

We believe our lives are a gift and the truth is our guide.

# Vida

## *Church Partner Program*

Together, through the Vida Church Partners Program, we will love and encourage men and women so they have the capacity, in turn, to love themselves and their children. It is our deep and abiding love of Jesus Christ that binds us all together in this mission field. As a Church Partner, your parish or congregation would support our mission through the following ways:



**Pray for us and those we serve.**



**Welcome clients seeking a church home or spiritual guidance.**



**Promote volunteering with Vida.**



**Prayerfully consider making a monthly, quarterly, or annual contribution.**



**Encourage outreach activities as an extension of Vida's ministries.**



**Create opportunities for church members to donate baby supplies.**

The goal of the Vida Church Partners Program is to unite as brothers and sisters in Christ in an effort to serve men and women who are facing unplanned pregnancies or are parenting children under challenging circumstances.



### Pray – Pray for us and those we serve!

The first and most important thing your church can do is to fervently and faithfully pray for men and women facing unplanned pregnancies, our brothers and sisters affected by abortion, and parents and children facing challenging circumstances.

- Include Vida clients in prayer intentions during Mass, at your church service, or when in small groups.
- Pastors are welcome to call Vida to pray with the staff and volunteers; times and dates can be arranged ahead of time.
- Hold a spiritual adoption campaign by creating pledge cards and encouraging church members to pray every day for nine months for a pregnant mother and her baby.



### Spiritual Guidance – Foster a life-affirming environment in your faith community!

- Speak From the Pulpit – Plan at least one Sunday a year to give a sermon devoted to celebrating and advocating for life. You can find great sermon ideas from local pastors at [wisconsinrighttolife.org/preaching-resources](http://wisconsinrighttolife.org/preaching-resources).
- Share an Encouraging Message – Agree to film an encouraging message to be shared with Vida clients, or let us feature your life-affirming sermons on Vida's website.
- Be Ready With Open Arms – Welcome Vida clients seeking a church home. Consider partnering with an organization like Embrace Grace to be ready to accept Vida clients into your spiritual family. Find out more at [www.embracegrace.com](http://www.embracegrace.com).
- Annual Vida Ecumenical Prayer Service – Take part in a yearly prayer service with other Vida Church Partners. Consider mobilizing your church members to take the lead on organizing or hosting this event.
- Life-Affirming Bible Studies – Encourage continual growth in loving and valuing life at every age and every stage. Focus on the Family is a great resource for pro-life bible studies, parenting bible studies, sexual integrity, and post-abortion healing.



### Collect – Create opportunities for baby supply donations!

Our clients work towards acquiring baby & personal necessity items through our education program. Vida keeps an updated wish list of needs online at [vidamedicalclinic.org/donate](http://vidamedicalclinic.org/donate). Your congregation could purchase or donate gently used items such as cribs, car seats, high-chairs, etc. for these types of drives.

- Keep a Vida donation bin in your gathering space throughout the year.
- Pick a month during the year to conduct a specific donation drive.
- Participate in our Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program to bless clients with Christmas gifts.



### Outreach - Be extensions of Vida through ministry efforts.

Church Partners are strongly encouraged to claim Vida's ministry as their own and even grow this ministry right in their own church! Follow in Vida's footsteps by

supporting and affirming parents who chose life for their children. Reach out to your community with practical help and advocacy. Promote the medical, education, and material support services provided by Vida. Please make sure that Vida brochures are available in your gathering spaces or church office.

- Host a Mothers Play Group – Provide much needed fellowship time for moms with pre-school-aged children + invaluable time for kids to play together. This could be a weekly group that meets in your church's childcare area. Organizing park-hopper groups is a great idea for moms to do life together in the summer. If you have a small congregation or have only a few moms interested in participating, reach out to other Vida Church Partners to form a larger group!
- Dad's Day Off – Open your church so dads from the community can enjoy a "guys day". They can watch a sports game together, participate in an outdoor cornhole competition, or play in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Have volunteers offer childcare. It's perfect to have around Father's Day.
- Mom's Day Off – Open your church so moms from throughout the community can enjoy a day to be pampered with manicures, coffee, fellowship time, and even a movie. Make sure your volunteers are ready to supply childcare so moms can let their hair down!
- Parent's Night Out (PNO) – A fun pajama and pizza party for the kids (and childcare volunteers) while giving parents a much-needed night out! It's great to offer in early December so parents can get their Christmas shopping done. Quarterly PNOs provide respite to parents who may not have support.



### Fundraise – Support Vida by hosting your own event!

There are many different ways for your church to financially support this ministry: tithe, pass the plate, or fundraise. You

can also provide Vida donation envelopes & online giving information to encourage members to prayerfully consider making a donation on their own. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Run a Chili Cook-off – Contestants register to cook their "famous" chili recipe, while attendees pay a flat rate to taste test each chili and vote on a winner. A great event to have at your church picnic!
- Host a Ladies for Life Tea – A ticketed event perfect to have around Mother's Day. Ladies enjoy tea, desserts, finger sandwiches, and a silent auction. It's a great opportunity to invite life-affirming speakers to share their testimonies. Enlist your men's ministry to serve refreshments & provide childcare.
- Hold a Bake Sale – Ready, set, bake! This sale to benefit Vida can be run church-wide or in smaller ministry groups. Consider turning it into a pie, cheesecake, or cupcake bake-off competition!
- Men's Sporting Competitions – Get the guys involved by organizing different tournaments & competitions, such as: 3-on-3 basketball, cornhole, trap shooting, or bowling. Participants pay a registration fee and collect pledges. A raffle and silent auction are also great additions to have at this type of event.
- Community Food Events – Put on an All-You-Can-Eat "Pancake & Porkie" or French Toast Breakfast, Fish Fry, or Booyah Drive-Through with proceeds benefiting Vida.



### Volunteer – Serve by promoting volunteering at Vida!

Volunteers are a critical extension of Vida. By giving of time and talent, they help serve men, women and children with hearts full of compassion to advance our mission. There are several

opportunities to serve, such as: becoming a male or female mentor, providing handyman services, or helping out at our baby boutique. Encourage congregants to check out [vidamedicalclinic.org/volunteer](http://vidamedicalclinic.org/volunteer) to explore more ways they can get involved.





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Formerly  
Mother & Unborn Baby Care, Inc.

Our mission is to empower  
individuals to make healthy life  
affirming decisions through  
education and medical services.

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## Next Step - Become a Vida Church Partner!

Contact Vida Executive Director Anne Tretinyak at [atretinyak@vidasupportservices.org](mailto:atretinyak@vidasupportservices.org) or 920.731.4354 to learn more and begin the process of becoming a Vida Church Partner.

### Yes! We are / would like to become a Vida Church Partner.

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### For the year 2021, our church is committed to do the following:

☐ We will make a financial commitment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Annually    ☐ Quarterly    ☐ Monthly

☐ We would like to host a fundraising event

During the month of \_\_\_\_\_

*Vida will promote your event on our Community Calendar.*

☐ We will promote volunteering at Vida

☐ We will run a donation drive

During the month of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ We will need items picked up from our church

☐ We will deliver items to Vida

☐ We are in need of a donation bin for our gathering space

☐ We will participate in Vida's Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please fill out and return.*

☐ We will pray for Vida's patients, clients, staff, volunteers, and church partners

☐ A member(s) of our church will attend the Annual Vida Ecumenical Service

☐ We would like to be involved with planning this service

☐ Our pastor will produce a video for the website

☐ Outreach activities & programs

Please provide a brief description of present or future outreach programs.

*Vida will promote your outreach efforts on our Community Calendar & with our clients.*

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