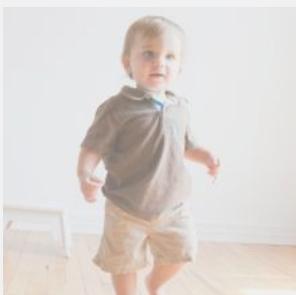
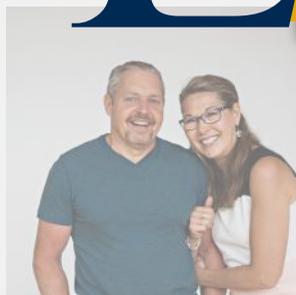
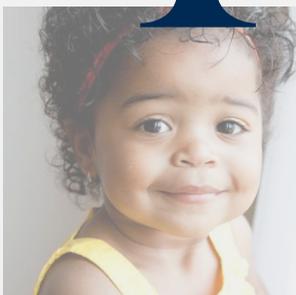
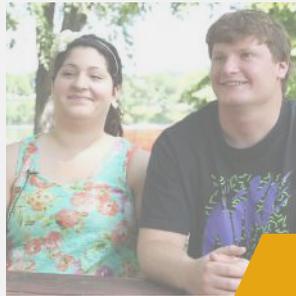


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and its programs



Mission:

To honor the sanctity of human life by assisting clients in life-affirming decisions with the love and compassion of Christ.

Vision:

Our vision is to one day reach all abortion-minded and abortion-vulnerable individuals throughout Minnesota with comprehensive pregnancy-related services and the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Values:

We believe that God is the author of life and has a plan for each life, therefore, we do not provide or refer for abortions.

We seek to empower our clients in their decision-making process by offering information about all pregnancy-related options. This includes medically accurate information about abortion, a realistic and thorough examination of parenting and adoption, and access to ultrasound.

We are committed to offering support to those facing unplanned pregnancy or struggling with a past abortion experience without judgment or condemnation.

We are committed to assisting our clients in choosing between adoption and parenting without bias toward either option.

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A Letter from the Executive Director

As we are celebrating 45 years, I am so touched by the impact that this ministry has had on so many individuals and families. God has taken us far beyond where we ever expected to be, and yet we are still moving forward.

I am excited to further highlight the 'then and now' for some of our past clients (pages three and four). God always has a plan, and we are so privileged to see the aftermath and ripple effects of our programming.

While our mission to offer life-affirming support has never changed, our vision has expanded to become increasingly comprehensive and holistic. We recognize that we cannot just meet the immediate needs of our clients and send them on their way. We need to invest in their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs. The situations our clients are facing are complex, and we need to address them holistically.

I am excited for you to read about three major initiatives that are well under way.

- Our plan, called New Life New Neighborhood, to open a new office in the Phillips community of Minneapolis is slated to open in 2019.
- We have been given the opportunity to relocate our Rochester office to a larger, more efficient space, giving us the capacity to grow and serve even more clients.
- We are thrilled to announce the rebranding of our adoption program, including a new website geared toward serving both birth families and adoptive families.

I am so grateful to God for where He has brought us these past 45 years and I am even more excited about where we are going. However, we know that these new initiatives are not the end goal. Each of these benchmarks are simply chapters in the larger book God is writing through New Life.

In Christ,

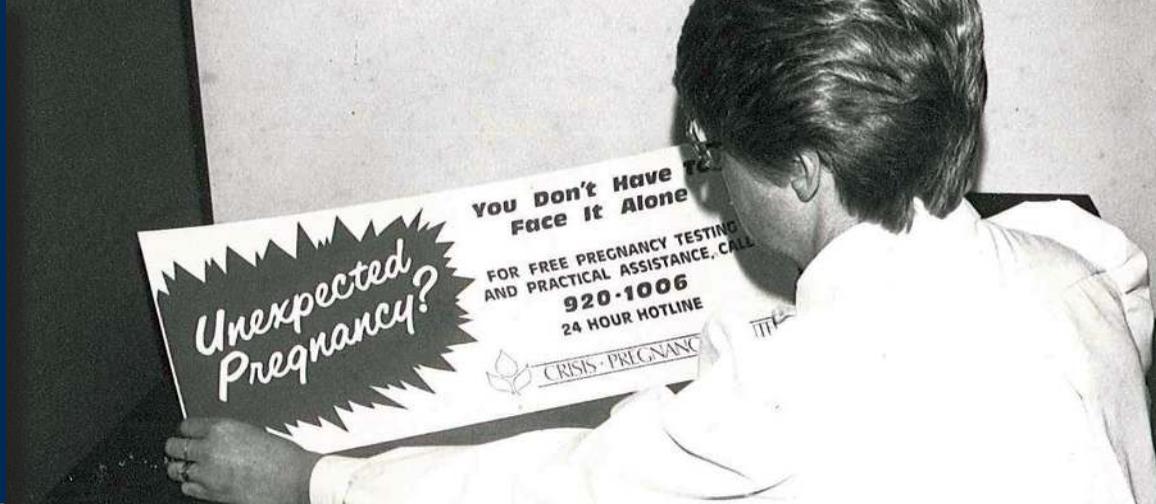
Tammy Kocher
Executive Director

P.S. If you are a Thrivent member and have unused Choice Dollars, consider directing them to New Life Family Services before they expire at the end of the year. As a member, you can host action teams to benefit New Life.



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45 YEARS of New Life's HISTORY



While a lot has changed throughout our 45 years of ministry, our mission has not. Here is a glance at some of the highlights from the last 45 years.

1973: In response to the legalization of abortion, New Life “Homes” was established to provide homes to troubled youth.

1980: New Life Family Services was licensed to provide adoption and foster care services.

1983: New Life opened a pregnancy center in Rochester and Saint Paul.

1985: Conquerors was created as a way to serve women and men who are hurting from past abortion experiences.

1996: New Life opened a pregnancy center on the University campus in Minneapolis. This center became the first of our locations to offer STI Testing in 2013.

2000: New Life became a limited medical clinic, offering life-saving ultrasounds. Each year, New Life provides nearly 500 free ultrasounds.

2008: New Life rebranded its pregnancy centers First Care Pregnancy Center to better reach those who need our services.

2013: New Life facilitated its first embryo adoption.

TODAY: New Life rebranded its adoption department as New Life Adoptions with a website dedicated solely to adoption services.



WHERE ARE



MEET MICAH & MATT

Micah, adopted in 1999, is currently a freshman at North Central University, majoring in entrepreneurial studies and hopes to open her own allergy-free bakery some day. Matt, adopted in 1997, is currently working at the YMCA in Burnsville as head life guard, while trying to determine what is next for his future.



MEET JEREMY

Jeremy and his family have been living overseas serving in Asia for the past ten years. They recently returned to the states. His older brother, Christopher (also adopted through New Life), graduated from Bethel University this past May and got married in August. Jeremy graduated from high school this past May. He is now 19 years old and a freshman at UW - Madison.



MEET CHARIS

Charis, adopted in 1999, is in her junior year of college while majoring in psychology. She hopes to become a counseling psychologist to help veterans suffering from PTSD. She and her two brothers were adopted through New Life and she says she is incredibly grateful to "be adopted into the family of Jesus Christ."



MEET JOE

"My father is from Sudan and came to the United States in the 1970's. He soon met and married my mom in Minnesota, then they had me and my younger brother. I thought we had a pretty normal, middle class life until I got a letter from my mom when I was 22. In the letter, she told me how she got pregnant with me after only dating my father for a few days. She described how scared she was and didn't know what to do; she didn't have a high school education and her father didn't believe in mixed marriages, so she scheduled an abortion. Thankfully, she was connected with New Life, who loved and cared for her. Because of the support she received, she chose to parent me and eventually married my father.

To the credit of New Life, my life began in grace with unmerited favor. I have been blessed to graduate from Cornell University, Harvard Law School, have had the honor and privilege to serve in the United States Marine Corps for five years on active duty and recently deployed to Iraq. I am thankful to God who worked through New Life to do amazing things."



THEY NOW?



Justin & Isaac, New Life photo shoot, 2002

MEET JUSTIN & ISAAC

These two boys have one thing in common: their mothers' choice for life. Women often fear how the Christian community will respond to their unexpected pregnancies. Many may become overwhelmed by this fear of rejection and choose to end their pregnancies, however, this is a story about two boys and their brave mothers who chose life even in the face of uncertainty.

ISAAC

Isaac's story began when his mother, Lori, was in college and in an unhealthy place in life. Lori struggled with all the same lies many women who have walked in her shoes struggle with – “If I have an abortion, no one has to know. I can say I miscarried. If I have this baby, everyone will know how I've really been living. I am not even close to capable of parenting a child.” As she wrestled with each fear, the Lord was gracious and merciful to show her gentleness and compassion. **“I began seeking Him and He met me with such love.”**

When Lori shared with her parents about her pregnancy, she describes their response as, “Jesus to me.” They loved and prayed for her continually

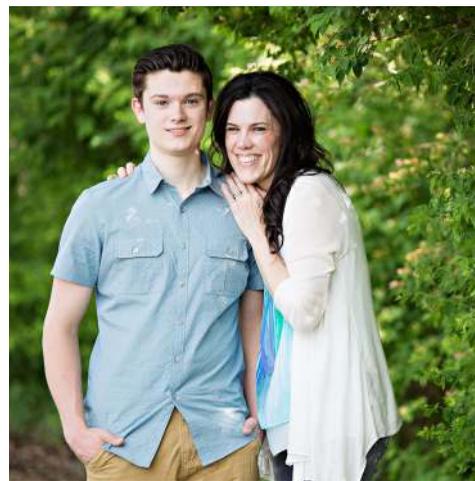
throughout her pregnancy and gently proposed the idea of adoption. Lori and her parents soon met with a social worker at New Life who helped her explore adoption as an option for her pregnancy.

“When I was three weeks away from my due date, I still had no baby items, no peace about moving forward with adoption and great fear about making a mess of this baby's life if I chose to parent. The only thing I had was a heart that deeply desired to be his mother. I cried and prayed daily for the Lord to be clear. I knew this baby belonged to the Lord and it was His decision who would ultimately parent him.”

Lori's social worker asked her to talk through what it would be like to parent and what it would be like to place for adoption. “When I was all done, she looked at me and said, ‘Lori...I have seen you trust the Lord fully to equip you with what you need to place this child with another mother and father...but I have not seen you trust Him in the same way to provide you with what you need to parent. I think you would make an absolutely excellent mother.’” **Lori heard God speak to her**

in that moment, “I will make the way smooth.”

The Lord blessed Lori with her son Isaac, who is now 21 years old. “My husband and I now have a household of nine – Isaac, four daughters, and two great big dogs. The Lord provided each and every step of the way. He made the way smooth where it should have been very rough. He has taught me to keep my eyes fixed on Him and has created a worth in me that is rooted deeply in His image.”



JUSTIN

As Justin's mother, Julie, can tell you, fear is one of the greatest challenges women face when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant. When Julie found herself facing an unplanned pregnancy at age 23, it wasn't fear of being pregnant or raising a child that she felt, but rather the fear of her Christian community's response.

"As the daughter of a pastor, I felt a lot of pressure wondering what the church community would say. How would this news reflect on my Dad and my family? Never did it cross my mind that I wasn't capable of raising a child, or that I didn't want to. I was simply afraid of what everyone in my life would think."

Although Julie knew of New Life at the time she found herself pregnant, the fear she felt was so great that she kept the news of her pregnancy hidden, except from two of her closest friends.

"I found myself in a situation I never expected to be in and, all of the sudden, debating a decision I never thought I would be debating. I made up my mind to have an abortion."

"From the moment I scheduled that appointment, I knew it was wrong. In my mind, it felt like abortion was my only option."

The night before Julie's abortion ap-

pointment, her friends delivered three letters asking her to reconsider. Two were from them, and the third was from a volunteer at New Life.

While Julie didn't know it at the time, the letter was written by her coworker Traci, who was a volunteer with New Life Family Services' 24-Hour Crisis Phone Line. Traci had learned about Julie's pregnancy and felt God nudging her to write this letter.

"Halfway through this letter, God broke me down. One of the lines that spoke to me was, **'I know that by choosing to give life to your baby, you are risking a lot. But God is faithful and He will be with you every step of the way.'** I knew, right in that moment, my decision had changed and I could not go through with this abortion."

Julie chose life for her son, Justin that night and God gave her the courage to tell her parents. Julie's parents and church family quickly came around her with love and support.

Julie's father wrote about his experience, "A few weeks before the news of Julie's pregnancy reached me, I had heard about a nearby EFCA pastor and friend whose unmarried daughter had just had a child. So I made an appointment to meet with him to ask about his experience. It was the best decision I ever made."

"During the course of our conversation, he said something that I knew in my head was true but that I now had to embrace with my heart: **'Regardless of the circumstances, every child is created in the image of God with an eternal soul. Therefore it is our responsibility to nurture them and cherish them regardless of what others might say or think.'**"

The pastor Julie's dad referenced was the late Stephen Goold referring to his daughter, Lori, and his grandson, Isaac.

"Justin is now 20 years old and pursuing a career in software development. He's a respectful, loving, happy and kind young adult. When I look at my son, I am so blessed that I was given the opportunity to be his mom. I know how easily I could have missed the joy of motherhood."



MEET LISA JO Celebrating 32 years of life!

I was 17 years old, when I became pregnant in 1986. I was not in a good relationship at the time and was strongly encouraged to have an abortion by those around me.

But God was at work in my life. Without the help, support, love, and guidance of New Life, I am not so sure what I would have done. The staff and volunteers at New Life simply loved me and gave me the practical support I needed. While I didn't know how I was going to do it, I decided to parent and raised my son Shane on my own.

I am happy to say that I met the man of my dreams when Shane was about ten months old. We were married in 1991 and had a child together in 1993. My husband officially adopted Shane when he was nine years old. We are still happily married and both of our boys are grown men.

My son Shane, is now married as of last November and they just had a little baby girl this October (see photo at right). I am now a grandmother!

When I was in the midst of my unplanned pregnancy, I didn't know what I was going to do. Because of the loving care and truthful guidance of New Life Family Services I was able to make an informed decision. God has blessed me beyond what I could have ever imagined and I know it is because I followed his will for my life. God is so good.



A NEW BRAND

INTRODUCING NEW LIFE ADOPTIONS



A CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Since 1980, a lot has changed both within the adoption services offered through New Life and within the culture as a whole. Adoptions have moved from being closed to having some level of openness, and there is less stigma surrounding unplanned pregnancies in general. Adoption plans are less secret as a result.

In addition, we have seen a decline in domestic infant adoption nationwide over the past ten years. Local agencies are making difficult and strategic decisions to adapt as some agencies merge and others close.

At New Life, here are just a few of the changes we have made since 1980:

- We have moved from providing closed adoptions to primarily open adoptions.
- A post-adoption department was created in the 2000's to meet the ongoing needs of our families, birth parents, and adoptees as the number of people we served and requests from birth parents and adoptees looking to open closed adoptions has increased.
- As the number of embryos available for adoption from IVF treatments has increased, we have added embryo adoption to the growing list of services offered.
- We have increased our utilization of technology to help birth parents find adoptive families with the addition of a website and online waiting family profiles, helping to facilitate connections more easily. Technological advances also help birth parents and adoptive families keep in touch following the adoption.

LOOKING AHEAD

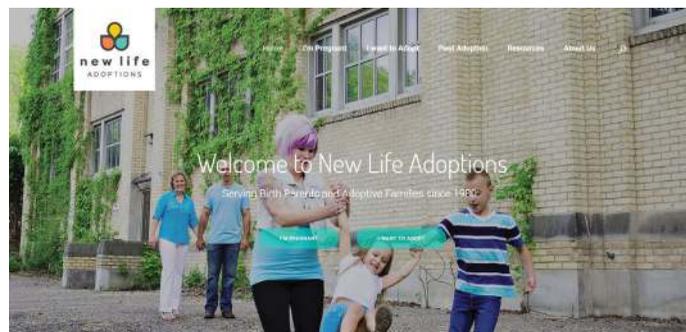
As we continue to respond to the changing landscape of adoption, we have adapted to meet the needs of adoptive families and birth parents and ensure our services are relevant and competitive.

Over the past few years, we have restructured the way our adoption team is staffed, hiring social workers who are dedicated to work with expectant parents (previously these social workers were also serving pregnant and parenting clients in our centers).

Now with a dedicated adoption team of two Expectant Parent Social Workers and two Adoptive Family Social Workers, we are able to meet the needs of both birth parents and adoptive families very well and be positioned to grow the number of adoptions each year.

In addition to a new identity, we have launched a new website dedicated solely to our adoption services. Birth parents will find information and support along with approved waiting families to choose from. Adoptive families will find resources, training and support as they prepare for adoption. In addition, post adoption resources will be available for all members of the adoption triad in the years following placement.

Will you help us celebrate our new identity and growth by sharing your adoption story with us?



A preview of our new website www.newlifeadoptionsmn.org.

SHARE YOUR STORY

We would love to hear how God has worked through your child(ren) and your extended family of adoption. Learn more about sharing your story at www.newlifeadoptionsmn.org/share-your-story



AN EMBRYO ADOPTION STORY

Andrea and Jon had always dreamed of starting a family of their own, but after many years filled with difficulty and heartbreak, they were ready to explore another option. “We still had a heart for me to be pregnant but also adopt. We were really up in the air with what we wanted to do.”

Andrea’s sister and brother-in-law had recently completed an adoption with New Life Adoptions, and were thrilled with the process. This excitement resonated with Andrea and Jon and they began considering adoption for their family.

Almost as soon as they began the process for a domestic adoption and began filling out their application to adopt, they came across something they had never heard of or considered before: embryo adoption.

“When I found out I have the ability to be pregnant and also have adoption as a part of our story. I knew this was the path for us.”

Jon felt God’s calling strongly, **“Our son, Jasper, was not just two cells in a petri dish, God had a long thought out plan. We believed embryo adoption was**

where He was leading us. When you consider all of the embryos that are frozen, they are souls, they are people. God was ordering every step of this decision, it just felt right.”

As Andrea continued to learn more about this adoption process, she joined an online embryo adoption support group. One woman was especially touched by Andrea’s entry and reached out with a private message saying, “I was wondering where you are in the adoption process because my husband and I have embryos we want to adopt out. We were wondering if you might be the right match for us.”

Andrea was shocked, “I called the National Embryo Donation center and they told me, ‘I can get those embryos to you in three weeks.’ It just all lined up.”

Andrea’s dream came true when the process was complete, “The thing I loved most about this pregnancy was I had the chance to see him grow from the very start. We have ultrasounds of when he was transferred and almost every stage afterwards. The birth was tough but I was able to touch him and hold him after six years of hoping and praying to become a mom and a dad. After grieving and hurting

for so long, it was beautiful to finally have my son.”

“With embryo adoption, openness is negotiated, which is very similar to domestic adoption as well. We really wanted a close relationship and hoped and prayed for openness with the family. They have become our extended family. We have met with them face to face and our kids have played together. We have been able to become even closer over time.”

What I loved about New Life Adoptions is that they cared and were there every step along the way. When they say, ‘If you need anything, call us,’ they really mean it. It made us feel as though we weren’t alone.



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If you or someone you know would like more information about embryo adoption, visit our website www.newlifeadoptionsmn.org or call us at (612)746-5658.

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LOOKING AHEAD: 2019

RELOCATING OUR ROCHESTER CENTER

We have been faithfully serving the Rochester community for 35 years and have seen thousands of lives saved, changed and redeemed. As we have grown over the years, we have come to a point where our current First Care space no longer accomodates our needs. With our current lease coming up for renewal, the timing is right to move to a space that is better situated for our needs, has greater visibility, and will allow us to continue to grow.

This spring, we will be relocating our office building to 40 16th Street Southeast right near the fairgrounds in southeast Rochester.

We are eager to continue to grow and expand and have a greater impact in this community. Join us in celebrating and supporting this incredible opportunity for continued impact in Rochester!

IN 2017,
Rochester First Care
Pregnancy Center

met with
1,500
clients

distributed
15,000
diapers

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families/mo.
received ongoing
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support

NEW URBAN CENTER

In the fall of last year, we launched our New Life, New Neighborhood project to open a new urban pregnancy center in the Phillips community in Minneapolis.

Years of prayer and research led us to this area of Hennepin County where the majority of the state's abortions

take place every year. While this area is very rich in social service support there is a significant lack of life affirming support for families. We are in the unique position of having the right comprehensive services to help families navigate the resources available to bring them to a place of stability, helping to break cycles of trauma and provide a more stable future for their children and future generations.

We are currently in the process of finalizing a location and we are so excited to continue to share these exciting steps with you as we look to make this vision from the Lord into a reality.

Please join us in bringing New Life to a new neighborhood this spring!

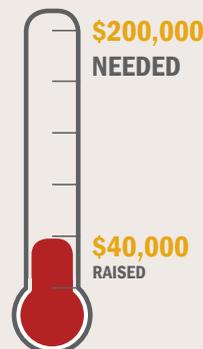
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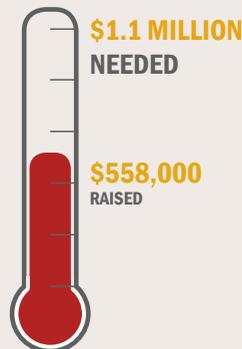
WILL YOU HELP?

While fundraising is well underway, we still need your support for these projects. Donate online or with the enclosed envelope.

ROCHESTER CENTER



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HONOR LIFE THIS JANUARY

Help your church honor Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 22, 1973 marks the anniversary of the landmark supreme court decision legalizing abortion in all 50 states. Since 1983, Americans have observed Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL) Sunday as a day to celebrate and recognize the intrinsic value of all human life. This provides an opportunity for you and your church to share life-affirming messages and the forgiveness and hope offered through Christ with those who are hurting.

This year SOHL Sunday will be observed on January 20th. New Life provides many resources to help your church throughout the month of January including speakers, video testimonies, bulletin inserts etc. Help your church stand for life this January by participating in SOHL Sunday!

GET INVOLVED:

- Email churches@nlfs.org or call (612) 866-7643 to request bulletin inserts, speakers, videos, and post-abortion resources! Resources are also online at www.nlfs.org.
- Become a church liaison and coordinate details between New Life and your church.
- Host a baby shower or baby item drive.
- Host a baby bottle campaign.
- Take a special offering.

Is your church equipped to minister to those in your congregation hurting from a past abortion?

We know that one in three women will have had an abortion by the age of forty-five. Furthermore, sixty-six percent of women reported they attended a Christian church at the time of their abortion.

SOHL Sunday can be difficult for those who have experienced a past abortion. Our post abortion healing program, Conquerors, offers biblical healing in a confidential setting to women hurting from a past abortion experience. Conquerors groups and individual mentoring sessions are held several times each year at various locations in the Twin Cities and Rochester area.

Contact us to receive brochures to display at your church, along with additional resources to offer to your church.



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JOIN OUR MISSION

OUR PARENTING PROGRAM IS EXPANDING!

We are currently taking applications for Parenting Coaches and Parenting Program Assistants in our First Care Offices. This volunteer opportunity is 4-5 hours per week working directly with clients.

All training is provided by New Life.

PARENTING COACH

We are in need of volunteers who have experience working with children and/or parents with a background in coaching, teaching, care-taking, or counseling others. Applicants for this role need excellent listening and verbal skills, along with the ability to empathize with others. Parenting Coaches provide parenting education and model learning opportunities while engaging in conversation-based coaching sessions with parents who have children ages five and under.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Program Assistants warmly greet and check in clients for appointments, support Parenting Coaches by preparing materials for each coaching session, and assist clients in utilizing the clothing closet.

If you enjoy creating a welcoming environment, have excellent administrative and communication skills, and are able to multi-task, please consider becoming a Parenting Program Assistant.



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Rochester: Friday, February 1st
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