

# THE VISION

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## InnerVisions Employee Helps Women Make Life-Affirming Choices with Presumptive Medicaid

At InnerVisions, we are committed to supporting pregnant women by removing as many barriers which make them feel as though abortion is their only option.

One of those barriers is a lack of insurance; therefore, one of the newest services we offer is the ability to help pregnant patients quickly gain access to health insurance through Presumptive Medicaid, thanks to our dedicated staff member, Stephanie. This process is a game-changer for the many pregnant women who may not have access to the insurance they need to receive prenatal and postnatal care.



Presumptive eligibility (PE) provides Medicaid for a limited time while a formal Medicaid eligibility determination is being made by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The goal of the presumptive eligibility process is to offer



immediate health care coverage to people likely to be Medicaid eligible, before there has been a full Medicaid determination.

As a qualified entity to provide immediate approvals for Presumptive Medicaid eligibility, Stephanie has been instrumental in helping women receive same-day coverage.

What makes this process even more helpful to our patients is that Stephanie can apply for coverage not only for the pregnant woman, but also for her children and spouse – all at once. It's an incredible time-saver for mom, families, and Medicaid. Typically, when women apply for Medicaid on their own, the process can take up to 60 days. But with Stephanie's expertise, she can get them enrolled on the same day. (In mid-March, she got three patients enrolled in one single day!)

We remain steadfast in “responding to the needs of the community”, and at InnerVisions, we are proud to provide this additional service, thanks to Stephanie and her commitment to the women we serve.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

## *Passing the Baton of New Leadership*



I am thrilled and deeply humbled to step into the role of Executive Director at InnerVisions HealthCare. For years, I have admired the life-affirming work that InnerVisions has done in our community. As someone who has attended many of our galas, I am excited to now help advance this mission that is so close to my heart.

My husband, Jon, and I have three children, and we own JC Aerospace, a global provider of aircraft components. Before joining InnerVisions, I worked as the Business Manager at Sacred Heart and earned my MBA from the University of Iowa in 2006.

My passion for serving pregnant women in Central Iowa is deeply personal. My mother was adopted from Italy, and I often reflect on the profound ripple effect adoption has had on my family. Had my maternal grandmother not chosen life, I wouldn't be here today. This is why I am so committed to supporting pregnant women in our community as they make life-affirming decisions.

As I settle into this new role, I look forward to getting to know each of you and learning more about the incredible work we do here. If you haven't had the chance to tour the clinic recently, I'd love to show you around. Please feel free to reach out anytime.

Thank you for your continued support!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Lorelee Chase". The script is elegant and cursive.

Lorelee Chase, *Executive Director*

### PATIENT TESTIMONIAL

## *“Time to Think & Time to Process”*

We often say that the goal of our initial appointment is to help educate the pregnant mom. With that education comes processing the information, and that takes time. And, it's usually between the first and second appointment that we see great transformation.

That happened back in February with one of our pregnant patients. She lacked parental support (they weren't on speaking terms) and another friend was pressuring her to abort; the boyfriend would support her in whatever decision she made. At the end of the first appointment, though, her stated intention was “undecided, leaning towards abortion”.

But, she showed up to the second appointment...and this time, with the boyfriend accompanying her. When asked if her intentions had changed since the last appointment, our advocate, Evette, heard: “we're going to keep it.” The patient went on to explain the last time she was there, she had only just discovered she was pregnant. She couldn't see how she could parent. But, with time to think and time to process and speak with her boyfriend, they decided to keep it.

Something we also say at the clinic: “trust the process”.

# Inspired by Adoption



Deacon Dan and Kelly Maxcy are a familiar face for InnerVisions; you may have seen them at your local church setting up for a local Baby Bottle Campaign. And they've been doing that since 2020, even before Covid! "I'll never forget driving to St. Patrick's in Perry, when we got word that Mass was cancelled," says Kelly, who was the co-pilot on that day in March 2020.

The Maxcy's inspiration, though, to get involved at InnerVisions (both oversee the baby bottle campaign, and Kelly is a receptionist) was because of a cross that they shared much earlier in life. As Dan recalls: "My wonderful wife and I were not able to have children on our own. Through the grace of God, and the acceptance of this grace by the mother of our daughter, we were blessed to be parents." Their adoption

story is one they hope inspires some of the pregnant patients who come through our doors, which is why they keep supporting InnerVisions with their time, talent, and treasure.

In the 5 years that they've helped with the Baby Bottle Campaign, they have overseen more than 125 church campaigns which have added nearly 1,000 friends to the database, and it has raised nearly \$300,000! Join us in thanking Dan and Kelly for their ongoing commitment to the mission of InnerVisions!

## 2024 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN STATS

### Top 5 Churches with highest amount collected:

1. All Saints Catholic Church	\$5623
2. Our Lady's Immaculate Heart	\$5069
3. Basilica of St. John	\$4682
4. Sacred Heart	\$4564
5. St. Francis of Assisi	\$4442

### Top 5 Churches with highest percentage of bottles returned:

1. Church of the Way
2. Basilica of St. John
3. St. Joseph (Des Moines)
4. St. John's (Adel)
5. St. Pius X

### 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 Bryan at InnerVisions for any legacy giving information ([development@ivhcare.org](mailto:development@ivhcare.org)).





HERE I AM;  
*You Called Me*



ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA  
GUEST SPEAKER, DAVID BEREIT

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

IOWA EVENTS CENTER



Iowa women that make **215%** of the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) or below are eligible for Medicaid assistance **during pregnancy and for 12 months postpartum.**



**BIKING FOR  
BABIES**

Mark your calendars for the regional ride on June 28th.

## INNERVISIONS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please send your tax-deductible contribution to:

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West Des Moines, IA 50266  
515.280.4706

Gifts can be made electronically: [ivhcare.org](http://ivhcare.org) and click on "Donate."

We're also grateful if you prayerfully consider making a gift of stock or including "InnerVisions HealthCare" in your will, in your trust, or as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or a retirement plan.

Does your employer participate in a charitable giving program (e.g. United Way) or do they match gifts? Contact HR at your company and ask them to include InnerVisions.



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