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A Safe Place
FOR CONFIDENT DECISIONS

FULL HANDS, FULL HEARTS

Emilly and Eli came to Connect last year for help when faced with a life-changing choice. After being misinformed about her fertility, Emilly was first surprised with a positive pregnancy test and shocked when her ultrasound revealed her child was already 4 months along.

With nonjudgmental and compassionate care, Connect staff had the privilege to walk alongside this young couple, even after baby Theo was born in the summer of 2022. They shared their story at the Stand Together banquet.

Where are they now?

WATCHING THEO, WHO CELEBRATED HIS FIRST BIRTHDAY surrounded by family and friends, explore his world with curious wonder, Emilly and Eli cannot imagine life without him.

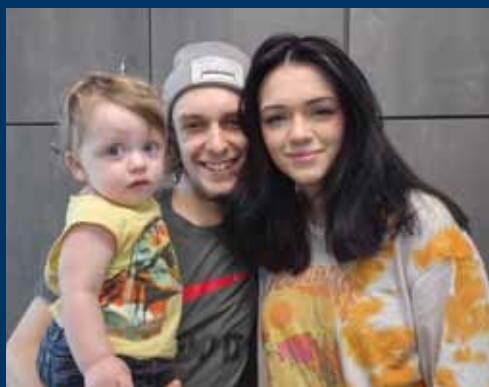
“I love to watch him discover new things,” says Emilly. “What must it be like to see the sky or a cloud for the first time?!”

Their love, awe, and dedication are evident to the Connect staff as Emily and Eli continue to find support and valuable education in the Earn While You Learn program.

“As I learn how to care for him as a toddler,” says Eli. “I also can learn how to care for my family with the lessons on credit scores and budgeting.”

The young family has moved into a home and adopted a rescue dog, Apollo, who also protects and loves baby Theo.

Theo is an inquisitive, gentle, healthy, happy boy raised by parents who adore him and work hard to provide for his needs while caring for each other.



Because of you and the Connect family of support, this young family is thriving, hearts full of love.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Place of Encounter and Transformation



Dear Family of Support,

I have gotten to know Emilyly over the past 18 months. I've seen her face fears and obstacles in choosing to parent her child as a teen, accept the responsibility with fervor, and create a safe home for Theo, because ultimately, she was driven by love.

The leadership of Connect has taken courage by her example and by her testimony.

We know the impact of this mission; it is effective in saving lives and protecting futures. We know the space has met its maximum capacity, while demand steadily increases. So, we've secured the space adjacent to the clinic.

The former Simply Flowers is now a 2000 sq. ft. of potential, waiting to be transformed into medical staff offices, additional exam rooms, and even a furnished employee breakroom.

Dr. Thomas Arnold's resignation from CHI and his desire to practice GYN services at Connect confirmed the decision.

We, too, will face our fears and obstacles as we expand the space and services. Still, we accept the responsibility with fervor, dedicated to creating a safe space for compassionate encounters, because we, too, are driven by love.

Convinced of the inherent dignity and worth of every human being we hope to meet and committed to serving with love and compassion, it's in the physical space where relationships like those built with Emilyly and Eli occur.

That's the vision for the Suite F Addition: **A Place of Encounter and Transformation.** Space to grow and serve more in need of our help, save lives, protect futures, and impact generations that follow us.

It's a new chapter, and I'm so grateful for your faithful support in moving the mission forward - for future generations!

*Grateful as always,
Tara Zettel*



2000 sq. ft. of potential, waiting to be transformed into a Place of Encounters

**"This place really helped us,
more than anybody thinks. It's
not just a 'corner store' in a
strip mall, on the side of town."**

- Eli

**"You made more of a difference
than you could ever imagine
making in someone's life."**

Thank you."

- Emilyly



EDUCATION THAT CONNECTS AND EMPOWERS

Fall means back to school for students and our RNs returning to classroom presentations. Medical Director Dr. Thomas Arnold shares why these visits are a priority to the mission.

Connect Medical Clinic (CMC) was founded on the essential tenet that all patients deserve respectful, professional evidence-based sexual health medical services and education. The four fundamental values upon which the clinic fosters this medical care include **access, education, empowerment and purpose.*

The care appreciated by CMC patients can only occur if they are aware of the Connect Medical Clinic's capabilities. Unplanned pregnancy and sexual health intervention can only happen if patients have a previous familiarity with available clinic services.

This familiarity is nurtured best by introduction of that individual to the clinic prior to an urgent situation, during a time of normal health or a marginally critical situation.

High school and college-age young adults have a well-recognized lack of understanding of basic reproductive physiology and have emerging hormonal tendencies and increased social pressures that place them at high risk for unplanned pregnancy and STIs. Often at a time when they have no established healthcare provider.



Dr. Thomas Arnold and Rachael Marshall, FNP-C at the ND Society of OBGYNs conference in Bismarck this past month.

What better time and opportunity is there than routine school sessions to introduce the CMC clinic services? Situationally sensitive menstrual cycle instruction, reproductive health education and a discussion of avoiding sexual health mis-events can have considerable impact.

It is imperative that students understand that circumstances are temporary, but consequences are permanent when it comes to taking care of themselves.

Connect Medical Clinic can better realize our mission objectives by extending our educational resources into the area schools.

Dr. Thomas Arnold, CMC Medical Director

**Learn more about our core values on the back page of this newsletter*



MOVING FORWARD

FOR HER, FOR HIM, FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Save the Date

04.04.24

Mark your calendars now for our 2024
fundraising event: Moving Forward:
For Her, For Him, For Future Generations.
4/4/24 @ Astoria Hotel and Event Center.
Doors open at 5; Program 6:30-8:30 pm.



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NEW ADVANCEMENT MANAGER

Meet Jillian!



Hi! I'm Jillian Kubik, and I am honored to be the new Advancement Manager for Connect Medical Clinic.

I was born and raised in Dickinson, graduated from

Trinity High School, and received a degree in Theology from the University of Dallas.

After receiving our degrees, the Lord called my husband and me to start our respective careers in law enforcement and ministry in South Dakota.

After moving, we lost two children to miscarriage and then experienced several years of unexplained infertility. However, as you know, the Lord wasn't done with us yet!

Once again He asked us to move, and this time it was back to North Dakota. In a way only seen as God's providence, He nudged me to apply for the Advancement Manager position while 39 weeks pregnant with our third child!

It has been such a joy to learn how to most effectively communicate the mission of Connect.

Please call the clinic or send me an email; I would love to give you a tour of the clinic and our expansion. You might even get to meet the newest addition to our family, our sweet son!

If you see me outside of the clinic, I'll probably be reading a book with a glass of wine, learning a new language, dancing with my husband in the kitchen, or playing with our dog, Phoebe. Friends, I cannot wait to connect with you soon!

Jillian Kubik

OUR CORE VALUES

ACCESS so everyone can obtain affordable, confidential and compassionate care.

EDUCATION provided professionally, to allow patients to make healthy choices, as men and women have the inherent right to exercise their free will.

EMPOWERMENT so that each individual can make informed, confident decisions about their health care.

PURPOSE because every human life has a divine purpose and deserves to be nourished and cherished regardless of the circumstances of their conception.