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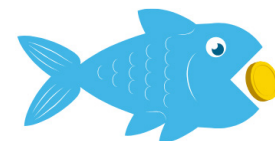
Vida's Fish Tale!

Several weeks ago, I woke up with a heavy heart and a feeling of extreme discouragement. We have a big fundraising goal this year as a direct result of the expansion of our ministry into maternity housing. There is no doubt that God called us into housing. We see the tremendous impact our program is having on the women and children we are serving and how it is leading to transformation in their lives.

Up until this point, we have grown our donor base right alongside of services and capacity. Maternity housing required a tremendous leap of faith on the part of our Vida community. Providentially, we have raised exactly what we have needed to break even with our budget every month in 2024; but, there has been no advance provision. While the response of our present community of donors continues to be tremendous, it is clear we need to expand the number of Vida donors to support our maternity housing program. All of this, of course, played into that feeling of discouragement.

On that morning, the title of my

daily Bible devotion was, "What's Your Relationship with Money?" Clearly, God has a sense of humor! The reflection was on Matthew 17 where Jesus and Peter were in the temple and needed to pay the temple tax. Jesus instructed Peter to go and fish. He told Peter that he would catch a fish and in that fish's mouth would be a gold coin sufficient to pay the temple tax. I pondered if God wanted me to go in search of a magic fish! By the time the Vida team gathered to pray that morning before work, I had reached the conclusion that God had asked Peter to do what Peter did, fish. What God truly wants for us is to stay focused on the mission and fully trust in His provision. I was convicted that God did not call me to fundraise! On the contrary, He has called us to serve with great compassion the people who come to us for help. That is where our focus needs to remain to accomplish culture transformation!



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Later that same morning, members of the Board Finance Committee met to discuss what amount of our operating reserve would need to be set aside to support the Board's bold vision to expand services into the Green Bay community. I shared with them how I felt when I woke up that morning and the passage that God put in front of me. Members of the Finance Committee were in the midst of a very thoughtful discussion about trusting in God's provision when the meeting was interrupted. An excited staff member came into the room to ask me to take a call from a first-time donor who wanted to make a \$100,000 gift to Vida! The timing of the phone call and the size of the gift were undoubtedly a sign from God.

The gift came in the form of a stock donation. The following day I called our wealth advisor to make sure proper arrangements had been made to receive the gift. After sharing the providential timing of the gift with him, he asked if I was less anxious about fundraising after receiving the call. I assured him that I no doubt was, but that we still have a ways to go. To which he responded, would you be even less anxious if I told you the donor doubled the gift to \$200,000?!

When I reported this amazing news to my team, I was reminded that the coin Peter found in the fish's mouth was worth twice what they needed to pay the temple tax. One of my fellow Finance Committee members reminded me that moments before the call interrupted the meeting, he had pondered aloud, "Wouldn't it be great if we could raise \$200,000 for Green Bay expansion, then there would be no reason to fear."

This is yet another incredible Vida story. God seems to be constantly calling us to humility, obedience, and great trust. This ministry belongs to the Church of Jesus Christ in Northeast Wisconsin. Thank you for your support and participation in this transformational work. The commitment of Vida supporters is steadfast and the spirit of the generosity which blows through our work is highly contagious. We will be launching a special program next spring to recognize and thank our steadfast supporters by calling them out as our **Life Sustainers**. Stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, let's stay united in Christ and share with new friends how God is using Vida to serve the community so that we can grow our base to support the heavier load it carries. And, be sure to call if you catch that fish!

-Anne Tretinyak, J.D., Vida Executive Director



Vida 2024 Grant Application Updates

Vida submits applications for community, corporate, and family foundation grants to help ensure financial sustainability through diverse revenue streams, and connect available dollars in the community to the impactful services and work of Vida. Grants help to meet unmet community needs and maximize impact for those we serve. A update of 2024 Vida grants includes:

Awarded Grants

- Fox Cares Foundation
- J.J. Keller Foundation
- Robert and Pat Endries Family Foundation
- St. Joseph's Parish
- St. Thomas More Memorial

Pending Grants

- Basic Needs
- De Pere Christian Outreach
- Anonymous

Declined Grants

- Funds for Greater Green Bay
- Otto Bremer Program Grant
- Schreiber Foods Grant
- U.S. Venture Program Grant

Thank you to our current Church Partners!

You can find a list of our Church Partners at www.friendsofvida.org/church-partners

Trinity House

Happy first anniversary to Trinity House! In this monumental first year of programming, as of October 1, Trinity House has served 24 women, 14 babies and toddlers, and 13 babies in the womb. Creating and running a brand-new maternity housing program has come with many challenges, but the abundant joy in the home far outweighs those challenges. We would like to thank all the amazing House Helpers, without whom this program wouldn't be possible, and of course, the donors and family foundations who have proudly supported this ministry expansion. We are especially thankful to the anonymous donors who gifted a second car for the house!

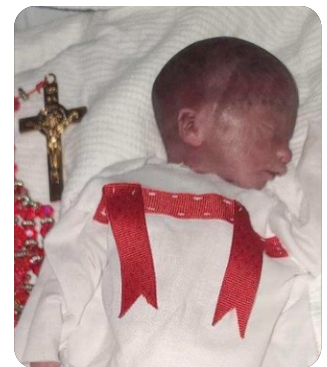


We recently celebrated the first birthday of one of our sweet babes in the maternity home.

This first year of programming has come with a lot of highs and lows for our mommas and their sweet babes. We had a mom make the heroic decision to place her daughter in the arms of her adoptive parents, mommas who have launched from the loving and protective surroundings of Trinity House into the scary and unknown world of their adulthood, and the most heartbreaking, the loss of one of our sweet babes, Uriel Joseph. We shared the following scripture passage at the funeral service for this little one.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort**, who comforts us in all our troubles, **so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God**. For just as we **share abundantly in the sufferings** of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. - 2 Corinthians 1:3-5*

This passage proclaims that God is the FATHER OF COMPASSION and RULES OVER COMFORT. It is through our personal relationship with Him that we truly feel compassion and receive the gift of comfort so that we can gift comfort to others. This is why Vida exists! We have a strong desire to serve God by bringing His comfort to everyone who needs it. Uriel Joseph matters to us. He and his mother are among our beloved. Heaven is our true desire for our children. Most often we are given the responsibility to lead our children to heaven by our example, but sometimes we are given the cross to follow our children to heaven. Uriel will wait patiently for his beautiful mother. He knows God's plan for him quickly unfolded but His plan for his mother will take time. Burying a child is arguably one of the most difficult crosses to carry but the last part of that passage reminds us that even when our heart is breaking, God's comfort is as great as His cross.



*Rest in Peace
Uriel Joseph
25 weeks gestation, June 2024*



**Carols
for a
Cause**

Vida was chosen for Thrivent's annual Carols for a Cause! Five non-profits are selected each year to **film** their favorite carol. The community will vote for their favorite. Prizes are as follows: \$15,000, \$12,500, \$10,000, \$7,500, and \$5,000. We invite all our Friends of Vida to help us!

On Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. you and your family are invited to join us at Vida to sing Silent Night. It will be a fun night filled with carols, candlelight, a manger scene, Christmas cheer, and afterwards hot chocolate and cookies. We would love a head count of those attending, please email eolson@vidacares.org or scan the QR code.

Voting opens online on December 8, please vote for us!

Parent Support Services

Check out our new website www.vidasupportservices.org! We recently made the decision to separate our medical and support services websites because there are just too many wonderful things to highlight. We continue to provide one of the biggest and most robust support services programs in the Midwest, and likely the country! Thank you for your continued support of this life-changing program. We continue to look for new and innovative ways to build relationships and maximize our impact. Stay tuned for information about new dad's groups coming in 2025!



Vida Support Services staff with volunteers.

Vida's parent education programming and material support in the Little Dear Boutique wouldn't be possible without the faithful support of our wonderful volunteers! There are currently 34 boutique volunteers, 19 childcare volunteers, 14 parent education mentors, and a small group of incredible men who lovingly care for our buildings and properties. We feel truly blessed to have each one of you on our team and to serve alongside of you.

The community at large also plays an important role in the successful operation of our boutique by making sure we always have important baby items and equipment on hand to bless our families with. Thank you for continuing to get the word out to make donations and plan donation drives. The website continues to be the best place to go for our "wish list!" Visit www.friendsofvida.org/donate.

Tribute Gifts

A gift was given to Vida by the following individuals:

In Honor Of: Baby Walter From: Thomas and Susan Walter	In Honor Of: The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mark and Lynn Huenink From: David and Judy Glaze	In Memory Of: Dorothy Allen From: Merle and Karen Olson, Randall Foss	In Memory Of: Gerald Saindon From: Peggy Saindon
In Honor Of: Jenny Holmes From: Timothy Holmes	In Honor Of: Our Anniversary From: Joe and Terri Bourassa	In Honor Of: The 90th Birthday of Jean Beatty From: Kay Cronin	In Memory Of: Barbara Kranzusch From: Kevin and Peggy Kaufmann
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In Honor Of: My Mom, Anne Larsen, on Mother's Day From: Cathy and Paul Lombardi	In Memory Of: Pearl Broeren From: Kathy Sarconi	In Memory Of: Pearl Broeren From: Kathy Sarconi	In Memory Of: Beth Sanderfoot From: Steve Sanderfoot
In Honor Of: The Marriage of Roy and Jillian Swanke	In Memory Of: Gail Kane From: Dan and Rani Stangel	In Memory Of: Gail Kane From: Dan and Rani Stangel	In Memory Of: Bethany M. Trammell From: James Trammell
In Honor Of: Richard Larsen's 87th Birthday From: Cathy and Paul Lombardi	In Memory Of: Evangeline and Jowah From: Michael and Tallulah Caulfield	In Memory Of: Evangeline and Jowah From: Michael and Tallulah Caulfield	In Memory Of: Pearl Boeren From: Grandson Aaron Leschke
In Honor Of: Rob Danner, four Killian babies in heaven and all unborn babies born in August and November From: Riley Killian	In Memory Of: Karen K. Warden From: Amy Perdomo	In Memory Of: Karen K. Warden From: Amy Perdomo	In Memory Of: John Kohl From: Peter and Bridgett Krautkramer
	In Memory Of: Joan Landskron From: Merle and Karen Olson	In Memory Of: Baby Angel From: Carla Lipke	In Memory Of: Joseph Neton From: Michael Neton
	In Memory Of: Mary Kolasinsky From: John and Elizabeth Reuter	In Memory Of: Jackie McGrane From: Dave and Katy Vetta	In Memory Of: Gerald Friesen From: Gladys Friesen
		In Memory Of: Jean Mauthe From: Joe Mauthe	

Medical Clinic

Vida Medical Clinic opened its door to the Fond du Lac community on February 1, 2024. The mission alliance we've formed with Charis has allowed us to serve 75 patients and provide 91 medical services to the men, women, and students in Fond du Lac (statistics as of October 1, 2024). We celebrated this first medical clinic expansion with a ribbon cutting on June 21, 2024, and we are thankful for the many new Friends of Vida who joined us!



Envision Greater Fond du Lac and Charis helped welcome Vida to the Fond du Lac community.

We are delighted to share with you that Vida Medical Clinic will be coming alongside Bella to provide expanded medical services to the Oshkosh community starting very soon! Dr. Michael Gonzales will continue in his role as Medical Director for the Oshkosh community. We are grateful for his steadfast support and compassionate care.

Our medical clinic website got a fresh new look! Learn more about Vida Medical Clinic services and locations by visiting www.vidamedicalclinic.org.

2025 Vida Sponsorship Drive

The 2025 Vida Sponsorship Drive is underway! We need sponsors to step up as soon as possible, so we can promote you at our events, on our website, and on all our printed materials for the entirety of the 2025 calendar year. Become a sponsor by visiting www.friendsofvida.org/get-involved/sponsors.

Level	Amount	Benefits
Diamond	\$15,000+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - Foursomes, 8 wine tasting tickets • 8 banquet tickets (1 table) • Priority golf and wine tasting registration • Premier acknowledgment and marketing at event, throughout the year, and in Impact Report
Platinum	\$10,000-\$14,999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 - Foursome, 4 wine tasting tickets • 8 banquet tickets (1 table) • Priority golf and wine tasting registration • Acknowledgment and marketing at event, throughout the year, and in Impact Report
Gold	\$5,000-\$9,999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 - Foursome, 2 wine tasting tickets • 8 banquet tickets (1 table) • Priority golf and wine tasting registration • Acknowledgment and marketing at event, throughout the year, and in Impact Report
Silver	\$2,500-\$4,999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 - Twosome, 2 wine tasting tickets • 4 banquet tickets • Priority golf and wine tasting registration • Acknowledgment and marketing at event, throughout the year, and in Impact Report
Bronze	\$750-\$2,499	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 banquet tickets • Priority golf and wine tasting registration • Acknowledgment and marketing at event, throughout the year, and in Impact Report
Hole	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign at a hole at Chip In For Life 2025 and acknowledgment in Impact Report

Events



Together for Life

Our annual Together for Life spring fundraising banquet on May 16, 2024, was an inspirational and impactful event! Nearly 500 Friends of Vida gathered for a powerful evening of prayer, celebration, fellowship, and support for Vida.

Our prayer service continues to grow in attendance and is truly a Spirit-filled gateway to the banquet, with incredible worship led by Apostolic Truth's worship team, prayer over Vida Staff and Trinity House residents, and a beautiful reflection led by Bishop David Ricken that perfectly set the tone for the rest of the evening.

The banquet included the moving testimonial from a current resident at Trinity House and the impact Vida has had on her life through our medical clinic, parent support services, and our maternity home. Her story beautifully displays Vida's wrap-around services and the long reaching support Vida provides through all programs of our ministry. We also heard from a graduate of Vida's Forgiven and Set Free program, a study that assists women with post abortive healing.

Dr. David Forbes was our keynote speaker and brought his message with humor and insight to encourage and affirm our ministry. God's presence was felt throughout the evening and hearts were touched.

We are grateful for the outpouring of generosity of so many, as we seek to serve, love, and empower women, men, and couples in their pregnancy and parenting journeys! We hope you can join us for next year's Together for Life banquet on Thursday, April 24, 2025!



See more event photos at
www.friendsofvida.org/events/together-for-life

WALK to Remember



It is our sincere desire to come alongside and support parents in any stage of parenting, difficulty, or loss. Vida hosted our 2nd annual Walk to Remember on Thursday, October 10, 2024, during Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Week. It was a beautiful night as Vida staff, clients, residents, and other Friends of Vida gathered to remember and honor children, grandchildren, loved ones, and all those that have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant/childhood death, abortion, and other reproductive losses.

We are honored to host this special night of remembrance. Please consider joining us for Walk to Remember next year on Thursday, October 9, 2025.

Events



Chip In For Life
golf outing

Chip In For Life
Wine Tasting

On Monday, September 16, Vida hosted its 9th annual Chip In For Life golf outing and 2nd annual wine tasting event. God gifted us with beautiful and unseasonably warm weather! We once again maxed out the number of golfers we could accommodate with 145 golfers and increased the number of people who came to join us in the afternoon with 42 guests enjoying the wine tasting. Thank you to each one of you who came out to spend the day with us in support of this wonderful ministry.

We also want to thank our brave mom from Trinity House who came to share her incredible story. It was truly awe-inspiring to hear how God is working in her life and how Vida impacted her life through our medical clinic, support services and the maternity house. It was an incredibly moving and inspiring moment and was the highlight of the event, as well as a testament to how your support impacts the daily lives of those we serve.



See more event photos at
www.friendsofvida.org/events/chip-in-for-life

Chip In For Life proved to be another year of record-breaking fundraising, raising more than \$100,000 the day of the event and sponsorship of over \$240,000.00! We are truly blessed with this tremendous success! Whether you sponsor Vida, participated in the event, donated to the auctions, or purchased an item, or gave to the ask, we are thankful for your faithful and generous support. Together, we are touching hearts and transforming lives! Please mark your calendar for next year's Chip In For Life on Monday, September 15, 2025!

Save the Date!

Together
for Life

April 24, 2025

Chip In For Life
golf outing

Chip In For Life
Wine Tasting

September 15, 2025

WALK
to
Remember

October 9, 2025

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Our mission is to provide medical, mentoring, material, and maternity housing support to empower individuals to make life-affirming decisions.

Our vision is that our community will embrace a life-affirming culture that promotes and defends the God-given value of all human persons.

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