

## Multicultural Outreach

Right to Life of Michigan's multicultural outreach takes many forms. A team of four staff members, along with dozens of dedicated volunteers, works within Michigan's diverse communities. The responsibility of educating, opening hearts and minds and supporting women and families is so important. It begins with forming relationships and building trust and culminates in supporting women's choices for life.

This May, we hosted the First Annual Motor City Baby Shower in Clark Park. In a joint effort, churches, individuals, businesses, and organizations provided donations of car seats, material items, lunch and a show of solidarity with the women of Detroit. The free event was a beautiful collaboration of prolife, pro-woman people coming alongside expectant mothers and their families. We were able to celebrate more than 100 pregnant women with a fun party while connecting them with some of the resources they may need in the future. We look forward to hosting this event each spring.

Multicultural outreach relationship building requires showing up. We do this by bringing our educational materials and programs out into the community wherever people are gathered. We can be found at fairs, festivals, conferences, summer camps, and anywhere we are invited. We even have materials in Spanish and Arabic. Being there allows us to listen to people and understand who they are and what is important to them. We find that ultimately everyone agrees that families deserve happy lives where they are empowered to raise healthy children.

Outreach to the children is by far the most rewarding. Our team is dedicated to making sure that young people know that they have value, dignity and worth beyond measure. We help them to understand that they were alive before they were born and that they have been special the whole time. We read life-affirming stories to them, play fun games including Jeopardy, and hand out hundreds of wristbands with messages like "I

Am Worthy" and "I Am Loved." Of course, we have them in Spanish as well. We know that people who feel valued value others and we believe that the children we reach will grow up to do just that.

Another way we build community relationships is through our grant program. Right to Life of Michigan works in the metro Detroit area where minority groups make up a majority of residents. We do this through grants to the Pregnancy Resource Centers that serve the area. The RLM Pregnancy Services Grant Program began in 2017 with grants to four centers and has continued annually, expanding to 10 centers. These centers provide life-affirming assistance to families. RLM is honored to partner with the centers to extend education, material help and support where it is needed most.

RLM's multicultural outreach is always expanding and changing. Dedicated staff and volunteers are ready to share their ideas and their time as we work to bring joy and hope to the lives of those in our multicultural state of Michigan. We will continue to share education, resources and relationships as we encourage life, the other choice. For more information on RLM's multicultural efforts, visit [rtl.org](http://rtl.org).



*First Annual Motor City Baby Shower*