

# CASE FOR SUPPORT

## Pregnancy Help Center in Flossmoor, Illinois

### THE TRAGIC REALITY AROUND US

Over 57 million unborn babies have been victims of abortion in the United States since its legalization in 1973. That's 1.3 million babies each year or 3,600 babies killed each day by abortion in the United States.

In the state of Illinois, one out of every five pregnancies ends in abortion. In 2016, a reported 38,382 babies were victims of abortion. That's 105 abortions each day or one baby aborted every 14 minutes in Illinois.

Each of these abortions and unexpected pregnancies represents a crisis for the mother, and abortion often does not resolve the underlying problems in the mother's life and instead inflicts additional emotional suffering.

### URGENT AND CRITICAL NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

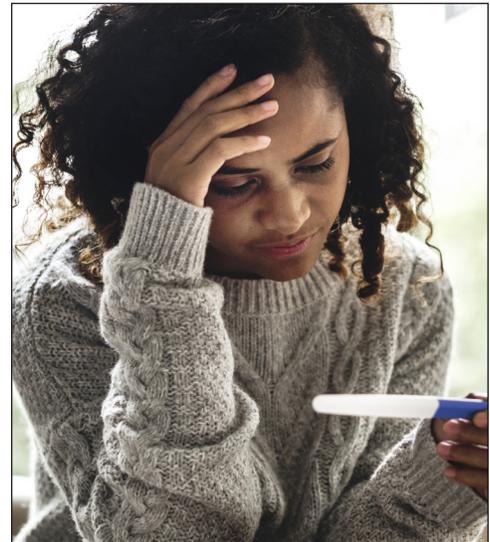
The establishment of a new Planned Parenthood surgical abortion clinic in Flossmoor, Illinois presents a serious threat to the health, well-being and lives of the women and unborn children in the south suburbs of Chicago and Northwest Indiana.

Planned Parenthood has publicly stated that it has located in Flossmoor because it is in close proximity to communities with significant populations of women who receive Medicaid. It is important to note that, with the passage of Illinois House Bill 40 (HB40) last year, any woman who is receiving Medicaid coverage is able to get an abortion free-of-charge and at the taxpayer's expense for any reason. Flossmoor's location will also provide easier access to Indiana residents seeking abortion services in Illinois because of Indiana's more restrictive abortion laws — such as a mandated waiting period and a ban past 20 weeks gestation.

Sadly, the facility is already fully operational. Many women have been seen going there on Fridays when abortions are offered and throughout the week for other services, such as the morning-after pill.

### PLAN OF ACTION

The Southland Coalition for Life (SCL) has recently formed to provide women in unexpected pregnancies with the support and love to make life-affirming choices for themselves, their children and families. SCL conducted an extensive review of pregnancy help centers nationally and in the Chicago area and selected Aid for Women as its partner to establish a pregnancy help center in or near the Flossmoor area.



Planned Parenthood facility entrance at 19831 Governors Hwy. in Flossmoor, IL



Aid for Women Offers No-Cost Ultrasound Exams



Compassionate Care for Women in Need

Aid for Women operates four pregnancy help centers and two residential programs, serving thousands of women each year in the Chicago metropolitan area who find themselves facing unexpected pregnancies. Each woman is provided with the emotional, practical and spiritual support that she needs to choose life for her unborn baby and to provide a better future for herself and her child.

Aid for Women’s life-affirming services are offered free-of-charge to its clients and include:

- 24-Hour Helpline
- Compassionate Counseling
- Pregnancy Tests
- Ultrasound Exams
- Abortion Pill Reversal
- Medical and Community Referrals
- Earn While Your Learn Program
- Client Support Groups
- Residential Programs

Aid for Women is successful in helping women choose life for their unborn child through compassionate counseling that builds trusting relationships, and through the above services and referrals that help women to create and implement a plan where they can achieve their goals while keeping their child or offering their child for adoption.

## Aid for Women®

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### HOW YOU CAN HELP US

For Aid for Women Flossmoor to succeed, we need the funding to cover the expenses of staffing, programs, equipment, office space and an internet campaign to effectively reach women facing unexpected pregnancies.

Below is an overview of the annual expenses for a full-time center open five days a week to mirror the days that Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor is open.

<b>Estimated Annual Expenses - Flossmoor Center</b>	
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 110,000
Rent	30,000
Ultrasound and Lab Supplies	9,600
Advertising	6,000
Client Educational Materials	3,600
Helpline and Office Expenses	3,000
Insurance	3,000
Basic Client Needs	1,950
Training / Volunteer Recruitment	1,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 168,350</b>

We respectfully request your consideration in becoming a founding donor to help us open Aid for Women Flossmoor so that we may empower women in unexpected pregnancies, improve the lives of their families and save the lives of unborn children in the southland of Chicago and northwest Indiana.