

Young People Who Care - 2023 Spring Newsletter

Looking towards the future!

Life Line Ministry Expanding

Our mission at Life Line has recently seen a significant increase in the number of clients.

January 2022 — 44 clients January 2023 — 75 clients
more than 70% increase

February 2022 — 29 clients February 2023 — 55 clients
90% increase

If this trend continues, we are on pace to serve approximately 1030 clients or more in 2023. In January of 2023, an approximate monetary value of our goods and services distributed is \$9115.00. The breakdown for this is as follows:

- * 3,922 counseling minutes = approximately \$4,275.00
- * 75 clients received \$4840.00 in free goods:
- * 41 received clothing
- * 40 received furniture (car seats, pack-n-plays, swings, etc)
- * 53 received formula/baby food
- * 59 received diapers, hygiene products, etc.

The projected monetary value of goods and services that Life Line will provide to the community at no cost would be approximately **\$109,380.00!** While the monetary value of Life Line's services to the members of our community is significant, to many of our clients, these resources are priceless and life-changing. We would

not be able to make this possible without the generosity and kindness of our donors and volunteers, and the tireless work of our staff.

In December of 2022 we were blessed with grant funding to allow us to hire an additional full-time counselor. At that time we determined that we are in need of more space. The proposed additional space will allow us to provide more counseling opportunities. This will also allow us to expand our services into educational programs,



Life Line Staff

The proposed cost for an addition to our current property is \$250,000.00.

**NO ONE CAN DO
EVERYTHING, BUT
EVERYONE CAN
DO SOMETHING**

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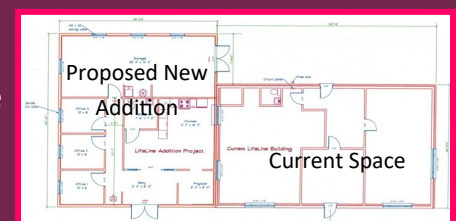
This is where you come in!!

*Your donation will help us fund this new building and give us the space
to meet the needs of the families we see.*

The "\$50 for Life Difference" Challenge

Our hope is that you would be interested in helping us fund this expansion.

Consider slipping **\$5, \$15, \$25, \$35, \$45 or \$50 or more** into the envelope in your hand and slip it in the mail. A donation of \$50 or more will be recognized on a brick in the new space. You are welcome to memorialize your brick in someone's name. Visit our web site to see how your "\$50 for Life Difference" Challenge donation has made the biggest change.



Celebrating with a Family!

Lives changed because of Life Line Pregnancy and Infant Services—this is Ruby and Fred’s Story

Ruby and Fred (not their real names) were working for the Department of Health as part of the Covid Pandemic Relief and came to us for help during their second pregnancy, lost their jobs when Covid Relief ended and were desperate for resources of formula, diapers and emotional support. Life Line staff accompanied them for two years.

Now they have more stable employment and were able to use income tax money to purchase a vehicle. Family life has greatly improved!

This is one family of many who have walked through our front door!



Save the Date

Blueberry Festival

August 5, 2023

50th Anniversary

Summer 2026



Since 1972 we have been known in the Diocese of Erie as Young People Who Care Youth Group!

Since 1976 we have been known in Frenchville, PA, as Young People Who Care Mission!

Since 1985 we have been known as Young People Who Care!

Looking towards to future we will be known as

Anawim Ministries

with many services:

- ◆ Bethany Retreat Center
- ◆ Bethany Youth Center
- ◆ Life Line Pregnancy and Infant Services
- ◆ YPWC Direct Community Services.

You will be hearing more about this in the Fall Newsletter. Stay tuned!

Anawim Community and

Anawim Associate Program

Prayer, simplicity hospitality, and service in the spirit of the Beatitudes are at the heart of the life of the Anawim Community and the Anawim Associates. Our Associate Program gives lay men and women the opportunity to become more closely associated with the Anawim Sisters, our spirituality and our ministries. Associate Members live out Anawim Spirituality in their own families, communities and lives by fostering a sense of dependence upon God, trusting in and deepening that relationship, walking in faith, living in hope, and reaching out to those in need.

If you would like to know more about the Anawim Community or the Anawim Associate Program please call (814) 263-4855 or email Sr. Ruth Ann Madera at ruthann.madera@yahoo.com or Sr. Suzanne Thibault at anawimco@gmail.com, or write to the Anawim Community, P.O. Box 35, Frenchville, PA 16836.

Volunteers are a Vital Piece of our Success

Beginning in 1976 all the way to the Present

THE PROGRESS, Clearfield, Curwensville, Philipsburg, Moshannon Valley, Pa., Wednesday, October 19, 1977



Doug Picard, of Frenchville, wheels in Clear Haven patient Eva Demi to the supper meal at the nursing home.

Paul Sayers, also of Frenchville, helps feed Dorothy Curry, a Clear Haven patient.

Susan Matsko, of Grassflat, gives Agnes Lanich a cup of water at the Clear Haven Nursing home.

A group of Young People Who Care



October 1977



2022

Without the time, gifts, and talents of our dedicated volunteers, Young People Who Care could not be as vibrant and able to serve our community.

A few statistics from 2022:

Over 80 volunteers have given of their time to assist YPWC.

(This does not include the youth that participated in our week long summer leadership program).

Total number of volunteer hours in 2022 is 4,502!

The approximate value of these 4,502 hours is \$67,530.

Ways to Volunteer:

- ⇒ Mowing the grass and keeping plants and grounds tended.
- ⇒ Providing clients transportation to doctor appointments or shopping.
- ⇒ Baking cookies or blueberry pies for various events.
- ⇒ Purchasing, wrapping and delivering Christmas gifts for families.
- ⇒ Building ramps for many seniors.
- ⇒ Helping families in the community with cleanup projects, painting or repairs.
- ⇒ Fixing or replacing appliances,
- ⇒ Keeping Life Line donations clean and organized and assisting in the office.
- ⇒ Picking blueberries and helping make the Blueberry Festival a Success.
- ⇒ Serving on the Governance Board and other committees such as finance.
- ⇒ Donating prizes, food and supplies for special events.

Individuals may feel that their small number of hours or service given isn't much, but their combined efforts make a huge impact on our ability to fill gaps our staff can't accomplish alone. We extend a heartfelt thank-you to each dedicated volunteer who gave their time. ***Please know that the difference YOU make, makes all the difference!***

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Tish Donze at tishdo@bethanyministries.org or by calling her at 412-952-1026. We would love to have you join our team.

Summer Program

Still Rebuilding after Covid!

We are still looking for **Summer Program Staff members.**

Are you or do you know of an Alumni summer program volunteer. Consider joining our summer staff.

Staff need to arrive late May and stay till the end of the first week in August.

AmeriCorps Grants have been obtained for 6 staff members. Compensation is close to \$8,000 for 450 hours of service.

Assist with program planning, be a mentor for the teens, be a partner in service with members in the community.

Bring a group of people to serve others and grow in spiritual awareness while caring for others, reach out to Sr. Suzanne at bethanyyouthcenter@gmail.com or call (814)263-4177

June 18—Open

June 25 Full 2 groups registered

July 5 Full 3 groups registered

July 16—Open

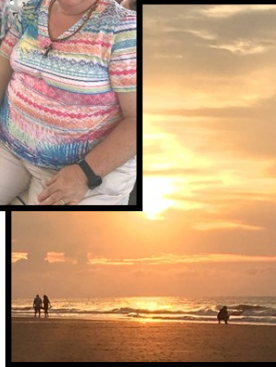
July 23 Vacation Bible School

July 30 Open 1 group registered

Let's get you caught up!!



Sisters on Vacation in Hilton Head!!
Days of sun/rain
Dolphins/beach



Retreat and Concert with Steve Angrisano
53 Attendees



Adult Retreatants



Crystal Biggans Bethany
Program Director

New Employees

Lynnette Solis Life Line
Assist. Counselor ---



Adult Retreats

◇ 350 people

Youth Retreats

◇ 652 people

Life Line Ministry

◇ 527 people

Direct Service Ministry

◇ 177 needs met

Christmas Program

◇ 73 families

◇ 301 people

◇ \$30,000 donated items

◇ 25 Volunteers

Update on Fr. Phil



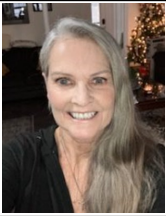
Fr. Phil has been living at Colonial Court Personal Care Home since August 2022. We miss him at Bethany, his wisdom and compassionate companionship are missed and often talked about. Please pray for him as he is needing more care than the Personal Care Home can give him. After a month at Ridgeview Nursing Home he has moved to St. Ann's Community Care Center closer to his sisters. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. So many of you have asked for his new address. Fr. Phil Billette, Room 1208, 1500 Portland Ave. Rochester, NY 14621.

Upcoming Events at Bethany Retreat Center

2023 brings a nearly full schedule of adult retreat at Bethany! Just a few of the upcoming retreat we are hosting!

The Grieving Spirit—1 Day Retreat Series Beginning April 25th thru December

This series will provide spiritual guidance through grief process and a connection with others. Come to some or come to all!



Love, Marriage and the Holy Spirit A Couple's Retreat

Sept 8-9

Bring your spouse and learn how God's love shines as an example in your relationship.



Forest Therapy

June 3rd & Sept 3rd
Come and find an enhanced experience of forest immersion.



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- * Updates
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- * Book reviews

Icon Writing

Nov. 6-10

Learn the technique of writing your very own icon along with a new sense of spirituality, no experience necessary!



Art and Creation

July 7-9
Oct 6-8
Enjoy a creative and spiritual journey with art and nature!



Visit our web site to learn more

www.bethanyretreatcenter.org and for the full listing of retreats, presenters and more!

DID YOU KNOW?? When you attend a retreat, your registration fee helps fund the missions of Young People Who Care, helping people in need in our local community. Thank you!

Personal Days

Schedule your own personal time at Bethany to rest, renew and self-care. Call for details.



Help Us Update our Sponsor List

We are updating our contact information. Please respond so **your** information is correct. Choose one of the following options:

- ◆ Fill out the form and send it in the donation envelope.
- ◆ Email diane@bethanyministries.org with current address, and phone #
- ◆ Call our office at 814-263-4855 to verify information.

Please Print Clearly Name _____ Phone _____ mobile _____ landline _____

Email _____

I would like to receive the Newsletter by internet _____ Please take me off the mailing list _____

Prayer is one of the core characteristics of YPWC. We live up the intentions of our benefactors at daily prayer. What prayer intention would you have?

Please accept my donation of: _____

For: _____

Young People Who Care, Inc., is a Catholic grassroots ministry which is a religious nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status as a charitable organization.

YPWC provides a wide ecumenical circle of care among those who give and those who receive, where the exchange of culture, education and training empower individuals and groups. While adapting to changing times and needs, prayer, simplicity, hospitality and service remain constant characteristics of Young People Who Care.

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God is Spoken of Here

Young People Who Care
soon to be known as Anawim Ministries!

