



Divine Mercy Care

Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare™

2023  
Annual  
Report



## MISSION STATEMENT

Divine Mercy Care is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing pro-life medicine and transforming hearts through healthcare.

## OUR VISION

Divine Mercy Care is the steward of resources to grow the capacity, impact and culture of life-affirming medicine. These funds are used to subsidize healthcare costs, provide material goods for mothers and babies, hire pro-life medical staff and host educational events that support pro-life medicine.



Make a difference right now.  
Scan here to support  
life-affirming care!



Dear Friends:

Tepeyac OB/GYN marks its 30th birthday in 2024. At no point has its mission been easy. Yet, it has been supported so generously by this community. You have put yourself in the boat, endured the rough waters, and affirmed that the mission of merciful love and dignity through medicine is as important now as when Tepeyac OB/GYN began.

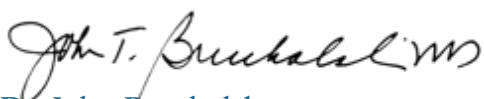
Like the disciples in the boat, we can become overwhelmed by the world, its challenges, and the battles we face each day in a culture that seems not to share our values. As supporters of pro-life medicine, we are committed to a counter-cultural mission that is so often willfully misunderstood. And yet Jesus reassures us — do not be afraid.

In 2023, your donations helped double the number of infant baskets we provided to families. We delivered 100 more babies than we did in 2022. We hired an additional midwife at Tepeyac. Your giving has ensured that mothers, daughters, and granddaughters have an option for life-affirming care. Your generosity has given dignity to those in need by ensuring women receive excellent care regardless of financial ability. Your prayers and support have sustained so many parents, even through life-altering diagnoses or loss.

Looking forward, with your help and God's will, we will provide even more vulnerable mothers with care and support in 2024. We will provide more nursing and medical students with training and mentorship. We will be even more involved with supporting our local schools and parishes.

Thank you for being part of the Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN family for the past 30 years. We are grateful for your trust in us and for the positive impact you have made on the lives of so many. Here's to many more years of partnership and continued success in building a culture of life in Northern Virginia and beyond!

God bless and thank you for your prayers and your generosity.



Dr. John Bruchalski

Founder, Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN

Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side...

When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat by this time was far from the land and beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them...

Jesus came to them, walking on the sea.

But when the disciples saw him, they were terrified...and they cried out for fear.

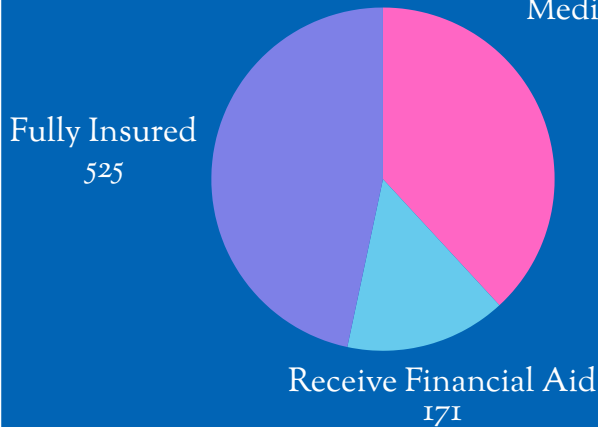
At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

MATTHEW  
14:22-27

# 2023: YEAR IN REVIEW

## TOTAL PATIENTS

1125

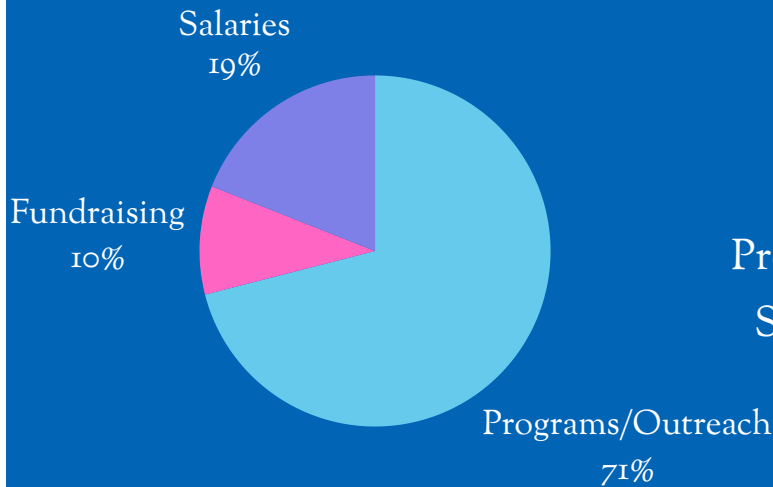


## PATIENT CARE

Medicaid Patients/Subsidized Care  
429

Divine Mercy Care supplemented the cost of care for 600 Tepeyac OB/GYN patients in 2023.

## CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPENDING



REVENUE \$1,251,327

### EXPENSES

Programs/Outreach \$885,600  
Salaries/Overhead \$239,944  
Fundraising \$125,783

TEPEYAC BIRTHS

511



INFANT GIFT BASKETS

123



PATIENT APPOINTMENTS

12,102



CLINICAL STUDENTS

5





# Your Contributions at Work...



## HEALTH CARE

Financial contributions to Divine Mercy Care help offset healthcare expenses for women and families with inadequate insurance.



## PROVIDERS

Donations support skilled pro-life medical professionals in providing high-quality care to patients, ensuring essential medical services and promoting well-being and dignity.



## BABY BASKETS

We provide curated baby baskets for mothers in need, offering essential items for newborns. From diapers to baby clothes, we aim to support families during this special yet challenging time.



## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Patients who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are invited to an annual interdenominational memorial service that offers prayer, support and healing.



## OUTREACH

We conduct educational sessions at schools and in our offices to teach students about the sanctity of life and the beauty of pregnancy. Topics included respecting life, the miracle of conception, fetal development, nurturing children and protecting life at all stages.



## CLINICAL TRAINING

We provide clinical rotation opportunities at Tepeyac OB/GYN which expose students to life-affirming medicine in action. We also partner with other local medical facilities to offer perinatal hospice training.

# A Mother's Love

by Abby Weiss



In sharing my story as a patient of Tepeyac OB/GYN, I wish to start with immense gratitude to God for His Mercy in leading me to such an amazing place. In my five and a half years there I have many times experienced first hand the beautiful touch of God's Divine Mercy and Grace.

I hope my story can be a glimpse into the incredible work God is doing through each of the doctors, nurses and staff of Tepeyac and Divine Mercy Care. They have greatly impacted my life and my vocation as a wife and mother, helping me to embrace some of the deepest joys and sorrows of motherhood with courage and strength that I would not have had without them.

I still so clearly remember Dr. Bruchalski's joy and happiness for us at our first appointment. He told us to treasure every moment with this baby, realizing we never know how long God plans for them to be in this world. He prayed with my husband, Will, and me. That pregnancy went rather smoothly, and Matthias Gerard was born on May 24th, 2019, on the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. Having his little cheek next to mine as I lay on the operating room table and seeing the love and joy in Will's eyes is a moment I will never forget.

We moved to Front Royal, but knew that we wanted to continue care with Tepeyac after that wonderful first experience. We conceived our second baby in January of 2021. I began to feel morning sickness shortly afterwards and everything seemed to be going well. We saw baby's heart beating during my 8-week ultrasound, and were filled with joy, though the baby did measure smaller than expected. Shortly after that my morning sickness began to dissipate, but I thought it was just going to be an easier second pregnancy. I had no idea that my baby may have already passed, but as I watched the "Passion of the Christ" with my sister on Good Friday, I could not keep the tears from flowing as I watched Mary hold the lifeless body of Her Son, Jesus, and feel Her call to come closer in trust to His open Heart. Easter Sunday, I began to feel sick, and by Monday, I had bad back pain.

I went in for an appointment and the ultrasound no longer showed the fluttering heartbeat it had before. The staff could not have been more compassionate and understanding and I am so grateful for their love and consolation during those first hours of grief. At a time when I could have felt the most alone I had ever felt in my life, I did not feel this way because they were truly with me, physically, mentally and spiritually. Among the things they gave me to help was a stuffed lamb that became one of Matthias' favorite stuffed animals.



I went to pray in the office chapel, trying to process what I was going through. As I was praying there, I saw the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe holding a rose, and I knew in that instant that Rose was the name of our baby and that she was in the loving hands of the Blessed Mother. After the appointment, I rushed over to St. Veronica's for daily mass.

Outside of the church is a beautiful image of the Pieta. There I sat, knowing I was holding my baby's body within me, just as Mary held the body of Her Son when He was taken down from the Cross. As Dr. B had encouraged, I had treasured the short months of holding this baby within my womb, and I would continue to treasure these moments with her.

Three short months after Rose went to Heaven, we conceived our third baby, and on April 5th, 2022, almost exactly a year later, Karl Ferdinand was born.

Being that we conceived Karl so shortly after losing Rose, I did not fully grieve before my pregnancy, and it wasn't until I was about 8 months postpartum with Karl that the grief fully hit me. Calling Tepeyac again, I saw Clare Hall for the first time. She was so compassionate and understanding, helping me to get the care I needed to go through this grief and to become more whole again as a wife and mother. Getting help for this postpartum depression gave me the ability to write letters to Rose which I had put off for months, feeling unable to write. I knew God wanted me to finish her story.

It amazes me how her short life on earth could impact me so deeply and completely change me forever. This has revealed to me in a deeper way the dignity and glory of even one immortal soul who loves God with all his or her heart! This is what Tepeyac and Divine Mercy Care reveal, shedding light on the truth that we are all made in God's Image, and that He has a beautiful mission and purpose for each one of us.

I am eternally grateful to God for Tepeyac, Divine Mercy Care, and all the people who work there. It is my prayer that many more women and babies will have access to this merciful, life-affirming care, and that more men and women will be inspired to follow Christ, our Heavenly Physician, starting more practices throughout the world which treat every person with mercy and love. This is why my family supports Tepeyac through donations as well, hoping to help spread their mission throughout the whole world.





# Providing Perinatal Hospice Training



Thanks to a generous grant from St. Luke's Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia, Divine Mercy Care sponsored a 2-day perinatal hospice training session for twenty local medical personnel in 2023.

The training helped Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN share a vision of life-affirming care that recognizes the full dignity of every life, no matter how brief. The training was invaluable to the nurses who administer our Kristen Anderson Perinatal Hospice program and allowed us to share an ethical perspective on end-of-life issues with a largely secular audience.



"I received so much valuable information and insight that I can use to better connect with and help my patients. The personal stories were very moving."

-Katherine



This blanket, no larger than a writing pen, is made for a miscarriage at 6 weeks.

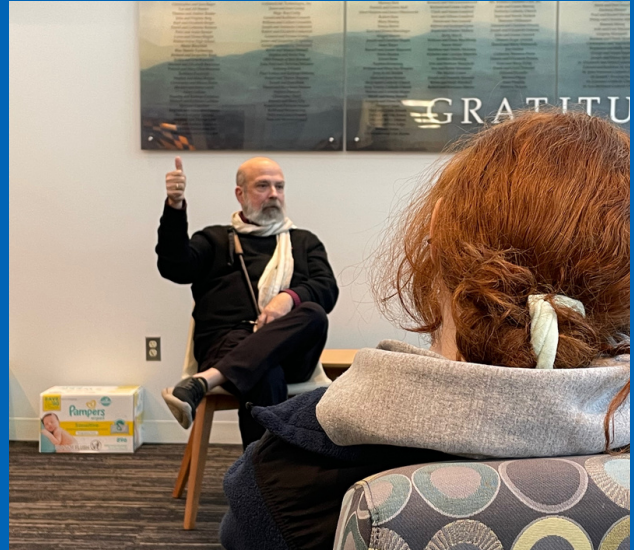




# Inspiring the Next Generation: Student Visit to Tepeyac

Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN were delighted to host a group of Dominican Sisters, chaperones and students from Knoxville Catholic High School during their pilgrimage weekend to Washington D.C. One of our current patients graciously allowed the students to witness a live ultrasound — including an impromptu gender reveal — they are expecting a boy!

The group created cards for our infant basket program and the students were able to ask Dr. Bruchalski questions about his career, his reversion of faith, and how to be a pro-life professional in the current culture. Tepeyac nurse midwife Clare Hall answered questions during the ultrasound and the young men in the group were particularly inquisitive about the baby's development. This was a great model of the educational direction we envision for Divine Mercy Care as we strive to nurture the future of pro-life medicine.





# Upcoming for 2024

“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”  
He said, “Come.” -Matthew 14:28



GALA

We can't wait to get together our community to celebrate 30 years of Tepeyac OB/GYN. If you have interest in being a sponsor or attending, please reach out to Divine Mercy Care. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and your generosity is always incredible.



NEW  
HOSPITAL

In January 2024, Tepeyac OB/GYN moved to a new delivery location at Stone Springs Hospital. We remain vigilant in promoting access to the best life-affirming care for our patients.



INCREASE  
OUTREACH

We will have more training this year to promote life-affirming perinatal hospice care. We will be even more involved with local churches and schools by offering opportunities for education and charitable giving.



GROW  
CAPACITY

Tepeyac will host more students this year, and many are already scheduled for their clinical rotations in 2024. We plan to expand Tepeyac's staff with additional doctors and midwives.











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