

THE VISION

THE NEWSLETTER OF INNERVISIONS HEALTHCARE

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‘InnerVisioning’ the Future

In our experience, women who see sonograms of their babies are more open to embracing their motherhood and welcoming a baby into their arms. We are so grateful for the initial gift of an ultrasound machine five years ago when we started.

However, five years is a long time for medical equipment, and as we’ve discovered some manufacturing malfunctions, we are in desperate need of a new machine. In October 2015, we were generously awarded a grant for an Option Ultrasound Program through Focus on the Family. There were numerous, specific requirements which prevent smaller clinics which lack financial stability and certification from receiving the grant. After a two-day review and audit was performed, InnerVisions met and surpassed the requirements: we passed with flying colors!

Many were involved—from the Executive Director to the Medical Director and nursing staff to the board—and we’re so grateful for Focus on the Family’s commitment to assisting pregnancy clinics with updating their equipment and services. Part of the grant was for sonography training for the nursing staff, which our nurses completed in November and December 2015. Three of our nurses were trained in limited prenatal ultrasound. The larger portion of the grant will fund 80% of a state-of-the-art ultrasound machine which will improve our services and help more women gain a *vision* inside their womb (a reference to our clinic’s name).

We’re excited to share with you that the new Samsung Sonoace R7 should arrive in the spring. The new ultrasound machine will provide our clinic with an affordable

way to offer the advantages of advanced, high-performance ultrasound to our clients. Thank you, Focus on the Family, for helping the women of central Iowa!



FROM THE DIRECTOR:

A Year of Mercy and Grace



The men and women who come to our clinic are looking to be heard and valued. They come from all walks of life: some are downtrodden by misfortune, others are victims of abuse or have simply made a mistake. We are here for all of them and strive to give non-judgmental, yet truthful counsel and education, while empowering them to make life-affirming choices.

A theme at my church this year is *mercy*, and I'm grateful for just how much mercy we get to show to our clients. In our Lord's parable on the sheep and the goats, he says this:

Come, o blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me
(Mt 25:34-36).

Here at the clinic, of course, we provide medical services. But, we also strive to eliminate the every need for abortion, and that often involves feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, and visiting the sick and imprisoned.

Thanks to your help and support, we've been able to empower hundreds of women to choose life and have saved more than 343 babies!

God Bless,



Jenny Condon,
Executive Director



CLIENT TESTIMONY:

Newborn Gives Couple Second Chance

Meet baby Willow who was born at the end of January 2016. The fruit of painful years of trying to conceive, baby Willow helped reunite her mother and father. After years of infertility, her parents were angry and frustrated, both blaming themselves and not communicating to the other their anxieties. It even led to their temporary separation. Once she was conceived, they worked out their differences and got engaged. A touching story about how an unplanned pregnancy actually led to bringing two people together!

New Year, New Staff

As the number of clients continues to grow, so does our need for staff and volunteers. In the past few months, we've welcomed two new full-time staff members, and we're delighted to have them share their skills and talents with our clients and friends!

Our new Director of Nursing, **Anna Dahl**, BSN, was born and raised in Iowa. She attended and graduated from the University of Iowa before she was blessed to participate in two mission trips to Kenya and India. Both experiences helped reinforce her desire to be a medical missionary, which is one of the reasons she enjoys working at InnerVisions. "The clinic's Christ-centered approach—especially praying with the clients—was really appealing to me. I didn't need to go to Africa to be a Christian missionary", says Anna.



Our Director of Nursing, Anna, at the ultrasound machine.



Also joining the full-time staff as the new Director of Development is **Bryan Gonzalez**, who lives in Des Moines with his wife and four children. Bryan spent the last five years remotely promoting a Benedictine monastery of beer-brewing monks in Italy, and so has a faith-based

background. Bryan shares this: "What's exciting about this work is that it provides tangible support to women who think they're at the end of the rope because they find themselves in vulnerable situations. InnerVisions HealthCare puts faith into action by providing for the mom and child, even after the baby is born". Bryan has spent the first two months meeting volunteers, friends, and supporters of the clinic, preparing for this year's annual Gala in June, and working with Jenny and the board about strategic planning for the future.

Please join us in welcoming Anna & Bryan!

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InnerVisions Involvement

Over the past several weeks, we've been blessed with some speaking engagements. In early January, Executive Director, Jenny Condon, visited St. Francis and gave some ideas to diocesan catechists on how their students could experience the Papal Year of Mercy here at the clinic. Then, Jenny shared a Sanctity of Life talk with the 8th graders at St. Joseph's a few weeks later. Bryan Gonzalez, our new Director of Development, updated the Knights of Columbus at St. Pius on what's new with the clinic. And, both Jenny and Bryan gave a short introduction to St. Thomas Aquinas during the masses on the last weekend in January. Finally, our nurses, Anna and Brandi, gave a sexual integrity talk at the clinic to a local youth group. Would you like our staff to share God's plan for their sexuality with your class or youth group? We'd be happy to arrange a talk, either at the clinic, or off site. Call 440-2273 today!

SAVE THE DATE June 16th 5th Anniversary Gala



Speaker: Abby Johnson, pro-life advocate and former Planned Parenthood clinic director.

Join us in honoring the heroes who have helped support InnerVisions HealthCare during these first 5 years!

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