

Giving to the
PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTERS
of the
SAGINAW VALLEY CHAPTER OF
CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES
through **UNITED WAY**

Did you know that you may be able to designate your UNITED WAY contribution for our local chapter of CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES** to support our work at our two PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTERS? While there is *no affiliation* between CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES and UNITED WAY, and our PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTERS (PCC's) are *not* on the list of organizations which are supported by UNITED WAY, individuals in most counties *can* designate their contribution to be sent to the 501-(c)3 non-profit organization of their choice, as long as they make that request that on their UNITED WAY form. If you are interested in doing this, these are some things you should know:

- The **best way** to financially support the ministry of our PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTERS is through direct contributions. Since UNITED WAY **takes out 10%-15%** of your gift to cover their overhead costs, it is better stewardship to send your contribution directly to the PCC. This informational article is not intended to promote UNITED WAY. It is more efficient to bypass UNITED WAY altogether.
- Christians would not in good conscience support some of the organizations that UNITED WAY subsidizes.
- Some people choose to give through UNITED WAY because the amount is automatically taken out of their paycheck, and is sent to the PCC, so they don't have to remember to take the time each month to send it in themselves.
- The local PCC **cannot verify receipt** of individual donations since all donations through UNITED WAY are received together in one check. The PCC would like to send a Thank You to all contributors but can only do so **if you indicate** on your UNITED WAY form that you want an acknowledgement. (If you send your contribution directly to the PCC, a Thank You is sent and tax receipts are available also.)

- Giving to UNITED WAY is completely voluntary, but there is much pressure at some workplaces that all employees contribute to UNITED WAY. People who feel compelled to participate, can do so and still be comfortable knowing that their donation will be used by our local Centers to proclaim what God's Word says about the Sanctity of Life.**

**The Saginaw Valley Chapter of CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES operates two PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTERS. One is in Saginaw and the other is in Flint. The mission of the PCC's is to 1) offer counseling to help women make God-pleasing choices regarding their pregnancy and lifestyle; and 2) sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with clients and their families. Funding does not come from Synod or the national Christian Life Resources organization, but from individuals and WELS congregations.

**Using UNITED WAY Payroll Deductions to Support the
PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTERS:**

<p>Pros: Convenient: Automatically deducted from your paycheck, and mailed to the PCC. Can satisfy employer's expectations that <i>everyone</i> contribute to UW.</p>	<p>Cons: UW supports some organizations that run counter to biblical principals. 10%-15% of your contribution is used by UW, only 85%-90% goes to the PCC. PCC cannot verify amounts of individual contributions received.</p>
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If you decide to give to UNITED WAY through payroll deductions, and *if* you wish your donation to be sent to the PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTERS, please remember:

- The full name of the organization must be included along with the address. In the blank for designating your contribution, write:

PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER
1803 N. MICHIGAN AVE.
SAGINAW, MI 48602

- Indicate that you would like an acknowledgment so the PCC can send you a Thank you.