



LIFE FORWARD  
Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati

# Winter 2016

*Helping women and their families make life-affirming decisions through God's love.*

## A New Creation



### Paying It Forward: Denise's Story



*Life Forward client Denise with Janice Sowell,  
North College Hill Center Director*

Denise came to Life Forward's North College Hill Center after finding out she was pregnant. Like most clients, she was "really nervous" at her first appointment, but after talking with her client educator, she felt "welcomed and strengthened."

Already a mother of three, Denise still wanted to grow as a parent. She attended parenting classes and found them to be helpful and encouraging. "You think you know everything about being a parent, but you can always learn new things." Through the education she received at Life Forward, she felt better prepared to parent her first three children and her new baby daughter.

This is not the end of the story for Denise's journey with Life Forward. She wanted to give back to the ministry that had such a great impact on her family. She and her oldest daughter Autumn put their artistic skills to work. They painted a mural on the wall of the classroom where Denise had previously attended parenting classes at our North College Hill Center. Each new class of parents now enjoys a colorful mural filled with symbols of new life: babies, flowers, grass and trees just beginning to bud.

As future Life Forward clients see Denise's new creation, she hopes that they will know that "God's really looking out for you."

# From the Executive Director

Jean Mashay



fold. The dainty crocus and the exhilarating change from winter to spring paints a lovely picture of how God works in our lives. His words in 2 Corinthians 5:17 and James 1:2-4 quickly come to mind. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

Spotting a lavender or buttery crocus bloom poking through a patch of icy snow is like the bugler's "Call to the Post" for me. I know springtime is easing in behind the gate ready to burst forward any day with budding trees, warming sun, tweeting birds and green grass. I'm not a gardener but I understand that in order



for the crocus corm to yield such a beautiful flower it has to be buried in cold soil for fifteen or so weeks and then needs just the right amount of sunlight for the flower's beauty to un-

I'm grateful every day for Life Forward staff, trustees, volunteers and supporters who have asked God to make them new and in turn want to pass along His lasting message of hope and life. Thank you for investing your time and money so that women facing struggles can visit one of our centers, receive love, help and hope, then in turn can affirm and nurture their pre-born children.

The next time you catch a glimpse of the early blooming crocus, I hope you are encouraged in your faith and will pray for Life Forward and the families we serve.

## LIFE FORWARD 360

Becoming a Full Circle Partner

Life Forward 360 provides a client a full year of service. \$30 a month is all that is needed to support one woman and her family, providing:

- Consultation on options
- Pregnancy testing
- 3D/4D ultrasounds
- Referrals to community services
- Education and support

Please visit our website to watch a 90 second video and to sign up to make a monthly gift at

[www.lifeforwardcincy.org/360](http://www.lifeforwardcincy.org/360)

## Employer Matching Gifts

Many employers will match charitable contributions made by their employees. Some companies also offer the program to employees' spouses or retirees. Some area employers that have matching gift programs are: AK Steel, General Electric, Hillshire Brands, Macy's, Microsoft and Pfizer.

Participating in a matching gift program can increase the impact of your gifts to Life Forward and help more women and their families make life-affirming decisions through God's love. To find out if your company has a matching gift program, contact your company's human resource department. Have questions about employer matching gifts to Life Forward? Please contact Steve Stephenson at 513-487-7777; [sstephenson@lifeforwardcincy.org](mailto:sstephenson@lifeforwardcincy.org).





## Showering Blessings

### Baby Gift Registries

Your church can be a blessing to Life Forward clients by having a baby shower. This is a tangible way of serving women and their families through the provision of baby items such as clothing, diapers, formula, strollers, car seats and many other supplies.

Some of our partner churches have held actual events at which they collected gifts. Your church might also consider holding a "virtual baby shower." Items can be purchased through our online Baby Gift Registries and then shipped directly to Life Forward from one of the following retailers: Amazon, Target or Walmart

Life Forward also accepts and appreciates donations of gently used clothing. New and used items are available to clients who attend our Earn While You Learn and STEPS classes.

To view our Baby Registries and to make a donation, check out our website: [www.lifeforwardcincy.org](http://www.lifeforwardcincy.org).



### A LASTING LEGACY

#### The Power of Planned Giving

Have you ever considered leaving a financial legacy gift that will continue your labor for the Gospel and for life even after your death? Should you wish to leave a legacy gift for Life, please add the following language to your will.

"I give, devise and bequeath to Life Forward, Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati, Federal Tax ID 31-1113258, an Ohio non-profit corporation with administrative headquarters located at 2415 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, 45219 (dollar amount, percentage, or \_\_\_ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate), to be used for its general purposes."

If you intend to give a legacy gift, please send a "Declaration of Bequest Intent for Life Forward, Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati" to the attention of Steve Stephenson at the above address or contact Steve at 513-487-7777 or

[ssstephenson@lifeforwardcincy.org](mailto:ssstephenson@lifeforwardcincy.org).

## Broadcasting for Life

### LIFE International

Through your gifts, Life Forward provides life-affirming resources in Eastern Europe. LIFE International's ministries include: gospel presentations, pregnancy testing, education, abortion recovery services, abstinence education, medical services and support services such as childcare.

Radio 7 partners with LIFE International to meet the needs of people who have no access to biblically-based resources. Radio 7 is a Christian station broadcasting life-giving messages in Albania and Kosovo. "Vera" is a Radio 7 listener. She lives in a Muslim household where she experiences physical and emotional abuse.



Vera became a follower of Christ by reading a Bible given to her by her sister. When her husband destroyed her Bible, Vera found that one thing that could not be taken from her is prayer. Vera understands suffering, so she found her mission in praying for other women like herself around the world.

Please pray for the ministry of LIFE International as they reach out to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies in Eastern Europe and around the world.



# LIFE FORWARD

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Thursday, April 14, 2016

**5:15 PM**—Doors Open & Silent Auction • **6:30 PM**—Dinner & Program



**Melinda Delahoyde**  
Keynote Speaker  
LIFE International



**Natalie Grant**  
Musical Performer  
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