



Pregnancy Care Center of Aroostook

September

# Life Topics

Empowering People to Make Informed Choices



## PCC Welcomes new Center Director for the Presque Isle Office

I am truly honored to be starting as the Center Director for the PCC this fall. I would have never expected to find myself in this position a year and a half ago, but the Lord has moved greatly in my life in order for me to exchange my plans for His. Coming out of college, I was living in western Pennsylvania pursuing a career in mechanical engineering. Everything changed in Nov. 2007 when my brother-in-law, Dan Andretta, died in a car accident. I left my job in Penn. and moved to Caribou to help my sister with her two boys. I found myself 2 years out of the corporate ladder. Although busier than ever, my flexible schedule allowed for opportunities to serve throughout the community, including the PIWC youth group and volunteering at the PCC. Over the past year, the Lord has taught me so much about motives in serving, the need to rely on His strength and the fulfillment that come from obeying God.

Now I find myself taking a step forward in a new direction the Lord has been leading me by becoming more involved with the PCC as Center Director. My true passion in life is to help others in their time of need, to show them the love and compassion of Christ, all for the glory of the One who saved me. I know the Lord has great plans for the PCC and every person who walks through its doors. I feel privileged to be a part of it and witness the life changing power of Jesus Christ. Rachel Juris

**News from a New Volunteer . . .** "Pregnancy Care Center. I first saw this name on a list of the church I attend. It was on the prayer list of the missionaries the church supports.

I am a child of an unwed mother. This was not accepted very well back in those days (1942). My mother made the decision to deliver and keep me. Because of this reason I decided to pray and support the Pregnancy Care Center even though I did not know what it was all about.

In December of 2006, I was in a car accident and hospitalized for 52 days. I had received a brain injury, a broken leg, and my eyesight was not as good as it use to be. This accident changed my life as I knew it.

I was unable to return to work. I worked five days a week. I lost my drivers license because of the brain injury. My eyesight gave me trouble because I had a harder time to see and read. I had a difficult time with depression.

I am a praying lady so I asked God to please help me with all the extra time I found myself having. God impressed on me that I could still make some blankets and donate them to the PCC.

I made three blankets and then got in touch with the Executive Director of the PCC. I explained to her that I had some blankets to donate. She listened to me and smiled. Then she said 'I thought you were going to ask me if you could be a volunteer in the services of the PCC?'

She caught me off guard. I answered that I was interested and got an application. As I was filling out the application I got a surprise. It stated that it did not matter what church you went too, but it did matter if you had a personal relationship with the Lord. This made me feel real good. I did have a personal relationship with the Lord. I began classes and learned a lot about the PCC and how to work with the clients.

Recently I was working with one of the clients that had come in. She was working on the GMC Program. I was correcting her Bible Studies and read that the client had asked the Lord to forgive her sins and come into her heart while she was doing her Bible Studies. This made me feel so good. I realized I am a volunteer in a God given ministry and I am doing God's will in this part of my life. I feel so very thankful." Rosalie Levasseur, Volunteer of the PCC

# Update on P.I. & Houlton's Walk for Life



We are so grateful for the many, many people who were a vital part in making this year's Walk for Life's successful. A great big thanks to all the musicians, face painters, registers, auditors, ice cream servers, walkers, and people who sponsored the walk. We enjoyed a fun, family focused evening and raised \$12,518.00! Last year's total was \$8,974. Thank you all for your giving and participation. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



## Financial Update

2009 Budget for both centers: \$113,000

### Fundraisers:

Baby Bottle	\$16,311.00
Walk for Life	12,518.00
General Giving: (Churches & Individuals)	<u>29,554.00</u>

Total Income to date: \$58,383.00

**P.I.** had 81 registered walkers and raised \$6,800.00

Churches represented were:

East Ridge Union	Dunntown Advent
Washburn First Baptist	P.I. Wesleyan
Christian Life Assembly	Perham Baptist
State Street Baptist	Bethany Baptist
Mars Hill Baptist	Family Christian
St. Mary's Catholic	Center

**Houlton** had 55 walkers and raised \$5,718.00

Churches represented were:

Houlton Wesleyan	P.I. Wesleyan
Littleton Baptist	Lake Road Free Will
Woodstock Wesleyan	Littleton Full Gospel
New Limerick Baptist	Southern Aroostook
East Hodgdon Baptist	Church of Christ
Military St. Baptist	Latter Day Saints

## Concert to Benefit PCC

On Friday, October 2nd, 2009 at 7:00 pm, a benefit concert will be held at the Caribou Performing Arts Center in support of the Pregnancy Care Center. Local singer/songwriters, Elizabeth Rhyno & Jeremy Hale are joining together with the PCC to present **Music for Life and Hope**. Elizabeth and Jeremy, along with several other local musicians will present an evening of original songs expressing their hearts. Elizabeth and Jeremy each released CDs of their own in the Summer of 2009. Now their desire is to support the PCC and share their own stories of hope and faith. All proceeds from concert ticket sales will go directly to the Center. Tickets are \$8.00 (\$5.00 for children) and will be available on Sept. 1st at the PCC, Panscofar's, Graves Shop Save and the Presque Isle Wesleyan Church. It is the desire of these musicians that Oct. 2nd will be an evening filled with fun, hope and expectation, and that people from all over the County would come to offer their support and their contribution to the incredible work of the Pregnancy Care Center.

## In the words of our client .

"Hello. My name is Sharon and my youngest son is Tom and he is three years old. I have been going to the PCC since 2003. This service has and continues to have a wonderful, positive influence in our lives. It helps us financially, emotionally and spiritually. No matter how busy the girls are at the center, they always make time to sit and talk with me. I have gotten the pleasure and privilege to know each one better.

You can feel the genuine, spiritual love, kindness, understanding and priceless caring that this organization and these ladies give to you the minute you come in contact with them. I thank them for all the help and warmth they have given me during these hard economic and turbulent times."

## 7th Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet

This year's banquet will be Thursday, November 5th at the UMPI Campus Center. Consider what role you will have as we celebrate the precious gift of life. Our special speaker this year is Lisa Keegan. She will share her uplifting story of how she faced the challenge of carrying a Down's Syndrome baby, and how this baby, Darby, has enriched her life and the lives of others. Join us in a short, but powerful DVD journey of Darby's story. It is sure to encourage those facing the pregnancy of a special needs child.

We need banquet sponsors to underwrite the costs of the banquet, so all the money given that evening will go toward the dinner goal of \$40,000. As a banquet sponsor, the name of your church, business, or individual name will be placed on a table card at the banquet. The programs given to the banquet attendees will list the sponsors including the level of sponsorship. Banquet Sponsorship Levels:

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

Please consider attending our banquet, giving toward our dinner goal, or becoming a banquet sponsor. This is our last fundraiser for the year. All gifts are tax deductible and greatly appreciated!

### Client Christmas Parties to be Held in December

It's that time of the year again when we start planning our client Christmas parties. Each year we try to be creative in providing an exciting program to meet their tangible and spiritual needs. Last year we had over 100 attendees in P.I. and 50 in Houlton. The number of responses to our Christmas parties is so great and the center's space is limited, so we have a local church in the area host the party for us. This year P.I. Wesleyan Church and East Hodgdon Bible Church have agreed to help us. This will be such a blessing to our limited staff.

The clients who attend this year will receive "Christmas Bucks/Coupons" which they will be able to spend at our "Christmas Store". Each center will set up a Christmas Store where clients can come and "purchase" items of their choice. The items will consist of new clothing for children (sizes 12-24 months), men & women's toiletries, children's toys, and household items.

If you would like to donate any of the above items or for a more complete list, please call the Center at 764-0022 or 554-8396. Donated items should be received by early November in order to organize our store.

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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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**A Message from the Executive Director . . .**

Dear friends, as I have been preparing this newsletter, I am reminded how God uses circumstances to bring about His divine purpose for our lives and the lives of the people around us. Some circumstances are very difficult, such as the cases of Rachel and in Rosalie (see pg 1). The loss of a loved one, an accident, or maybe an unplanned pregnancy or an abortion can be devastating at first. However, as we allow God to speak to us, He has a way of taking those losses, injuries, and poor choices, and turning them around to accomplish wonderful things in our lives and the lives of others. We are constantly aware that in a broken world, there is much work of planting hope in the hearts of hurting people. As we see clients who sometimes have no hope and think their lives are a mistake, it is our privilege and joy to share God's hope and plan. He has created all life with value and purpose and He has created us to achieve greatness in Him! As we meet the tangible needs of diapers or baby furniture,

this allows us an opportunity to plant or water the precious seed of God's Word. We are faithful to do our part, leave it with God, and allow the Holy Spirit to do His part. We are also reminded this is only possible because of the kind giving of people. We are so grateful for the giving of churches and individuals who enable us to plant and water. We are a non-profit organization that has been in town for 25 years now! This center is God's center, and it has literally touched thousands of lives in that time and all for His glory. I would like to encourage you to "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9. May we all be faithful to plant and to water and not grow weary. The harvest is truly great and the harvest day is coming soon! Blessings to you and your family. In the name of our Lord and Savior and soon coming King,

Christie Corey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christie".