




Rockville
women's center



2024



JANUARY 2024

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
Psalm 65:11 (ESV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3



FEBRUARY 2024

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
 1 John 4:18 (NIV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 First Day of Black History Month	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Lunar New Year
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	1	2



MARCH 2024

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! God has given us a new birth because of his great mercy.
 We have been born into a new life that has a confidence which is alive because Jesus Christ has come back to life. 1 Peter 1:3 (GW)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 First Day of Women's History Month	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Spring Begins	20	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter Sunday						

TO SUPPORT RWC HOST A BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Support families served by RWC with a Baby Bottle Fundraiser!

The fundraiser is easy and doesn't require a lot of hands on work. You can pick up or we can deliver the baby bottles to your church or organization. Over the course of 3-4 weeks, your members take a bottle home, fill it with cash or checks, and return the bottle on the designated collection date. A member of our staff can pick up the filled baby bottles or you can drop them off to us at the end of the fundraiser. It's that simple!

Four Easy Steps

1. Decide how many baby bottles your church or organization needs

For a church/organization of 100-200 people, 50-75 bottles will work. If you have a smaller or larger organization, you can request bottles accordingly. We only ask that you please encourage your members to return all baby bottles, both full and empty. Because this fundraiser runs all year for us and various organizations participate, we reuse all of our bottles. When bottles are not returned, we have to purchase new bottles. Help us be good stewards.

2. Choose the campaign dates

There are so many dates to choose from throughout the year! There are no set times; 3-4 weeks is standard for the fundraiser. For churches we ask that you begin and end on a Sunday. For example, you can schedule it as a "back to school" fundraiser through the month of August, a "Valentine" gift of love" campaign through the month of February, a "Mother's day celebration" for May, or a "Father's Day celebration" for June, etc. Having a theme allows your members to associate the holiday with the donation time. If you need help deciding on dates, give us a call and we will be more than happy to help!

3. Schedule a time to get the bottles

You can either email – office@rockvillewomenscenter.com or give us a call at **(301)-770-4444** with your organization's contact information, number of bottles, and a start and end date. We can arrange for an RWC representative to be present at the start of your fundraiser and/or provide a short video for sharing with your members.

4. Advertise and Announce

In order to make your members aware of the fundraiser, we encourage you to make weekly announcements leading up to the start date. On the week before it's time to return the bottles, make an announcement to **remind everyone to bring all the bottles back, full or empty, by the end of the campaign.**

Any questions? Email office@rockvillewomenscenter.com or call (301) 770-4444.

Thanks for supporting families in our community.




Rockville
women's center

BABY BOTTLE
FUNDRAISER



APRIL 2024

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



MAY 2024

When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. John 16:21 (ESV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	2 National Day of Prayer	3	4
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	1



JUNE 2024

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.
James 1:12 (ESV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day			Juneteenth	Summer Begins	Flag Day	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

ANGIE'S STORY

Hello, my name is Angie and I am sharing our story with you.

It all started on Labor Day weekend of 2021 when I took a home pregnancy test. It seemed positive but I wasn't sure. I was really scared and didn't know what to do. I remember on that Tuesday, after the long weekend, I googled places to take a laboratory pregnancy test and I found The Rockville Women's Center. I called, but hung up immediately. Then I received a call back from the center. Latoya asked me the reason why I had called. I remember telling her that I suspected I was pregnant but didn't know "*what to do*"! She encouraged me to stop by the center. Even though I was making so many excuses, she shared that the staff would wait for me until I was out of work.

When I came to the center I was really scared because my husband and I weren't in a good situation at the time and I was going through health issues. All my family lives in Colombia; I felt alone, insecure and didn't know what to do.

The pregnancy test was positive. I was sweating and shaking, but I accepted the offer to see the baby. I remember when I saw her on the sonogram, my baby was bouncing ... with a strong heartbeat ... I couldn't stop crying...

The staff gave me tons of information, but **strongly encouraged me to pray.**

I went back to the center for a second appointment. My baby was growing and moving. When offered a rock, I picked the rock that said '*brave*' (I still have it). Even though I was crying and still scared, I decided to be brave! for me and my baby. I decided to become healthy for her. **It was in that moment when God showed me that I wasn't alone!!! At the center I found a family, a support, a rock...**

My relationship with my husband miraculously started to change. He began to care, to be present for us: God showed me that I wasn't alone anymore and that '*I COULD DO EVERYTHING THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME.*'

So since that day I found that praying has a lot of power and that everything does happen for a good reason... I called the center because God had great plans for me. *I have become someone who trusts in God's plans ... but I wouldn't have done it without the love, support and prayers I found here at the center.*





JULY 2024

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
2 Corinthians 3:17 (ESV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3



AUGUST 2024

They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17:8 (NIV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



SEPTEMBER 2024

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16 (ESV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 Grandparents' Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 First Day of National Hispanic Heritage Month	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Fall Begins	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3 Rosh Hashanah Begins	4	5 Rosh Hashanah Ends

DO YOU KNOW RWC...

- Relies 100% on private donations to serve women and men who are abortion-vulnerable from throughout Maryland and the nation
- Provides diapers, wipes, clothes, strollers, car seats, and various baby supplies to families absolutely free because of an extremely generous community of donors and partners
- Offers transportation through ride share to our clients who need to get to an appointment with us or their medical provider
- Offers one-on-one post-abortion care for both women and men
- Offers free pregnancy testing, STD testing and ultrasound as part of our consultation appointment
- Is overwhelmingly grateful to you, its supporters and partners who ensure that we can continue serving women and men who are vulnerable to abortion when facing an unexpected pregnancy
- Staff and volunteers pray for our donors and clients weekly – please send your prayer request to office@rockvillewomenscenter.com
- Community comes together on the first Friday of the month to pray – join us by calling **(605) 313-4415 code 357470 #**
- Relies heavily on volunteers to fulfill its mission – staff to volunteer ratio is 1:6
- Has a place for you on our team; call or email – **(301) 770-4444** or office@rockvillewomenscenter.com
- Serves over 1,000 women, babies and men annually



Sign up for TEXT to Pray

Text “**lifenow**” to **1-833-853-1626**
to receive prayer requests for RWC patients



OCTOBER 2024

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of time, because the days are evil.
Ephesians 5:15-16 (ESV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3 Rosh Hashanah Begins	4	5 Rosh Hashanah Ends
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Yom Kippur
13 Indigenous People's Day Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	1	2



NOVEMBER 2024

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Psalm 95: 1-2 (ESV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight Saving Time		Election Day				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Veterans Day					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						National Adoption Day
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Thanksgiving Day		



DECEMBER 2024

So the Lord himself will give you this sign: A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel [God Is With Us].
Isaiah 7:14 (GW)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 GIVING TUESDAY	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Begins
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Hanukkah Begins Kwanzaa Begins	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4

LYLIES' STORY

JANUARY 2020

I found out I was pregnant at 19 weeks. I thought the world was going to end. I have never and hopefully I will never cry as much as I did that day. I was afraid of so many things – disappointing my mom and elder sister, what the church would say, things going wrong and I have to end up raising a child by myself. I was afraid I wouldn't live up to my highest potential as far as my dreams were concerned.

I scheduled an abortion at three different places. I went to the first one but I was too far gone for that facility and was given a list of places that could do it for me. When I got home, I was looking for possible cheaper places when I came across RWC.

I scheduled an appointment. I was told RWC doesn't do abortions but they provide information and talk to you. I accepted. On the day of my appointment, I was so down I almost didn't show up, but something pushed me to drive one hour from Baltimore to Rockville. To make the long story short, the staff at RWC helped me realize that **all the reasons I had for wanting an abortion had nothing to do with me**. It was about everyone else.

During the ultrasound, my eyes were open – **I saw the baby kicking and heard the heart beating**. I started to question my decision that I thought no one could make me change. I couldn't have an abortion.

I just saw this child looking so peaceful. I changed my mind instantly. The staff showed me some rocks, I picked the one that read **“Hope”** – I was hoping I had made the right decision; hoping everything would turn out for the best. I did not show up to any of the two surgical abortions.

I spent the next 4 months wondering how life would turn out. I cried almost every day. I quit jobs for no reason. I stopped taking classes at RWC and going to church. I couldn't even pray at home.

On November 27, 2019, **I found out I was having a baby girl** – that was the proudest moment of my pregnancy. **All the fear literally disappeared.** I felt the weight lift off my shoulders. I stopped dressing to hide my stomach and even posted pictures online.

Fast forward to January 9, 2020, my baby girl was born – 7lbs 8oz; absolutely no complication with mom or baby. Family and friends drove from far and near to see us.

I was wondering who would care for my baby while I worked. Then a family friend came to see us and she was accompanied by her sister, a retired pediatrician. The pediatrician offered to care for my baby at a very affordable price. **God literally brought a babysitter into my house.** Everything I was ever afraid of, God went ahead of me and perfected for me.

Dear staff at Rockville Women Center, thank you for helping me rise above fear and not making what would have been the greatest mistake of my life. I thought having a child without being married would be the end of the world, but its evident life really just began.

I named my daughter Genesis because she's the beginning of my new life. She's the beginning of all things great. **I am going to make sure I become everything I've ever wanted to become so she's not assumed to be the reason I didn't accomplish certain goals.** Thank you all again for all you do. Thank You.



MAY 2023

Hello RWC family. Hope you all are doing well. Below is an update on Genesis and me. Thank you all for all you do.

The first year of Genesis being here was a little rough for her dad and me. I finally left him when my daughter was only two months old (**so much for someone who was terrified about being a single mom**). I thought the world was going to end but God's grace has been more than sufficient. We had to sit down and talk about halfway through that year. The sit down enabled us to let go of all the pain and unforgiveness. With that forgiveness came a lot of peace. We've been co-parenting really well ever since.

I felt the need to add this as part of the update because that was one of my biggest worries while pregnant. He moved to New Jersey about two years ago but comes to see her periodically, and sends financial support for her. He also calls on FaceTime at least weekly to talk to her. Now that she's older, if he hasn't called, she asks me to call. He doesn't give me any hard time, and I don't trouble him either. His twin brother also calls from back home to check on Genesis and me.

Genesis and I are trusting God to help us get a house next year. To show God how serious we are, I am deliberate in getting out of debt and have paid off my credit cards which totaled nearly \$10,000. I'm taking classes at the University of Maryland Global Campus to have better and stable income.

By the grace of God, Genesis is extremely smart. She knows her numbers and colors. She also knows everyone in my immediate family by their names. She even knows most of my friends and the names of their children. She can ride her tricycle, read her father's name in my phone contacts, and knows my real name although she calls me *mommy*. You dare not push the elevator button – that's her job. She puts on and takes off her shoes correctly by herself. She also does not allow anyone to buckle her seatbelt for her as she often says *"Nooooo I'll do it."* We might end up going late to the doctor's appointment waiting ten minutes for her to do it but she does it – eventually. She also randomly tells me *"mommy let's pray"* and requests *"mommy let's go to church."* She loves singing gospel songs and thinks she can play a piano – I go along with the thinking.

Genesis joined me in the ushering department a couple of months ago; making her the youngest usher in my church. I greet congregants as they walk through the first door, she opens the second door for them to walk into the church. Thanks again for all you do.

Lylies



JANUARY 2025

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.
 1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Inauguration Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Lunar New Year	30	31	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4



Thank you for your support, partnership and prayers.

The Rockville Women's Center (RWC) believes that most women do not want to have an abortion but feel as though it is their only option. We provide women and men with information and support in a professional, medical setting to empower them to choose life. If she and her partner feel supported, she may be more open to carrying her baby to term.

RWC will continue its efforts until abortion is unthinkable.

Special thanks to our photographers

Junior Channer
Steve Mills
Lena Thorne-Kezia
Paola Urquiza

12530 Parklawn Drive, Suite 170 | Rockville, MD 20852 | 301-770-4444

RWCDONORS.COM