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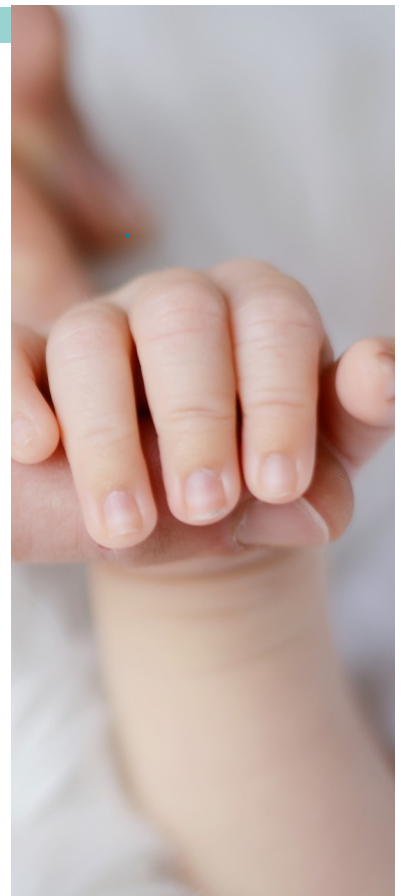


The annual Celebration & Fundraising Dinner will take place on Thursday, October 15, at Antrim Brethren in Christ Church. Mrs. Gible's will once again be catering a delicious family style meal for attendees to enjoy. We look forward to this event each year because it gives us a chance to reflect on what God has done for and through Pregnancy Ministries, and how He has touched lives. We have an extra special reason to celebrate this year—2020 is PMI's 35th birthday! We hope you will come and celebrate with us.

We're excited also to announce our special guest for this year. Our speaker is Windsor Bauders, the granddaughter of evangelist Billy Graham and Ruth Bell Graham. Windsor has an incredibly personal and moving testimony. She made the decision for life three times, the first two times as a teenager. She knows what it is like to release a child for adoption, the struggles of being a single mother, and also what it is like to parent a special needs child. Her story shows the value of life, and the joy of choosing it, even in the midst of uncertain circumstances. She is a mother of four and knows the issues, hurts, and questions surrounding an unplanned pregnancy.

We hope you will join us for this very special night. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required. You can reserve your seat by sending in the form in this newsletter, calling 717-267-3738, or visiting our website.

**\*\*Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, we realize that we may need to make adjustments to this event as the date approaches. For now, we plan to gather as we have in the past. If there are any changes, they will be announced via email, website, and on our Facebook page.**



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"Don't live in these trying times unduly focused on impersonal probabilities, statistics, and risk assessments. ...look to your faithful and loving God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who holds you in the palm of his hand."

Mike Emlet, CCEF

## Walk Business Sponsors

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## First Ever Virtual Walk for Life

By Tiffany Miller, Outreach & Event Coordinator

The 2020 Walk for Life is not one we will soon forget! There were a lot of last minute changes and quite a bit of uncertainty as we moved forward with turning our annual Walk into a virtual event. We weren't sure what participation would look like or if donations would be less than usual due to the change of format and the coronavirus pandemic.



To accommodate a virtual event, we focused on online giving more than ever this year, encouraging walkers to fund-raise through email and social media. We also enjoyed videos sent in from walkers that we shared on our Facebook page.

We've been so blessed to see our supporters continue to rally around PMI, even in the midst of uncertainty! To date, over \$16,500 has been raised. Thank you for your faithfulness and your willingness to raise needed funds so we can continue to do our work. You are making a difference in our community!

## In Memory & Honor

A gift was given in memory of:

### **Pat Spidel**

By Harold & Mary Coldsmith

### **James Spidel**

By Harold & Mary Coldsmith

### **Helen Adams**

By Stanley & Sharon Riley

Anita Iurlano

Jeffrey & Frances Cordell

Jack & Carol Mathews

Genevieve Roland

Gifts were given in  
honor of:

### **Angela Miller**

By Jean Gross

### **Marsha Quesenberry**

By Jean Gross

### **Pam Hoffeditz**

By Anna Mae Smith

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Chambersburg

TBD - Waynesboro

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Cindy Rotz - Greencastle

Ruth Schuler - Restore

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## Joyous Reunions

By Deb MacAskill, Chambersburg Client Services Director

What a joy to start reconnecting with clients now that we can see our Earn While You Learn moms again! One mom I recently met with had a lot of struggles during the COVID-19 shutdown. Fortunately I had plenty of time that day to let her share all that had been impacting her life and her pregnancy. I felt blessed to be able to come alongside her and share her burdens. Jesus gave us such a wonderful example of ministering to each person in the way that would best meet their needs.

After almost 10 years of faithful service, the couple has retired that has been cleaning our Chambersburg center. They will be greatly missed! The Lord has been so good! Following a post on Facebook, I have met with an individual who is planning to volunteer in this way with a grandchild. Once again, we thank the Lord for His provision.



## It Takes a Team

By Maggie Wantz,  
Chbg. Administrative  
Director



It takes a team to do the work we do and what a team we have! Our ministry is blessed to have the volunteers and staff who pour their hearts and souls into the ministry and lives of others.

We are grateful for the “meeting of the minds,” the prayer requests, the “talks off the ledge of insanity” with a whirlwind of ongoing fear mongering information that now changes from one day to another. We are thankful for the friendships we have grown to enjoy. We respect one another and appreciate the gifts each one of us brings to this ministry.

Our spiritual gifts, coupled with our faith journey of past experiences, lessons and healing, help us to meet clients where they are. God never wastes a hurt and He shows up in the session rooms and through telephone conversations! I love and embrace the calling He has placed on my heart and the hearts of others who serve at PMI!

To join the PMI team, see the training and volunteer opportunities on page 5 and call the center nearest to you.

## It's Been a Little Rocky

By Cindy Rotz, Greencastle Center Director

This has been a rocky year so far. We started out doing well seeing clients and meeting their needs - spiritual, physical and just being a listening ear. Then March came in like a lamb here at the center but roared out like a lion with COVID-19. There were many uncertainties— What would happen next? How could we meet with clients during this pandemic? What would it look like? and What did we need to do to keep everyone safe? I had a girl who called needing a pregnancy confirmation for work in order to get paid while her work was closed. I was able to do this for her with the help of our nurse. This girl was very happy and stated “Very friendly staff, they went out of their way to help me in my time of need.” This is one way PMI helped during this pandemic. The Greencastle Center reopened on June 8<sup>th</sup> to see a woman needing a pregnancy test and others began scheduling to return for our Earn While You Learn program. God is good and enabled us to serve!



## God's Provision

By Robin Kell, Shippensburg Center Director

On route to the Shippensburg center as the pandemic was starting, I began to think about one of our client's that would soon be delivering. She might be getting anxious about her baby's arrival. I had to put myself in her shoes and ask these questions:

“Would my husband get to the store before all the formula was purchased?

Should I go to the store myself with the children to see if I can find formula?”

I was already picking up diapers for her so in light of pondering my questions, I decided to check on formula too. At the store, all the diapers were gone and in the formula aisle, most of the formula was gone too. “Lord, please help me find something for her.” I got down on my knees to look at the bottom shelf, in the very back were two large cans of exactly what she needed. I praised God for His provision.

When I got to the center, there was a message on the phone. It was Susan asking if we had any extra formula. She said, “My husband tried to buy some over the weekend, but there wasn't any left.” You could hear the relief in her voice when I told her I had found some. She expressed her gratitude for the kindness shown and that PMI is such blessing to her and her family.





To contact Restore:  
[healingafterabortion.com](http://healingafterabortion.com)

This fall, Restore is hosting a women's recovery retreat, October 30 through November 1. You can register on the website above via the contact page.



## Sporting a New Look

By Cindy Booher, Nurse Manager

Like most places, our centers are sporting a new look. We have made necessary changes to serve our clients. We have been open during most of these times of COVID-19. It has been challenging to keep up with guidelines that were ever changing—and continue to change! We have been open to provide material support as well as pregnancy testing. Ultrasound services were provided to abortion-minded. Added protections include only meeting with one client at a time, screening and taking temperatures before anyone enters the building, disinfecting high touch areas frequently and between clients, and, of course, wearing masks and social distancing.

We all have a responsibility to keep the most vulnerable among us safe. We will stay compliant with state and federal guidelines as we serve our mothers and babies.

## Isolation

by Ruth Schuler, Abortion Recovery Director

We have learned through our recent experience with the coronavirus pandemic, that isolation has its benefits. As we stayed home, away from others who may have been carrying germs, we stayed safe. We also saw the benefit on our medical community as we “flattened the curve”.

Those who enjoy solitude may have enjoyed this time more than those that thrive from community. As an introvert, I enjoyed it, but I missed seeing family and meeting with my church community. We all were challenged to find other ways of connecting, communicating and doing the essentials of living, like grocery shopping, work and church.

Just like too much of anything, isolation can cause harm. When we are physically, emotionally or spiritually struggling, isolation can be dangerous; separating us from those who can help. Each of us is made in the image of God, who is a union of three persons and encourages us through His word how

important community is for all of us. In Hebrews He tells us not to neglect meeting together as a body, in Proverbs we read there is wisdom in many counselors, and throughout the New Testament we are encouraged to do the “one anothers” of Scripture.

Individuals who experience abortion often find themselves in isolation. They don't want others to know about their experience for fear of rejection and may feel distant from God and unforgivable. This can cause great emotional pain and make them very vulnerable.

At PMI, through our abortion recovery ministry Restore, we long to share compassion and hope so men and women can find freedom and restoration. Please pray that God would give men and women courage to break their silence and isolation and to reach out for help.

Isolated or not, let's be creative in faithfully being members of one another (Romans 12).

## Why I am Here

By Daria DeRogatis-Smith, RN

As I write this article, I am in between trainings. I went to my didactic conference in October 2019. I was to start my hands-on training in January, but we lacked training “models”. Disappointing, but figured it was God's timing and it would be more time to orient and study.

My training rescheduled for the second and third week of March had plenty of models signed up. The second week was cancelled due to the COVID lockdown and rescheduled for July 20th. This has given me opportunity for more study and orienting to the workings of PMI. Also I was able to take an online refresher course similar to the one I attended in October...at no cost.

So far, the ultrasounds that I have been able to assist with but not perform have me very excited and have confirmed that this is where I am supposed to be.

There was one abortion minded client that, once she saw her baby (which was the size of a grain of sand), she started crying. Two weeks later she was able to come back and see a beating heart. She again cried and had already started prenatal vitamins.

A different abortion minded client who already had her appointment for an abortion came in. She was further along than she expected and after seeing her baby clearly move around said, “I don't think I can go through with it”.

This is why we are here, why I am here.



## Celebration Dinner Reservations

Yes! Include me in PMI's Annual Fundraising Dinner on

Thursday, October 15, 2020

Antrim BIC at 24 E. Kauffman Road, Chambersburg.

*Dinner begins promptly at 6:15 pm.*

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/news-and-events](http://www.pregnancyministries.org/news-and-events)

*Please print clearly:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please note: We are keeping a close eye on restrictions due to COVID-19 and will plan accordingly. If the dinner must transition to a virtual event, participants will be contacted using the information provided above. Either way, we will find a way to gather, in-person or virtually, to celebrate what the Lord has done!**

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

## Fall Training is Coming!

### Pregnancy Ministries' Volunteer Training

Training for **Receptionists** and **Client Advocates** begins Monday, September 21 and runs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9AM– 12:30 PM through Wed., October 7. 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

TRAINING



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!**

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338 Lincoln Way East  
Chambersburg, PA 17201  
717-267-3738

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Shippensburg, PA 17257  
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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

What is the latest on a pregnancy center in Waynesboro?

As many of you know, the Board of Directors voted to close the Waynesboro center the end of July 2019 due to a number of unforeseen circumstances. At the Annual Board Meeting in January 2020, the Board began laying out strategies for reopening a center in the Waynesboro area. In the meantime, the Lord laid it on the heart of a local church pastor and elders to offer the use of some property they owned as a possible location. The Board viewed the property soon after and concluded that, with some renovations, it would be a promising space. Work began on having some legal and practical questions answered in an effort to move forward. Then came—Covid-19! With the “world” being shutdown and turned askew, the process was put on a backburner.

We are now ready to move forward once more. Please pray with us and the church for wisdom and the Lord's Will. Pray also for the hiring of a Center Director and volunteers to minister at the center.

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