

Pauline's Story: God's Beautiful Redemption



"My story is a witness: not just of hardship, but of the unmistakable presence of God -- faithful and consistent even when everything else around me was not..."

- Pauline, PCC Mom

In the spring of 2019, Pauline discovered she was pregnant. At first, her boyfriend at the time said he would support her either way. But shortly after, things changed. He began encouraging her to have an abortion and eventually stopped responding to her calls and messages altogether.

Feeling alone, unsupported, and overwhelmed, Pauline confided in her friend, who brought her to the Pregnancy Care Centre Toronto. Her friend gently urged her to slow down and not make a rushed decision. With a PCC support worker, Pauline shared her fears—parenting alone, disappointing her parents and church, and repeating painful patterns she had seen in her own family. While she had a strong network of friends and coworkers, the weight of the decision felt isolating.

During her first ultrasound, she learned that her baby's heart was already beating—something deeply significant to her, as she believed abortion was wrong once a heartbeat was present. She was encouraged to take her time, not go against her conscience, and to hear stories from women who had experienced both abortion and parenting through PCC. Knowing she was not alone, and that God was with her, Pauline decided to cancel her abortion appointment the next day.

Throughout her pregnancy, PCC Toronto walked closely with her, providing emotional support and practical help, including a legal referral that secured child support and full custody.

In November 2019, Pauline welcomed her son, Emmanuel Joseph—a name that reflected her deep sense that God was with her and calling her to walk forward in faith and obedience. What once felt overwhelming became a testimony of courage, community, and compassionate care.

This is the "hope and a future" supporters of the PCC make possible. Pauline's son is here today because she found the courage to choose life, and her heart is at peace because she knows the God who saves and heals.

Beyond the joy of motherhood, she has experienced the profound grace of seeing a great fear—fatherlessness for her son—erased. Now married to Johnson, pastor at Celebration Presbyterian Church (Markham), she serves as a living reminder that an unexpected pregnancy isn't the end of a story; it can be the beginning of a beautiful, redeemed future.



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“Through every high and every low, through every moment I thought I was alone, and every moment I didn't know how to keep going, God was there. He was steady. He was patient. He was faithful. And now, when I look back, I can see that His love didn't just visit me, it carried me. Every step, every season, every impossible moment... His love was there first. That is the fullness of my testimony: God has never once stopped loving me, and He has never once left me alone.”

- Pauline, PCC Mom

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From Linda's Desk

There is something so life-giving about the arrival of spring. As the season changes, we are all feeling that familiar excitement to get back outside and, more importantly, to see one another again!

Join Us for the 2026 Relay

One of our favorite ways to connect is just around the corner. I truly hope you can join us in person for our 2026 Relay. We are thrilled to welcome back WDCX for another live broadcast. It is always a great time to gather as a community and hear firsthand from the moms and families who have faced unexpected pregnancies. While we serve many diverse communities across our five offices—**North York, Scarborough, Downtown, Richmond Hill, and Peel**—we share one singular goal: to extend help and hope so that families can thrive without the pressure of an unwanted abortion.

Important Work of Prayer

As we move forward, we continue to lean on the wisdom and power of God sought through prayer. Please consider joining our monthly online prayer sessions this year. Each month we will focus on the needs of a specific office. By familiarizing yourself with a specific location, you can better pray for our dedicated staff and the unique challenges faced by the families in that neighborhood. If you aren't receiving our prayer notices yet, please **scan the Stay Connected QR code** to join us.

A Celebration of Life: Media Day

We recently hosted a "Media Day" event, and my heart was so full seeing joyful moms and dads arrive with their little ones.

These families shared their gratitude for your support on video, echoing a beautiful sentiment: they do not regret their decision to carry their pregnancy to term. Keep an eye on our social media later this spring to see these clips. I know they will be as much of an inspiration to you as they will be to others currently making pregnancy decisions.



Looking Ahead to the Fall

To help you connect even more deeply with our individual offices, we are hosting several fundraising events this autumn. Please mark your calendars:

- **Sept 19: Peel Fundraising Dinner**
- **October: Downtown Fundraising Event (Details to come)**
- **Nov 14: North Toronto Fundraising Event (Details to come)**

We are so incredibly grateful for this amazing support community. We look forward to connecting with you in the sunshine soon!

Warmly,
Linda Baartse
Executive Director

Discover the Care We Offer

Life Boat Program

Life Boat is Pregnancy Care Centre Toronto's parenting program designed to help first-time moms & dads work through the emotions, expectations, relationships issues, and goals associated with parenting. The questions are designed to expand on discussions, encourage self-awareness, and provide a realistic picture of parenting



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"The Lifeboat program was more than preparation. It was a space to know myself, explore my values, and create a practical plan for the future with my baby. I left feeling empowered and hopeful. Thank you for providing such a meaningful and supportive program."

- PCC Mom

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"Through our various experiences with Lifeboat we've been allowed to have a meaningful role in assisting couples in preparing for a new birth and also been able to form some meaningful friendships. This has truly been a richly rewarding and enjoyable ministry."

- Paul & Libby, PCC Lifeboat Program Volunteers

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Volunteer Call-Out

PCC First Response Relay 2026

Would you and your friends consider serving at PCC's Relay on Saturday, May 9th?

Your support helps create a welcoming and meaningful experience for everyone involved. **From greeting walkers and runners, to taking photos, assisting with event set-up, and helping with practical details behind the scenes,** your presence helps make our annual fundraising relay a meaningful, uplifting, and FUN community event.

Interested in volunteering? We would love to connect, email us at info@pregnancycarecentre.org



STAY CONNECTED

Sign up to receive PCC updates and join our prayer community

We praise the Lord for our faithful Life Partners whose ongoing generosity sustains this vital work. Through their support, women and families across the GTA continue to receive compassionate care, and we are grateful for each partner who serves this mission through prayer and giving. We warmly invite others to prayerfully consider joining this community of faithful support.



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Inspired by the World Cup spirit, we're uniting across our city to support women and families who need compassionate care in the name of Christ.

Wear your favorite soccer jersey and walk with us! Together, we're raising support to provide one year of care for 300 women and their families.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



1 Create your fundraising page and goal
to participate or join a team.



2 Fundraise
Ask your family & friends to join your team and support your goal.



3 Walk/Run
Join us on May 9th at our 5KM relay.
Don't forget to RSVP you and your team!



TO DONATE AND REGISTER, GO TO:

PCCFRIENDS.CA/RELAY