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Good News

FOR OUR SUPPORTERS!

Starting in 2026, a new tax law allows individuals who take the standard deduction to claim a charitable deduction of up to $1,000 (single filers) or $2,000 (married couples filing jointly) for cash donations to qualified public charities like ours. This means more of our friends and supporters can receive a tax benefit for their generosity, even if they don't itemize their deductions. Scan the QR code to give today!

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2024 Your impact

5061	TOTAL CLIENT VISITS
31	BABIES SAVED
402	PREGNANCY TESTS GIVEN
400	ULTRASOUNDS PROVIDED
76	CLIENTS/ PATIENTS GAVE THEIR LIVES TO JESUS
1360	CLIENT SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS
3439	EDUCATION VISITS
405	BABY BLANKETS GIVEN

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A STORY OF *hope*: FROM FEAR TO POSSIBILITY

When a mom in crisis walked through our doors, she was scared, uncertain, and facing an overwhelming situation. Pregnant and without stable housing, she didn't know where to turn. Her future felt impossible, and the ***weight of her circumstances threatened to overshadow her hope***.

At Chester County Connect Care, we offered ***more than a safe place;*** we offered help, support, and hope.

She met with our compassionate staff for pregnancy testing, an ultrasound, and one-on-one guidance. Through conversations about her options, including adoption, parenting, and resources available to her, ***she began to see possibilities*** instead of walls.

With emotional support, practical assistance, and encouragement rooted in God's love, she started to ***regain a sense of control and hope for her future.*** Today, she is thoughtfully considering adoption for her preborn baby, knowing her child can have a safe, loving home, and exploring the resources and guidance we provide to help her move forward with confidence and support.

This story reminds us why our work matters. ***Every life is precious,*** every mom deserves support, and every situation can be met with hope and practical care. ***Your prayers and generosity make it possible*** for women in crisis to experience compassion, guidance, and a tangible path forward.

A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the leaves change and we enter this season of reflection and gratitude, I am reminded of God's faithfulness in every life touched through Chester County Connect Care. Each mother who chooses hope, each baby saved, and each family encouraged is a testament to His love and provision.

This year, we have continued to serve our community with no-cost, Christ-centered services that meet real needs. From early ultrasounds and pregnancy testing, parenting education, and material support, every visit is designed to equip and empower women and families for healthy, hope-filled futures.

Take, for example, Sophia, a young mom who came to us uncertain and overwhelmed. Through no-cost pregnancy testing, an ultrasound, and parenting education classes, Sophia gained the confidence and knowledge she needed to make informed decisions for herself and her baby. With encouragement from our staff and volunteers, she not only chose life for her child but also discovered a renewed sense of hope and purpose for her own future.

In this issue, we are excited to share insights on maternal health and wellness, highlighting the importance of early care, emotional support, and education for expecting mothers. Our partnership with the Pennsylvania Pregnancy Wellness Collaborative allows us to extend these no-cost services even further and ensure moms and babies receive the compassionate care they need.

As you read on, you'll meet families whose lives have been transformed, learn about our ongoing programs, and see how your prayers and support make this work possible. Each story reflects the impact of our care, medical, educational, and spiritual, which points to the hope of Christ in every situation.

Thank you for standing with us. Your generosity, encouragement, and prayers empower us to continue this vital ministry with excellence, love, and unwavering faith in God's plans for every life.

Myriam Ruager

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29: 11

CHESTER COUNTY ConnectCare

CARING FOR *mom* + CARING FOR *baby*

The Changing Landscape of Maternal Health

In recent years, the landscape of maternal health has shifted dramatically. While organizations like Planned Parenthood still provide surgical abortions, the majority of abortions now happen through abortion pills, often taken at home, without medical oversight.

At-home abortions are on the rise, leaving many women to face fears and complications alone. Side effects can include incomplete abortions, excessive bleeding, infection, and deep emotional trauma. With no doctor present and little to no follow-up, women are left isolated, vulnerable, and unsupported.

This growing reality makes the work of Chester County Connect Care more vital than ever. We are here to bridge the gap, offering professional medical care, ultrasounds to confirm pregnancy viability, and compassionate emotional support. Women in our community still need safe places to turn for clarity, care, and hope. And that is exactly what we provide.

Why Maternal Wellness Matters

Healthy moms mean healthier babies. From prenatal care and nutrition to emotional well-being, every aspect of maternal health shapes the future of families. Yet across Pennsylvania, many mothers face barriers such as delayed care, financial strain, and lack of support.

According to the Pennsylvania Pregnancy Wellness Collaborative (PPWC), the average first prenatal visit in our state happens at 9.6 weeks, several weeks later than what's ideal for the best outcomes. That delay underscores why local pregnancy centers like ours are essential: we meet women where they are, early in their pregnancy, with compassionate, life-affirming care.

Strength in Partnership

That's why we are honored to partner with PPWC, a unified voice for pregnancy resource centers across the Commonwealth. This collaboration strengthens our work while keeping the focus on our local mission: to serve women and families right here in Chester County.

- Bridging the Gap: We provide the first point of contact, offering timely medical and emotional support that changes life trajectories for moms and babies.
- Advocacy in Action: By standing with other centers at PPWC's Day of Advocacy in Harrisburg, our voice joins a chorus calling for maternal and infant wellness to remain a priority in Pennsylvania.
- Shared Strength: Training, resources, and shared awareness from this network equip us to better serve families locally.

Standing Firm in Our Calling

At Chester County Connect Care, renewal happens every day as moms find courage, babies are given a chance at life, and families take steps toward stability. Because of your partnership, we continue to:

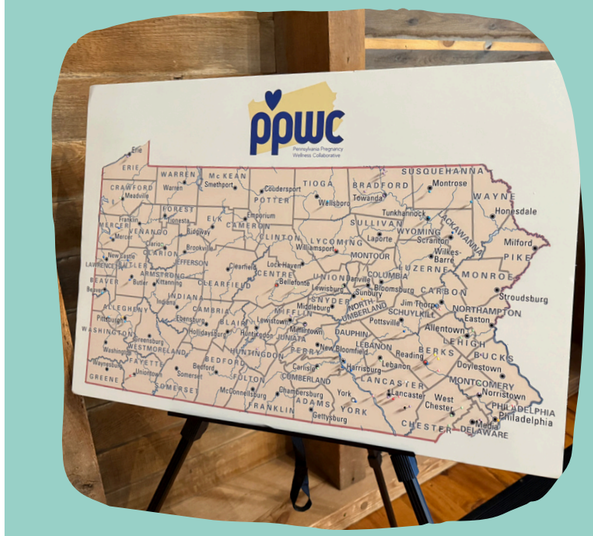
- Provide no-cost medical services that offer clarity and peace of mind in the earliest weeks of pregnancy.
- Walk alongside women with life-skills training, parenting support, and resources that build strong foundations for the future.
- Share the hope of the Gospel, reminding every woman she is not alone and that her life, and her child's life, are precious to God.

Our calling remains clear: to meet women right where they are, with care, dignity, and hope that points to Christ.

Pennsylvania Pregnancy Wellness Collaborative (PPWC)

- *Who They Are:* A statewide coalition of pregnancy medical clinics and resource centers that advocate for maternal and child health, support community-based pregnancy centers, and promote policies and funding to ensure these vital services are available to all Pennsylvanians.

Together with PPWC, we're ensuring moms and babies across Pennsylvania receive compassionate, Christ-centered care.



Pictured to the left at the 2025 PPWC Summit held in August at the beautiful Star Barn in Elizabethtown, PA. are CCCC staff (left to right):

Nicole Crist, Development Director; Kirstyn Veneziale, Marketing & Event Director; Myriam Ruager, Executive Director; Jennifer Deal, Staff Nurse; Cynthia Olivencia, Bilingual Client Advocate & Admin; Kim Beck, Nurse Manager; and Barb Proto, Board Member.