

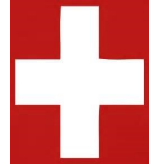


THE LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC NEWS

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VISION THAT RESCUES



"The future is not the result of choices among alternative paths offered in the present. It is a place created. Created first in the mind and will; created next in activity." (Walt Disney) The Luke Project 52 Clinic flows from a vision that rescues. The basic shape for rescuing is the image of a cross like a medics cross.

"Vision that rescues is responsive, resourceful, preparing, and caring." (from GOD Dreams by Will Mancini) It says "Save it!" That is part of the why that leads us forward. Babies are dying. We want to save babies. Read Dr. Gold's recent note below.

The Clinic is growing rapidly. Since October of 2016 we have seen 68 patients with 235 appointments. Average appointments have steadily grown in 5 clinic increments from 6.4 to 10.2 to 12.6 to 17.8. We have had 10 healthy babies born. (see pictures below) We are already beginning to discuss possibilities for a second location and going mobile.. If you would like to join us in our vision that rescues we need: a.) a fetal monitor b.) More pediatric healthcare providers c.) a Children's Ministry Team Captain. Please pray for these needs to be met.

NEWS UPDATES

- We welcome new staff members Ellen Smith RN, Charl'y Snow CNM, and Elikem Amable CNM
- We contacted the Navigator group as a result of our participating in the Great Start Collaborative of Wayne County and they are now staffing a table to help our patients and members of Family of God make sure they are enrolled for eligible healthcare benefits.
- We have written our first grant application to the Wheat Ridge Grantsplus program and will hear in January if our application for a \$50,000 grant will be approved.



A Note From Dr. Gold

I want to share with you some new data about infant mortality in Detroit which just came out from the Michigan League for Public Policy and Kids Count. Overall it is positive, showing a 9% drop in infant mortality from 2010 to 2015. But, there are some concerning findings which are directly relevant to our work at the Luke clinic:

- The death rate in Detroit is still 13 babies per 1000 births—that's more than one in every hundred babies.
- 10% of births in Detroit were to women who received late or no prenatal care (much higher than the state-wide rate of 5.3%)
- African-American babies are still twice as likely to die in Detroit as White non-Hispanic babies.
- There has been a jump in deaths of Hispanic babies and they are now also nearly twice as likely to die as White non-Hispanic babies.

We might want to make sure that two organizations are aware of the Luke clinic (these were mentioned in the Detroit section of the report)

- Detroit Healthy Start (part of the national Healthy Start association which focuses on improving birth outcomes for African-American women to reduce disparities)
- Make Your Date Detroit (which is a free program to help mothers find physicians, make appointments, and get insurance coverage with a goal of reducing preterm births)

Finally, we are collecting data about the women who receive care at the Luke Clinic. We have data entered for just the first few moms (6-8 moms depending on the question), but a few statistics stand out even this early:

100% report total household income of \$16,000 or less (with an average of 3.6 people depending on this income per household). The median for Michigan is \$51,000.
43% had no health insurance prior to pregnancy. (versus 8% of Michigan residents overall)
 Only 25% reported that a health care provider had talked to them in the year prior to pregnancy about birth control.
 87% reported that NO health provider in the last year had asked about whether anyone was hurting them emotionally or physically.
 63% reported no prenatal care before coming to the Luke Clinic.

Brad and Sherie's vision remains critically important and this highlights the indisputable need for the care that the Luke clinic is providing.

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