



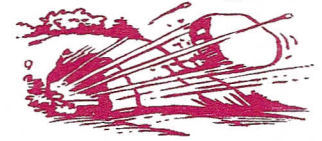
Pregnancy Care Center Of Aroostook

April
2009



Life Topics

Empowering People to Make Informed Choices



In the words of our Client . .

"I would like to thank the staff of the Pregnancy Care Center. They were a great help to me during my pregnancy and after the birth of my daughter.

They help you during your pregnancy by giving you Bible Studies and classes to help you learn more about the Bible. The classes teach you about the aspects of motherhood. It's great for first time moms or even second or third time moms. The program is for younger and older moms.

While doing Bible studies, or classes for each Bible study you do, you earn 10 mommy bucks (you can earn up to 200) After you earn your mommy bucks, they give you a voucher to take to Wal-Mart and spend toward baby furniture.

They also have clothes for mommy and baby. Once you have your baby you receive a layette full of baby items: clothes, lotion, shoes, baby wash and diapers and many other items for baby.

Also after you have your baby they have a great support system to help in any way they can. The staff is very knowledgeable. Karen



Pregnancy Care Center of Aroostook teams up with MOPS group in Presque Isle

We are pleased to announce that a MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) group will be every other Friday starting in April at the Presque Isle Wesleyan Church. All mothers of children from birth to kindergarten are welcome. Childcare will be provided. This is an exciting opportunity for our clients to gain support and form connections with other mothers in the community. Our clients will be offered "Mommy money" for attending a MOPS meeting. Please be praying for the MOPS group and consider sponsoring a mom with a donation of \$23.95 a year. This provides a magazine subscription, a book, and a weekly email. For more information or to register, please contact Heather Hale at 492-1299 or mopsatpiwc@gmail.com. To sponsor a mom, please contact Christie Corey at 764-0022 or 554-8396. You may also visit the MOPS website at www.mops.org.

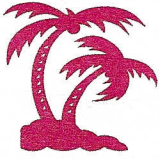
Marie Goupille, P.I. Volunteer . . .

"You have heard the song "I Love to Tell the Story." To me one of the joys of volunteering at the PCC is the opportunity to share the Good news. Not every client who comes in is ready to hear, but a few weeks ago, I was blessed as I shared God's Word freely with a couple.

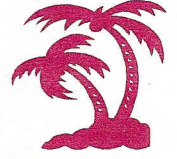
Beginning in Genesis with the truth that God is the Creator; He loves us and He is holy. We talked about Adam and Eve's sin and that we are all born sinners. (Rom. 3:23) But God sent His son, the Lord Jesus, and He died in our place on the cross (Rom. 5:8). Jesus said that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life and no one can go where He is except by Him (John 14:6). Then we are God's child when we believe and accept His free gift of salvation.

When I talked about God being with us in hard times, I learned that they had had some hard times and knew God answers prayer. I also spoke with them about the need to read the Bible and ask God to give them understanding. I challenged them to see what the Bible says about marriage. These two young people were very receptive and I pray that lasting fruit will result as God works in their lives".

SURVIVOR INTERVENTION PROGRAM CONDUCTED . . .



A special program called "Survivor Intervention" was offered to clients at the Houlton Center March 9, 10, & 11 for three hours each day. This was my first time to be a part of this program and it truly was heart enriching. A guest came each day to share



his/her story and what an impact those words were! Christie Corey lead discussions that caused us to ask ourselves questions like:

1. What are my future goals?
2. Do I give and receive unconditional love?
3. Is my character affected by everyday decisions?
4. Is the media's message healthy or unhealthy?
5. Do my habits push me onward or drag me down to failure?
6. Am I a better person for knowing my friends and vice-versa?



It is good to take time to evaluate our lives every so often. Making good choices is the way to healthy hearts and healthy relationships- the fulfilling life we all want and need. We were reminded that this is possible for all of us because of God's amazing love and His TRUTH that sets us free.

Pat Foster-Houlton Volunteer

Volunteer & Board Member Update

Please join us in welcoming Judi Hudson, Rachel Juris and Rosalie Levasseur! These ladies have recently completed the 22 hour training course and are excited to be a part of the PCC. They each brings gifts, abilities and a heart to serve God by ministering to young women.

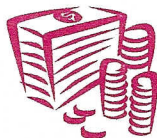
We are excited to welcome Terry Burtchell, Margo Dyer and Dr. Ayodele Olugbemi to the Board of Directors. We are blessed to have a wonderful staff of volunteers and board members.

We really need board members from the Houlton area. Can you help us?

Mary Williams, who has faithfully served as treasurer for the PCC, is getting married and moving to South Dakota. We want to thank Mary for her services and wish her the best for the future.

BABY BOTTLE UPDATE

Many thanks for the amazing \$15,750.00 raised by 50 plus churches, local organizations as well as individuals for their generous giving! As soon as all of the bottles have been returned, a letter will be written to your pastor letting you know how much your church contributed.



"Thanks to Christie and Christina for the Survivor Intervention Program you put on at Bethany. You armed our teens with good resources and strategies to "Stop, Think, and Make Good Decisions." Now it is up to them. We'll continue to pray for them to make good decisions and do what we can to guide them. Thanks for your time and for all PCC does in service of Christ. Blessings!" Rev. James Ackerson

On Saturday, March 21, a fundraiser coordinated by Katie Prescott was held at the Island Falls Rec Center. Katie, who wanted to do something for the Pregnancy Care Center organized a Foul Shooting Contest. Each contestant raised support by shooting foul shots. Over \$400 was raised to benefit young women and their families. Thank you so much Katie and everyone who came out to support this successful event.

Sports for HOPE



We need your help for the 19th WALK FOR LIFE



The Pregnancy Care Center needs you and your family to help us raise support and have fun as a family. We have intentionally made this a **"FAMILY FOCUSED FUNDRIASER"**! There are so many activities that pull families apart and keep them running in different directions. It is our desire to bring families together, slow the pace down to a **walk**, help raise funds for the PCC and have fun doing it! It's very simple! Ask your friends, neighbors, co-workers, relatives to sponsor you or your family to walk. You need one sponsor sheet per family and we ask that YOU collect the money if at all possible. (This helps to reduce our expenses of mailing, stamps, etc.) Please make plans now for Thursday, May 28th to meet at Riverside Park. Registration is from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM with games, face painting and a Christian band. Walk begins at 7:00 and ends with ice cream sundaes.

This year we are delighted to be able to offer prizes which have been donated to encourage people to not only walk, but to get sponsors and raise money.

Prizes will be given to the walker who raises the most money in the following categories:

Ages 6-10

Nintendo DS

Ages 11-14

Portable DVD Player

Ages 15-18

\$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card

A Message from the Executive Director . . .

It is with much joy and gladness that I write this article. I have wrestled over what to say because we are surrounded by so many accounts of how God is working through the ministry of the PCC. I would like to send out a heartfelt thanks to God, our donors and our volunteers.

I thank God for His faithfulness. It is God who provides, delivers, heals, saves and meets all the needs of the PCC. We recognize it is His Center and it is truly our privilege to have a front row seat and watch God work in the hearts of individuals. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!

I am grateful for all of you who have given and I know many of you may have given sacrificially. During some of the most difficult times our economy has seen, we are pleased to report God has met our every need. We are well aware of the fact that the reason we are able to open our doors to young ladies is because of the generous giving of God's people and His Church!

As I recall the many events since the last newsletter, I think of the Scripture in Psalm 103:2-4 "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Who **forgives** all your iniquities, Who **heals** all your diseases, Who **redeems** your life from destruction, Who **crowns** you with loving-kindness and tender mercies." This Scripture is a reflection of the day to day encounters we share with our clients.

When I lock the door at the end of a day, I am constantly reminded of this Scripture. We truly are so, so blessed to know God as our personal Savior and experience a day to day, moment by moment relationship with Him. When we see God at work in the lives of our clients by forgiving, healing, redeeming or maybe convicting and working on their heart, it is totally awesome! We thank God for the opportunity to see the Kingdom of God advancing and we pray, "God help us to not forget all Your benefits"!

I would like to express how grateful we are to have a wonderful staff of volunteers. The ministry would cease to exist without the devotion and passion of our volunteers. They come in so willing to help in whatever area they are needed. They spend lots of time preparing for Christmas parties, Easter Teas, and other social events. They also clean bathrooms, take out the garbage, vacuum, pray, correct Bible studies, sort through clothing and put together layettes. Most of all, they love God and our clients.

"Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you"!

(2 Cor. 13:11)

*Blessings to you all!
Christie*

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Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Houlton Location

Tuesdays 12:00pm-4:00pm

Thursdays 12:00pm-4:00pm



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Thanks to Houlton High School

The Houlton High School Student Council has repeatedly chosen the Houlton Pregnancy Care Center as one of their charities to support during our winter carnival. Pregnancy Care Center day was Monday March 23rd. Students from each class brought in items to donate.

Points were awarded for 1,2,3, and 4th place. The classes competed for points toward crowning their elected King and Queen candidate at the final event. It is a fierce competition and the community is the high point winner with all the donations going to the charities the students have chosen to support. It is our pleasure to support an organization such as yours that does so much for our community. You are a God send. Bonnie Tidd (Art Teacher, Head Student Council).

A Special **Thank You** to Donna Hale who has coordinated the **National Mother's Day Baby Shower**. These gifts of lotions, wipes, diapers, outfits, and etc. are given to the mom's in a layette. We really wish we could capture their faces of joy and gratitude as they receive the laundry basket with new items for their precious little baby. You would be so blessed and glad you gave. May our Lord bless you as you give so generously!!!

ATTENTION CHURCHES: It would be our privilege to come and share the ministry of the PCC with your church body. We bring a table display and take about 10-12 minutes.