



Pregnancy Resource Center of Athens County

COMPASSION

All services are free and confidential.

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SEASONS....

Through many challenges, the Lord has blessed us abundantly with willing volunteers and a hard-working Board of Directors who are committed to serving women and families in need of help during a crisis pregnancy.

The board bids a fond Adieu to board members Scott Wright, Thea Arocho, and Lindsey Kehres. We thank them for their faithful service. We also extend a grateful Hello to incoming board members Steve Burchett and James Yerian.

We've staked the whole future of American civilization not on the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us . . . to Govern ourselves according to the commandments of God. The future and success of America is not in this Constitution, but in the laws of God upon which this Constitution is founded.
-- James Madison

WANTED: A DIRECTOR!



The Board of Directors of the Pregnancy Resource Center is searching for a qualified Director to oversee daily operations at the Center, including supervision of office volunteers and client advocates. This is a volunteer position requiring 15-20 hours a week. If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to:
Mr. Larry Kent
231 North Lancaster
Athens, OH 45701

THE CENTER NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

We have been greatly blessed by our patrons who have donated cash and goods to the center. Remember that this is YOUR center, and it exists solely on your donations. We have accomplished much in our short existence, and we need your support in able to provide these services that are desperately needed in our community. Will you consider being a monthly donor? We need monthly gifts of \$100, \$50, even \$10. Larger gifts and one-time gifts are also greatly appreciated. If you would like to see how your money is being used, contact the Center for a tour and a review of our yearly budget.

Ohio Bill Would Keep FDA's RU 486 Abortion Drug Regs in Place

by Maria Gallagher

LifeNews.com Editor

May 21, 2004

Columbus, OH (LifeNews.com) -- The Ohio Senate has approved a bill designed to crack down on those who violate federal regulations when distributing the dangerous abortion drug RU-486.

The measure, known as House Bill 126, passed the state Senate by a vote of 22-10.

According to Ohio Right to Life, the bill creates state criminal penalties for providing RU-486 to induce an abortion without following federal legal requirements regarding the use of the drug.

Under the bill, which passed the Ohio House last year, abortion practitioners must also inform the state medical board whenever the drug leads to serious complications.

Proponents of the bill said it would allow the State Medical Board to discipline those who violate the regulations, while opponents claimed the pro-life lawmakers wanted to lock the Food and Drug Administration rules into place in case the agency loosens them.

Before passage, the Senate voted down two amendments designed to weaken the bill. The amendments were offered by Sen. Robert Hagan (D-Youngstown), who is pro-abortion.

The first Hagan amendment would have eliminated the requirement for reporting complications to the state medical board. Such complications have received national attention in light of the death of a California teenager who was given RU-486 by a local Planned Parenthood affiliate.

The second Hagan amendment would have allowed RU-486 to be dispensed in amounts or in a context not approved by the FDA if supported by "adequate study." Backers of the bill viewed the amendment as a giant loophole which would have allowed those who distribute RU-486 to ignore the wishes of the FDA.

H.B. 126 was sponsored by Rep. Tom Brinkman, a Republican from Cincinnati.

Senators voting in favor of the legislation included Ron Amstutz, Jeffrey Armbruster, Steve Austria, Louis Blessing, John Carey, Kevin Coughlin, Greg DiDonato, Randy Gardner, Robert Gardner, David Goodman, Bill Harris, Jay Hottinger, Jeff Jacobson, Jim Jordan, Larry Mumper, Scott Nein, Robert Schuler, Kirk Schuring, Bob Spada, Steve Stivers, Lynn Wachtmann, and Doug White.

Senators voting against the pro-life bill included: Daniel Brady, Marc Dann, Teresa Fedor, Eric Fingerhut, Robert Hagan, Mark Mallory, Ray Miller, C.J. Prentiss, Tom Roberts, and Kimberly Zurz.

Related web sites:

Ohio State Legislature - <http://www.legislature.state.oh.us>

Ohio Right to Life - <http://www.ohiolife.org>



Our beautiful Baby Store has maternity clothes for the expectant mom and many items for the new baby.

Wish List

Diapers: sizes Newborn and 1
 Baby wipes
 Stylish modern maternity clothing
 New and gently used baby clothing, size 0-6 months
 Diaper bags (size small)
 Receiving blankets
 Diaper rash ointment
 Baby soap/lotion (trial sizes are okay)
 Brush and comb
 Nail clippers and file
 Home safety pieces
 Bottles
 Rattles
 Baby Bibles/books
 Bibs
 Pastel onesie/sleepers (used in layette sets)

Client Stats

January—May 2004

Number of Clients Seen—41

Number of Positive Pregnancy Test—5

Positive Test Clients Intending to Parent—5

Positive Test Clients Intending to Abort—0

The Abstinence Corner

Our Abstinence Coordinator and resident road warrior, Jannie Wick, has been very busy with 314 presentations completed in area schools, including first-time visits in Morgan County and Athens High School. It is gratifying to see how well the abstinence message is received by the students. Many of them have never learned the negative consequences of premarital sexual relations, and are hungry for the truth. Behavior changes are usually prefaced by attitude changes. Here's some attitude:

- You did not tell us sex is a terrible thing like

other guest speakers. Instead you told us how great it can be when we get married and I admired that. (10th grade male)

- I had a wonderful time with you. I learned so much! You helped me to realize that I wanted to wait but also that I needed to wait. Thanks for coming! (8th grade female)
- Most teenage guys want to have sex, including me, but I think the consequences of having sex outside of marriage are too big and they make it worth waiting for. (7th grade male)
- I have learned a lot that even having sex once can change my whole entire life. It can affect my goals and my family severely. Also to respect women or girls more. Also to try to avoid sexual activity. (9th grade male)

PRC at Kidfest

Approximately ten thousand young folks passed through and around the Ohio Uni-



A PRC volunteer paints the hand of a willing youngster.

versity Convocation Center on a gorgeous sunny day in April 2004. The eager children received a keepsake document with their very own painted handprint and a life-affirming scripture verse, Psalm 139:13. Many grateful thanks to Traditional Printers for donating the finest quality paper; it's even washable!

"For thou didst form my inward parts, thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb."

Psalm 139:13

British Olympic Star Opts Against Having an Abortion

London, UK (LifeNews.com)

British hurdler Tasha Danvers-Smith had her life centered on her Olympic dream, when she was shocked to discover she was pregnant. As the unplanned pregnancy devastated her hopes, she briefly considered an abortion, before deciding that she could not kill her child. An Olympic medal hopeful and sixth-ranked runner in the world, missing the 2004 Olympics meant more than missing a dream – it meant financial difficulty and uncertainty. "The timing could not have been worse. If I had run at Athens it would have meant greater financial security, more recognition. There is nothing negative that can happen when you have a shot at an Olympic medal," she told the Telegraph. "I cannot lie, I considered an abortion. On the one hand you look at the situation and say, 'I can have a baby and incur more costs, more problems.' We don't even have a house yet...And I am the major breadwinner." However, Danvers-Smith and her husband and coach Darrell Smith decided that life was the right choice. "But this line from the Scriptures kept coming into my head: 'For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' For me, the whole wide world was the Olympics. At the same time, I felt I would be losing my soul. So then I knew. For me it was not going to be an option. And as soon as I decided that, I felt so happy. Even though I know it is going to be a struggle financially and that I am sacrificing my medal hopes." Danvers-Smith said that watching the 2004 Olympics may be "too dreadful" to bear, "but when December comes and the baby is born, I know I will feel a lot differently."

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Summer Hours
(starting June 14)
Monday 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
Wednesday 6 p.m.—8 p.m.

“...I have set before you life and death, blessing and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your descendents may live”.

Deuteronomy 30:19

The Pregnancy Resource Center is a Christian, pro-life ministry providing emotional, spiritual, and material assistance to women and men who face pregnancy or abortion-related issues.

Let the Clients Speak.....

At the end of every counseling session, our clients are given the opportunity to complete an evaluation of their experience at the Pregnancy Resource Center. Here are just a few of their comments:

“It was a good experience. I felt well-received and unjudged.”

“I was a little uncomfortable due to the circumstances, but I am thankful for the free test. The atmosphere and the staff helped me relax.

“I could not have imagined how relieved and renewed I would feel when I left here. Service here was excellent. I feel like I’ve been given a second chance.”

