



Pregnancy Care Center of Aroostook

# Life Topics

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2008



Empowering People to Make Informed Choices



## A message from the Executive Director . . .

Greetings to you all! It has been an incredible first quarter at the Pregnancy Care Center. We continue to marvel as we see God provide financially for our needs and as we see God move upon hearts transforming lives.

Thursday I had a visit from two young ladies who called us a year and a half ago needing our services. They were both pregnant and in much distress. One had had a previous abortion and believed her life was a mistake. They were afraid and full of hopelessness. After counseling and praying with them, I was able to share the truth of God's Word. They decided to keep their babies. Cindy, one of our volunteers, had one of them in Parenting Classes. As time went on, they decided to go to the Shepherd Godparent Home in Bangor for a while. They came home and each had a sweet baby girl. It was an incredible moment holding those precious girls in my arms remembering some of the conversations from that day a year and a half ago. Both moms are enrolled to go to college

this fall. They are so grateful for the services we provided and for the people who gave to make this all happen.

We have seen 170 clients so far this year. Fourteen have participated in the six week Christian Parenting Classes. We have given 57 Bible studies, prayed with 71 of the clients, handed out several Bibles and had lots of spiritual discussion! All of this has been possible because of the giving of God's people. Thank you!

I'd like to share a little about our "Teen Survivor" program. This is a special program designed to prevent pregnancy. However, it is so much more than that. We discuss God's plan for their life, their purpose, the personality traits God has given them, some of the pressures they will encounter, the value of having godly people as a support, and most importantly prayer as a lifeline! This is a Biblically based curriculum conducted in three sessions. We share the principles of God's Word and then we bring someone in for the second half of the session called

"Sharing Life Together." I have never seen anything like this before! There truly are no English words to describe the things the eye sees and the ear hears. We are in such awe as we see how God uses this program to touch so many lives.

Psalm 34:18 "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit."

We see the broken-hearted, the lost, the hurting and the needy. It is such an honor to help meet the physical needs which opens the door to meeting the much greater need, the need for a Savior. Please pray for us. I would like to thank you personally for giving to the PCC. I sure hope to see you at our second fundraiser of the year-THE WALK FOR LIFE!

May our Lord Bless and Keep you and your families in His mercy, grace and love.

*Christie*

## Volunteer Appreciation

Tuesday, April 8th we took our volunteers out to breakfast at the Blue Moose in Monticello and gave them a gift card to Dead River/Duncan Donuts in the amount of \$25.00. We appreciate them so much as they passionately and selflessly serve the PCC and we appreciate the donor who took care of all the expenses for this event.

## 18th Annual Walk for Life, Thursday, May 15th At Riverside Park, Registration 6-7 PM



It's that time of year! The sun is shining, birds are chirping, and the snow is melting, yes, spring is in the air! What a great time for families to join the Pregnancy Care Center and Walk For Life! This year we are promoting a "Family Focused Fundraiser!" Get your sneakers, get a sponsor sheet and ask your friends, relatives, co-workers, or neighbors to sponsor you and your family.

During registration we will have games and face painting for the children. A live youth band "Peculiar" will be performing before and after the walk. The walk begins at 7:00 and ends with Ice Cream Sundaes! We need lots of walkers!!!

## Presque Isle Center Director

I know we aren't to "add to or take away" from Scripture, but just this once I think a verse should have been added to Ecclesiastes 3 in the "a time for everything" passage. How about "a time to snow and a time to stop snowing!" I'll bet you have felt the same! Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter it will be gone!

Some news from our clients:

Janice, age 20 is out of work and needed "material assistance".

Mary, age 16, comes from a broken home. She wants to parent her child, but her dad wants her to have an abortion.

Carrie, age 30, did not want to be pregnant but because of "my bad choice" she will choose life. In her Bible study questions she writes, "It's important to seek God's answers for our needs."

Mimi, age 20 writes, "The most important thing that I learned in the Bible study is that if you have God and obey Him, you will go to

### You Will Be Missed . . .

Lori Gardiner has faithfully served her term as one of our Board of Directors for four years. Her wisdom, insight, and special gifts will be greatly missed. We know God will continue to use you wherever you are. Thank you Lori!

Heaven and if you believe in God, tell people and don't be scared.

Jess, age 21, writes "I go to church, but the Bible studies are so easy to understand."

Don & Judy write, "We know it's wrong to live together before marriage, but we can't make it on one income."

Please pray for our clients that through our contact and the Bible studies they will come to know and trust Christ.

We had an interesting "eggstravaganza" for our Easter outreach. Cindy & Lois shared an Easter story with the little people. Marie shared with the moms and a dad. Christina had a selection of games which I think she and Cindy enjoyed as much as the kids. We were able to give each child a little booklet "New Life in Jesus!"

Because of Calvary, Eva

## NEW BOARD MEMBER!!

The PCC is pleased to announce the addition of Mary Williams to our Board of Directors! Mary resides in P.I. and is an active member of the State Street Baptist Church. She is employed at Chester M Kearney, CPA's and brings a variety of gifts and passion to serve the Lord through the ministry of the PCC.

### Survivor Update . . . In the words of a Volunteer

"Before I came to the survivor program, my heart felt like it was shattered glass, broken into so many tiny pieces. Then one night after the program, I sat in my room and talked to God. He gave me the glue to start putting the pieces of my heart back together and now my heart looks like a beautiful diamond." This is a note a student passed to me in class, while we were at Job Corps in March. I couldn't get this image out of my mind. A shattered piece of glass, slowly being glued back together, piece-by-piece.

If you were to stop for a moment and be completely real and honest with yourself, you might admit that your heart has felt this exact same brokenness. The survivor program welcomes students to be real and to see that we have all been broken. For some, this may be a new approach. It can be hard to humble yourself and recognize your brokenness. It can be intimidating to share your story, your past and the road that you have traveled. But, it is an absolute necessary part of life and we provide them with a safe place to be real. I love looking into their eyes, seeing past their scars and telling them that their life has huge meaning. We have all been created with a purpose and that God, the one who hung the stars in the sky and the one that holds our hearts, never makes a mistake! No matter how shattered their hearts may be or our hearts may be, God wants to pick up the pieces, glue them back together and make something beautiful. A broken piece of glass will always be broken and it will never be or look the same, but it can be repaired! Marcy Burtchell, P.I. Volunteer

### Baby Bottle Update



Our first fundraiser of the year was an unbelievable success! As 46 churches joined together to give their change to help support the work of the Pregnancy Care Center, we were able to collect over \$15,500 and some change is still trickling in!!!! Thank you all so very much!

*M* is for the many things she gave me.  
*O* is for only that she's growing old.  
*T* is for the tears she shed to save me.  
*H* is for her heart as pure as gold.  
*E* is for her eyes with love-light shining  
*R* is right and right she'll always be  
Put them together they spell Mother  
The word that means the world to me!



Happy Mother's Day

## A Viewpoint from a Board Member . . .

**S**tanding In The Gap- that's the words I think of when I try to describe my involvement as a Board Member for the Pregnancy Care Center. My spiritual gifts and my natural abilities are not such that I would do well working one-on-one with clients; or my quiet and a bit shy personality would not be conducive to discussing sexual issues without my face turning 3 shades of red; nor would I have been able to calmly talk with a teenager who is in a mode of crises because she just found out she was pregnant. It takes very special men and women who have been gifted in areas other than mine to serve the Lord in this way and I believe that God has placed within the Pregnancy Care Center of Aroostook those kinds of loving, nurturing, and God anointed people.

However, I do have a heart for the unborn, the scared pregnant teenager, the sexually active or sexually abused and the woman who is still grieving a child she aborted. As a Board Member, it is an honor and a privilege to use my own spiritual gifts and talents not to be every day hands on but to "Stand in the Gap" to help direct the PCC through intercessory prayer, vision casting, by helping to lead and direct the PCC, by being an en-

couragement to the staff and volunteers and by serving at the various fundraising events. These are the things God has wired me to be about. What about you? Can you "Stand in the Gap" for the Lord on behalf of the PCC?

For the past four years, I have seen God do some incredible things in peoples lives through the work at the PCC and I am thrilled that I have been a small part of that. God is using the PCC each and every day to touch the lives of young men and women in our community. I would like to encourage you to become involved with the PCC. It will be an incredible experience. As our Lord said "The harvest is ready but the workers are few" Do you have a heart for the unborn, for the hurting, for the sexually active teen who is "looking for love in all the wrong places"? Why not join this exciting work as a Board Member. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Christie Corey, Executive Director at 764-0022. She would be glad to talk to you. Lori Gardiner

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## Houlton's Center Director . . .

Greetings! In January 2007 I came on board as the center director of the PCC in Houlton and what a wonderful and exciting year holding this position has been. When starting with the PCC I also held a primary position with Community Living Association. Unfortunately after a great 14 months with the PCC, I have had to make the difficult decision resigning at the center. Because of my position at Community Living Association has taken on more responsibilities and has lead to more work hours, I have realized it is difficult handling both jobs. I am not leaving the center all together, though. We have talked about being open one evening a week at the center this summer and I hope to volunteer the evening we are open. It would be very difficult to leave the center all together. I have formed such wonderful relationships with the volunteers and have met some sweet women who have walked through our doors. I cannot imagine not having them in my life.

I would like to thank Christie and the volunteers for making my job at the center as director such a great experience. They are a fantastic group of women who so graciously serve the Lord.

Many blessings to you all! Lynn Skehan



The 3rd Annual singspiration "Celebrating Life" was held at the Houlton Full Gospel Assembly on March 28th. This was a wonderful evening listening to talented people praising the Lord in music. Churches represented were Bethel Pentecostal, Military Street Baptist, Houlton Full Gospel Assembly, County Road Baptist, and Mars Hill Full Gospel Assembly. This event is organized each year by Donna King of Houlton who has been a great support to the PCC. During the event a love offering of \$400. was given to the center. The PCC wants to thank Donna, those who participated in the singspiration, and those who gave financially to the center.

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### Office Hours

#### Presque Isle Location

Wednesday 9:00am-4:00pm

Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

#### Houlton Location

Tuesdays 12:00pm-4:00pm

Thursdays 12:00pm-4:00pm



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## IMAPCT 2008

**I-** is for the **Infants** for which we provide a layette. A layette is a basket full of toiletry items, blankets, clothing, diapers, etc.

**M-** is for the **Moms**. Free pregnancy tests, maternity clothing, parenting classes, Give Moms Credit program through which mothers can earn specific baby furniture and equipment by completing Bible studies or watching educational videos.

**P-** is for **Post Abortion**. We provide a confidential one on one abortion recovery program for individuals seeking healing and peace from a past abortion.

**A-** is for the **Adolescents**. Our abstinence based "Teen Survivor" Program.

**C-** if for the **Community**. We provide groups, churches and schools with a 10-12 minute presentation and other resources to bring an awareness of our services.

**T-** is for **TEAM**. This organization began 22 years ago and has grown consistently because of the team effort. We can not do this without the help of businesses, churches, volunteers, board members and individuals who give financially.

A special "Thank you to Donna Hale" who has once again coordinated the **National Mother's Day Baby Shower**. We appreciate all who are giving to this special project. We have just a couple containers of wipes and one bottle of lotion left from last year's donation. The items collected are given in the Layettes and also to moms who are in need of material assistance.

## 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 of Directors:

Patty Browning

Mary Williams

Paul Kinney

Lisa Surran

### Executive Director

Christie A. Corey