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InnerVisions South to Open in October 2019!

What an amazing journey the last 18 months has been! After our board gave us the green light to pursue a second location, God has brought us to today – InnerVisions South is scheduled to open in late October 2019! Under the direction of Randy Jensen (our volunteer project manager), the InnerVisions South expansion committee consists of various local experts who have brought their area of expertise to the table to help us complete this enormous undertaking, which we hope will bless countless lives for years to come.

As we continue to see increases in patient traffic – and we know that our work is never completed until there are no longer any abortions in Iowa! – we are excited that our 5400 sq. ft. brand new medical clinic is almost a reality! We've included some photos of the clinic, but there are constant changes! At the time of this writing, the workers just put up the dry wall and mudding has commenced.

While there's much work still to finish on the build-out, we're so grateful to the many capital campaign donors (who wish to remain anonymous), the volunteers, vendors, workers, and all who have committed to assisting in the expansion.

Visit our website for more building updates (www.ivhcare.org) and be sure to find us on social media (Facebook: @ivhcare and Twitter: @ivhcare).

If you or your group is interested in a private tour of the clinic, even before it's completed, reach out to us today.



One of our new ultrasound rooms.



The lobby desk at InnerVisions South.

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

The Changing of the Guard



Recently we've had a "changing of the guard" to two long-time and key members of our team. Melanie Froyen and Paulette Gardner have transitioned to different roles: Melanie, to help her husband, Scott, with his mission at The Saint Builder Foundation, and Paulette, to assist some elderly family members.

Melanie began at InnerVisions in 2014, and her contributions to the clinic are too numerous to list. We thank her for all of them and are grateful for her service as a Volunteer Nurse, Staff Nurse, Director of Nursing, Assistant Director, and Interim Executive Director. She's been a wonderful sounding board, and has passed on much institutional knowledge to the nursing staff and me. Recently, she has mentored the next batch of nursing leaders at the clinic. Her smile, always friendly demeanor, and passion for the work we do will be sorely missed on a daily basis. Please join us in wishing her well and thanking her for her selfless work on behalf of the women we serve and their unborn babies.

Paulette joined our staff in 2015 as the Accounting Assistant, and spearheaded the implementation of important financial and database procedures for accounting practices and donor database management. She helped with event planning, and provided excellent feedback on the internal controls to InnerVisions. We'll miss her attention to detail.

As we've "changed the guard", we welcome several new members to our staff: nurses Rebecca Reising, Katie Weidner, and Marybeth Hillaker. With the opening of InnerVisions South, our two longest-tenured nurses will become Clinic Managers: Sammy will move to InnerVisions South; Brooke continues the great work at InnerVisions West.

And finally, Sybil Sullivan joins our staff as Business Manager, also assisting in development. She has had experience managing a local church's books and database and brings a multifaceted skillset to IVHCare.

We're excited to welcome all of these new team members to the growing InnerVisions family! Feel free to swing by and visit with the new or old staff the next time you're in the area!

God bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theresa Welch".

Theresa Welch
Executive Director

P.S. If you know someone who might be interested in volunteer opportunities, we have plenty of receptionist & nursing openings at both clinics. Call us today (515.440.2273)!

CLINIC TESTIMONY:

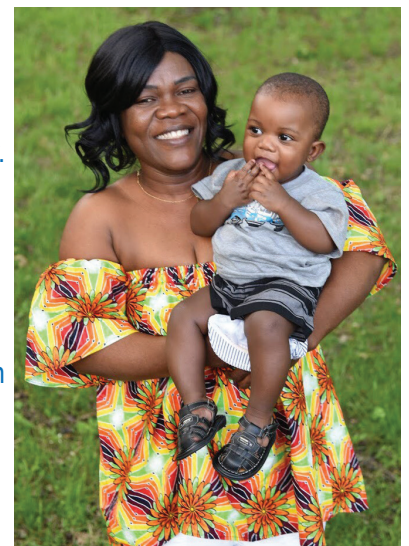
Swinging the Pendulum

Recently, a couple from central Asia in their early 30s came to the clinic. They had recently gotten married, had a nice plan for their careers, and weren't ready to have a baby. They were shocked to find themselves unexpectedly pregnant. She came to InnerVisions wanting pregnancy information, but she admitted she was seeking an abortion.

Jo was our experienced and compassionate nurse who calmly met with her, and shared all of the information regarding abortion (procedure, side effects, potential risks, etc.), yet the patient was still firm in her choice to terminate.

But, when the patient received the ultrasound, Jo could see it in her face: her expression completely changed after she saw the baby's heartbeat. The ultrasound also changed the husband's mind, too! That slight encouragement from him was additional convincing she needed. Their baby is now due in early 2020. Praise God!

Because of the ultrasound, the pendulum swung and lives were saved!



Partners for Life: The Ultrasound Machine

At the core of InnerVisions is the heartbeat, which is viewed in the ultrasound. Internally, upwards of 85-90% of patients who are on the fence about abortion and see their baby's heartbeat end up choosing life. It's such an important medical procedure. For that reason, as we open our second clinic, we're so grateful to our "Partners for Life": the Knights of Columbus and Focus on the Family. Both organizations have unique Ultrasound Programs. The Knights of Columbus have a matching program, where local councils fund half of the ultrasound, and Supreme (national) underwrites the other half. Focus on the Family, on the other hand, gives an 80/20 grant. We're so grateful that both Christ-centered organizations understand the importance of the ultrasound machine and have awarded InnerVisions with machines for our expansion.



2019 Gala Recap

We had our most successful gala to date, raising nearly \$300k with 790 guests! Melissa Ohden shared a wonderful testimony, and we're so grateful to all our sponsors (who can be viewed here: www.ivhcare.org/sponsors) and to all the guests who made this so special!



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Dance for Life!

Join us for the 9th Annual Dinner Dance, organized by local Knights of Columbus! This year, we'll enjoy a delicious steak dinner, dancing, and bidding on silent/live auction packages on Saturday, September 28th at Assumption Church in Granger. To join our list of sponsors or to purchase your table, visit www.ivhcare.org/2019DinnerDance. We look forward to you joining us to "Dance for Life"!



Leaving a Legacy and Planning for the Future?

Help build the clinic's long-term sustainability by including InnerVisions HealthCare in your will, in your trust, or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan. A small percentage for you, makes a big difference for InnerVisions. Questions? Feel free to reach out to Theresa or Bryan at InnerVisions for an planned giving information.

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