

Special Delivery

Community Responds to Help Expectant Mother Diagnosed with Cancer

By Katie Scalf

Like many pregnant women who come to PMI, Anna* was distraught. Her circumstances were overwhelming and it seemed hopeless to handle them alone.

She was three months pregnant with her first child when she came to PMI. After a couple sessions, she shared that she was facing not only an unplanned pregnancy, but also a recent diagnosis of cervical cancer. The father of the baby was nowhere to be found.

Without the baby's father in her life, Anna was facing this pregnancy, and now a cancer diagnosis, alone. She was distressed. On top of everyday concerns like how she would provide for her child and where they would live, she also worried about the effect of the cancer on her baby and about her own prognosis. The doctors said the treatments she needed were too dangerous for the baby, so they put off treating her cancer until after delivery.

But God had set plans in motion to provide for her needs, and over the remaining months of her pregnancy, Anna began to see that she wasn't alone. Her client advocate at PMI prayed with her every time they met, asking for God's intervention and help through her trials. The advocate personally provided Anna with food at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She used the Word of God to show Anna that God loved her and that she was precious in His sight. The more they talked and prayed, the more Anna gained hope and strength.

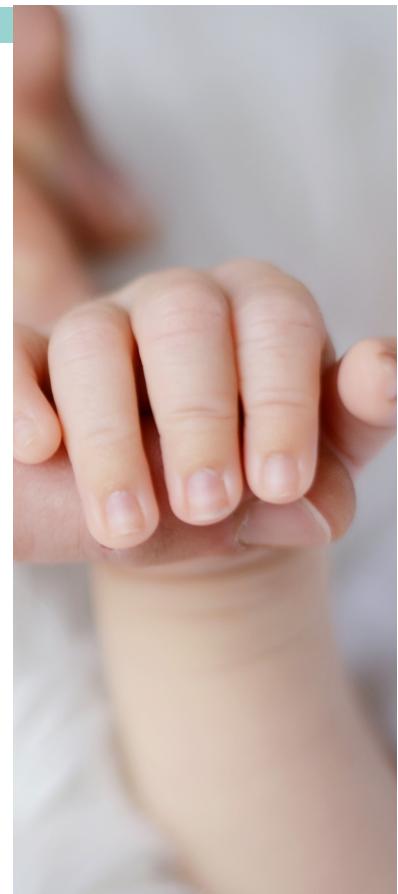
PMI also provided for her and her baby's physical needs. Through the *Earn While You Learn* program, Anna received education about pregnancy, delivery, and infant care. She absorbed all the information she could. Then she used the Baby Bucks she earned to buy a car seat, bassinet, pack and play, and stroller. At her sixth month of pregnancy, she got a Mommy Bag of personal care items just for her. And after the birth, she got a Layette; a large gift bag of baby clothes and items for the first few months.

In addition to PMI, God used Anna's church family to answer her prayers for help. A couple within her church heard about her situation and offered to let her stay with them. They had an extra bedroom and wanted to share their blessings, so they invited her into their home, providing her with food, necessities, and transportation to her appointments. They were the ones who brought her to PMI, having heard of the help we offered to pregnant women.

With support from PMI, her church, and the couple who took her in, Anna gave birth to a healthy child. She loved the baby dearly, and she was an excellent first-time mother. Afterwards, Anna had the surgery and treatments she needed to remove her cancer.

Anna's story is a powerful reminder of how God faithfully provides for those He loves. He saw Anna in her distress and moved people and organizations in her community to surround her with the love and help she needed in His name. Thank you for being part of His work and for supporting our ministry!

*name has been changed for privacy



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Save The Dates!

- Girls' Day Out 2020—
February 29, 2020
- Walk for Life
Waynesboro—5/21/20
Fayetteville—6/6/20
- Celebration Dinner—
October 15, 2020



Derrick Tennant, 2019 Speaker

2019 Celebration Dinner Sponsors

We had a wonderful and successful dinner last October! Thank you to the following businesses who helped make the evening possible.

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Edward Jones		

*We raised over \$63,000 in donations and pledges at the 2019 Celebration Dinner.
THANK YOU for your support of PMI!*

In Memory & Honor

A gift was given in memory of:

Margaret Barrett
by Altar Servers at the Church

Gifts were given in honor of:

My Mama, Grandma, Nana, and Grandma Foltz
by Talia Byers

Amy Price
by Jim & Sharon Roberts

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by Jim & Sharon Roberts

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by Tom and Barb Clark

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Spring Into Action This April!

Pregnancy Ministries' Volunteer Training

Training for **Receptionists** and **Client Advocates** begins Monday, April 20 and runs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9AM– 12PM through May 6. Call any center for your volunteer packet!

There are many other ways to serve at a PMI Pregnancy Resource Center that do not require the training. Can you help? Here are some of the ways to serve:

- Meet with young Dads or Dads to be (men only – minor training and materials provided)
- Launder clothing donations
- Check over and wash furniture donations
- Routine maintenance
- Weeding (Chambersburg Center)
- Cleaning

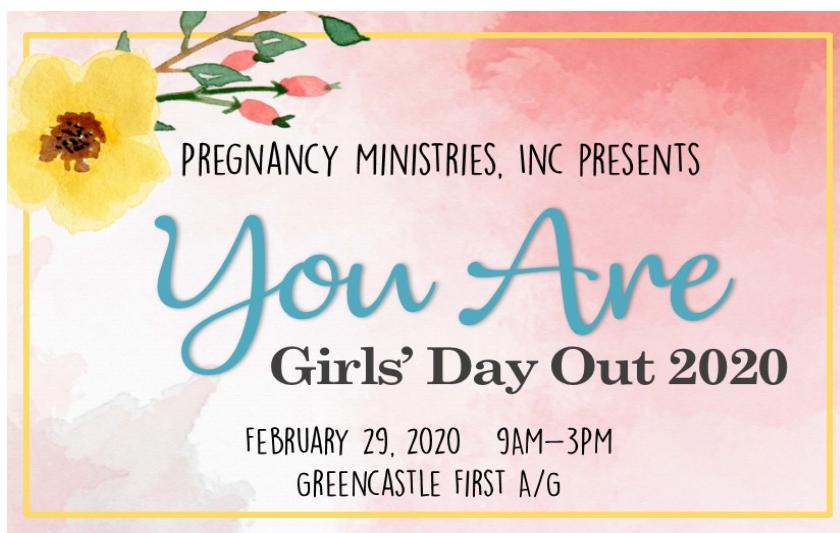
With more volunteers, we can serve more women and be the first choice for women in unplanned pregnancies. From meeting with clients and answering the phones to sorting donations and weeding flowerbeds, each volunteer's work is important.

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

Girls' Day Out 2020

We had a great time at the 5th annual Girls Day Out in February 2019, and we want you to join us for 2020! Girls Day Out is a fun, encouraging, one-day event for women. There will be an all-day coffee bar, continental breakfast, hot lunch, vendors, worship, and messages from our speaker, Shirley Sharpe. It is sure to be another fabulous day with girlfriends!

You can register to attend at pregnancyministries.org/news-and-events or call 717-267-3738. Hope to see you there!



Save the Date!

Walk
for
life
2020

Save the date now for
the 2020 Walk for Life!

**Thursday, May 21st @
Otterbein Park,
Waynesboro**

**Saturday, June 6th @
Norlo Park,
Fayetteville**

**Interested in a
business sponsorship?**

We are looking for businesses to partner with us to put on this fundraising event.

Call 717-267-3738 to
find out more.

Volunteer Spotlight

"Volunteering is very rewarding in serving others that are in need, while serving God to bring glory to Him."

-Angie Jones, volunteer at Shippensburg Center



Joyce Cook has volunteered at Pregnancy Ministries in Chambersburg since 1993. Over the last 26 years she has shared her heart with many clients. Not only does Joyce serve as a client advocate, but she also does anything else that is needed around the center. She sorts clothing, organizes the Clothes Closet, and this year even helped with decorating the center for Christmas!



An Ultrasound Story

by Cindy Booher, RN

She sat there clasping her hands tightly, looking so scared and nervous. I tried to put her at ease as much as possible. The boyfriend also sat there quiet and withdrawn looking at first. Rachael's* story was like so many others; this pregnancy was unplanned, her job would be downsized in the new year and most of all, she was afraid her father would be so disappointed in her.

During the scan I explained what I saw. The father of the baby started to excitedly join in the conversation. He explained that he wanted to know what he was going to see and had researched ultrasounds. He found out a lot about fetal development and that it was a fully-formed baby. Rachael still wasn't saying

much but was wiping tears from her eyes. I asked if she was thinking of taking part in the Baby Bucks program to earn needed things. She shook her head yes. I can't say for sure, but the father's influence probably played an integral part in her changing her mind. *And the wonderful tool of ultrasound.* *name changed



Helping a Grieving Father

by Ruth Schuler, Abortion Recovery Director

While serving as the Shippensburg Assistant Director, I pray for opportunities to share about my journey in abortion recovery with clients. God answered promptly as I saw a male client who had come to the center for STI testing and shared having had an abortion experience recently. He shared that he was rather sad, having offered to support his partner whatever her decision, finding that she chose abortion. I assured him that his grief was normal and appropriate as the father of that child and encouraged him to seek further help in working through his emotions. I thanked him for sharing this intimate information and thank God for the privilege to start this client on his journey of healing.

Waynesboro Center Update

by Linda Barr, Executive Director

As indicated in the last newsletter, the Board of Directors decided to temporarily close the Waynesboro center due to various circumstances at its July meeting. The question on your mind may now be "what is the latest on the center?" In November, Waynesboro office contents were moved for storage at the Chambersburg Center. At the Annual Board Goal Planning Meeting, held in mid-January, the Board will be laying out more specific goals toward the reopening of a center in 2020. Waynesboro area clients are currently being seen at Chambersburg or Greencastle. The Board asks for your prayers as we seek the Lord's counsel as to how best to serve those in the Waynesboro community. Watch our Facebook page and website for updates.

Meet Our New Nurse!

My name is Daria DeRogatis-Smith.

I have lived in the Waynesboro area for the last 26 years. My husband Greg and I have been married for 26 years. We have 6 children that I have homeschooled. Their ages range from 22 down to 6. Five are boys and the youngest is a girl. We attend Fairview Avenue Brethren in Christ Church where I am the Nursery Coordinator, a Board member and serve with my husband as Deacons.

I have been an RN for 27 years with a BSN from George Mason University. I have worked in Critical Care and then 15 years in Family Birthing Services at Waynesboro Hospital before choosing to stay home with my family.

I am very excited to get back into nursing, especially in a ministry setting. I feel that PMI is where God has placed me and am happy to be part of the PMI team. I have always had a passion for babies and feel privileged to be part of something that is helping moms choose life.



Meeting Clients Where They Are

by Maggie Wantz, Chambersburg Administrative Director

At PMI, clients are more than a number or a case file for statistical information. Clients are met where they are and treated with compassion, dignity and integrity with every interaction. A young man (father to be), accompanying his girlfriend to her appointment, asked if he could speak to me and Deb. He had already met both of us at his initial appointment. He was overwhelmed with concerns and stressed, but felt comfortable talking with us. We were able to comfort him and share the gospel and the friend we have in Jesus, who will never leave us and will sustain us in all situations. Glory to God for orchestrating this God-appointed dialogue.

A Message from the Greencastle Center Director

by Cindy Rotz, Greencastle Director

The Greencastle center continues to grow in clients coming in for services. With the Waynesboro center temporarily closed, some Waynesboro residents have come. Most of "our" babies have been boys this year, along with several sets of twins!

Clients come from all walks of life, financially and spiritually. We seek to help them with material support from our center and referrals for free meals and free local clothes washing. As Christ is the center of our ministry, we pray clients will hear His voice in their hearts.

We receive donations of items from furniture to baby wipes, diapers and cash and checks. Items are cleaned, tagged and given to clients. We are extremely thankful for all of the donations in 2019.

What Clients Are Saying About the Shippensburg Center

Provided by Robin Kell, Shippensburg Director

"I felt safe and unjudged. I've had horrible experiences at other places, but this was wonderful."

"The person helping me was very empathetic and understanding. She was a great listener and clearly explained options."

"Thank you so much for the help; the compassion was unmatched. The Shippensburg site is very convenient for us students. The judgement-free atmosphere was very comforting. We need more people and services like this. Keep ads on campus, help them!"

"The women working here make everything comfortable."

PMI Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

PMI's mission is to uphold the sanctity of human life by providing Christ-centered assistance in pregnancy and related areas.



Inquiring Minds Want to Know

PMI receives a number of baby and maternity items. How are those items distributed to clients?

Great question. Following inspection, cleaning, and recall checks on baby equipment, the items are ready for giving out. Our clients participate in the Earn While You Learn program containing lessons on healthy pregnancy, labor and delivery, infant and toddler care, and basic parenting. As they go through the lessons one-on-one with a Client Advocate, complete homework, and make healthy life choices, the clients earn Baby Bucks. These Baby Bucks can be used to "purchase" items they need. Our clients can take responsibility for earning the items they need while receiving education on good choices during pregnancy and positive parenting skills. Each center also helps non-clients with "emergency" help—mainly diapers, wipes, formula, and baby clothing.

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