

Introducing the Gabriel Network



Our Pastorate Respect Life Committee is pleased to announce that OLPH and OLOS are now officially Gabriel Network churches!

Gabriel Network is a pro-life non-profit organization. By partnering with churches across Maryland and D.C., they encourage and **empower** pregnant women in need to resist pressure to abort and instead choose life for their babies. As a Gabriel

Network pastorate, we now have a team of trained Angel Friend volunteers who are currently accompanying two local Moms during their pregnancy and beyond. Through our Angel Friend team, we are providing friendship, emotional and spiritual support, and practical support, like transportation to doctor appointments, help with job applications, introducing the Moms to our amazing Food Pantry, etc.

Many post-abortive women say that if **one** person had offered to help, they would not have aborted their child. Our pastorate is that “one” who is making a difference in the lives of these Moms and their babies, to help them see they’re not alone. This is truly a pastorate-wide ministry! Over the coming weeks, we’ll be asking pastorate members to offer their time and talent for **occasional** help to the Moms we’re assisting. We’re building a list of parishioners who are willing to make themselves available when an obstacle arises for a Mom. We call it our Super Heroes Club.

Please think and pray about **your** unique talents, and whether you’d be willing to help a Mom and her baby with a short-term need. Our pastorate Super Heroes Club will include people who can help with things such as: babysitting; transportation; resume, interview and job search help; tutoring; test prep; GED help; scholarship research; obtaining social services; legal assistance; budgeting support; handyman services; car maintenance; electrical or plumbing repairs; or meals after the baby is born.

It takes a village to raise a child; it takes a pastorate to encourage and empower a pregnant Mom to choose life. More info is coming, but you can also contact Nancy Paltell anytime at nancy.paltell@comcast.net.