



PRC Life Notes

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Greetings to the friends and supporters of the Pregnancy Resource Clinic!

We are certain that you would like to know what God has been doing here at the PRC and to meet a few of the people who are working diligently to “make things happen.” For starters, let’s put our feet to the plow!

Putting Your Feet...

Salli Freudenthal’s eyes sparkle as she looks over at her husband, Frank, with the kind of love that their 52 years of marriage have grown over time. With five children and thirteen grandchildren, the Freudenthals believe strongly in the value of human life, which is why both have chosen to invest both their time and money in the ministry of the Pregnancy Resource Clinic.

“We’ve always been very strongly pro-life,” Salli says. One day many years ago, she felt God telling her to “put her feet where her mouth was” and get involved in the pro-life cause. She and her husband responded first by receiving single pregnant women into their home and caring for them until after the birth of their babies. They then moved on to organize Life Chain in St. Joseph during the 1990’s where approximately 2100 participants held signs with approved pro-life messages and prayed for 60 minutes while forming a human cross at Belt and Frederick. But this was only the beginning for the Freudenthals.

Salli has worn many hats over the years at the PRC, but she is currently a client advocate and enjoys seeing women on a regular basis to help meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. “What the PRC does is so important because it provides an opportunity to minister to young women who are in crisis situations,” she says.

Salli shared how she was recently reading in Luke 15:1-2 where Jesus is about to teach on the parable of the lost sheep and verse 1 states that “sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.” The impact of that verse to her was that people who were rejected by society for their sins were in fact welcomed by Jesus, and she believes this is a powerful example for all Christians to follow.

Frank Freudenthal feels that one of his roles at the PRC is to give financially to the ministry. He feels the PRC is a worthy investment because he is also very committed to preserving life and sees the PRC as a much-needed resource for providing information and encouragement to many young men and women in the community. “Women meet with counselors and see their babies from the beginning through the sonograms,” he says. “The PRC provides opportunities to save the lives of these babies.”

Both Frank and Salli realize that it takes many willing volunteers to keep a ministry like the PRC running smoothly. “There are a lot of jobs at the PRC that need to be done such as fundraising, office work and counseling,” Salli says. “I would encourage anyone interested in volunteering to pray and ask God what particular category of the ministry they could get involved in.” Frank nods in agreement with his wife and adds, “Anything we do in the name of the Lord is important.”



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PRC Baby Bottle Campaign – It's Easy & Simple to Participate!

Simply say YES and the Pregnancy Resource Clinic can do the rest.

The baby bottle campaign has grown into the second largest fundraiser for the PRC. For three years, baby bottles have been distributed to area churches and schools to collect coins, cash and checks as an easy and fun way to support the PRC ministry in the community. In 2009, 17 churches and schools participated and that number more than doubled in 2010 to 35 churches and schools who saw the need to support this ministry. Contributions also grew from \$14,000 in 2009 to more than \$30,000 this year.

Campaigns are conducted twice each year and are five to six weeks long. The first campaign kicks off on the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday which will be January 23, 2011 with the second starting on Mother's Day, May 8, 2011. The campaigns are a great opportunity to involve the whole family, while reaching out in local missions.

How does it work?

The Pregnancy Resource Clinic will supply your church, school or organization with baby bottles designed specifically for fundraising. Typically a church or organization will request one to two bottles per family, student or member. Bottles are delivered by the PRC the week before the campaign kicks off.

Bulletin and newsletter inserts are provided as feeders to encourage participation if desired. These are inserted into your church bulletin, school or organization newsletters, or placed on church websites two to four weeks prior to the start of the campaign. This will give members a chance to participate and start saving their change, paper money or checks for the baby bottles.

On campaign kick-off day announcements are made from the pulpit or at an organizational meeting, bulletin inserts are distributed and bottles are handed out to encourage families to participate. A speaker from the PRC is also available to come to the church, school or organization to share about the ministry.

Bottles can be turned in at any time to your church office or other designated place during the campaign. All baby bottles should be turned in on or before the campaign's final day. Groups may choose to appoint an individual to deliver the bottles to the PRC or call the PRC when the bottles are ready to be picked up.

How can you help?

The outreach and ministry of the PRC needs to continue to grow in our community! There is an ongoing need for help when women and men are facing a crisis pregnancy. Therefore, a larger cross-section of the faith community is needed to provide support for the front line work done by the PRC.

You can serve as the contact for your church, school and organization. Even if your group has participated in the past a new contact may be needed. If your group has not previously participated in the Baby Bottle Campaign, you can serve as the liaison for the organization. Call today to volunteer to be your organization or church contact.



Thelma Pollard

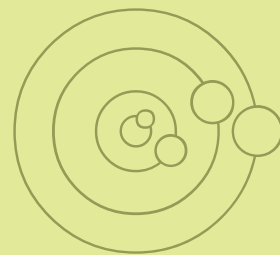
One of the friendliest faces you'll find at the Pregnancy Resource Clinic is the one that belongs to Thelma Pollard. Behind her glasses are eyes full of warmth and her inviting smile is one that many clients look forward to seeing each week after they meet with their client advocates and proceed to their own personal shopping arena: the Mother Care Room. This is an area specifically designed to meet the physical needs of the mothers and fathers that enter the doors of the PRC by providing diapers, baby clothes, portable cribs, and other necessities for parenting.

Pollard says she first became involved in ministry with the PRC through the baby bottle drive held at the church she attends, Grace Evangelical. "Our pastor gave a sermon about how we need to do more than just say we're pro-life—we need to put our faith into action to help real people with real needs." Pollard taught 4th and 5th grade at Mid-Buchanan school for 31 years and now that she's retired, she's decided she wants to spend her time doing something that matters for the community and for Christ. Married 35 years this June to her husband Bob, the Pollards have no grandchildren so "this is my baby fix," she says in reference to holding the little ones that she's helping to clothe and diaper.

This is Pollard's third year as a volunteer at the PRC where she continues to serve in the Mother Care Room. Though some might view her role as a non-counselor position, the truth is that the Mother Care Room can be one of the best places to chat with the mothers in a casual setting. Pollard says she always asks how she can be praying for the clients that come to "shop" and she really enjoys getting to know them and lifting them up in prayer. "I love talking with the expectant mothers throughout their pregnancy and doing what I can to encourage them," she says.

Pollard will be the first to share about the ongoing need for items to stock the Mother Care Room. "Once clients have made the decision to parent, clothes and diapers become an important need in their lives, and wipes alone can be quite expensive and overwhelming for a new mother," she reveals. Donations are much needed to meet the demands of raising a child so that funds can be allocated to other areas of the ministry, especially the two items in highest demand: diapers and wipes.

So how can you help? Diaper drives are the top suggestion from Pollard and an easy way to get it going is by having a friendly competition between Sunday School classes to see which group can bring the most donations during a two or three week period. Other needs are new items that become part of the layette baskets the client advocates take to new mothers in the hospital after the birth of their babies. These items include: receiving blankets, washcloths, socks, onesies, sleepers, baby lotion and shampoo, bibs, bottles, burp cloths and hooded bath towels among others. In addition, the PRC always needs gently-used items such as toys, clothes, bouncy seats and baby bathtubs that mothers can "shop" for by earning points through attending sessions with their client advocate. Donations are accepted anytime during PRC business hours which are Monday through Thursday from 9am to 5pm, and Friday from 9am to 12pm.



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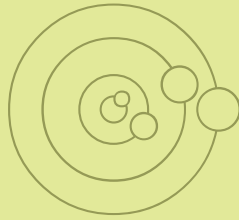
PRC's Annual Fundraising Banquet

On September 23, 2010 over 280 guests gathered at the Fulkerson Center on the campus of Missouri Western State University for the Pregnancy Resource Clinic's fifth annual banquet. This year's banquet was well-attended to and featured guest speaker Michele Pillar, three-time Grammy-nominated Christian singer, songwriter and actress.

Pillar told the moving story of her own unplanned pregnancy at the age of 17 and explained the sense of entrapment she felt at putting her youth and promising music career on hold to raise a child. Roe vs. Wade had just enabled young women the right to abort without even informing their parents, and Pillar told a hushed audience about her choice to abort her pregnancy at the advice of a medical staff person. She described how the nurse glorified how abortion would remove her "problem" and she could go on as if the pregnancy had never happened and no one would ever have to know. What the nurse failed to share was the physical and emotional scarring that Pillar would bear for the rest of her life. Moreover, neither she nor the father of the baby would ever be able to have another child.

But in keeping with the theme for this year's banquet, "A Light in the Darkness," Pillar shared how God's grace, love and forgiveness led her to overcome her deep remorse and that just three weeks after her abortion, she came to know Christ personally and committed her life to Him. She now shares her story with the hope that the pain from her past decisions could lead to the rescue of other mothers and the babies they carry. "God can take the worst decision of your life and use it for His glory," said Pillar.

For banquet committee member Vicki Cash, this is the second PRC



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fundraising event this year that she's been involved in. Cash stated that she is committed to helping the PRC because she is very strongly pro-life. "It's something God has laid on my heart to help women choose to keep their babies," she said. "We need money to keep the clinic going since we don't get government funding." Another purpose of the banquet, according to Cash, is to let the community know about all that the PRC provides to both men and women in the surrounding area, including male-to-male counseling services that support fathers-to-be. "It's about making others aware of what the PRC does, who we are, and what we need from the community," said Cash.

Bunny Newville is another PRC volunteer who decided to join the banquet planning committee. Newville has recently completed the training to become a client advocate and just started seeing clients this August. "I decided to be on the committee because I believe in what the PRC does," Newville said. "I know helping to raise funds for this ministry is a valuable use of my time."

The Fundraising Banquet provides the single largest source of funding for the PRC for the entire fiscal year. "We rely on the financial support of donors in order to continue to offer and expand our services to our increasing number of clients," said PRC director James Fisher. "The client numbers have dramatically increased in 2010 with more than 260 clients served in the first 10 months compared to 154 clients total for 2009.

As well as being the highest attended annual banquet since it began five years ago, this year's event resulted in an overall increase of giving by over 15 percent since the 2009 banquet, with monthly giving up over 50 percent. "Having an increase in the giving is vitally important for the PRC as the ministry is reaching out to serve the abortion-minded and abortion-vulnerable clients.

A Monthly Gift Can Have a Great Impact

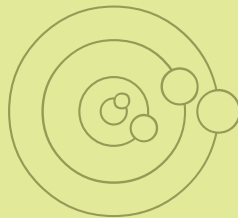
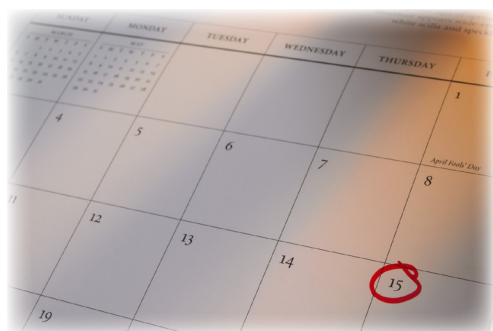
If you are wondering whether your gift can make a difference here at the Pregnancy Resource Clinic, there is no need to wonder further. It can. Whether your gift is \$5 or \$500, the Lord uses each and every one to accomplish His purposes here. Our goal is that one day our center will be the first stop for every woman in our community who is facing an unplanned pregnancy. It's an ambitious goal, to be sure. We must be vigilant with our advertising, and totally committed to offering the highest level of service. And more important, we are seeking the Lord on a regular basis as we seek to accomplish this.

One way to get it done

The Lord could take care of this quickly and easily. If He wanted, He could drop the material resources at our doorstep tomorrow. If He did however, many of us would miss an opportunity to be a part of His provision.

Perhaps another way?

Instead of dropping everything in our laps, perhaps the Lord wants us each to take stock in ourselves and consider how we might make a difference. At this time, your monthly support—of any amount—would assist us in taking this ministry to another level. If you are interested, simply write “monthly support” on your check, and we will do the rest. Consider it, will you? We'd like to have you join our growing family of financial supporters.



Post-Abortion Recovery Class

One in Three women of child bearing age in America have had an abortion. This incredibly scary and stunning statistic delivers a powerful message to the loving and caring supporters and volunteers involved with the ministry at the Pregnancy Resource Clinic. Our Vision is to Make Abortion Unthinkable, One Life at a Time! That is why we do the work with women and men who are facing an unintended pregnancy.

What this statistic also tells us is that there are hundreds if not thousands of women in our community who each and every day struggle with the secret of their abortion. With the love and understanding of our Savior Jesus Christ, we work to serve all women who struggling with this secret.

The Pregnancy Resource Clinic for a number of years has talked about providing a post-abortion recovery program and in February 2011 the PRC will be offering its first class. Her Choice to Heal, an eight week class on healing and forgiveness for post abortive women will be offered in St Joseph. The woman's participation in this class is completely confidential. To get more details on this class or to sign up for it simply call the PRC at 816-387-8090. Your chance to heal is now.

PRC's Second Annual Golf Tournament



Congratulations to the winners of the Champion Flight!
Pictured above are team captain Tony Franklin, and members Chaz Poe, Zach Poe and Craig Burton.

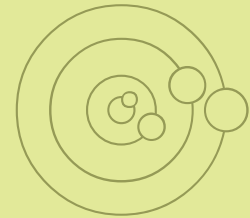
Saturday, July 31 dawned bright and sunny as thirty volunteers and one hundred forty-four players gathered at Fairview Golf Course in St. Joseph for the Pregnancy Resource Clinic's second annual golf tournament. Thirty-six teams consisting of four players each put their skills to the test as they united in their support of the PRC.

At \$14,500, this year's benefit raised significantly more than in 2009, which event chairperson Bob Den Ouden credits to the strong efforts of the committee he worked with and the generosity of the community. "I've been playing golf since I got out of college," said Den Ouden. "I volunteered to organize this year's tournament because I wanted to marry the passions I have for the PRC and for golf. I wanted to help raise funds for what I believe is a great ministry for the advancement of life."

Second-time committee member Gary Ellington is also a businessman with a hectic schedule and a love for golf who decided to use both his athletic and organization skills for the good of the PRC. "This was a great opportunity for people to show support for the PRC and Bob [Den Ouden] did a great job getting sponsors and participants together," Ellington said. He became involved in helping the PRC because he knows how big a part the organization plays in the futures of its clients. "These are tough decisions for young adults to make that may not have a support system. Through the resources the PRC provides, they can make informed, knowledgeable decisions that affect them the rest of their lives," he stated.

Another event participant, Kenney Newville, considered the tournament an excellent way to build support from those who may not be familiar with all the PRC has to offer. "In addition to being a good time, it was an opportunity to put forth the cause of the Pregnancy Resource Clinic to the participants," Newville said. "Everyone I visited with enjoyed the festivities."

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In the tournament's championship flight, winners were team captain Tony Franklin, and members Chaz Poe, Zach Poe and Craig Burton with a score of 48. However, Eric Bruder's team and members Dave Hornaday, David Bloss and Keith McKinish were hot on their heels, also with 48 but narrowly losing the tiebreaker. Third place went to Steve Colson, Ed Colson, Carol Colson and Melvin Foxx with a score of 53.

First place in Flight A went to Dana Browning and team members Renee Hurd, Diane Hook and Patti Schultz with 58. Second place winners were Terry Campbell, Steve Johnson, Andy Thomas and Bob Den Ouden with 59. In third place were Gary Ellington, Larry Ellington, Jeff Ellington and Ron Budine, also with a score of 59.

In first place for Flight B was Ben Gach and his teammates Trevor Gach, Jeff Landers and Boyd Denton with 67. In second place were Stephen Terry, Robert Haley, Chris Roberts and Dennis Dornhoffer with a score of 69. The third place team included David Knoz, Tom Grame, Betty Carter and Tommy Jones also with 69.

PRC's Third Annual Picnic

The Pregnancy Resource Clinic held its third annual picnic at Barlett Park on August 5 from 5-7pm. There were thirty-eight clients in attendance with their children, among them twelve program alumni, as well as several volunteers. The evening included children's games, a buffet-style supper, and prizes for all adult clients.

"The purpose [of the picnic] is to gather the clients together with the client advocates, outside the counseling sessions," said James Fisher, PRC director. "They also need to know they're not the only person in this type of situation and they can help lift each other up."

The picnic also provided an opportunity for clients to meet each other's families and show off new babies, including 4-day-old Nova, the newest addition to the PRC family. One client, Samantha, who is the new mother of 4-month-old Olivia, expressed her appreciation for the PRC. "I just want to say 'thank you,' she said. "It's a gift from God to have [the PRC] in my life." She went on to say that she enjoyed the picnic because "it's good to meet people in the same boat as me."

A friend of a client, Celeste, was quick to express what a great time she had at the event. "It was nice meeting new people," she said. Other clients appreciated the tables heaped with hamburgers, hotdogs, fruit, and side dishes and desserts of all varieties. "I loved the food!" said client Mercedes.

But clients weren't the only ones enjoying themselves. "It's been a wonderful evening of fellowship," said Barbara Moore, PRC client advocate. "It's rewarding seeing people come together and celebrate all these new babies and their families."



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Missouri Offers Tax Credit

The State of Missouri offers a 50% Missouri tax credit to donors who provide financial support to pregnancy clinics in Missouri. Each pregnancy clinic is allotted a certain amount of tax credit and that credit is available to donors on a first-applied first-received basis.

This means that Pregnancy Resource Clinic donors who give a minimum of \$100 are eligible to apply for a tax credit for 50% of their donation. The application form is available from the Pregnancy Resource Clinic by calling 816-387-8090. Once the donor has completed the form it must be returned to the PRC for signatures and for the PRC to attach the verification documentation.

PRC Calendar of Events

2010

Christmas and Year-End Giving Campaign

December 2010

2011

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 23

SOHLS - Baby Bottle Campaign Kick-off

January 23

Volunteer Training (spring)

TBD

Mother's Day Baby Bottle Campaign Kick-off

May 8

Walk for Life

June 4

Golf Tournament

July 30

Banquet

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