

## ADOPTION AGENCIES

The Cradle [www.cradle.org](http://www.cradle.org)

Non-profit, licensed, headquartered in  
Evanston, counseling, placement services,  
education, training  
847-475-5800

Holt-International

[www.holtinternational.org/usa/central-branch/](http://www.holtinternational.org/usa/central-branch/)

270 Remington Blvd. D  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440  
630-754-4500

Adoption placement, post-adoption, Orphans  
& Vulnerable children, Therapy services

Lutheran Child & Family Services

[Lcfs info@lcfs.org](mailto:info@lcfs.org)

One Oakbrook Terrace  
Suite 501  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181  
800-363-5237  
Adoption Services

Angel Adoption [www.angeladoption.com](http://www.angeladoption.com)

820 E Terra Cotta Avenue  
# 149  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
Toll free 877-264-3555 or  
847-462-8874

## Walking with Moms in Need

- **Pregnancy Help**
- **Post-Abortive Help**
- **Housing**
- **Adverse Diagnosis**
- **MORE!!!!**



## St. Mary Parish 2025

MOKENA, IL

# MISSION

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference.” Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

The 25th anniversary of *Evangelium vitae* gave us a wonderful opportunity to begin to assess, expand, and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need. St. Mary’s parish, through the ProLife Committee answered the invitation, through the support of their bishop and pastor, to join this nationwide effort entitled, *Walking with Moms in Need*.

To support this initiative, the Pro-Life Committee has developed this educational, pastoral, and action-oriented resources for parish use, including:

- Documenting an inventory of local resources for pregnant mothers in need, as well as resources for domestic violence, shelter, sexual assault, post-abortive help, and support for an adverse pregnancy diagnosis
- Ideas for improving our parish response
- Prayers for building a culture of life and a civilization of love.

Please keep this booklet handy. You never know when a family member, friend, co-worker, or friend of a friend may need the resources it contains.

# ADVERSE PREGNANCY DIAGNOSIS SUPPORT

1. Pregnancy Resource Center of Will County 815-744-7755  
2121 Oneida Street, Suite 301  
Joliet, IL  
[www.pregnancyresourcecenter.org](http://www.pregnancyresourcecenter.org)

ROCKING CHAIR PROGRAM - meet with a nurse regularly; assistance with a birth plan & collection of keepsakes, local support groups, memorial service planning

2. Pre-Natal Partners For Life 763-772-3868  
P.O. Box 2225  
Maple Grove, MN 55311  
[mary@prenatalpartnersforlife.org](mailto:mary@prenatalpartnersforlife.org)

Support for parents with a special needs child

3. Jerome Lejeune Foundation USA 917-359-8484  
2 Brassie Lane  
Bronxville, NY 10708  
[Lejeunefoundation.org](http://Lejeunefoundation.org)

Building an abundant life for persons with genetic-based Intellectual disabilities from pre-natal to the end of a happy life

4. Isaiah’s Promise  
[Isaiahspromise.net](http://Isaiahspromise.net)

Support for families who decide to carry to term after receiving a severe or fatal pre-natal diagnosis

email for information to: [info@isaiahspromise.net](mailto:info@isaiahspromise.net)

# POST-ABORTIVE HELP

Take the 1<sup>st</sup> Step toward Healing

1. Deeper Still – Freeing the Abortion Wounded Heart

DeeperStill.org; offers free retreats

Chicago Chapter: Jackie 708-744-0079

[DeeperStillChicago@southsidepregnancy.org](mailto:DeeperStillChicago@southsidepregnancy.org)

Central Illinois Chapter: Tori 217-828-2081

[tori@hopeforafuture.com](mailto:tori@hopeforafuture.com)

2. RESTORE After Abortion

Offices in Darien, Glen Ellyn, West Chicago, and Wood Dale

Offers 1- on-1; small group, virtual sessions

630-599-0043 call or text

Offers 1-on-1 or small group session & Virtual sessions

[www.restoreafterabortion.com](http://www.restoreafterabortion.com)

3. Rachel's Vineyard

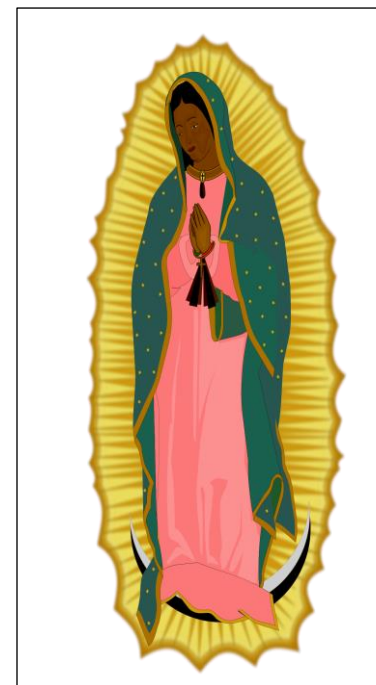
[www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org); Weekend retreats

Kay: 815-341-5029; [Corcoran-family@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Corcoran-family@sbcglobal.net)

Heidi: 815-634-3796, [hmillercare@gmail.com](mailto:hmillercare@gmail.com)

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# Pregnancy Resource Centers

1. Living Alternatives PRC [www.pregnancyresourcecenter.org](http://www.pregnancyresourcecenter.org)

903 129<sup>th</sup> Infantry Drive, # 600  
Joliet, IL

815-744-7755  
M-F 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

2. Journey [www.journeyhub.com](http://www.journeyhub.com)  
19715 S. LaGrange Road, Suite 4  
Mokena, IL

708-694-4102  
Tu + Wed 12 pm – 5 pm  
Th 4 pm – 8 pm

3. Aid For Women [www.Aidforwomen.org](http://www.Aidforwomen.org)  
[www.helpaidforwomen.org](http://www.helpaidforwomen.org)

3347 Vollmer Road 708-794-0570  
Chicago, IL

Flossmoor, IL  
8 S. Michigan Avenue 312-621-1100

6145 N Broadway 312-621-1100  
Chicago, IL

1400 S. Austin Blvd. 708-477-3040  
Cicero, IL

1334 N. Lewis Avenue 847-596-8055  
Waukegan, IL

115 N. Wolf Road 847-376-3800  
Wheeling, IL

1235 N Mulford 815-633-2500  
Rockford, IL

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Guardian Angels  
Groundwork Domestic Violence Program

Main Office: 168 N. Ottawa Street  
Joliet, IL 60432

24-hour hotline: 815-729-1228  
Grundy County Satellite Office: 815-941-2261

[www.gacsprograms.org/groundwork](http://www.gacsprograms.org/groundwork)

Free & confidential

30-bed emergency shelter for women & children

Individual & Group counseling

Legal & Medical Advocacy

Crisis Intervention in Emergency Rooms

Domestic Violence Education Program for  
Survivors referred from child welfare or the legal  
system



# SEXUAL ASSAULT

## 1. Guardian Angels

Main Office: 168 N. Ottawa Street  
Joliet, IL 60432

[www.gacsprograms.org/sasc](http://www.gacsprograms.org/sasc)

24-hour hotline: 815-730-8984

- ✓ Trained medical advocates
- ✓ Crisis intervention services to victims in
- ✓ emergency rooms
- ✓ Trained legal advocates
- ✓ Individual counseling
- ✓ Group counseling
- ✓ All services are free

### Sexual Assault Facts

20% of college-aged women will be victims of sexual assault during their college careers

One in three girls and one in five boys are sexually abused by the age of 18

The National Victim Center estimates an average of 1.3 rapes occur per minute

4. Waterleaf  
3055 E. New York Street  
Aurora, IL  
[Waterleafwc.org](http://Waterleafwc.org)  
331-260-0917

M, Tu 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
W, Th 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Fr 8:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Sat 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

5. PASS  
[Passpregnancycenters.org](http://Passpregnancycenters.org)  
17214 Oak Park Avenue  
Tinley Park, IL  
M, Tu, W, Th 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

613 W. 162<sup>nd</sup> Street  
South Holland, IL  
M, Tu, W, Th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

3116 Ridge Road  
Lansing, IL  
M, Tu 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
[www.passpregnancycenters.org](http://www.passpregnancycenters.org)  
708-614-9777  
Or text “HELPLINE” to 313131

6. Birthright of Joliet  
310 N. Hammes, Suite LL1  
Joliet, IL  
[www.Birthright.org](http://www.Birthright.org)  
815-725-3411 Hours vary, call for hours

7. Carenet/Avenue Women’s Center  
Text/Call 630-455-0300  
[www.avenuewomenscenter.com](http://www.avenuewomenscenter.com)

440 E. Roosevelt Rd. Suite 106  
West Chicago, IL  
M - Fr 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

2849 83<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Darien, IL  
M, Tu, W, Fr 9:00 – 5:00 pm

1200 Roosevelt Rd. Ste. 101  
Glen Ellyn, IL  
M -Fr 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sat 8:00 am - Noon

580 N. Michigan Street  
Elmhurst, IL  
M - W 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

132 E. Irving Park Road  
Wood Dale, IL  
M-Th 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

8. Southside Pregnancy Center  
3759 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street  
Evergreen Park, IL  
[www.southsidewomensservices.com](http://www.southsidewomensservices.com)  
708-229-0092  
TEXT 708-325-8765  
Tu-Sat 10 am-2 pm

9. Caring Network  
1200 Roosevelt Road  
Suite 114  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137  
630-493-1340  
[CaringNetwork.com](http://CaringNetwork.com)  
(7) women’s clinics in DuPage, Kane, and city of Chicago

## SAFE FAMILIES

Help for families in crisis get back on their feet and keep their families intact.

For some parents, there are no relatives or friends to rely on for support. Safe Families provides short-term care for their children for as little as a couple of days to several months.

- NOT a foster care or adoption service
- You maintain full custody of your children and can request their return at any time
- You will have regular visits and contact with your children
- Host volunteer families are extensively screened with a background check, home study, and references
- Volunteers receive no compensation and serve to help others
- Children ages 0-18 can be hosted

In addition to host families, families in need are paired with a Family Coach that comes along side and helps you make the changes necessary to bring stability to your family.

Greater Will County: 24/7 intake: 773-653-2200

[www.Safe-families.org](http://www.Safe-families.org)



### 5. Lifespring

Aurora, IL  
630-851-0187

[www.waysidecross.org](http://www.waysidecross.org)

Long-term transitional housing for women & children up to 1 year with potential for 12-18 months addln. stay after graduation. 50 beds.

### 6. Filling the Gap

P.O. Box 996  
Tinley Park, IL 60477  
Michael & Jen Fitzgerald 708-296-8342

[www.fillingthegap-nfp.com/](http://www.fillingthegap-nfp.com/)

Focused on south suburbs; long-term transitional housing that serves homeless families, non-violent offenders, those not suitable for traditional rental agreements

### 7. Merci's Refuge

209 W. Wilbur Avenue  
Champaign, IL 61822  
217-378-4045

[www.lifechangeshere.org](http://www.lifechangeshere.org)

4-12-month residential housing for women 18-40 in Champaign and Bourbonnais, call for requirements

### 8. Jubilee Village

Carol Stream, IL  
630-682-1910

[www.outreachcommunityministries.org](http://www.outreachcommunityministries.org)

transitional housing for moms pregnant with their 1<sup>st</sup> child or parenting 1 child and are homeless/at risk; wrap-around services; mentoring couples live on-site; must maintain employment

### 9. Catholic Charities – Daybreak Center

611 E Cass  
Joliet, IL  
815-744-4663

[www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org)

Emergency housing for the homeless

## SUMMARY

## TABLE

NAME	Medical Services	Options Education	Classes*	Resources & Material Assistance	Post-Abortion Help for Women	Men's Services	Adverse Pregnancy Diagnosis Support	Loss/ Miscarriage Support	24-hour emergency hotline/phone #	Referrals**
PRC OF WILL COUNTY	P, U, S, APR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	877-558-0333 For Abortion Pill Reversal	Yes
JOURNEY	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	708-478-0527	Yes
AID FOR WOMEN	P, U APR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	312-621-1100	Yes
WATERLEAF	P, U, S Apr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	630-701-6270	Yes
PASS	P, U	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	708-614-9777	Yes
BIRTHRIGHT	P	Yes	Referral	Yes	referral	referral	referral	referral	24-hour chat at <a href="http://www.birthright.org">www.birthright.org</a>	Yes
CARENET/AVENUE WOMEN'S CENTER	P U	Yes	No	Emergency supplies	Yes	Yes	No	No	630-538-8199	Yes
SOUTHSIDE PREGNANCY CENTER	P U	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	referral	No	708-229-0092	Yes

P = Pregnancy Test  
 U = Ultrasound  
 S = Sexually Transmitted Infection  
 APR = Abortion Pill Reversal

\* Generally, PRCs offer mentoring and classes on various topics like pregnancy and childbirth, nutrition, exercise, infant/toddler safety, parenting, life skills, goal setting, breast-feeding, sexual risk avoidance, relationship skills, job training/employment, etc., often providing "points" with which to shop for baby goods or to earn gift cards

\*\*Generally, PRCs offer referrals in areas like housing, medical care, adoption, professional counseling

## HOUSING

1. **Mary L. Weitendorf Women & Family Center**  
**Morning Star Mission**  
350 E. Washington Street  
Joliet, IL 60433-1150  
815-722-5780  
[morningstarmission.org](http://morningstarmission.org); Offers emergency shelter;  
& transitional housing for men, families, women  
facing homelessness  
  
Call the 24/7 HELPLINE: 877-558-0333
2. **Suzy's Caring Place** 815-729-0930  
168 N. Ottawa Street  
Joliet, IL 60432  
[www.gacsprograms.org/scp](http://www.gacsprograms.org/scp)  
transitional housing for  
domestic violence survivors  
up to 2 years
3. **Madonna Renewal Center**  
1209 S Walnut  
Freeport, IL 61032  
Email: [Madonna@madonnarenewalcenter.org](mailto:Madonna@madonnarenewalcenter.org)  
815-297-8287  
  
Safe haven for young adult pregnant women;  
12-24 month program; also post-abortion  
Retreats call Libby at 847-613-9689
4. **Nativity House** 773-331-1789  
17141 W. 143rd  
Lockport, IL  
Free housing for (2) first-time moms if in school/working
5. **Under His Wings** 815-431-1264  
301 Nebraska St., Ottawa, IL  
10 [Underhiswingsottawa.wordpress.com](http://Underhiswingsottawa.wordpress.com)

## ABORTION PILL REVERSAL

**IT MAY NOT BE TOO LATE TO SAVE YOUR  
PREGNANCY  
HAVE YOU TAKEN THE FIRST DOSE OF THE ABORTION PILL  
(MIFEPREX OR RU-486)? DO YOU REGRET YOUR DECISION  
AND WISH YOU COULD REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF THE  
ABORTION PILL?**

There is an effective process called ABORTION PILL REVERSAL.

[www.AbortionPillReversal.com](http://www.AbortionPillReversal.com)

They will connect you with a medical professional who  
can guide you towards reversing the effects of the abortion  
pill. They will help you every step of the way.



## THE PURPLE PROJECT

The Purple Project is dedicated to providing grief support and services to family members who have suffered the loss of a child, started in the memory of a daughter and unborn grandchild who were murdered. They offer grief support and retreats, as well as supplies to help new moms with essentials.

**Sherry Anicich 815-212-1647**