

Pregnancy Care Center of Aroostook

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2008

Life Topics

Empowering People to Make Informed Choices



In the words of our Client . . .

"I heard about the Pregnancy Care Center from my sister-in-law. The news could not have come at a better time. Trials and errors throughout the year left us financially and spiritually drained. The Bible study pamphlets were a welcome reminder that I was not the lost cause I thought I had become. They also opened up interesting and heartening conversations between the boy's father and myself about what we personally believed. Where we saw our relationship going. How we as a couple had put God on the back burner and were

becoming strained and snappy toward one another. We stopped going to church due to the feelings of guilt and self-doubt at a time when we needed God the most. So many thanks to everyone at the Pregnancy Care Center for all you do and all your prayers. The Bible studies fulfilled me and the conversations I had with Christie left me feeling happy and directed toward God. Thank Heavens for you ladies and your hard work and dedication. My family is on the way toward healing and forgiving hearts, all thanks to you. God Bless!"

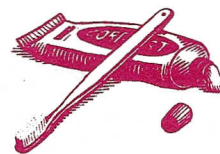
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Board Members Needed!

Once again, we are putting out a plea for board members. We are currently operating below the minimum number required. God is opening so many doors of opportunity for the PCC. This is an exciting time to serve as a board member and see how God will use you and the PCC as we continue to grow and impact the community. If you have a heart for the PCC, believe in the value of life, and desire to serve, please call and request a board application!

The Toothbrush Prayer!

I am so glad to be joining the Pregnancy Care Center as a volunteer. My desire is to become an excellent peer counselor. I finished my Training Resource Manual today. But right now I can be a Prayer Warrior; no training needed, just faithful praying. My life is full of things to do, so many prayer commitments to people and issues. How can I be sure that I don't fail in this powerful commitment? The Toothbrush Prayer! Every day while I brush my teeth I'll call on the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bless the Center's staff and all the women that need us. Just a few minutes dedicated twice a day. How powerful would this become as we call on others to join us in the Toothbrush Prayer! In Christ, Beth Marsh, P.I.



New Volunteers!

The Presque Isle office is pleased and blessed to welcome Heather Hale and Beth Marsh; and the Houlton office is delighted by the addition of Emilie Patterson. These ladies have recently completed the 22-hour training course and have gifts and abilities they are willing to use for God's glory. We look forward to what God will accomplish in their lives and the lives of our clients as they seek to fulfill His call. We are accepting applications for another volunteer training after the banquet. Interested applications may call or stop by to request an application.

Presque Isle Center Director

The Bible's book of Ecclesiastes has been a favorite book of mine; "a time and season for everything.." It has been a privilege and an honor for me to have been a part of the P.C.C. these many years. In March I decided to take up ice skating, which isn't a good idea when you reach those "interesting and challenging years." I fell flatter than a pancake and faster than I could say "Jack Rabbit!" In doing so, I tore my rotator cuff. My rehabilitation process has gone rather well but it seems that when one thing goes wrong, everything else kind of falls apart. I have had to learn to say "no, sorry, I can't do that." I have learned patience. I've learned to appreciate having two hands when for almost two months I could only use one (take a minute to appreciate yours, too). Added to that, I could only use my left hand, you guessed it. I'm right handed. Think about that for a while and take a day and do all your activities with one hand! My experiences these past months have made me aware of how I can still be happy knowing that I serve a big God who cares for me and has drawn me closer to Himself.

The Center has

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been my mission field these past years! I have seen girls come to the Center from all walks of life. They come for the various services we offer; pregnancy tests, Bible studies, baby clothing and layettes, maternity clothes, and counseling. Others come to visit and some to show off their bundles of joy. It is with regret that I have had to resign my position as Director of P.C.C. Health issues have made this a reality and the "season" of my labors here is done.

A new name will appear in the Director column of this newsletter but my heart will always be here at the Center. Please continue to pray and support your local Center! Christie Corey, Executive Director, is a wonderful godly sister in Christ. We have had some wonderful times since she came to us four years ago. We shared our ministries in local churches, health fairs, the fall banquets, and on our Walks. I have worked with wonderful volunteers: Marie, Cindy, Lois, and office personnel, Christina and Sandy.

God Bless each of you who have in many ways encouraged us in this great work.

In His Service,
Eva Ireland

In the words of a volunteer . . .

Most of our clients are young ladies. Today a young man (16 years old) came in with his mother and signed up for our Give Moms Credit Program. He will soon have custody of his 8 month old son and needs a crib.

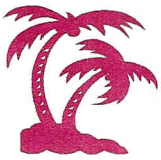
They took 10 Bible study booklets because the need is urgent. I asked him, "Why do you think we use Bible studies as a way to earn credits?" Then I was able to share our belief that our greatest need is to know what God says. I shared the Gospel and prayed with them.

What a great responsibility for such a young man. I am thankful for this ministry of the PCC. Please pray for open hearts to receive the "Wonderful Words of Life." Marie Goupille, P.I. Volunteer.

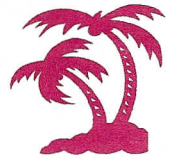
Parenting Classes

We are pleased to announce the fall parenting classes will be offered at both Centers. The Christian parenting classes will cover basic care of a newborn, such as: breast-feeding, bottle feeding, infant bathing, diapering, safety with infants and children. The curriculum is derived from How to Really Love Your Child. We also explore developing a baby's personality, and disciplining your child. We use Tedd Tripp's book Shepherding a Child's Heart to learn biblical methods of raising children.

6th Annual Fundraising Banquet, SURVIVOR INTERVENTION



At this year's banquet, we will visit the "Island of Hupo Meno". On this island we will focus on one of our programs "**Survivor Intervention**". This is specifically designed to equip young people with the tools to survive the pressures of drugs, sex, alcohol, peers and addictions. Our vision for 2009 is to reach young people with a message of hope and direction for their life. Our desire is to educate them and give them the freedom to choose after empowering them with resources, support and knowledge. This will be **Intervention** for those who are caught in so many struggles in life. It will be **Prevention** for those who have not yet become sexually active. It will also be **Healing** for some who have been impacted by poor decisions.



Our banquet is Thursday, October 16th at the UMPI Campus Center. This year's dinner goal is \$40,000. We need Banquet Sponsors to underwrite the costs of the banquet so all the money given that evening will go towards the dinner goal. As a Banquet Sponsor, the name of your business, church, or individual name, will be placed on Table Cards at the banquet. The programs given to the banquet attendees will list the sponsors including the level of sponsorship you decide upon. Banquet Sponsorship Levels:

Platinum - \$500.00 Gold - \$350.00 Silver - \$250.00 Bronze - \$150.00

Please consider giving toward our dinner goal or becoming a banquet sponsor and call 764-0022 or 227-4024. All gifts are tax deductible and greatly appreciated!

A Message from the Executive Director . . .

I am so thankful for the mercies that are fresh and new each morning. Great is His faithfulness! We continue to see the faithfulness of God through the giving of His people through financial gifts and the volunteers who come in and serve through their talents. We would not be able to reach 480 clients without either one. We average 500 clients a year and we are now marking 480 clients with four months to go! The needs in our community are big, but our God is bigger! As I sit and listen to some of the needs of our clients, it is an honor to share the blessed hope we have in Christ. They may come in for diapers, but we let them know how much God loves them and desires to have an every day, moment by moment relationship with them. As the financial needs are among the greatest concerns of many, we encourage them with Scripture from Matthew 6:25 where Jesus says "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Our Heavenly Father knows what we have need of and if we seek Him, He will provide for us." (Revised a little) As His Servant, we are able to impart a peace and a hope that the world can't give and the world can't take away. We pray with nearly every client and thank God for the opportunity to plant and water seed trusting God for the increase. I appreciate your prayers as we are facing many changes and challenges. I will miss Eva as she has served by my side for four years. We have prayed, cried, and laughed together. She was so faithful to go beyond her call of duty and serve me coffee and bagels every morning! May our Lord bless you and your families with His Grace, Mercy, & Peace!

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Update on Walk for Life



The PCC recently conducted our 18th Walk for Life in Presque Isle and 8th Walk for Life in Houlton. Presque Isle had 82 Walkers, 7 Churches represented and raised \$4,600. We enjoyed games and face painting provided by Perham Baptist Church and a live band "Peculiar" by P.I. Wesleyan Church. Houlton had 78 Walkers, 12 churches represented, and raised \$5,400. We enjoyed games, face painting, and music provided by Military Street Baptist Church. Many thanks to all who participated!

Financial Update

2008 Budget for both centers totals \$98,000.00

Fundraisers:

Baby Bottle	16,000
Walk for Life	10,000

General Giving:

(Churches & Individuals)	<u>18,400</u>
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Total Income to date:	\$44,400
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of Aroostook**

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Houlton, Me 04730
Houlton Phone: 532-6380

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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Board of Directors

Patty Browning

Mary Williams

Paul Kinney

Lisa Surran

Executive Director

Christie A. Corey

**Administrative As-
sistants**

Sandy Marrett

Christina Maynard

Volunteers

Cindy Callnan

Beverly Erickson

Pat Foster

Marie Goupille

Louise Grant

Heather Hale

Judith Hudson

Cindy Huston

Kathy Ledger

Beth Marsh

Mim Nichols

Emilie Patterson

Lois Woollard



The Traveling Bassinette is a simple and easy way the church can be a tremendous help to the PCC. Give us a call and we will bring you the bassinette with a list of the urgent needs of the PCC. You can keep the bassinette for a month or a weekend allowing time for people to collect the necessary items. The items collected are used in the layettes we give to the clients. It's basically giving the PCC a Baby Shower. We are in desperate need of baby wipes, shampoo, lotion and wash. If your church is interested, please give us a call.

Position Opening . . . The PCC is currently accepting applications for **P.I. Center Director**. This is a part-time position, approximately 15 hours (or 2 days) per week. The Center Director will be responsible for the day to day operation of the P.I. office and will report directly to the Executive Director. Duties include functions pertaining to administration, public relations, client services, volunteer recruitment/development, and training/education. The successful applicant should have a Bachelors degree in a helping profession (or equivalent experience). The selected applicant must be a committed Christian, able to provide spiritual leadership, discipleship, and support to staff members. For more info, or to request an application, please call our P.I. office at 764-0022 or 227-4024.