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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dearest Supporter,

When the school year started, I could have never dreamed I'd be writing these words in the middle of a global pandemic, waiting for the end of a seemingly endless calamity.

For everyone, this time of uncertainty has brought stress, anxiety, and adversity. For Protect Life Michigan, it has meant pivoting our in-person outreach to stay safe while still meeting the needs of our students.

As was shared at our (virtual) Dinner to Protect Life in late April, "the world is shut down by this pandemic - except abortion. It just kept going. That's the nature of the fight we're in."

I pray this report is a clear message to you that we haven't given up. Life is still being fought for, and we'll show you the results of this fight in the next few pages.

Though our means have changed, our mission remains the same: if abortion doesn't stop, neither will we.

For life,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christen Pollo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CHRISTEN POLLO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Our team is GROWING!
Joining our team are 2
more Campus Mentors, a
High School Coordinator, &
Director of Community
Engagement!



Four students decided to
use their quarantines to dive
into advanced pro-life
ethics and apologetics in
addition to regular weekly
program meetings.

74

Gracious prayer
warriors decided to
join Protect Life
Michigan's prayer
support network



With our help, students at
Oakland University designed and
secured funding for an endowed
scholarship for pregnant and
parenting students.



After rigorous design
and a successful test, we
are launching two new
statewide programs for
young professionals and
high schoolers in the fall.



One courageous student
decided to enter into full-time
pro-life work upon graduating
as a result of watching our
"Becoming Defenders"
webinar earlier this spring.

GETTING BACK UP AGAIN

Mackenzy's Story of Hope in the Midst of A High School Pregnancy

"I was 16-years-old when I found out I was pregnant. Let me tell you, 16 year old me had no idea what I was in for when it came to becoming a mother. But while all of it was difficult to navigate, it didn't compare to the infinite amount of love and protection I gained the moment I held my beautiful baby girl for the first time. I immediately felt a love and connection that I could have never understood before and it generated in me a motivation to discover my potential and become the mother my daughter needed.

Prior to giving birth to my daughter, I had no idea what I wanted to do after high school. I struggled with the idea of going to college and making such a big commitment when I had no idea what my true interests were. After my pregnancy and delivery, I decided to pursue a career in nursing to make a positive impact on patients and their family members and give back to the career that had helped me work through such difficult times.

I quickly discovered that in order to get into nursing school, I had to maintain a high GPA. I found myself studying on the weekends and giving up time with friends to accomplish this goal. The doubts that came from multiple failures were inevitable. From failing and retaking a college course and not being accepted to the nursing program the first time that I applied, to retaking my nursing boards even after graduating, each failure forced me to dig deep, reflect on what I set out to do, and be the person I promised my baby girl I'd be.

In April of 2015, with the help of many, I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. It was one of the proudest days of my life. It takes hard work, determination, and sacrifice to graduate from high school, earn a degree and raise a child. There will be plenty of failure throughout the ride. But that child will also be the very reason you get back up and try again until you succeed." -Mackenzy, Grand Rapids

Pro-choice philosophy says it's impossible to have a baby and accomplish one's dreams. Mackenzy's story shows the need for the life-affirming and empowering pro-life message in high schools, so women like Mackenzy can not only choose life, but rise to achieve their goals. Protect Life Michigan is dedicated to being a source of hope for these women.

1,274

New students were recruited to campus pro-life groups.

268

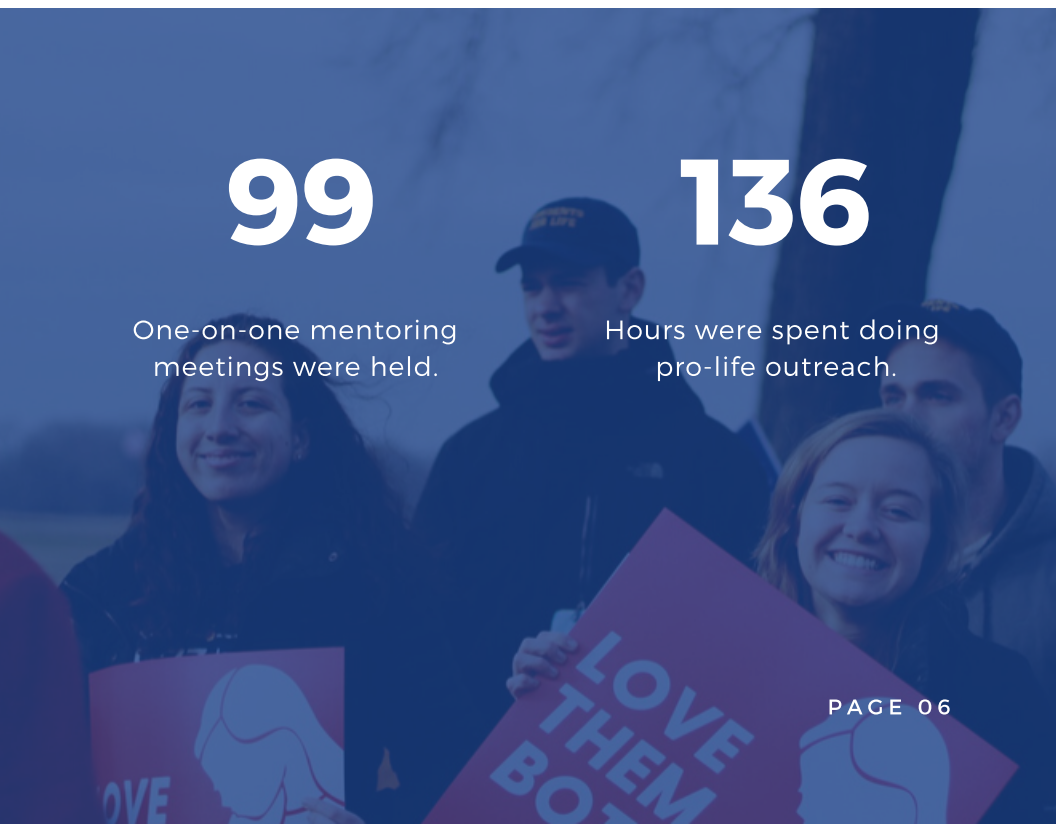
Visits were made to campus by campus mentors.

99

One-on-one mentoring meetings were held.

136

Hours were spent doing pro-life outreach.



64,855

Students were reached
- even with a global
pandemic!

333

pro-choice hearts were
changed

4

New staff members
were added to the
team (and counting!)

6,558

Students attended
training sessions, both
in-person & virtually.



TWO NEW PROGRAMS

For 13 years, we've been working with students around the state and have seen amazing change: from abortion-minded students choosing life for their babies to apathetic students standing against abortion and more.

There is no shortage of amazing stories from on-campus work, but there is a growing trend on campuses: early adoption of pro-choice philosophy.

Sure, it's no secret that students are getting lost among seriously pro-abortion professors, administrations with silencing tactics, and a pop culture that celebrates abortion. But pro-choice philosophy doesn't start molding students in their freshman year, *it often ensnares them years before college.*

By the time many students reach college, they've already bought into the pro-choice agenda or have had one or more abortions.

Almost 2/3 of Christian students leave their faith & worldview in college.

Long story short: we are reaching students too late. High school students are being engaged in the abortion debate and we aren't there to defend our position.

This fall, we're launching a plan to build an army of pro-life defenders in high schools statewide. We'll also engage our network of college alumni to help. With their expertise and desire to stay engaged in the fight for life, paired with high schoolers' longing for truth, amazing change is bound to happen.

5 REGIONAL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR LIFE GROUPS



WORKING LOCALLY WITH

20 HIGH SCHOOL GROUPS



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

WHY

- We have an untapped army of seasoned activists eager to stay involved

WHO

- Protect Life MI college alumni

WHAT

- Community outreach, pro-life training, and partnership with high school groups
- Networking with other groups throughout the state

HIGH SCHOOLERS

WHY

- Students have direct access to pro-choice peers, are vulnerable to the pro-choice message, and are formulating their worldview

WHAT

- School and community outreach

HOW

- Students will work in groups to initiate dialogue, and will receive outreach training and experience from young professionals.

MEET OUR GROWING TEAM



Christen Pollo
Executive Director



Kate Feldpausch
Creative Director



Jessi Corson
Director of Campus
Outreach



Abby McIntyre
Director of Community
Engagement



Rebecca Cooper
High School Coordinator



Keri Ann Kreska
Bookkeeper



Melinda Movius
Administrative Assistant



Emily Dimmick
West MI Campus Mentor

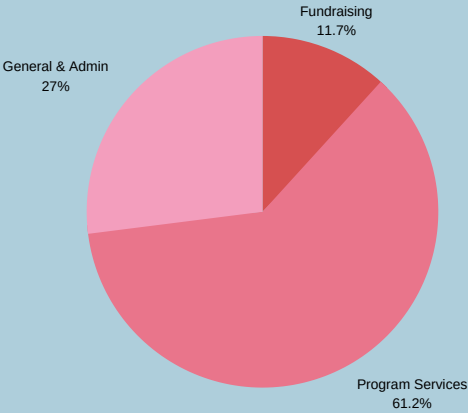


Adelaide Holmes
Mid-MI Campus Mentor



Jenny Bober
Southeast MI Campus Mentor

EXPENSES



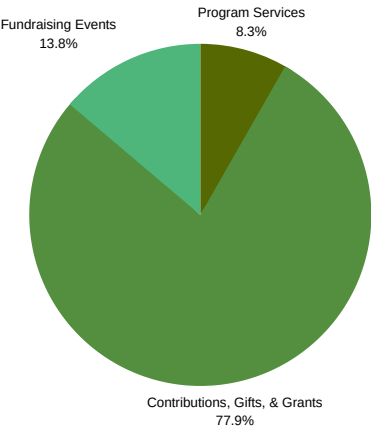
- Program Services \$276,497.77
- General & Administration \$121,910.66
- Fundraising \$53,042.30

Total \$451,450.73

REVENUE

- Contributions, Gifts & Grants \$402,338.06
- Program Service Revenue \$42,612.81
- Fundraising Events \$71,329.00

Total \$515,279.87



Note: The numbers shown here are estimates, compiled prior to our Financial Review. For final numbers and more in-depth financial data, please see our profile on [Guidestar.com](https://www.guidestar.com).



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