



Family Life Center Range

Life Affirming Resources for the Iron Range

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" Jeremiah 1:5

SUMMER 2024

Hibbing Center

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Mission Statement

Life Center is a life-affirming organization dedicated to promoting healthy choices for women and men & protecting the well-being of their children, pre-born and born, by offering counseling, education, information and assistance.

Families You are Helping

Client advocates who volunteer at the centers keep record of the families who visit the center and the services and assistance they receive on a daily basis. The following information was collected the last week of June. Visits: 18 moms, 2 dads, 2 moms and dads, 1 grandma, 3 Early HeadStart teachers for 7 families, 1 recovery advocate for 2 families, and 1 St. Louis County nurse for 2 families for a total of 37 families. Those 37 families have a total of 76 children (not counting the pregnant women's unborn children). Along with the current families 3 new clients signed up for our program.

Other pertinent information: 2 donations came in consisting of clothing and baby equipment, 1 came in to take a pregnancy test, and approximately 150 educational videos were sent online to parents in order to earn points. With each assignment completed points are given which in turn can be redeemed for baby items needed.

What assistance was provided for these families? 28 packages of diapers, 14 packages of baby wipes, 1 baby seat, 1 bedding set, 157 articles of clothing, 12 pairs shoes/sandals, 2 pairs rainboots, 1 pack n' play, 2 new portable cribs, bottles, 1 bottle sanitizer, 1 bottle warmer, 1 bumby, 1 play mat, 1 baby carrier, 1 diaper genie, 1 car seat cover, 1 boppy, 2 strollers, 1 exersaucer, 1 highchair, 3 layettes for new babies, and many books and toys. The books and toys are made available without clients needing to earn points to encourage parents reading to their children and the toys....we freely give because when a child pulls one out of the basket and we tell them they can take it home we are rewarded with the biggest, most adorable smiles.

Volunteers

We cannot say enough of the wonderful, caring, and compassionate client advocates who work with our clients and their families,. However, both centers are in need of volunteers to help families. Come spend time at a center and get a feel for what we do. Most time is spent talking with moms and dads, helping them choose clothes and items for their children, getting them diapers & wipes, sorting donations, hanging up baby clothes and best of all you get to hold babies!!

Donations

Donations typically slow down during the summer months, but the needs of families don't slow. With increasing numbers of children who need our assistance we are asking for you to consider a donation to Family Life Center Range. Most needed are diapers in size 4, 5, and 6, baby wipes or used baby equipment, especially potty chairs, strollers (double are great), pack n' plays, high chairs, baby gates, and exersaucers. We accept used items in clean and working condition. Donations of items can be brought to one of the centers listed to the left. Monetary donations can be made using the envelope enclosed in this newsletter, by visiting our website (www.familylifecenterrange.org).

Women's Spring Tea

On March 23rd the annual Women's Spring Tea was held at Chisholm Baptist Church. It was a most enjoyable afternoon. A collection for FLC was taken and we received \$2000 in support of services we provide for babies.

Bingo

In April Family Life Center held a bingo fundraiser at The Do You. It was a huge success mostly due to the wonderful volunteers who helped each Wednesday. Special thanks to Deek & Linda Vukich, Mark & Nancy Sartori, Dan & Candy Roberts, Ann Ogg, Sue Schleppegrell, and Sue Arvola for their dedication to FLC.

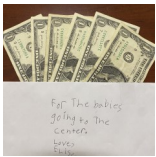
CCW Baby Shower

On May 17th the Council of Catholic Women from Blessed Sacrament held a baby shower for FLC at Valentini's, in conjunction with the church. Baby items were donated by parishioners for many weeks prior to the shower. Through their generosity so many baby items were donated that it took two trips to get everything to the center. The donations received will help the families we serve. Thank you.



A Child's Gift

A BIG thank you to Elise Nelson. This little girl made a very generous donation of her own money to help care for babies. (Envelope says: For babies going to the center.)



Memorials

In Memory of Dolly (Priscilla) Grillo - Thank you to Dolly's family for choosing FLC as a recipient of memorials made at the time of her death. Dolly was a generous and thoughtful supporter of FLC and our mission to serve families with babies. We offer her family our condolences and prayers.

In Memory of Frank Bigelow by Mike & Cheryl Baron

Donations

Besemann, Michael & Jeanne
Blessed Sacrament Youth
Catholic Daughters of the Americas,
Ct St. Margaret 1888 Eveleth, Gilbert
Champion, Gary & Susan
Clover, Kris
Fattucci, Patrick, Janet & Joseph
Gams, Brenda
Garrity, Patrick & Barbara
Grace Lutheran Quilters, Hibbing
Gunderson, Gregory & Debra
Hildebrand, Doug
Hill, Kaci
Hjelle, Spencer & Mary Jo
Holy Spirit Church, Virginia
Horoshak, William
Johnson, Roger & Gloria
Knights of Columbus Buhl #5612
Kuusisto, Julie & David
Langner, Diana
Steve & AnnMarie Larson
Littler, Carol

Living Stones Fellowship
Lucachick, Donald & Linda
Mahal, Grace
Marinucci, Cheryl
Mescher, Scott & Claudia
Musich, Joanne
Nelson, Elise, Della, Levi & Logan
Nevalainen, Dale & Mary Ellen
Odegaard, James & Paula
Ongaro, Dave & Gwen
Quirk, Rebecca
Rhodes, Heather
Rian, David & Phyllis
Roberts, Dan & Candy
Ryan, Dennis & Lori
Sartori, Mark & Nancy
Schleppegrell, Thomas & Susan
Swanberg, Laurie
Sweet, Judith
Varda, John
Westerberg, Gary & Mary Jo



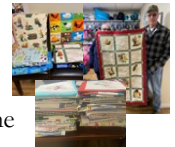
Minnesota Power Helps Our Families

Thank you to Minnesota Power for the grant of \$1000 to help with services and assistance to babies. Each year they provide us with either money or baby items to help families in the community.



Security State Bank Support

We wish to thank Security State Bank of Hibbing for their grant of \$500 to Family Life Center in support of our service to families with babies.



Warm and Creative Hearts

Thank you to LaVerne Stalberger and Betty Bongarts for providing blankets for all new babies. Thank you both for the beautiful work you do.

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