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Semi-annual newsletter for Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.



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**Volunteer Training
coming soon!**

See page 3 for details!

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AND HERE'S THE "NEWS"

A New Goal - Retirement

Many individuals look eagerly forward to the day in which they can retire from their present employment in one way or another.

At PMI, we are looking to retire - retire our mortgage debt in 2018.

First, a bit of history: In early 2001, following a search for a new location for the Chambersburg Center, the Lord directed the Board to a property at 338 Lincoln Way East that was available for purchase. The Board voted in March of that year to purchase the property for \$130,000.

Over the past 17 years, PMI has been able to rent out the back portion of the facility to assist with mortgage payments and building improvements and repairs. Donations specifically toward the debt have also been received periodically and added to regular monthly payments.

The mortgage is now down to \$20,000! With your help, we can bring the amount down to \$0 by the end of the year and phase 2 can begin. Phase 2 includes upgrading and renovating the property to better serve our clients and

their needs.

This is SO doable! With over 2000 addresses on our mailing list, an average of \$10 in a special donation would cover the mortgage balance.

How can you help us reach this goal? A little - a lot? Please pray about what you can give toward this special campaign. An envelope is included with this mailing or give online at www.pregnancyministries.org.

We'll keep you updated on our website and our Facebook page.

Thank you for all your support!

A New Name - Restore

By Ruth Schuler, Restore Ministry

January has always been a time for me to reflect on the year behind me and get a vision for the year ahead. As I have done that for the past few weeks, I rejoice in the many opportunities I've had to share my abortion story at churches and events.

"I believe it to be part of my calling to be honest about my past, so that others may be set free from theirs."

At the end of the year I heard from a woman struggling with an abortion choice in her past, and she was ready to seek healing. I invited her to go through a healing Bible study and she wondered if there was someone

else to join her. I attempted to make contacts with those who had sought my help recently but had no success. I thought of a woman that had spoken to me after I had shared my testimony at her church. I had given her my contact information but didn't get hers. If only I could contact her for she expressed a desire to go through the healing study too. I prayed about God prompting her to call me.

That same day I went to work at one of the PMI centers and the woman I had prayed about came in with a donation. I was able to talk to her. I stand amazed at how God had orchestrated the day's events to answer my prayer. It made me

feel intimately cared for and encouraged in ministry to these two women.

As I look ahead to 2018, my goal is to finish updating my website and promotional materials to include ministry to men.

Above is the new name and logo for the abortion recovery ministry with fond memories of all God has accomplished under our former Pure Grace 101.

Join me as I excitedly anticipate God's continued blessing with this new name.

Please pray for Ruth as she and a co-presenter will be traveling to Haiti the end of March to teach Haitian Christians how to minister in abortion recovery.



Thank you to our Dinner Sponsors!



Pastor Jamie Kendrew shared his story with us—from “rape baby” to pastor and leader in his community. He brought home the point that ALL life is precious regardless of how it began. Jamie made us cry and laugh. It’s safe to say that all 400 people in attendance were moved by his message.

SAVE THE DATE

October 11, 2018

Dinner speaker, Evie West, will tell us about her life going from being a gang member and teen mom to being a police officer and national speaker.

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The following individuals and businesses covered the cost of our speaker and other expenses. We thank them for standing up for the unborn. Please show your appreciation by patronizing and recommending them to your friends. \$60,000 in cash and pledges was raised!

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*Our year end appeal goal of \$50,000 was reached and surpassed.
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& Kevin and Elizabeth McGlinchy
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Where Will She Turn for Help?

Pregnancy Ministries' Volunteer Training

A woman struggling with an unplanned pregnancy may feel confused and scared - not knowing what to do. A **free pregnancy test and ultrasound confirmation, a program to help with material needs, education on pre-natal and baby issues, and sharing the Good News of the Gospel** can be the support needed to give her direction and empower her to carry her baby.

With the training provided through Pregnancy Ministries, volunteers can meet with young women and give them support and education they need. We are also looking for men to work with young dads who come through our doors.

For those who feel inclined to serve in other ways, we have volunteers who launder clothes, wash furniture items, do routine maintenance, weed, sweep and clean.

With more volunteers, we can serve more women and be the first choice for women in unplanned pregnancies. From meeting with clients and answering the phones to sorting donations and weeding flowerbeds, each volunteer's work is important.

New training for Receptionists and Client Advocates begins Monday, April 23.

**Call any center to find out more details
and receive a volunteer packet!**



Walk for Life & Diaper Dash

Thursday evening May 24

Otterbein Community Park, Waynesboro

Saturday morning June 2

Norlo Park, Fayetteville

Details coming in April!

Diaper Dash

This is a crawl/run for babies & children thru age 10, divided into age groups.

- \$5 entry fee per child
- Trophies & prizes
- Fun!!

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Walks for Life

May 24 in Waynesboro

June 2 in Fayetteville

Celebration Dinner

October 11

Chambersburg Center



**Retire the Debt
Campaign!**

YOU CAN HELP!

Client Needs

Infant Towels and Washcloths
0-3 Month Winter Outfits
3-6 Month Winter Outfits
0-3 Month Sleepers
3-6 Month Sleepers
Small Bottles Hand Lotion
Small Bottles Hand Sanitizer
Size 3 & 4 Diapers
Infant Toys
Burp Cloths
Bottle Nipples

Center Needs

(Call center for details)

Chambersburg - 267-3738

Receptionists and Peer Counselors
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Shippensburg - 532-4446

Receptionists and Peer Counselors
Volunteer to clean office 2x/month

Greencastle - 597-2447

Receptionists and Peer Counselors
Volunteer to clean office 1x/month

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www.pregnancyministries.org/keepuptodate

Like us on Facebook and receive our daily posts.

www.facebook.com/pmipregnancycenter

What's Happening in Chambersburg

by Deb MacAskill, Chbg. Client Services



Our year is off to a busy start! God has certainly placed PMI in this place for such a time as this because we are receiving many contacts from abortion-minded women who are feeling that abortion is the only answer for their unplanned pregnancy. We pray that these women will have a change of heart and decide to make an appointment to come in for a pregnancy test and a limited ultrasound to see the life that is being knit together in each of their wombs. In addition to the "Before You Decide" magazine, we now have an iPad and app from CareNet that can be used with clients to explain the options of abortion, adoption, and parenting. Our desire is to broaden the client's thinking about options and to explain the many ways we can help them through the Earn While You Learn Program. We have two new client advocates who have recently been trained so that our office can provide even more appointment times for the convenience of our clients.

What's Happening in Waynesboro

by Mary Clark, Waynesboro Center Director



Greetings from the Waynesboro Center! I am excited for all the opportunities that will come our way this year. Having a little more than 4 months on staff, I am getting into the groove of our Ministry thanks to the help of Becki Schuurman, Ruth Schuler and our wonderful staff of dedicated volunteers!

Our year has started off well with six new clients who tested positive signing up for Earn While You Learn! We give thanks for our clients who choose to continue to come for prenatal and parenting education and pray this will bring positive change into their lives and those of their children. You can join us in prayer as we ask the Lord to bring us more clients in need of our services.

I was recently contacted by the counselor of a local middle school about our services. She indicated that a student had talked with her about a possible pregnancy and was interested in having me come to the school for a meeting with the student and school personnel. Originally she asked that I come prepared to perform a pregnancy test, however, the student had already been to a doctor before the meeting and a pregnancy was confirmed. I was able to present our mission and share numerous brochures concerning our services here at the Waynesboro Center. At some point during the meeting I asked them if their intention was to carry and parent this baby. I was thankful to learn they do intend to carry and parent with the help of their parents. It was interesting to me that the mother of the young man involved had given birth to him when she was 14 and now he is 14 having a baby.

I am grateful for the doors this opportunity will open within our school system and look forward to working with them in the future.

What's Happening in Shippensburg

by Robin Kell, Center Director



Looking back on 2017, I am amazed at all God has done at the Ship center. We asked you to pray and God heard our prayers. Rejoice with me as we see all that God has done.

We saw an increase of women considering abortion. In fact, 51% of the women seeking a pregnancy test were considering abortion. The one that really impacted us was a young lady calling us about her abortion options. She and her boyfriend came into the center and after speaking with a Client Advocate they chose life for their baby.

Several individuals asked questions about God and what we believed in. What an opportunity to share God's amazing love and saving grace with them. As a result, a young lady committed her life to Christ.

Men and women seeking out STI testing were thankful for the education we provided them. That is the most common comment made on an exit survey of those receiving STI testing. Several individuals committed to abstinence.

These are just a few of the many things God has done at Shippensburg. We praise God for all he has done and we thank you for your prayers. They really do make a difference.

What's Happening in Greencastle

by Cindy Rotz, Center Director



For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Greencastle center has been busy so far this year, we have seen new pregnancies and we have an STI test scheduled for this week. We had a few babies born last year and a few more due this year. It is so nice to see the girls come in with their new baby and tell us all about the labor and delivery. I am always willing to hear their stories. This helps us to get to know them better so we can share the love of God with an understanding of where they are in life.

We have had a few calls about abortion and wanting information on the subject. This is when I am glad we have the "Before you Decide" magazine. This magazine is a quick reference for us to share the side effects of an abortion and the long term effects about which they may not be informed other places. Positive options of parenting and adoption are also explored in the publication.

We are trying to make the space we have work better for us. So I am in the process of reorganizing our clothing and baby items. We could use your help if you would like to give us a few hours. Thank you for all your support!

Glimpses Around the Ministry



A Little Knowledge

By Cindy Booher
Nurse Manager

It's called *Softouch*; the non-medical, quick, natural procedure used to perform an abortion in minutes, virtually removing all the burdens of more conventional abortion methods. Advertisers compare the procedure to a PAP test and the results to a miscarriage. This "procedure" is done by inserting a tube and applying pressure that simply releases a late period.....a natural release.

Where do I start? First of all anytime a tube is inserted anywhere and pressure applied *is* considered invasive. It is done in the comfort of your doctor's exam room with a supportive companion versus a maybe not so nice room and a loud suction machine. According to what I have read many women are to be able to leave the office feeling ready to resume their normal activities with no restrictions. Only one visit versus three with the abortion pill.

This was invented by a Harvard-trained doctor and being marketed as a part of mainstream primary abortion care.

The way I see it, nothing has changed. Words are being used to make the procedure seem *natural*like being treated for the flu. When the girl leaves the office the result is still the same, a baby has lost his or her life. The consequences still need to be dealt with at some point in time ... and that doesn't feel so soft.

Pray with us that hearts and eyes will be open to the truth. It doesn't matter how "soft", convenient, quick or easy it may seem, the reality of abortion is still the same.

Did you Know?

The 2018 Gerber Baby is
Lucas Warren.

Lucas is the first baby with Down syndrome to receive this honor.

See his sweet picture at
<http://news.gerber.com/news>



InsideOut Dad

A curriculum designed specifically for incarcerated fathers, the goal is to connect inmate fathers to their families and develop pro-fathering attitudes.

InsideOut Dad, a series of sessions on parenting for incarcerated fathers, is held every other Saturday at the Franklin Country Jail. The leaders, Jason Baker and Larry Rutter, have been encouraged by the attendance.

A total of 118 jail residents attended at least one session. Seven men completed the entire curriculum. Others came for two to

six of the classes. Although the seven who completed are only 6% of the total attendees, it should be noted that, being a county jail, inmates frequently become eligible for work release, are released or moved to other facilities.

Our prayer is that each one would be touched in some way even if they only attended one session.



On January 27, about 150 of our PMI family came together for our fourth annual women's conference at Otterbein Ministry Center, Waynesboro. Guest speaker, Laura Acuna shared an inspiring message: Be Brave—growing up & moving on. It was a fun day with our friends—old & new. Check out the photo slideshow here: <https://youtu.be/ZgyziUkTRBg>

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