



London Pregnancy &
Family Support Centre
ADVOCATING. EDUCATING. EMPOWERING.

SPRING 2024

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." - Isaiah 43:19

Lori's Note: As I am sitting here, preparing this update note, the sun is shining and it's a beautiful warm 22 degrees outside, so thankful for the beautiful spring day, and the weather we have been experiencing. I hope you all had a very beautiful Easter weekend, celebrating the CROSS and all that it meant/means for us as believers, and the resurrection of our precious Lord Jesus. We also just had the amazing opportunity to witness the solar eclipse, and stand in awe of God's majestic handiwork. We are indeed blessed.

The last newsletter you received was to wish you a Merry Christmas, and here we are now just coming into spring, seeing all the new life burst forth, reminding us once again, that God brings life from that which was dead, and makes it beautiful in its own time. He does it with all of nature and with us, His creation, His children. He restores, transforms and redeems us, He is a good, good Father.

We are very excited to be doing something very special and different from our annual banquet/fundraiser event. We are offering **two experiences** to choose from, both on the same day, **Thursday June 6th**, just around the corner. You can read all about it, once you flip over this page, and get all the fun details! If you are unable to attend, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you may be able to support the ministry, we have enclosed an envelope for your convenience, or you can call us directly at the Centre, and we can help you with that, or you can go online at www.lonpfsc.com to make a donation. We greatly appreciate our faithful donors who stand with us on the front lines, of this life changing – life saving ministry.

In the fall/winter newsletter you read about an event called Yakira, that the LPFSC sponsored, and that we ran. The event was very well received and we are excited that we will be sponsoring and running **Yakira 2024** with the theme being **Rooted!** We had close to 250 attending the event, and are praying that the Lord will once again use this event to minister to the tender hearts of these precious girls (grades 6 through 12) who need to fully grasp the truth that their identity is in Jesus Christ, and in Him alone. They need to know and believe that they are so **LOVED, PRECIOUS, and COSTLY to JESUS**. You can check out the details as you read further into this newsletter.

We hope you enjoy getting caught up with this newsletter, as you learn more about our programs/services, our team, and the great things the Lord is doing in the lives of our moms, dads, babies and families.

You are a blessing to all of us, we are so grateful for your partnership!

Board Members

CHAIR
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MEMBER AT LARGE
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MEMBER AT LARGE
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*As their terms came to an end we said goodbye to some of our dedicated board members. Al Hamilton, Colin Heise, Tina Grozelle & Nikki Rowaan thank you for your service! We will miss you! These vacancies mean we are praying for new board members to join the LPFSC Ministry.
If you are interested in becoming a Board Member please contact the Centre.



FIERCELY LOVED EVENT

London Pregnancy & Family Support Centre is doing something different...

In place of our Annual Banquet we are inviting you to gather with us to learn about, celebrate and support the work of The Centre by choosing one of two events, both happening on the same day!

YOU GET TO CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE!

Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024

AFTERNOON EXPERIENCE:

Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Where: West London Alliance Church: 750 Wonderland Rd N (Fireside Room)

Cost: \$20 per person

CHAPELAIRES TO PERFORM

Client stories to be shared

Dessert and beverages to be served



EVENING EXPERIENCE:

Time: 6:30PM – 9:00PM

Where: Fleetway: 720 Proudfoot Ln (The Spare Room (located to the left of Dairy Queen))

Cost: \$30 per person

LONDON KIDS COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

An Auction + Client stories to be shared

Pizza (Pizza Projekt), beverages and DQ treats to be served

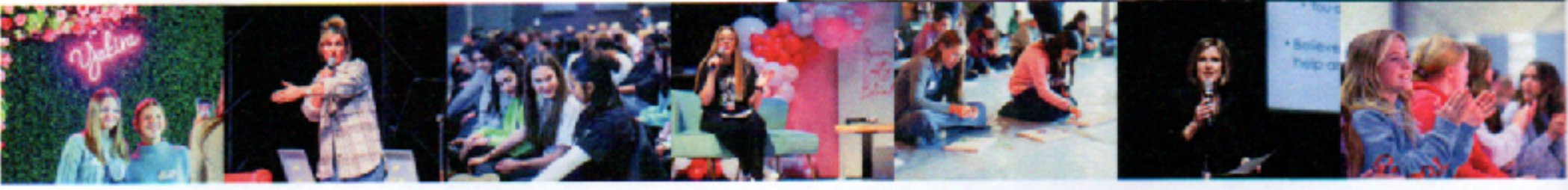


TO PURCHASE TICKETS GO TO: WWW.LONPFSC.COM/2024EVENT

NOTE: If you are unable to attend either of LPFSC's **FIERCELY LOVED** events, there are other ways you can support the ministry, like **make a donation** towards this event or **donate an item or service** to our raffle.

YAKIRA 2024

London Pregnancy & Family Support Centre is so excited to be sponsoring the **Yakira 2024 Girls** event again this year for girls **grades 6 through 12!** With almost 250 attendees last year, we expect even more to come out this year. We have a date set for **Saturday, October 5, 2024** and we are so thrilled that it will be held at **Gateway Church** (890 Sarnia Rd, London, ON) again. We are in the process of revamping and updating our website, so stay tuned for the upcoming launch of it. Tickets will be available for purchase in May at the cost of **\$25 per person**. Follow us on **Instagram** and **Facebook (@yakiraevent)** for the most up to date details and upcoming contests as we lead up to the big day.





CLIENT STORY

Issa came into the Centre for a pregnancy test. She was very anxious and looked tired and sad. Her test result was a very definite positive. When she saw the two lines she started to cry. She is 40 years old and her husband is 50 and they have three grown children already. Her husband is abusive both verbally and physically. He told her before she even confirmed the pregnancy that he wanted her to have an abortion and if she didn't he would kick her out of their home. She was so distraught. Her and her family all go to church, but she told us her husband is not the same man he is at church as in their home. He used to be a

good father and husband, but now he has grown tired from working so hard that he is not a nice man to his children or her. Issa was going to have the abortion so he would not be angry with her as she had nowhere else to live if she kept the baby. Together we talked a lot about life and God's plan for our lives. When we showed her the baby models representing 6 weeks and 20 weeks gestation she couldn't believe from 6 weeks on the fetus looked just like a real baby. Her words "I thought it was just a clump of cells." Her tears were unstoppable, she was sobbing uncontrollably. In that very moment she cried, "I keep my baby. I can't do anything else." We talked to her about the support we could provide at LPFSC and community supports available to her and we would reach out to her church for additional support for her family as well.

Issa is continuing on in her pregnancy, but it is a very difficult journey ahead for her. The LPFSC is honoured to come alongside this beautiful woman who desperately needs care. You, our donors, our prayer warriors, our partners stand with us with women like Issa who are on these difficult journeys. We need your continued prayers for these precious women and their families. We could not do what we do without your faithful prayers and financial support. To God be all the honour and glory!

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

GRIP UPDATE

London Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

FORMULA 4 Hope
Baby Bottle Campaign

Help us reach our goal of **\$25,000** and together we can see **lives changed** and **lives saved.**

Go to: www.lonpfsc.com/bbc for details or to participate.

We are gearing up for our **Spring Formula 4 Hope Baby Bottle Campaign** starting **Mother's Day** and running until **Father's Day**. Our **Fall Campaign** will commence **Labour Day Weekend** and run until **Thanksgiving weeknd.**

We have relied on the generous support of churches, individuals and families during our Baby Bottle drive throughout the years, which helps provide us with the means necessary to offer very specific and essential services and run effective programs to those experiencing the challenges of an unexpected pregnancy. If you or your church are interested in participating/donating, please visit our website: www.lonpfsc.com/bbc or call: **519-432-7098** for more info.

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GRIP (God Real In People), our single moms' program is growing and thriving. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. The moms are really connecting and forming beautiful friendships. Our cab service we are providing has really been a great help to the families who attend **GRIP** and it has really seen this group grow in the number that attend. Transportation can be difficult for them, especially during the winter months, safety is priority!

We have started an in-depth bible study with our girls. The girls are really engaged and eager to learn more about faith and God. It has been a really wonderful experience for all our moms, they are even inviting their friends to join us. We are excited to see how God is moving in each of their lives and children's lives. Only God can heal and restore broken lives and a lot of our moms are broken. We have seen some great results and new growth (making healthier wiser choices, giving up drinking and drugs, more attentive to their children) within our moms. **God is working in our GRIP community. God is so good!**





A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take. To all the amazing mother figures, we wish you a very **Blessed** and **Happy Mother's Day. THANK YOU** for being our hero, our comforter, our adviser, our everything!



To the men who we call "DAD", we wish you a very **BLESSED** and **Happy Father's Day. THANK YOU** for always having our backs and giving the best hugs ever! We appreciate you.

Prayer Requests

- ♥ The largest demographic of calls that LPFSC is receiving continues to be the abortion minded client. Please continue to pray for the multi-layered and challenging needs of all those we have the opportunity to walk along side.
- ♥ Prayer for new Board Members.
- ♥ Prayer for our upcoming fundraising & outreach events. Baby Bottle Drive, Fiercely Loved & Yakira 2024.
- ♥ Doctors we could refer clients to who could take a patient or two per year into their practice. This could make all the difference for a client making a life decision.

CURRENT LPFSC NEEDS

-  **BABY FORMULA:** Liquid & Powder (Similac, Enfamil or Good Start)
-  **PRENATAL VITAMINS**
-  **NEWBORN, SIZE 3 & SIZE 4 DIAPERS**
-  **NEW OR GENTLY USED BABY GIRL CLOTHING** (Newborn - 24 mos.)
-  **"WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARE EXPECTING" BOOKS** (New or used)
-  **A LAWYER** (To consult with us on custody issues)



We are so thankful for:

1. Our Regular/Monthly donors who faithfully stand with us.
2. The Diaper Lady & crew for keeping us stocked with diapers.
3. All those in the community who have donated material items to our Care Closet to help our families.
4. Our wonderful volunteers who give of their time.
5. Our Prayer Warriors for continually lifting up the work of LPFSC.

You can support the LPFSC by e-transfer to info@lonpfsc.com, or send a cheque, by phone with your credit card at: 519-432-7098 or online on our DONATIONS page at www.lonpfsc.com. To give to our **Fiercely Loved Fundraising Event** specify 'Fiercely Loved' or to give to the 'Formula 4 Hope Baby Bottle Drive' please specify 'Baby Bottle Drive' with your donation.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 Email: _____
 Donation to: _____

- I give permission to LPFSC to email me the newsletter & updates
- I would like to become a monthly supporting partner, contributing \$_____ on the 15th of each month from my chequing account (Please include a void cheque).
- I would like to give a one-time donation of \$_____.
- I am already a monthly supporting partner and would like to increase my giving to \$_____ per month.

***All donations must be received by December 31, 2024 in order to be receipted for the 2024 tax year.**