

Knights of Columbus offer March 2023

Who: Charles Carroll Council #780 Knights of Columbus

What: Have proposed to give to Crossroads Pregnancy & Parenting Resource Center a new ultrasound machine.

When: Once they raise half the funds, which are then matched by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. This is typically about a year plus/minus.

Where: At Crossroads Pregnancy & Parenting Center in Denison

Why: Knights across the nation are passionate about protecting life. They know that if a woman is able to hear their unborn baby's heartbeat, their chances of carrying the pregnancy and not aborting raise over 85%.

This ultrasound would not replace anything that their OB care provides. It would be non-diagnostic, no cost ultrasound available to them early in pregnancy through full term because hearing the heart beat and seeing the baby move and grow offers tremendous encouragement AND it puts Crossroads in a position of being able to further encourage, coach, and educate.

How: Crossroads' current space is inadequate for this incredible \$28,000 offer. So at our annual fundraising event on 3-7-23, we had launched an invitation and challenge to become a part of something much greater for the community and surrounding area.

We are asking for the community's desire and commitment to this ultrasound project. We cannot do it without:

- 1) New suitable space, preferably that Crossroads owns.
- 2) New required staff – at minimum a trained medical Director, a nurse manager and an ultrasound technician
- 3) A TEAM to manage care and maintenance of the building, physically and financially
- 4) Training and coaching for professional TEAM involved in encouraging men and women to CHOOSE life AND then LIVE life, equipping the child's parents toward nurturing the child into becoming a Godly and their productive citizen.



Since 2009 when the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative started, the Knights of Columbus have funded over 1500 ultrasound machines nationwide. 29 of those of in Iowa.