

Choose Life

NEWSLETTER



***You will keep in perfect
peace him whose mind
is steadfast, because
he trusts in You.***

Isaiah 26:3 NIV

C.A.R.E Commitment

We believe in the inherent value of every person. We're committed to serving with compassion and respect through assistance and education.

*Capital Campaign Receipts
through February 28, 2011*

\$516,096

Capital Campaign Pledged

\$627,074



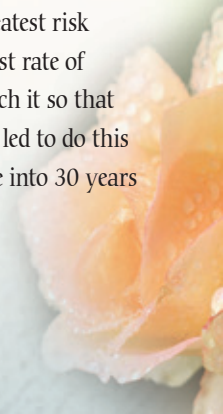
Donna Landers
Executive Director

An intriguing article came across my desk which made me think about the future of Choose Life. This story, about another Pregnancy Center, started similar to where we find ourselves today...in a beautiful three story brick building near the city's largest abortion provider. Though there were only three colleges in their town, the sheer fact that I could count six area colleges just amplified the importance of the article and how it related to where we are as a ministry.

It suggested that the pregnancy care model of 30 years ago of merely waiting for young women to come to us for pregnancy tests, ultrasounds or clothing was antiquated. If we as, PCC's, are to become more effective and reach more people... or a different clientele, we know we must do things differently.

The following two questions were posed: What do we want to accomplish in our community? And what will have the greatest impact on the unplanned pregnancy rate, abortion rate and overall lifestyles of the young people in our community? In response to the first question, "We want to share the Gospel and offer choices to ALL of our clients in Huntsville that will lead to their choosing life." We have known for years that we are missing opportunities at local colleges but how do we reach them? How do we get them to come to our office? Most students will find money for an abortion if that is their choice, so what can we offer that they cannot get elsewhere?

In response to the second question, education is the only answer. We have to put more emphasis on educating our young people, their parents and our community on the consequences of sex outside of marriage. Many people think the worst thing that can happen when having sex outside of marriage is pregnancy. But statistics are staggering when it comes to sexually transmitted diseases. Dr. Meg Meeker's book "Epidemic: How Teen Sex is Killing Our Kids" emphasizes the following statistics... One of every four sexually active teens has an STD (25%). In 1960, doctors battled two commonly-known sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Today, more than 30 viruses exist. One in five Americans over the age of 12 has genital herpes - a 500% increase since 1976. New studies show that teenage girls have a 46% chance of contracting HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) at their first sexual encounter - a disease that is directly connected to 99.7% of cervical cancers. HPV kills 5,000 women each year. To have the greatest influence in our community our focus has to become two pronged...one focus on reaching teens that are at the greatest risk of sexually transmitted diseases and the other on college students who have the highest rate of abortions. We must reach them but we need to know how God would have us approach it so that we can make the greatest impact. Many PCC's are opening STD clinics. We do not feel led to do this at this time but please pray with us for the direction that God will lead us as we move into 30 years of service to Him and our community.





CLIENT STORY

Told by Kim Evans

You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in Your providence watched over my spirit.

JOB 10:12 NIV



Kim Evans
Asst. Executive Director

“How can I help women take care of their children if I take the life of my own?”

Grace* was determined to get an abortion. She was in nursing school; she didn't have time for a baby and was using the famous excuse of, "it's just not the right time in my life for a baby." The abortion was scheduled and fees were paid. She was called back for the ultrasound. After the ultrasound, while waiting to have the procedure, she sat with a group of women who were in line to abort their babies. She began to talk with a woman in the group. The woman told her that she had an older child. Grace questioned why she would terminate the life of her baby if she had someone to help her. This made the woman think more about what she was getting ready to do. The woman proceeded to tell Grace that she would walk out if Grace agreed to leave with her. After seeing a patient being taken out on a stretcher, Grace realized the seriousness of the situation and thought about her future. She thought of the possibility of never being able to conceive again if she aborted this baby and asked herself, "How can I help women take care of their children if I take the life of my own?" Together they walked out of the abortion clinic and chose life for their unborn babies. Two babies were saved that day! It is easy to see how God orchestrated every detail and circumstance that day to save the lives of both children.

Shortly after this, Grace came to Choose Life seeking guidance. An ultrasound was performed and Grace is excited about her pregnancy and the decision she made that day to leave the abortion clinic. We rejoice with her!

*name changed

Feedback from our Clients...

"The counselor shared valuable information while listening to what I was saying. She was very helpful in explaining and making sense of aspects of pregnancy that are confusing."

"The personnel were very sweet and loving...showed me that there are Godly people who care!"

"The words spoken to me gave me more courage to believe in God."

"The counselor took her time to listen and inform me on all my options."

"After seeing my baby on ultrasound I have learned that life is important and I will do all it takes to have a healthy baby."

"The ultrasound helped me to decide to keep and provide for my babies...I'm having twins!"

"The information I gained from the ultrasound helped me not to abort and kill one that is so innocent."

"The staff is a true blessing from God...exceptional how they help women who are going through the unknown in pregnancy. They walk in love just as Christ would have us all do."

"For anyone that may be at a fork in the road or in between decisions, they will point you in the right direction, which is always Christ. I never felt like I was just another patient or number, but treated as a sister in Christ."

"I now feel more confident about my pregnancy after seeing my baby on ultrasound!"

"Thank you for praying for me and my child."

"Such a great atmosphere."

Top 5 Needs

1. Hand vacuum for stairs
2. Volunteer receptionists (on the job training)
3. Small baby items...pacifiers, socks, toys, bibs, onesies, rattles, burp cloths
4. Size 4 and 5 Diapers
5. Subs (if you have been through training and would to periodically serve as a substitute counselor, call Denise or Annette)

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we can think or even ask.
-Eph 3:20*

Greater things are yet to be done . . . in this city!

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30th Anniversary Fundraising Banquet

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With Shawn Carney, co-founder of 40 Days for Life, speaking, and Carrabba's Italian Grill providing dinner, following Gigi's Cupcakes for dessert.

We invite you to become a table sponsor!

A donation of \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500, or \$250, gives you a table for eight at the banquet, an invitation to a special reception catered by Cyn Shea's Complete Catering immediately preceding the banquet and donor recognition in our event program.

Don't miss our big announcement!

Future plans for ministry expansion are generating lots of excitement. Join us for the most momentous celebration in the history of Choose Life!

Because of the generosity of the following underwriters all proceeds from this banquet will go to further the life-saving work of Choose Life:

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For more info email Lynette Spearman at coordinator@chooselifehuntsville.org or call her at 256-534-1996.

GOD'S PROVISION *for His Ministry*

Budget Requirements (modified) \$367,400
October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011

Receipts thru February 28, 2011 \$149,008
Budget Details Available at Office

TOUCHING MANY LIVES

Dec. 1, 2010 through Feb. 28, 2011

- Phone Calls: 702
- Office Visits: 1123
- Ultrasounds: 322
- Spiritual Counseling: 905
- Received Christ/Recommitment: 55
- Pregnancy Decisions: 347
(Clients initially abortion-minded)





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to be done...in This City

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big announcement!**

See inside for details.



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