



## RATTLE THE STARS.

### Laurie's Place

Mother's Day week we broke ground on a new facility right next door to The Pregnancy Center. This location, Laurie's Place, is in collaboration with Mom's House. It is affectionately named after a woman who left a legacy that every life had value, regardless of their circumstances. She also believed that an open door and a full table could heal hearts, families, and communities.



I believe that Northwest Ohio can be the best place for moms and dads to raise their babies. I believe that life can and should be irresistible. Laurie's Place will house Mom's House of Toledo's second location, providing free childcare for single moms who are completing any level of their education by providing incredible education for these kiddos, and life-changing programs for the moms and dads.

On the second floor, the Bella Vita Network offices will be relocated to make room for expanded medical services at The Pregnancy Center. Additionally, there will be expanded space for our pregnancy and parenting classes, including a 100-person meeting room.

And the Together Space—'to-get-her' (get it?!)—aims to get 'her' to stability and help 'her' achieve her dreams. We are currently in the process of establishing partnerships with 27 community organizations to offer rotating office hours, thus reducing barriers for moms and dads as they start or grow their family. We are thankful to Jobs and Family Services, the Toledo Zoo, CJ Thomas Mental Health, Brothers United, and Mercy Health for their commitment to this space already.

I look forward to growing this collaborative space together. This is what making life irresistible looks like. Thanks to this community for stepping up in faith, support, and generosity.

**You will do better in Toledo.**

*Savannah Marten*

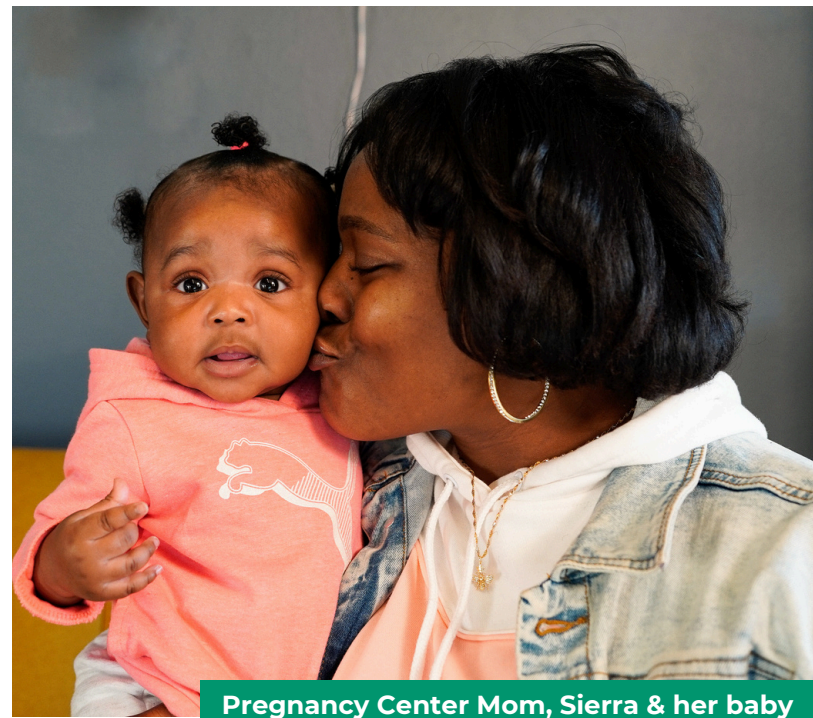
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# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF *Beautiful, Abundant* LIFE

This year, Bella Vita Network celebrates 40 years of ministry in the Toledo community and beyond. We have spent time with some of the amazing men and women who were part of starting what was then The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Greater Toledo. We are so thankful for each of their 'yeses'.



Pregnancy Center Mom, Sierra & her baby

Forty years later, a thread that is pulled through each year: God uses ordinary people to do the miraculous. He uses our weak words in prayer to move the hearts of women to choose life; He uses a donated blanket in a favorite color to remind a young family that He sees them. He uses the space we create for college-aged women to realize how much He loves them. He uses volunteers to open up a path of hope for men and women who struggle after an abortion. Our ordinary becomes miraculous in the hands of our God.

**Our prayer is that you see how God is using what YOU give to accomplish miracles. That YOU are part of God's story of creating a community and culture where every life is valued and every life knows its worth.**



"We are so grateful to all the donors who make it possible for us to meet each week. Soul Purpose is growing each semester, and women are coming to understand their value, worth, and identity with every Bible study and event we host. None of that would be possible without the generosity of our awesome donors!"

-**CASSIDY**, Soul Purpose BGSU Student



"From my first appointment with the Center, I've LOVED the very kind staff, the prayers, helpful resources, and so much more. I felt that when I decided to call, it was the step that I had been needing to take and that it was meant to be. Thank you for taking the time to care for others mentally, physically, and emotionally. I love the positivity and smiles."



"I am so thankful for The Haven. My healing journey may not have begun without knowing about this truly restorative ministry. For the first time in my life, I was given permission to grieve the loss of my child, and there was space created to have moments with my child that could not have been recreated elsewhere. The community of women that comes along with being a part of this ministry is life-giving."

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