



Walkers supporting Bella Medical Clinic dressed warmly for the chilly morning and spread the message of help for women in unexpected pregnancies. The Walk for Life 2023 goal of \$50,000 was met!

Walk for Life gathers supporters and funds

On October 7th a bright and chilly morning greeted the hundreds of walkers for the 2023 Walk for Life. While our worship team played great music, we shared abundant donated refreshments. Everyone had a great time. Beth Nemecek welcomed all with a clinic update—then assistant pastor Brian Bradley from Plymouth Church led us in prayer to begin the walk. With prayers guiding our steps we all walked to celebrate Life! Our goal of \$50,000 was met! These funds are used to continue to help make a difference in the lives of the women we serve.



Major sponsors for this year's Walk for Life were:

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Brewer Heating and Cooling
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Kristen Kress M.D.

Church Partner Serving Spotlight

The past few months we have had several churches ask to serve at the clinic. Serve Sunday has become a yearly event for area churches in Oshkosh. In late October, Oakbrook Church was one of the churches that offered to help prepare our building for colder months. Members came to get the job done with cleaning, dusting, washing windows and bundling diapers.

If your church is looking for ideas to serve, please feel free to contact Bella at +1 (920) 231-6006 or email Beth at Bethn@bellamedclinic.org



Labor & Delivery Class

This month we held a series of labor and delivery classes for expectant parents enrolled in Bella's Parenting Steps Program. The classes were taught by two of our volunteers, Dawn and Kari.



Parents are sharing with us that they prefer hands-on education in order to better prepare for their baby's arrival. We plan to continue offering this group class on a quarterly basis in order to give families the opportunity to learn, grow and educate themselves in a group environment. By offering this class, we are able to build relationships with the families we serve and better equip them with the resources to ensure healthier pregnancies... and babies!

If you are interested in contributing towards our educational classes, please contact Beth Nemecek at (920) 231 6006 or email her at Bethn@bellamedclinic.org

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If wombs had windows

We often hear that a picture is worth a thousand words.

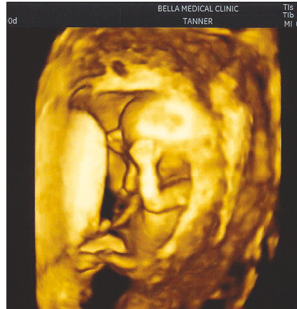
No one knows that better than Angie, our nurse who provides ultrasounds to Bella's patients. She can tell you about the powerful impact these first glimpses of the baby are to the new mom. This is a crucial part of our work; we want moms to see and know the full truth of pregnancy, that yes—this is a baby.

Our free pregnancy testing verifies a patient's pregnancy.

Our free ultrasounds give some the opportunity to confirm the location of their pregnancy, if their pregnancy is viable, and how far along the pregnancy is. It is our joy to perform ultrasounds so that women can see and connect to the life within them.

STD testing and treatment is recommended for sexually active and pregnant women. As we offer this valuable service, we further engage an abortion-vulnerable woman at her point of need in a compassionate and judgement-free setting.

Let us pray that all moms facing unplanned pregnancy get to see their baby's ultrasound before making any decision about their pregnancy.



Looking back and looking forward...

As we look at the growth of Bella Medical Clinic since the transition from a maternity home in 2011, we are extremely proud of what we have been able to achieve. I am even more excited about our outlook for an equally

Beth Nemecek

promising future. Bella has gathered the support of our region and established strategies to reach even more women and men throughout our many communities. Among our most important assets are the passionate board members and staff. They empower our families to become independent citizens of our community. Bella is committed to delivering the highest quality services to our patients and clients. We continue to manage our ministry around the evolving needs of our community—and the women and families we serve.



**Thank you all for your faithful support of Bella Medical Clinic
and the women and families we help.
Your compassion enriches their lives in more ways than you'll every know.
We are so grateful for your prayers and support.**

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You too can help!

In 2022 Bella Medical Clinic was blessed with 2,207 volunteer hours from more than 65 groups and individuals. We truly could not operate without our amazing volunteers and supporters. If you are interested in becoming part of Bella through volunteer work—from bundling diapers, cleaning projects, to becoming an advocate for our parenting program—view and complete the volunteer application online at bellamedicalclinic.org

**Happy Thanksgiving
&
Merry Christmas!**

As we prepare for the coming of the infant Jesus, collecting Christmas gifts for our families is a unique way for churches and families to offer support. As we serve more individuals, the need for material support has also increased. Donation drives for material giving held by churches, businesses, community groups and families are important to our work to get the supplies we need for our boutique. Bella's website has a current list of material donations needed [www.bellamedicalclinic.org/donate]. Or you can make a financial donation towards these much needed items. Items can be dropped off at the Bella building Monday through Thursday 9AM–4PM.



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Please Pray for Bella

Pray for the clients to experience the love and grace of Jesus
Pray for God's value of human life to be embraced in our culture
Pray for the executive board and its members
Pray for the staff, their families, and their churches
Pray for the volunteer receptionists who handle some of the most difficult calls
Pray for the volunteers who are so important to the clinic
Pray for the medical team and all pregnancy tests and ultrasounds
Ask God to raise up more volunteers to fill the needs of the clinic
Pray for the donors who keep the doors open to Bella Clinic with their financial support
Pray that the financial needs of Bella will continue to be met
Pray for the women in our community who have had abortions.
Pray for the teenagers in our community struggling with peer pressure
Pray that the impact of Bella continues to meet women where they need us
Pray for the businesses in the community who support Bella, including our local safety departments
Pray for God to continue providing material resources for our moms
Pray for the fathers involved in the lives of Bella's babies
Pray for the doctor who oversees our medical services
Pray for all those who work in the abortion industry
Pray for Bella's positive online presence
Pray for true and lasting change in the lives of all who enter Bella's doors
Pray for the curriculum and classes to be helpful and meaningful to our clients
Pray for the women preparing for delivery in labor and delivery classes
Pray for the clients who have experienced miscarriages
Pray for our building and its strength to protect all who enter
Pray for more women to know about and find Bella as they make life decisions

PRAISE God for the way He has been and is going to be glorified through the ministry of Bella Medical Clinic.

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Recent contributions from FRIENDS OF BELLA

Calvary Bible Church, Neenah
Community Church, Oshkosh
Countryside Christian Church, Oshkosh
Father Carr's, Oshkosh
Grace Evangelical Lutheran, Omro
Knights of Columbus Charities
Knights of Columbus—Father Fiss Council #1547
Knights of Columbus—Our Lady of Lourdes Council #614
Knights of Columbus—St. Mary Council #8810
Knights of Columbus—Ripon Council #4877
Living Water Lutheran Church, Oshkosh
Messiah Lutheran Church, Omro
MillCity Church, Neenah
Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Oshkosh
New Life Community Church, Oshkosh

Oakbrook Evangelical Free Church, Oshkosh
Oakhaven Church, Oshkosh
Phymouth Congregational Church, Oshkosh
River of Life Fellowship, Oshkosh
River Shores Church, Berlin
River Valley Compassion Team, Oshkosh
River Valley Church, Oshkosh
St. John's Lutheran, Nekimi
St. Jude the Apostle, Oshkosh
St. Mary's Parish, Oshkosh
St. Mary's Parish, Omro
St. Raphael the Archangel Church, Oshkosh
St. Thomas Church, Menasha
St. Vincent Respect Life Committee, Neenah
Sunnyview Christian Church, Baby Afghan Creators, Oshkosh
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran, Oshkosh

Pregnancy resource centers help people see pregnancy and sexuality as a gift to be understood and celebrated, rather than as an illness to be cured.

Pregnancy resource centers offer a variety of services to the community. Beyond pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, peer counseling, material assistance, STI testing, prenatal care, and educational programs are available on site. Staff members also give presentations at local schools and churches.

Pregnancy resource centers like Bella are privileged to walk beside women in unplanned pregnancy and enjoy the unique opportunity for the spread of the gospel. Sitting with a woman in the midst of a trying time, life and death hang in the balance, so pairing a Christ-centered offer of hope with a real-world commitment to walk alongside her is vital.

Car Seats

Did you know that Bella offers a car seat program to provide safe, new car seats to families in need?

Car seats are not a luxury—they are the law and they are expensive. Second-hand car seats are not an option for safety reasons.

Our infant and toddler car seat programs offer parents an opportunity to receive education and mentoring while earning credit toward a new car seat.

Bella Medical Clinic provides free education and material resources to empower parents in their journey.

Please consider donating to the program so that all our Bella babies can ride in safety.

A donation of \$200 will purchase a car seat for one of our families, but you may designate a gift of any amount toward the car seat program fund.