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# A CHANGE OF HEART

## SONDRA'S STORY

Sondra left her first appointment at Life Forward **determined to have an abortion**. She didn't feel like she had any other options. Her relationship with the baby's father was not healthy. Her family could not be counted on for support. Her financial situation was not good. In Sondra's eyes, abortion was really the only reasonable option.

Despite Sondra's near certainty about having an abortion, Hannah, Life Forward's Assistant Client Services Director and Sonographer, left the door open **in case Sondra had a change of heart**. Hannah told Sondra that she was welcome to return to Life Forward for another appointment to receive a no-charge ultrasound procedure.

As soon as Sondra walked out the door, Hannah sent a text to the Life Forward Prayer Team about Sondra's situation. Also, Hannah went to work assembling and mailing a client care package for Sondra. Included in the care package was a note from Hannah letting her know that **Life Forward cared about her and that we were praying for her** and again encouraging her to return for an ultrasound.

The good news is that Sondra's relationship with Life Forward did not end there. **Sondra called Hannah back**. She thanked her for the care package and shared how much receiving it meant to her. She scheduled an appointment for an ultrasound where she saw her baby and heard her heartbeat for the first time.

By the end of that second appointment, Sondra shared that **she wanted to continue with her pregnancy and to parent her baby**. She was scared and wasn't sure how everything was going to turn out. However, she was grateful that she didn't feel completely alone anymore. **Life Forward was there for her and with her** along her journey.

The care Life Forward offers to women facing unplanned pregnancies continues beyond their first appointments. We pray for them. We encourage them. We listen to them. We offer them hope. We want them to know that their families and friends may give up on them, but **Life Forward is available to support them**. More importantly, we want them to know that God has not and will not give up on them.

**Thank you** for your prayers and support that enables Life Forward to serve the "Sondras" of our community to change their minds and open their hearts to hope and life!



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# Client Services Team

EQUIPPED, GIFTED, & CALLED



**MELISSA GUZMAN, RN**  
Director of Client Services

- Years at Life Forward: **7.5 years**
- City where you grew up: **Mason, Ohio**
- Best part of your job: **It's always the people, the relationships and having a front row seat to watch God work.**
- A favorite Bible verse: **Psalms 73: 25, 26**
- Favorite pizza toppings: **Pepperoni, cheese, tomatoes, spinach and onions**
- If there were 25 hours in the day, how would you spend that extra hour? **With my husband, the funniest person I know**
- What's something you're looking forward to? **Definitely Heaven and I have a deep love for Christmas.**
- What was your favorite cartoon character when you were a kid? **Winnie the Pooh**
- If you could have any superpower, what would it be? **I've always been a fan of Elastigirl from the Incredibles because in this world you have to bend so you don't break.**



**HANNAH DELL, RDMS**  
Assistant Director of Client Services

- Years at Life Forward: total: **11.5 years (including volunteer, part time staff, full time staff)**
- City where you grew up: **Kettering, Ohio**
- Best part of your job: **Talking with women about the Lord**
- A favorite Bible verse: **Psalm 23:1**
- Favorite pizza toppings: **Supreme**
- If there were 25 hours in the day, how would you spend that extra hour? **Playing the violin or learning French**
- What's something you're looking forward to? **Heaven, it's going to be amazing!**
- What was your favorite cartoon character when you were a kid? **Miss Frizzle from the Magic School Bus**
- If you could have any superpower, what would it be? **The ability to fly**



**EMILY CHAMBERS, RN, BSN**  
Client Educator/Nurse Sonographer

- Years at Life Forward: **1 year**
- City where you grew up: **Cincinnati (East Side)**
- Best part of your job: **Building relationships with Spanish speaking clients and our parenting education programs**
- A favorite Bible verse: **Jeremiah 29:11**
- Favorite pizza toppings: **pineapple and bacon**
- If there were 25 hours in the day, how would you spend that extra hour? **Probably sleeping**
- What's something you're looking forward to? **Completing my graduate school program to become a nurse practitioner in 2 years!**
- What was your favorite cartoon character when you were a kid? **Garfield because he loved lasagna**
- If you could have any superpower, what would it be? **To understand and speak any language**



**LAURA CLARY, RN, BSN**  
Client Educator/Nurse Sonographer

- Years at Life Forward: **3 years**
- City where you grew up: **Cleveland, Ohio**
- Best part of your job: **Offering encouragement and hope to women going through hard circumstances**
- A favorite Bible verse: **2 Corinthians 3:4-5**
- Favorite pizza topping: **pineapple**
- If there were 25 hours in the day, how would you spend that extra hour? **Reading or sleeping**
- What's something you're looking forward to? **Warmer weather and longer days**
- What was your favorite cartoon character when you were a kid? **Strawberry Shortcake**
- If you could have any superpower, what would it be? **Healing people's emotional wounds**

# JOIN OUR TEAM



## CLIENT EDUCATOR NURSE SONOGRAPHER RDMS

Full-time (32 hrs/wk) or Part-time (16-24 hrs/wk)

Provide limited obstetrical ultrasound scans for Life Forward clients. Provide client consultations and education as well as assisting the Center Directors manage the Centers.



## CLIENT EDUCATOR

Full-time (32 hrs/wk)

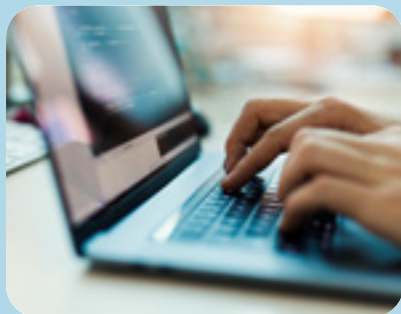
Consult with Life Forward clients and help advocate for client needs. Maintain record of client interactions on client database software. Help supervise and train volunteers. Manage the facilitation and administration of client parenting programs.



## CLINIC ADMINISTRATOR

Part-time (24 hrs/wk)

Oversee clinic support needs including scheduling, supplies, special projects, and procedures. Consult with Life Forward clients and help advocate for client needs, including maintaining record of client interactions on client database software.



## DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT

Part-time (16 hrs/wk)

Perform administrative tasks related to events and participate in development activities on behalf of Life Forward. Contact churches, prepare and deliver materials, and collect/count bottles for Life Forward's ongoing Change for Life baby bottle campaign.

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# Expanding Our **IMPACT** in the Community

## REACHING OUT IN NEW WAYS

Exciting things continue to happen through the ministry of Life Forward. While the past two years have been challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's also been a period of innovation and the addition of new services and programs. The Client Services Team continues to strategize and experiment with new ways to reach out to new areas, population groups and community partners. We ask for your prayers as we continue to build and grow these new programs and services as well as envision new opportunities for the future.



### Loveland Location Launched

Life Forward launched a third location in Loveland, Ohio. This new location is equipped with the latest ultrasound technology and is strategically located in a region that is not already served by a pregnancy resource center.



### Abortion Pill Reversal Referrals

Life Forward clients who have already taken the first dose of the abortion pill but have a change of heart can now be referred by Life Forward to local life-affirming physicians for treatment that can reverse this process.



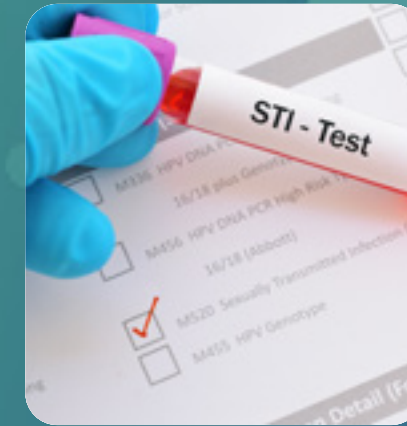
### Language Translation Services

In order to serve the growing number of families in our region who are not fluent in English, Life Forward has partnered with a professional translation service. Clients and team members can now communicate in real time.



### Carseat Safety Program

Life Forward clients can now receive a new convertible car seat for their babies. Moms complete an online safety course and then review their learnings with Client Services team members.



### STI Testing

Offering Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) tests gives Life Forward team members another opportunity to talk with women about their choices, relationships, and the Gospel.



### Google Ads Grant Program

Life Forward is reaching out to an increasing number of women and families in our community through the Ad Grant Program sponsored by Google. We are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 each month in free advertising.



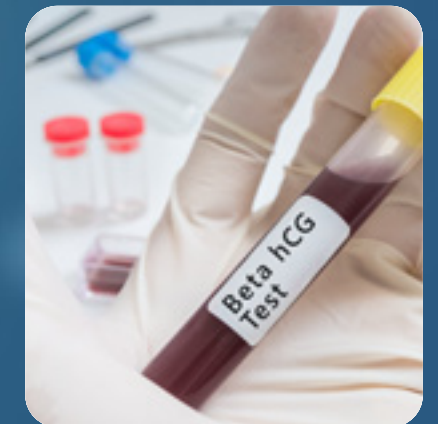
### Care Package Program

Life Forward launched a new Client Care Package Program as another way of encouraging the women and families we serve. The care packages are filled with prenatal care items, snacks and a devotional guide.



### Uber Transportation Services

Life Forward is now contracting with Uber to offer confidential no-cost rides to and from our locations for client appointments. Lack of reliable transportation is one of the greatest barriers for our clients.



### Beta HCG Testing

With a simple blood draw, Life Forward team members can use Beta HCG testing to help clients determine if they are pregnant. This test also can indicate if a woman might be experiencing a miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy.

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## MONTHLY PARTNERSHIP

One impactful way that you can invest in Life Forward's ministry is by becoming a Monthly Partner. The easiest way to become a Monthly Partner is by signing up online through our secure giving portal to make an automatic gift to Life Forward each month.

**A monthly gift of \$30 or \$360 per year will support one woman and her family for a full year of services** including consultation on options, pregnancy testing, ultrasound, referrals to community services, education and support.

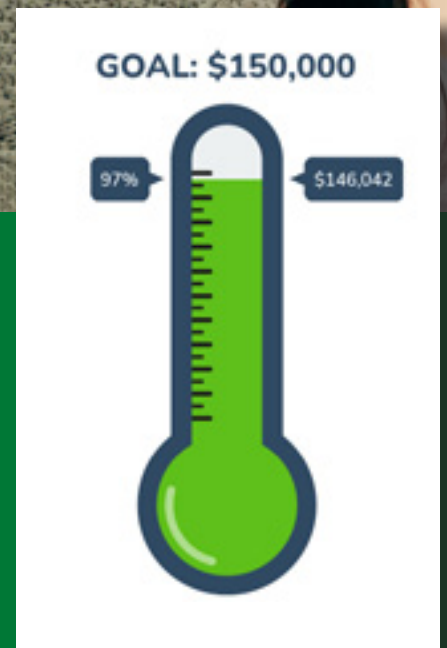
Please prayerfully consider helping women and families facing unplanned pregnancies in our community through a monthly gift.



Scan the QR code with your phone or visit [lifeforwardcincy.org/givetoday](https://lifeforwardcincy.org/givetoday) to make your gift today. Thank you!



# Thank You



## 2021 CHRISTMAS & YEAR-END SUPPORT

Thank you doesn't express deeply enough our heartfelt gratitude for the \$146,042 in gifts we received through our end of the year Christmas request. We are grateful to the Lord for reaching 97% of our goal!

More expecting moms will be able to receive pregnancy tests and ultrasounds at no cost. They'll be able to learn about their options while finding support and encouragement during their pregnancies. Most importantly, more expecting moms will be able to hear how Jesus can make all the difference in their lives. Thank you for helping to offer the light and life of Christ!

# BABY

## GIFT REGISTRIES

### HELP MOMS & BABIES IN NEED

Life Forward has a growing number of moms in our community contacting us in need of basic baby items such as diapers, wipes, and formula. It's easy to help our clients by going to one of our Baby Gift Registries on Amazon, Target, or Walmart, ordering the needed baby items and then having them shipped directly to Life Forward.

Scan the QR code with your phone or visit our website at [lifeforwardcincy.org/babygift](http://lifeforwardcincy.org/babygift) to place your order and have your gift shipped to Life Forward. Thank you!



# CARE

# CLOSET

## NEEDS

### NEW & GENTLY USED CLOTHING

Many of Life Forward's clients are in need of new or gently used baby clothing. Life Forward's Care Closet ministry helps address these needs. You can help by giving new or gently used boys and girls sizes preemie - 2T. The most often requested items are sleepers, coats, socks, hats, outfits, onesies, bibs, shoes, and blankets.

# LOOKING AHEAD

## STRIDES FOR HOPE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

**M**ark your calendars and plan to participate in this year's Strides for Hope event at Christ's Church in Mason, Ohio on Saturday, September 10, 2022. There will be a 5k walk and run along with a 1 mile fun walk for families. Also, we'll have games and activities for all ages to learn more about Life Forward's ministry and gain better understanding of what women facing unplanned pregnancies experience in their lives. Lunch will be provided.

Now is the time to begin thinking about recruiting a team from your church, business or neighborhood to participate in Strides for Hope. We look forward to seeing you at this year's event!

Scan the QR code or go to [lifeforwardcincy.org/strides](https://lifeforwardcincy.org/strides) to get more info and register for Strides for Hope today.



## NEXT BANQUET IN 2023

**F**or the past several years, Life Forward has held an Annual Banquet. Last year, we held the event without serving a meal and in 2020 we held a virtual event. We love these events that give us opportunities to come together and celebrate the work God is doing through Life Forward's ministry.

This year, we're doing something different. We will not be holding a Banquet in 2022. Why not? This will allow us to give you more personal and in-depth ministry reports. There are a lot of amazing things going on and we want you to have opportunities to learn all about them.

This year we'll be holding open house events with dates in May and June. These will be opportunities for you to come tour one of our locations and get a real sense of what it is like for our clients to walk through our doors. It will be a special time. Stay tuned for details!

**LIFE FORWARD HELPS WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES MAKE LIFE-AFFIRMING DECISIONS THROUGH GOD'S LOVE.**

# CONNECT WITH LIFE FORWARD

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