

**S**parkles of Life, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting families on their paths to parenthood. Sparkles of Life, Inc. supports mothers-at-heart and women whose journey consists of infertility, miscarriage(s), or delayed parenting using education, empowerment, and advocacy.

Sparkles of Life, Inc. was founded in 2008 by a mother who, after enduring her own difficult journey to motherhood, identified a need to support women of similar plight. Sparkles of Life, Inc. seeks to unite the hearts of mothers who struggle to conceive and carry babies to full term. Through strategic programming and fundraising, Sparkles of Life, Inc. offers emotional and spiritual support to families who are expecting birth; mourning the loss of an unborn child; enduring a high-risk pregnancy; or planning to adopt. Sparkles of Life, Inc. recognizes that every family's journey is unique and encourages families to pray, praise, and celebrate life every step of the way!

#### **Vivere-Garden of Life IVF Grant**

Sparkles of Life, Inc. is especially sensitive to the emotional and financial burden placed upon couples struggling to conceive. That is why Sparkle has partnered with the Houston Fertility Institute to provide deserving couples with a health grant. The Vivere-Garden of Life IVF Grant is awarded to couples who demonstrate a documented need for fertility treatment. Through the grant, those whose delayed parenting journey consists of documented infertility or miscarriage(s) receive significant financial assistance to undergo In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) treatment.

To download an application or find out more information about the Vivere-Garden of Life IVF Grant, log on to [www.sparklesoflife.org](http://www.sparklesoflife.org).



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- Bundle of Joy Services



## Sparkles of Life, Inc. Programs

### Countdown to Conception Education

Countdown to Conception provides information, classes and referrals. This information is offered through online forums and small group meetings. Topics will include:

- Dealing with Infertility
- Pregnancy and Nutrition
- Selecting an Obstetrician and Birthing Team
- Deciding Where to Deliver
- Complications Before and During Pregnancy
- Conception after Miscarriage(s)

### 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trimester Forums

The program is a reinforcement of the information that the expectant mother receives from her physician. This woman-focused forum is designed for women to mentor each other, especially those women without family support during their trimesters e.g. husband in armed forces.

### When a “Sparkle” is Lost Therapy

Grieving individuals can be faced with overwhelming feelings. Without proper care, these intense feelings can lead to low self-esteem, depression, suicidal ideation or physical illnesses. A team of counselors and therapists provides grief therapy and other counseling.

### Help Along the Way - Sparkles Concierge Services

Sparkles Concierge is designed to provide personal care services to pregnant women, particularly those women who are experiencing complications.

#### Services include:

- Hair Care
- Massage Therapy
- Books on Wheels
- Transportation

### Bundle of Joy Services

This program provides special services once the baby is born and both the mother and baby are home.

#### Services include:

- Shopping and Meal Service
- Respite Care
- Eco-living for Baby

### Founder

Rhonda Lewis-Nwosu's road to motherhood was not easy. After she and Ral endured four miscarriages during the first nine years of marriage, a miracle happened. Rhonda gave birth to perfectly healthy twin girls in March 2007. The birth of the Nwosus' daughters was a testament of faith, perseverance, knowledge, and expectation of God's fulfilled promises.



Rhonda Lewis-Nwosu is a 21st Century woman of faith. Balancing work and family, she understands firsthand the perils that can hinder the path to parenthood. She lost her father when she was only a year old. Three years later, her mother committed suicide. She and her only brother were immediately placed in the care of her biological aunt and uncle. They legally adopted both children and nurtured them by providing a loving, stable Christian home. Her aunt often told Rhonda, “**I can never replace your mother, but I will always love and mother you.**” Those words were powerful in a young girl's life, and set Rhonda on a course to later pursue her own destiny to become a mother herself.

During her journey to motherhood, Rhonda recognized the limited resources for women to fellowship. She witnessed the lack of candid dialogue about their experiences of infertility, loss or delayed parenting. Rhonda felt compelled to break the silence. She wanted to give hope and support to women who have plans to become mothers. This desire to help other women led to the creation of Sparkles of Life, Inc. Her dynamic work was recently endorsed as “Life Changing Support” by International Ministers Forum of Dayton, Ohio, and Gift to the World Ministry International of Houston, Texas. Sparkles of Life, Inc is committed to supporting women throughout their difficult times and celebrating where they are, on their journey to motherhood.