

# THE LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC NEWS



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## T'was the month before Christmas....

....and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, **except for the violent man in the living room!** This is a true Christmas story of a young pregnant woman due to deliver in 4 days. Our young mother was homeless and sleeping on a friend's couch (it was the only place she could find) when the man in the house became violent.

We received a call on our triage line. "My baby (unborn) and I are in danger. Can you help?" Our team sprang into action. The closest shelter we could get her into was in Jackson, MI. With her due in 4 days we thought that was unsafe so our Medical Director, Nursing Director, and Administration Director worked together to get her admitted to the U of M hospital for induction of labor. While there, complications resulted in the need for a C-section. One of our CNM's stayed with her. One of our RN's got assigned as her nurse. And in the fullness of time, a healthy baby was born.

Now what? She's homeless. So....our Administration Director conspired with one of our Doula's who found a team willing to temporarily house Mom and baby. They had room in their inn! Our Director, Nursing Director, and Administration Director had breakfast together and brainstormed a possible way forward. It just so happens that there is in Sterling Heights a place called Abigayle's Place that assists pregnant women and their children...and helps equip them to be self sufficient through its residential housing program. They had one opening. Our Mom was interviewed and accepted into the two year program. Our God is an awesome God, and our staff...well, I think they are angels of mercy.

The Luke Project exists to "save babies, change lives, and help churches." I thank God that this Christmas, we are doing exactly that. Merry Christmas to you from all the staff at The Luke Project 52 Clinic.



*"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born **for you** a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

Luke 2:10-11

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

- A gift of \$15,000 for 2017 and a pledge of future support has been received from Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia and gifts of a fetal monitor and 2 like new clinic scales worth \$10,000 has been received through the work of Tom Leeds from Christ Our Savior
- Gifts of 4 Doppler stethoscopes worth \$3,500 have been received, and gifts from Loving Arms LFL of St. Peter, Macomb (\$1,990), and St. Paul, Millington (\$537) have been received.
- Ongoing gifts from Living Word, Plymouth and Living Water in Whitmore Lake have made our Christmas story possible. **Please consider joining our team of congregations so that our Christmas story is ongoing, so that babies are saved, lives are changed, and churches are helped.**

## Immediate Needs:

- **Need Family Practice MD's, Obstetricians, CNM's, NP's**
- **Children's ministry teams of 4 so we can teach Christ in the children's room and not just do childcare so Mom can get the prenatal care she needs.**