th Street, Cleveland / [216-486-2800](tel:216-486-2800) / 24 Hour Helpline [800-550-4900](tel:800-550-4900) / www.birtrighthofcleveland.com - **Lakewood** - 14701 Detroit Road #370, Lakewood / Tel: [216-228-5998](tel:216-228-5998) - **Parma Heights** - 5851 Pearl Road Suite 202, Parma Heights / Tel: [216-661-6400](tel:216-661-6400). Services Offered - Counseling for assistance with prenatal care, job search/career development, housing, and childcare options.
- ♦ **CLEVELAND PREGNANCY CENTER** - 3924 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland / Tel: [216-631-0964](tel:216-631-0964) / clevelandpregnancycenter.org / Services Offered - Baby supplies, life coaching, life skills classes for pregnancy and motherhood, life development classes, CPR training, post-abortive support and counseling, and fatherhood counseling for men.
- ♦ **FAITH WELLNESS AND PREGNANCY CENTER LOCATED AT FIRST BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH** - 2355 East 55th Street, Cleveland / Tel: [216-881-0593](tel:216-881-0593) / <http://freehope.org> / Services Offered - Basic Medical Clinic Services, Pregnancy Testing and Care Closet, Parenting Classes (Raising Kingdom Kids) and “What the Bible Says About Parenting”.
- ♦ **LILLI WOMEN’S CENTER** - 3920 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland / Tel: [216-650-6133](tel:216-650-6133) / <http://lilliomenscenter.com> / Services Provided - Pregnancy testing, help with adoption agency placement, ultrasound, abortion education.
- ♦ **ZOE HOUSE** - 5939 State Road, Parma / Tel: [216-465-9030](tel:216-465-9030) / <https://zoeforlife.org> / Services Provided - Pregnancy Testing, Limited Obstetrical Ultrasounds, Referrals for Professional Counseling, Orthodox Christian Adoption Options, Housing Referrals, Baby Clothing and Layette Items, Medical Referrals, Referrals for Prenatal Care, Spiritual Support, Peer Mentoring, Post abortion healing.

POST-ABORTION HEALING

- ♦ **H.E.A.R.T. - Healing the Effects of Abortion Related Trauma** / Tel: [216-631-0964](tel:216-631-0964) / <http://clevelandpregnancycenter.org/services/post-abortion-grief-support/> A caring and confidential, seven-week support group offering understanding and healing to people experiencing the painful effects of a past abortion.
- ♦ **ABORTION PILL RU-486 REVERSAL** - 24/7 Hotline [877-558-0333](tel:877-558-0333) / <http://www.abortionpillreversal.com> / After taking the first pill there is still a chance to reverse the decision and choose life.
- ♦ **PROJECT RACHEL**—www.hopeafterabortion.com / Call 888-456-HOPE (4673) to be connected to a local ministry.

HOUSING FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

- ♦ **ZELLIE’S HOME** - <https://www.zelieshome.org> / Tel: [440-886-2620](tel:440-886-2620) / Pride themselves on being the only option that allows women to stay over 90 days. Offers significant services to help make the women self-sufficient

OTHER CASES

- ♦ **Difficult Diagnosis** - www.carryingtoterm.org. Pairs women with mentors and assists with carrying to term.
- ♦ **Cases of Rape and Incest** - <https://lovelouder.com> and <https://www.savethe1.com>
- ♦ **Most Difficult Financial Cases** - ProLove Ministries - <https://www.loveline.com>

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St. Patrick & St. Malachi Parishes

Cleveland’s Near West Side

Personal Reflection
By Andy Philbin



There are women in our midst in this congregation who are struggling right now with unexpected pregnancies, who have children and desperately need assistance. There are those who have had abortions and need healing and wholeness available through the sacrament of reconciliation and the many healing ministries out there to help. Over 40% of women who enter abortion facilities are regular church goers. While praying outside of Preterm, the busiest abortion facility in the state of Ohio, it's gut wrenching to see young women enter with rosaries dangling from their rear-view mirrors. How does this happen? When we as a Church are not there to support them in their time of need and they fall victim to the lie that for the price of \$575, no one has to know about their pregnancy. The sad reality sinks in while in the recovery room: abortion doesn't solve the problem, it leads to a lifetime of nightmares and tears. We as Catholics need to stand in the gap and help these women in their time of need. Women deserve better than abortion.

The aforementioned is very troubling to read, but it is a trend that can be easily changed. To help we have to be empathetic to the mindset of a woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy. There is something in their life that they feel, absent the abortion, they will lose. To best help them we must solve the problem leading them towards abortion. Pregnancy resource centers that would gladly help any mother in need regardless of the age of her children vastly outnumber abortion facilities in the US. Typically the crisis leading a woman to an abortion facility is very tangible; housing, financial assistance, resources, or medical care.

We are blessed to have Zelig's Home, a maternity home that allows mothers to stay through the length of their pregnancy and beyond. Zelig's will work with the woman facing a crisis pregnancy to establish skills needed to be successful in life and motherhood and helps with permanent housing placement beyond postpartum residency. In our very own Ohio City neighborhood we have the Cleveland Pregnancy Center which provides women with resources to support them and their children. Additionally, CPC offers fantastic counseling services for both men and women struggling with past abortions. Womankind Cleveland, offers a free medical clinic standing in the gap for women who do not qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford private insurance. Abortion is not health care and abortion facilities do not provide any benefit to the community. Outside of the help available from the aforementioned Pregnancy Resource Centers, there is a network of federally qualified health care centers throughout the US which greatly outnumber abortion facilities and provide real healthcare to women and their families in need. For the most difficult cases, ProLove Ministries loveline.com will provide assistance for financial hurdles that a small community may not be able to meet.

We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ. Arm yourself with the knowledge of the help that is available in our community. Stand in the breach and lead these women in need to the life affirming resources they so desperately need. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or to



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Church Statements & Catechism

The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation:

"The inalienable rights of the person must be recognized and respected by civil society and the political authority. These human rights depend neither on single individuals nor on parents; nor do they represent a concession made by society and the state; they belong to human nature and are inherent in the person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took his origin. Among such fundamental rights one should mention in this regard every human being's right to life and physical integrity from the moment of conception until death.

The moment a positive law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to accord them, the state is denying the equality of all before the law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable, the very foundations of a state based on law are undermined. . . . As a consequence of the respect and protection which must be ensured for the unborn child from the moment of conception, the law must provide appropriate penal sanctions for every deliberate violation of the child."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 2273

Zelig's Home is a caring community home for pregnant and parenting women to take positive and effective action on behalf of themselves and their children. They provide housing as well as physical, emotional, spiritual, and professional support for new moms.



They pride themselves on being the only program that allows women to stay over 90 days. Current and alumni moms are encouraged to set goals for themselves and their babies, and the staff celebrates with them every step forward along the way.

No one is judged for past mistakes. Each mom receives guidance and tools for making good choices for themselves and for their children.

To help support the work of Zelig's Home, please visit the website below. Current wish list items include such household products as:

- Sensitive Skin Laundry Detergent
- Cleaning Products
- Teething Rings
- Hair Conditioner (All hair types)
- New/gently used seasonal clothes, size women's M/L/ XL/XXL
- Power Strips
- Pain Relievers (Tylenol, Motrin, etc.)
- Grocery Store Gift Cards

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