

## Our Growth:

Since our inception in 1973, HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid has provided services to a growing number of individuals and families who have experienced an unplanned pregnancy. In the past four years we have had the privilege of serving 3,180 different families. The majority of our clientele visit on a monthly basis; relying on our assistance to meet their child's basic, material needs.

**June 2008:** The Loving Arms Program was created in an effort to encourage parents to become better equipped to give their children the best start in life, and at the same time to offer them emotional reassurance and support. Two new counseling rooms were built to meet the demands, as our clientele had grown rapidly as a result of this new program.

**June 2011 :** The Wright Connection Project was completed. This newly-renovated community center hosts educational programs that are led by area professionals and address current issues that affect our young families today. The area resources and/or expertise are brought directly to the clients in a convenient and familiar environment. Our mission is to address the key physical, emotional, and spiritual issues that accompany parenting.

It is our hope that every client will leave HELP feeling more empowered to make informed decisions, while promoting the healthy development of their baby from conception through the first, most critical years of life. As we respond to the unique needs of the most vulnerable, we rely on and are so grateful for the support of our many volunteers and donors.



  
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Hope and Support  
To Women  
And Their Families  
In The  
Greater Grand Rapids Area

# Our Mission

HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid, Inc.

is a Catholic, non-profit

organization which is

dedicated to helping pregnant

women, regardless of faith,

origin or background, carry

their babies to term by offering

them support and alternatives

to abortion.



## Our goals as an organization are to empower pregnant and young mothers in a Christ-like manner by:



- offering seeds of accurate, Life-affirming information by ministering the truth about health, sex and pregnancy.
- making available vital educational opportunities that encourage a safe and healthy pregnancy, as well as the development of the newborn in the first, critical years of life. Breastfeeding is encouraged, as well.
- addressing the issues that accompany parenting through peer counseling in a non-judgmental way and with the assurance of confidentiality.
- connecting mothers who seek information about adoption with Christian adoption agencies.
- assisting with the material support necessary to meet the basic needs of children who are under two years of age.
- providing outside referrals to health care, legal, social service, and educational institutions who share the common values that protect the sanctity of human life regardless of its stage or condition from conception to natural death.
- bringing outside resources and expertise directly to our clients.
- supporting women who struggle with very serious issues such as post-abortive trauma, substance abuse, domestic violence and legal issues.
- promoting the involvement of both parents in each child's life by offering classes to the fathers, as well.



### Services & Programs:

**Pregnancy Tests:** Free and confidential pregnancy tests are available, upon request.

**Limited Ultrasound Services:** A certified technician may be available in specified situations.

**Maternity Clothing Program:** Pregnant women periodically have the opportunity to select maternity clothing.

**Layette Program:** Women, just prior to giving birth, are provided a layette which contains baby essentials which enable the mother to feel prepared to take her baby home.

**Loving Arms Program:** Expectant & mothers of young babies are offered the option to view instructional DVD's that address the current needs of each particular client. Earned points are exchanged for baby and personal care items that are chosen by the new mother from our Loving Arms Boutique.

**Wright Connection Program:** Hosts educational programs that are led by professionals throughout our community who offer information on current topics of our day. More serious topics, that require the attention of trained experts, are addressed. We offer opportunities for the parents to interact with and support each other in this warm, coffee-house style environment.

**Emergency Material Assistance:** Provisions of new and like-new baby items, including baby formula, food, diapers, clothing, and other essentials to support the unique needs of babies, are offered monthly on a walk-in emergency basis.

**Community Links:** Clients are linked to community resources related to pre- and postnatal medical care, housing, adoption, food pantries, and social services.