



Lighthouse Through the Years...

2002: Folks in Manistee met to pray and seek God's guidance for a pregnancy care center. A board of 9 members was formed, non-profit status was attained, and the first director, Myra McDowell Lautner, was hired. Volunteers came forward, and West Shore Pregnancy Care Center in Ludington held training sessions. An old house at 232 Parkdale Ave. was rented, scrubbed, and painted. There was a lot of excitement!

May 15, 2004: The ribbon was cut, and doors were officially opened! It took a few days for the first client to come in, but then word spread and 25 individuals were welcomed through the doors that first year. Walks for Life helped fund the efforts, as did many individuals who believed in the ministry.



2007: We outgrew our building and rented the office building next door. The Complete Makeover Program for High School students began in 2008. Kelly McColl took over the role of Center Director in 2009. Abstinence education started at MCC in 2009. An average of 20-25 people were served monthly.

2014: Once again, the building was getting too small. Donors were gracious, and the selection of clothes and baby items rapidly increased! Late in 2014, 215 Maple came up for sale and was purchased. Kelly accepted another job, and Myra Lautner once again took over as Center Director. .

May 15, 2015: Opening of 215 Maple St., the new home of LPCC! Volunteers who remodeled almost every inch had lovingly given hundreds of hours. The Earn While You Learn educational program was getting set up and was enjoyed by many of the clients in years to come.

2019: At the 15th Anniversary celebration, the board announced the building was entirely paid off. Many kinds of creative fundraising were used to pay towards the mortgage, including a Rock-A-Thon, Quilt auction, Baby Bottle Blitz, and Myra's Birthday Walk. In the end, it was the many donors who believed in the ministry of LPCC and graciously gave funding to help reach this goal. At the end of this year, Myra retired and Cathy Johnson took over as Center Director.





2020: COVID hit, but the ministry creatively went on. Visits were by phone, donations were left on the porch, and items given were put into storage tubs on the porch where folks picked them up. At the end of this year, Cathy decided it was time to move on. The Center Director role was split into Client Services Director and Office Manager, and Sherry Curtiss and Sue Johnson were hired.

2024: We are now seeing, on average, 40 people/month. We have just started an online video educational course for our clients called Bright Course, and the Men's ministry, which we have been praying about for 20 years, is in the works.

The future... Ultrasound machine? Van equipped with materials to reach out into the county? We've always known, God holds the future of LPCC. Since we first met in 2022, we have prayed God's hand will always be upon the ministry, and His will be done. Because of this, we desire to always keep our Mission Statement first and foremost:

Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center of Manistee County is dedicated to sharing God's love and grace by providing individuals and families with education, resources, and supportive mentoring for life-affirming choices regarding pregnancy, pregnancy loss, childbirth, and early childhood parenting.



COME CELEBRATE OUR
20th Anniversary!

May 15th, 2024

4pm - 7pm

Special Presentation 5:30pm

Join us for an open house at the Center!

Enjoy snacks and beverages, along with a presentation celebrating all LPCC has accomplished in the past 20 years.

Baby Bottle Blitz

Mother's Day, May 12 through

Father's Day, June 16

Your change can help...

Change A Life!

Contact us if you need a bottle!

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