## Pregnancy Care Center Newsletter



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## The Seasons are changing... and we are in *season of change* at the Pregnancy Care Center!

Every day at the Pregnancy Care Center we get to witness the Lord at work in individual lives and the life of the Center.

Many prayers have been answered and we are moving forward in many areas of growth. The addition of our new full time Client Services Director has provided the opportunity for staff to devote more time and recourses in their particular areas of focus. Aron Riley is now Director of our Sexual Risk Avoidance education initiative. Aron is working to expand our outreach in the community with additional high school presentations and beginning to explore the possibility of making a program available to middle schools. We will be researching curricula and potentially working to create our own if the need arises. Stacey Joyce, now in the role of Pregnancy Resource Specialist, is focused on coordinating and providing ultrasound services onboard the Portico Mobile Ultrasound Unit, a growing need among those we are serving. We have added several new volunteers to the team of talented and compassionate Christ centered individuals who serve regularly at the Center. With the addition of a new male volunteer we have seen encouraging growth in the number of dads receiving guidance and instruction on the important role of fatherhood.

Recently we have experienced an increase in the number of at risk individuals coming to us in their time of need. God has allowed us to enter into their stories and speak words of hope and truth over them. We've rejoiced in the many decisions made to give LIFE and pray many will also choose abundant life as we continue to serve and minister in the name of Christ.

Please keep us covered in prayer as we seek to only move in the direction that He leads us.

## Meet New PCC Staff Member: Rachel Armstrong

Rachel Armstrong joined the Pregnancy Care Center staff as Client Services Director on August 1, 2018. Rachel first learned about pregnancy care ministry in 2000 during her senior year at Lipscomb University as a Social Work major. Rachel was inspired by seeing how



Christian love for our neighbor and concern for the vulnerable in this ministry married perfectly with social work values. Rachel completed her internship that year at a pregnancy center in Murfreesboro and was hired upon graduation to serve as the Crisis Services Director. The two years she worked there cemented her love for this ministry in her heart, and she has remained engaged as a supporter as life took her in different directions.

Rachel is married to Pastor Jacob Armstrong of Providence Church in Mt. Juliet. They have three daughters, Mary (14), Lydia (12), and Phoebe (8). After staying home with her daughters for many years, Rachel began working in 2016 at Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital as a Mental Health Specialist. Although Rachel loved the patients she served at the hospital, when the opportunity to come on staff at the PCC was presented, Rachel was thrilled to return to her "first love." Her first month has been busy and wonderful as God has brought a huge influx of new people for the PCC to serve, and she wishes to thank each person who supports the PCC and allows the love and kindness of God to be shared with each person that we encounter.



The Pregnancy Care Center empowers individuals to make life-affirming decisions through education, counseling, and compassionate care based on the ministry of Jesus Christ. Pregnancy Care Center, PO Box 241, Hermitage, TN 37076; (615) 773-HOPE Email: pregnancycarecentertn@gmail.com www.pregnancycarecentertn.com



## **Thank You!**

Thank you to evervone who supports this ministry. Your financial gifts, donated items, time, love, and prayers provide a tangible sign of Christ's love for families to our community!



Free Benefit Concert! January 13, 2019

## **Items Needed for Client Store:**

- **Diapers** (all sizes)
- Wipes
- Baby wash/ shampoo/lotion
- Children's storybook Bibles
- Gifts for new Dads
- **NEW** car seats
- **Diaper bags**
- **Diaper ointment**
- **Baby hair bows/** headbands





consultations with 141 families and

individuals

# visitors

430 Follow up visits

## Care Net Connection

We are proudly one of 1,180 centers affiliated with Care Net. Care Net is an umbrella organization (caring network) that promotes, prepares, and plants pregnancy centers across North America.

**Care Net Vision** 

Care Net envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ and empowered to choose life for their unborn children and abundant life for their families.

#### **Care Net Mission**

Acknowledging that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection, Care Net offers compassion, hope, and help to anyone considering abortion by presenting them with realistic alternatives to abortion and Christ-centered support...

421 Prenatal. consultations parenting, and fatherhood classes **16 Ultrasounds** CARE NET. PREGNANCY CENTERS FREELY PROVIDED... **HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES TO** 

72,989 WOMEN, MEN & FAMILIES IN 2017\*

ULTRASOUNDS

## INCLUDING:

decision





EGNANCY TESTS

EY & MATERNAL SUPPLIES

120,574



## Save the Date: May 2, 2019

## PCC 10th Anniversary Banquet with Special Guest Speaker; Roland Warren, President & CEO of Care Net!

A graduate of Princeton University and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, Roland is an inspirational servant leader with a heart for Christ and a mind for business. After 20 years in the corporate world (with IBM, Pepsi, and Goldman Sachs), Roland spent 11 years as president of National Fatherhood Initiative before joining Care Net in 2012 as president and CEO. Make plans to join us on <u>May 2, 2019</u> to hear from Roland and learn about his story and passion for the life affirming ministry we are a part of. Be on the lookout for more information and exciting updates about the event in the months ahead!

## Out of Darkness Comes Light: Melanie's\* story

A husband diverted his wife away from darkness and toward the light when he brought her to us instead of the abortion clinic she had asked him to take her to. Our pregnancy support staff sat across from them and noticed tears welling up in his eyes and slowly, silently, rolling down his cheek as he sat beside her listening while we shared information about fetal development and explained abortion procedures and risks. His dark eyes seemed to be begging for something to be said that would change her mind. Her eyes turned away as we talked about parenting and adoption.

For weeks after the initial encounter the fight between darkness and light followed. An awkward silence during each phone call, and an uneasiness after every prayer. Yet, the week before Christmas the best news came as a gift to the Center. The baby was going to be born! Leaving us to ponder back two thousand years ago, where another set of parents struggled to find a place for their child to be born. Faithful Yahweh Yireh (The Lord will provide) once again prevailed, making room in man's own heart for a child to be born.

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5

\*name changed for confidentiality



The 2018 Annual Fundraising Banquet was held on Thursday, April 26 at Victory Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet. A gathering of 289 guests came together to support the ongoing work of The Pregnancy Care Center and to learn of the many ways this ministry is making an impact in the community.

Jared Throneberry served as both emcee and keynote for the evening. Guests witnessed a touching video testimony of a family served by the Center. Six of the staff and volunteers shared "Luminaries of Life", a short drama detailing moments in our clients' experiences when the Light was shone and when Hope was realized.

We are so very thankful for all who chose to partner with us and for the success of the banquet, which raised \$87,650 through one-time donations, monthly pledges over the

next year, and underwriting funds! These generous gifts enable the Center to continue to grow as we answer God's calling to value His Light that He has placed in each person, born and unborn.



Thank you 2018 Banquet **Underwriters &** Vendors! AAMCO Total Car Care of Lebanon Advanced Tax & Income Services **ALCO Products Ben & Hannah Clark Clean Houses Cliff Carey General Contrac**tor, Inc. **Crossroads Development** Services, Inc. Dan & Jean Gant **Donelson Church of Christ** Donnie & Jeanne Foutch Frank Batson Homes **Gary Musick Productions Gillispie Eve Care** Jim & Carol Gotto **Green Hill Church Knights of Columbus #9282 Knights of Columbus #9282** Ladies Auxiliary Needham's Nursery Madison Church of Christ Shear Grace Salon StaffCO, Inc Steve & Nellie Little The Bridge Fellowship Wilson Bank & Trust And Anonymous Donors

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Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who serve regularly at the Center and behind the scenes! This work would not be possible without you. SEPTEMBER 29TH PREGNANCY CARE CENTER WALK FOR

LIFE

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## Please join us for the 10th annual WALK FOR LIFE

## Its fun and easy!

The Walk for Life will take place on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> on the campus of First Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet. Registration opens at 8:45am. Participants can walk at their convenience between 9:00am— 11:00am.

**Step 1:** Register in person on the day of—Or— online, by mail, or phone.

**Step 2**: Ask EVERYONE you know to sponsor you. You will be amazed how many say YES!

**Step 3: Come Walk!** Bring completed Registration & Pledge Form with you the day of the Walk, or complete one on the spot. \*\*Rain plan: walking track inside the church's gymnasium in case of heavy rain. **Fun for the whole family! Snacks, children's area, flat 2 mile course!** 



Free shirt w/\$150 in pledges!





Care Center TN"

These are exciting times to be a part of what God is doing in and through the Pregnancy Care Center! This ministry is completely community funded. If you would like to partner in providing this valuable service, please prayerfully consider making a taxdeductible donation online at:

www.pregnancycarecentertn.com or by mail at PO Box 241 Hermitage, TN 37076. Thank you for making this work possible.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- September 29th—Walk for Life
- January 13, 2018—Praise
  Symphony Concert
- January Sanctity of
- Human Life Sunday & Baby bottle campaigns
- May 2, 2019 10th Annual Fundraising Banquet

## PCC office supplies needed:

- Coffee K-Cups
- Copy paper (plain & color)
- Tissues
- Small bottled waters

## Would you join us in prayer in the following areas?

- That those we serve will have an openness to receive the love and hope of Christ
- That the PCC will be the 1st choice for anyone facing a pregnancy decision in our community
- That the PCC will be a light in our community giving all Glory to God
- For protection for the Center and our Board, staff, and volunteers
- That each of us would continually search our own hearts in order to be vessels for His use