

2019 SUMMER



Special Delivery

Semi-annual newsletter for Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.

Come Celebrate With Us!

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Job Openings

Currently accepting applications for P/T RN Waynesboro Ctr. Director Contact Linda at 267-3738 or lbpmi@pa.net for current availability



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ANNUAL DINNER

PMI will be hosting its annual Celebration & Fundraising Dinner on Thursday, October 10 at Antrim BIC Church, 24 Kauffman Road East, Chambersburg. Dinner begins promptly at 6:15pm. The meal will be catered by Mrs. Gibbles Restaurant again this year.

Come hear stories celebrating what God has done through PMI this past year.

There is no charge to attend the event but reservations are required. We fill up quickly, so don't delay in reserving your seat. To RSVP, mail in form on page 3 or visit our website: pregnancyministries.org/ events.

Guest speakers Derrick & Julie Tennant are a brother and sister duo that will be joining us for the evening. Julie has Down Syndrome. She calls her "extra" chromosome the LOVE chromosome and it's something she would like to share with everyone.

Derrick was progressing in his dream for a career in sports when "random bleeding from point x" left him paralyzed and in a coma. After



relearning basics such as walking and talking, Derrick is now a stand up comedian and motivational speaker. You will be touched by their story and how love has transformed each of their lives.



CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISING DINNER

Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:15PM

Antrim BIC Church 24 Kauffman Rd E Chambersburg, PA 17202

Catered by Mrs. Gibble's Restaurant

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required.

See page 3 for details.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

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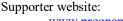
Bryan Krocker (my adopted son) by Gloria Krocker-Corey

Volunteer Training

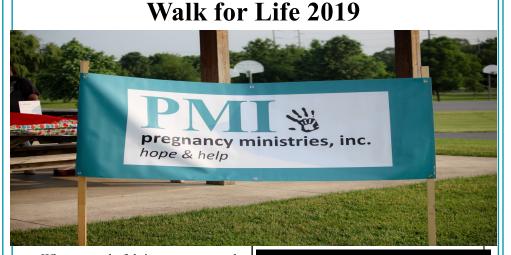
A woman struggling with an unplanned pregnancy may feel unsure, with little knowledge about fetal development, abortion procedures and risks, or the help available to carry and parent or place for adoption. YOU can help!

Our next Volunteer Training for Client Advocates and Receptionists Begins October 21.

Call any center for a volunteer packet, more information, or to register for the training.



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What a wonderful time at our annual Walk for Life events this year! We were blessed with beautiful weather for both events and lots of people came out to walk.

The walk in Waynesboro was held at Otterbein Community Park in May and the walk in Fayetteville was in June at Norlo Park. We had the Diaper Dash, prizes, face painting, clowns and balloon animals, and tons of yummy food.

Over \$20,000 has been raised to date. These funds were made possible by local businesses, those who walked, sponsored, and volunteered. It will go a long way in supporting babies and their families in our community. We are so grateful for you!

Check out our Facebook page or website to see a slideshow of photos from the 2019 Walks!



TOP FUNDRAISERS & PRIZE WINNERS

Top Team — The Good Family Top Overall Individual—Anonymous Second Place-Twyla Stahl Third Place-Katrina Martin

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Celebration Dinner Reservations

Yes! Include me in PMI's Annual Fundraising Dinner on Thursday, October 10, 2019 Antrim BIC at 24 E. Kauffman Road, Chambersburg. Dinner begins promptly at 6:15pm.

There will be person(s) in my party. Cost: FREE but reservations are required. Reserve your seating by mail with this form or online at www.pregnancyministries.org/events.

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Address:

Phone:

I cannot attend, but I wish to make a tax-deductible donation of \$ toward your dinner goal.

Blessings From Around the Ministry



"Halfway through the 2019 and God has blessed our clients in many ways by equipping them through Earn While You Learn (EWYL) sessions with staff and with baby items donated by many of you. Since January, God has led 36 new clients to our center, while 193 returned for EWYL visits for prenatal, parenting, sexual integrity, and spiritual growth. Twelve babies were born and blessed with layettes filled with needed baby items. 117 clients gave permission for us to pray with and for them or to share

the Gospel. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for services at PMI." Maggie Wantz, Chambersburg Administrative Director

"This Spring God multiplied in a wonderful way! We had 5 ladies expecting and we got 6 babies! Yes, we had a set of twin boys. All 5 of our moms were high risk with various health concerns. Of the 6 babies, one was a girl and the rest boys. The mothers have been coming to learn more about the growth of their little ones and how to parent through the Earn While You Learn program. God is working in mighty ways in each mom. This fall and winter, more babies are due to our clients. Thank you for praying and supporting PMI." Cindy Rotz, Greencastle Center Director



"Several years ago, we befriended a pregnant student on campus and presented her with a gift bag full of baby supplies. Fast forward 6 years, this young lady graduated and now works in the Tri State area on a college campus. She recently called our office to share how she could help pregnant and parenting students that come to our office. She also wanted our brochures to pass on to others she came in contact with who might need our help." Robin Kell, Shippensburg Center Director

The big question - What is happening in Waynesboro? Last Spring, a search began for potential alternate locations for the center. A reorganization and downsizing began in anticipation of a possible move. With the retirement of our Waynesboro Center Director the end of May, other decisions became necessary. At its July Meeting, the PMI Board of Directors laid out an action plan to temporarily close the center, continue the search for a director, and pursue other possible locations. The desired goal is for the



center to be up and running once again in a timely fashion. The Board asks for your prayers as we seek the Lord's leading in the search for both office space and Center Director. You can keep up to date on our Facebook page and website.

All seating is reserved.

Reservations available for tables of up to 8 people. Parties wishing to sit together should submit reservations under one name.

RESERVE EARLY

Mail to:

PREGNANCY MINISTRIES, INC. DINNER RESERVATIONS P. O. Box 941 CHAMBERSBURG, PA 17201

Measles & Pregnancy

Cindy Booher, Nurse Manager

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from January 1-June 13, 2019 there have been 1,044 individual cases of measles confirmed in 28 states including Pennsylvania. This is the greatest number in the U.S. since measles was declared eliminated in 2001.

This poses a concern for the pregnant woman, as it is a very contagious virus. It spreads through the air from an infected person's cough. If you are pregnant the virus causes the most severe damage when the mother is infected early- the first twelve weeks. It can also cause miscarriage, still birth or severe birth defects.

I am not debating the virtues of getting the MMR vaccine or not getting it. That is a personal decision. With the number of outbreaks increasing, protecting yourself if you are pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant is important. Pregnant women should NOT get the vaccine. If you do choose to get the vaccine, wait at least 4 weeks after receiving it before getting pregnant. If you have had the vaccine get tested at a prenatal visit to make sure you are still immune to it. If you haven't had the vaccine consider staying away from areas and populations of people where the virus could be present. If you think you have measles contact your doctor immediately. Being aware and proactive with your health can avoid major issues for you and your future children.

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A Look at Stress Ruth Schuler, Abortion Recovery Director

Earlier this year I had the privilege of taking a free on-line class at Regent University, a Christian school, called *Stress and Thriving*. Ironically, I was very stressed about my first on-line experience. Then I realized the class material was aimed at helping me see that stress can enhance our lives. Our responses to stress don't need to have a negative impact on us.

James 1: 2-4 encourages us to consider it joy when we encounter trials (stressors) in life because they produce growth or maturity. With God's help, we can gain the ability to face new challenges and use what we have learned to help others. An unplanned pregnancy produces stress and at PMI we seek to help clients face that stress with courage and support. Those who choose abortion face more stresses as they deal with regret, grief, etc. As an abortion recovery leader, I witness the ravages of this stress all the time but I also see the restoration and healing that results when clients apply God's Truth to their situations.



I recently met with a young couple who had a sparkle in their eyes

when they shared news about their new baby! They were enthralled by each new accomplishment. What a joy it was to see how attentive they were in watching the parenting DVD their first visit after the baby's birth. We have some excellent lessons that help parents assess their baby's progress meeting milestones in the first year of life, as well as ones about health, safety, and returning to work after baby's arrival. This dad actually enrolled in a local school to help him be a better provider. Our Client Advocates love to be able to encourage positive changes in the lives of parents who seek our services. We have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus and how the Bible is an excellent resource for

A Special Couple By Deb MacAskill, Chbg. Client Services Director

parenting as we meet with moms and dads of little ones.

We also received more new rental car seats from a PennDot Program that can be rented by anyone in the community for \$10. As the child grows, car seats can be traded up to the next size. This is a great service for new parents at the hospital who discover they need an infant car seat in order to take their baby home. We receive calls from the hospital asking us if we can assist these parents.

Thank you for supporting PMI in so many ways. If you have a community group or church that would like to hear more about what we do, please give us a call at 717-267-3738 to set up a speaker who can share about our ministry. Please continue to keep us in your prayers!