

## Our Services

Free Pregnancy Tests

Earn While You Learn  
Education Program

Next Step Boutique

Post Abortion Healing  
Groups

Memorial Garden

First Step Relationship  
Education Program

## We Are Open

Tues - Wed - Thurs

11:00 - 2:00 pm

Walk-ins Welcome!

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# NextSTEP

Pregnancy and Relationship Center

*we'll walk with you*

## COVID-19 Can't Stop Us

### *Adapting to Meet the Needs of our Community*

Like many - if not all - of you, Next Step has been impacted by COVID-19. Through these last months, our priority has been continuing to serve both our established and new clients. While our physical office was closed in the early spring, volunteers continued to meet the needs of clients by regularly calling and texting to check in. Many individuals needed diapers, wipes, and hygiene products and our volunteers arranged contactless pickups, even delivering items to those who were self-isolating and unable to leave their homes. Twenty-three families were provided with material support while our office was closed. When our office re-opened we adopted new policies, including comprehensive cleaning procedures, so our clients could resume coming to the office to participate in services such as Earn While You Learn and to shop in the boutique for needed supplies. We also provided thirteen free baby bundle boxes to individuals in the community; these boxes are full of items for a baby's first year. Our team of volunteers, our board, and our directors will continue to look for new ways to serve this community in the months ahead.

## A New Chapter Begins

### *Saying "Goodbye" and "Hello"*

In August of 2020, Steve Devore stepped down as Next Step PRC chairman and board member. Steve served on our board for over six years and brought excellent leadership as chairman. His knowledge of the business world and background in defending families and the unborn were invaluable. We'd like to say thank you to Steve and his family for the many years of service he provided, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Tim Gleeson accepted the Next Step board's nomination of chairman in late August. Tim joined the Next Step board in 2017 and is a member of our First Step team and a Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) specialist (learn more about First Step and the SRA team - [www.nextstepprc.org/first-step](http://www.nextstepprc.org/first-step)). As a semi-retired anesthesiologist, Tim has provided vast knowledge and experience on medical

## Next Step Team

Client Advocates  
 Receptionists  
 Post Abortion Healing Team  
 Baby Bottle Boomerang Team  
 Donation Partners  
 Donation Care Team  
 Property Care Team  
 Next Step Board  
 Next Step Directors

## Next Step Board

Tim Gleeson: Chairman  
 Laura Pearson: Treasurer  
 Vicki Grove: Secretary  
 Vonda Billman: Executive Director  
 Anne Johnson: Member  
 Irwin Smutz: Member

## Our Purpose

Next Step PRC exists to encourage and equip women and men to build successful families.

We are a religious non-profit and as such all your contributions, financial or material, are tax-deductible.

If you want to donate online and/or become a monthly supporter, go to [nextstepPRC.org](http://nextstepPRC.org) and click on "Support Us." We are also registered on Amazon Smile.

issues, and his insight during the COVID outbreak has been greatly appreciated. He has also brought excellent insight to the board over the last two years, asking thought provoking questions and providing discernment. We look forward to working with Tim in the future and he has the full support of the Next Step board, directors, and volunteers. Congratulations, Tim!

## Adoption Awareness Month

### *Bringing Awareness About Adoption and Providing Support*

Adoption has been woven into the Next Step story since we opened in 1992. As one of only three choices an expectant mother can make - parenting, adoption, or abortion - we are acutely aware of the value adoption has. November is National Adoption Awareness month and Next Step is excited to host our first ever Adoption Awareness event. This event looks to provide support to individuals in the adoption triad (adoptee, adoptive parents, and birth parents) and raise awareness in our community about Next Step's adoption resources, while providing a chance for individuals to meet others in the adoption community and share their stories and experiences. The exact date and time of this event in November has yet to be determined, but will be announced. Please follow event updates on our website - [www.nextstepPRC.org/events](http://www.nextstepPRC.org/events).

## Wave of Light

### *Next Step's 2nd Annual Reproductive Loss Remembrance Event*

Miscarriage. Abortion. Stillbirth. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Reproductive loss and early infant loss come in many forms, and Next Step looks to honor and remember babies lost at our 2nd annual Wave of Light event. The globally recognized Wave of Light event is an annual event for anyone who has personally experienced or been affected by reproductive or early infant loss. Individuals light a candle for one hour, beginning at 7:00 PM, in remembrance. It is a time for individuals to heal, remember, and reflect on the babies no longer here. As different time zones around the globe light their candles, a "wave of light" around the world is created. On Thursday, October 15, 2020 Next Step PRC will host its second annual Wave of Light event at 7:00 PM PT. Mark your calendars and follow event updates on our website - [www.nextstepPRC.org/events](http://www.nextstepPRC.org/events) - for more information as we work to put this event together in light of COVID-19.

*This wind chime is from the 2019 Next Step PRC Wave of Light Event. Families left messages and wrote the names of their babies on the glass chimes. It currently hangs in the Next Step PRC Memorial Garden.*

