



# Life Topics



Empowering People to Make Informed Choices

## From the Executive Director's Desk . . .

**G**reetings to you all! We have experienced so many exciting events since our last newsletter. We have had several opportunities to make presentations in area churches. Since January, we have been to the P.I. Wesleyan Church, Houlton Baptist Women's Group, Military Street Baptist Church, State Road Advent, Washburn Methodist Women's Group, Bethel Pentecostal in Oakfield, East Hodgdon Bible Church, Caribou Assembly of God, Easton Wesleyan, a singspiration at Houlton Full Gospel and a singspiration at Family Christian Center! We are so thankful for the opportunities to share the heart and mission of the PCC with others. It is without fail that as we share the PCC, many are awed at the services we offer. One of the programs we offer is Give Moms Credit, otherwise known as GMC. If a young lady approaches us in need of baby furniture, we ask her if she would like to enroll in our GMC program. What this means is, she can earn "Mommy money" by participating in one of our educa-

tional programs such as Bible Studies, Christian Parenting Classes, Videos, attending MOPS in the Houlton area, etc. She then turns in her "Mommy Money" and we give her a voucher to take to Wal-Mart where she can purchase the needed items. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to meet her physical needs and also present the gospel to her. We would love to come to your



church or organization and share a 10-15 minute power point presentation to show you how your dollar can make the difference in our county.

For 20 years, friends like you have helped the PCC do just that. But we need your ongoing help to continue to do that every day for

families. Our annual budget is \$90,000. We need approximately \$1,730 a week to take care of our basic needs of the two Pregnancy Care Centers. We conduct three major fundraisers a year to cover these costs. In January, we have our Baby Bottle Drive. In June (P.I.) and September (Houlton) we have the Walk for Life. In October we hold our Banquet. Each fundraiser should bring in a minimum of \$10,000 to be considered a success. However, the backbone of our support is contributed by individuals who have committed to support the ministry on a monthly basis. Your monthly gift helps needy families in our county, including single moms who courageously raise their kids in a tough world. God has been so faithful and His people have been too. Thank you so much for giving to God's ministry. Our heart's desire is to be the best stewards of the funds that have been given to us. To help us in that regard, I urge you to take a few minutes to complete and return the enclosed survey. God bless you and your family.

*Christie*

**T**HANK YOU to the following people for sharing your time and talents to bless this ministry. You have done a wonderful job and we appreciate it!

Bryan Lawrence for covering our events in the County Christian.  
 Donna Hale for coordinating the National Mother's Day Baby Shower.  
 Donna King for coordinating the Houlton Full Gospel Singspiration.  
 Eva Ireland for coordinating the Family Christian Center Singspiration.  
 A very special thanks to all of the participants in the singspiration.  
 Thanks to our faithful volunteers who minister to the clients we serve.  
 Thanks to all of you who give and make it possible to keep the doors of the PCC open!





# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk For Life



Make plans to participate on June 17th in Presque Isle for our 16th Annual Walk for Life. Not only is this event a major Fundraiser for the Center, it is also a day to think of the less fortunate, the unprotected, the hurting and the hopeless among us. Every step you walk, you are walking for that young woman who will come into our Center and have her life touched by our compassionate volunteers. Every sponsored step you walk enables us to keep our doors open to serve the needs of women in our county. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 and to have 200 people walking. We will begin registering participants at 9:00 AM and walk at 10:00 AM. Our walk will end at State Street Baptist Church where we will enjoy lunch and give away prizes.

We will be giving prizes to the individuals who raise the most money in three categories:

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| Ages 6-11  | 1st Prize: Kids Cam Digital Camera Kit<br>2nd Prize: Mall Gift Certificate for \$10.00                                                                                                                   |
| Ages 12-17 | 1st Prize: MP3 Player (8 hours of music/160 songs)<br>2nd Prize: Polaroid Camera (35 mm)                                                                                                                 |
| Adults     | 1st Prize: Hand Crafted Flower Pot & \$25 Gift Certificate to The Myrtle Tree<br>2nd Prize: Basket of Bath & Body Works (Value of \$25.00) and<br>100 Free Minutes Certificate at Unicel (value \$30.00) |
| Groups     | 1st Prize: Gift Certificate to Governor's<br>2nd Prize: 8 Tickets to the Caribou Movie Theater                                                                                                           |

We will also be giving away door prizes. All prizes have been donated by businesses and individuals.

**CAPTAINS NEEDED!** We need a captain to represent each church. If you would like to serve in that capacity for your church, we invite you to join our Team Captain's Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at the PCC office at 6:45 PM. You will be given sponsor sheets, a T-Shirt, and other promotional items to encourage participation.

**NEW VOLUNTEERS!!!** We have been blessed in both our Houlton and Presque Isle Centers with new volunteers. We welcome Lou Burns, Beverly Erickson, Pat Foster, Louise Grant and Marie Goupille and congratulate them on their successful completion of the volunteer training course. If you are interested in volunteering in our Presque Isle Center, please call 764-0022.



## TURN YOUR RADIO ON

### RADIO OUTREACH PLANS

A young woman found herself in a crisis pregnancy at the age of 18. She was involved in church activities, and had even participated in a local Pregnancy Care Center's "Walk for Life" on several occasions. She knew that abortion could not be her answer. She was frightened, confused, and devastated—and that is just the beginning of this incredible story of love and how great love leads to great sacrifice. You won't want to miss it!!! Tune in to WEGP 1390 AM or WREM 710 AM on Thursday, June 1st at 11:30 AM.

### RADIO SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

Adoption is a wonderful alternative to abortion and that message needs to be presented to the people of Aroostook County. There are many young teens and women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy and don't know there is an alternative to abortion. We believe we can reach the abortion-minded by way of radio. We need your help to do this. If you would like to give specifically for this purpose, please send a check, marked for "radio sponsorship". With your help, we can broadcast this message of life and hope.

## From the P.I. Center Director's Desk . . .

Psalm 105:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, call on His Name, make known among the nations what He has done." We are rejoicing in what God has done and what He is going to do here at the Center. Many are doing the Bible Studies for the GMC and feedback such as "I didn't know the Bible said that," "That's really neat," "God does care about me," make us realize this work is important. In February, Pastor Maxwell of the Easton Wesleyan Church approached us about supporting the PCC as part of their 40 Days of Community Service. We had the privilege of going to the church service in March with a client to present our work and in May we will receive at least "2006" items from those wonderful people! Isn't that neat! The Easter story was told to 21 Moms, Dads, & Children with a special devotional for adults and a craft for the children. Thanks to Cindy, Lois, Marie, Christie and Bonnie for helping. We couldn't have done it without you. Eva Ireland

### Christian Parenting Classes a Huge Success

Isaiah 55:11 "So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

What a wonderful promise from God. As the spring parenting classes at the PCC come to a close, we have seen the power of God's Word at work. A young couple attended the six weeks of parenting classes very faithfully and have also done many of the Bible studies through the mail that the PCC offers. One of them expressed a desire to follow Christ and continues to do Bible studies. Please pray for this couple that they would heed the Word of God and be faithful followers. Cindy H. & Lois W.

M- is for the memories of all the times we've shared

O- is for the openness of your love you show that's there

T- is for all the tenderness and support you give to me

H- is for your heart of happiness that's taught me who to be

E- is every time you're with me, whether we laugh or cry

R- is for all the rest Mom, I'm really glad you're mine

By: Lisa Castonguay  
Dedicated to my mom, Barbara

### 2nd ANNUAL NATIONAL MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER.

Once again, Donna Hale is serving as a local coordinator in the Central Aroostook Area to promote the National Mother's Day Baby Shower. This is a project of Stand True Ministries and is intended to bless crisis pregnancy centers across the nation with baby clothing, diapers, and all the other baby essentials that the centers, in turn, give to needy Moms and their little ones. If you would like to help with this project, or promote it in your local church, please call Donna at 896-5213.

### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN RESULTS.

January 22, 2006 was Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We recognize this important day by holding our first "Line-Up for Life" in both Presque Isle and Houlton. We also distributed our baby bottles for our annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. This year we had more people, more churches, and more organizations take part than in recent years. People gave generously. Our volunteers counted piles of change and the total raised was just over \$15,275! This is the most we have ever collected. Our thanks to everyone who participated, and thanks to our God who continues to graciously provide for this ministry.



**Pregnancy Care Center of  
Aroostook**

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**Office Hours**

Presque Isle

Tuesday 11:00-4:00

for Administrative Purposes

Wednesday 9:00 – 4:30

Thursday 9:00 – 4:30

Houlton

Tuesdays 2:00 to 6:00 pm

Thursday 2:00 to 6:00 pm



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**OUR MISSION . . .**

The Pregnancy Care Center of Aroostook seeks to improve the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of our clients and their families by providing compassionate and loving services, while presenting the wisdom of God's Word concerning their sexual behavior and lifestyle choices.

**BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!**

Men, where are you? We need men to lead and serve as board members. If you have a heart for the PCC, believe in the value of life, and God has gifted you with leadership abilities, please consider applying for board membership.

**HOULTON CENTER DIRECTOR NEEDED**

We are still accepting applications for this position. We believe the right person is out there. This is a part-time paid position with the possibility of moving into a full-time position in time. If you have any interest, please call the PCC office at 764-0022 or Christie at 227-4024.

In a continuing effort to evaluate our communication with those who have an interest in our ministry and to faithfully practice good stewardship, we are asking for your help. The following survey will help us to understand if we are spending wisely when we invest in 3-4 thousand newsletters each quarter, especially in light of the recent postal rate increase. We appreciate your time and effort to answer the following questions, which we hope will help us to understand what you read, enjoy and find informative. Please circle your responses.

1. Do you read the newsletter?

Yes                      No                      Sometimes

2. How much of the newsletter do you read?

All                      Most of it                      Some of it                      Not much

3. Would you miss the newsletter if we didn't produce it?

Yes                      No

4. In your opinion, what is the most valuable information in a newsletter?

Financial information	Volunteer opportunities/activities
Executive Directors Report	Fundraisers (Upcoming and/or results)
Client News (stories/activities)	Other _____

5. How many times a year would you like to receive a newsletter?

0                      1                      2                      3                      4

6. Do you contribute regularly to this ministry?

Yes                      No

7. What is your age?

Under 18                      19-39                      40-60                      61 and older

8. Would you like to be removed from our mailing list? If so, please supply:

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this survey in the enclosed envelope. Thank You !!