



COMPASSION

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Baby Bottle Campaign 2005



God has placed the Pregnancy Resource Center in our community to help minister to women in crisis pregnancy situations. We are committed to presenting the hope that Jesus Christ offers in both word and deed. As you are probably aware, we are able to carry on our work because of the generous donations of concerned churches and individuals like you. As a nonprofit Christian ministry, we do not receive any government funding. Because many consider the issue of abortion a politically sensitive subject, it is rare for us to receive any help from the corporate world.

Since reopening the Center in 2003, we have been able to provide many needed services free of charge to our clients. These include:

- Pregnancy Tests
- Peer Counseling
- 24-Hour Helpline
- Referrals for Ultrasound/Medical Care
- Maternity and Infant Supplies
- Post-Abortion Support Groups
- Sexual Integrity Workshops
- STD and Abstinence Education

We have found that when a woman who is considering abortion visits a crisis pregnancy center, 40% of the time she will choose life for her unborn child, and 90% of the time after having an ultrasound. This is an opportunity for you to have hands-on involvement in a ministry whose primary focus is that of saving the lives of unborn children and making eternal differences in the lives of many mothers.

By becoming a part of this vital work, you and your church will become equipped with the information needed to guide those who have found themselves in a crisis situation to the help they've been searching for. Would you consider partnering with us to make a difference in the

lives of those who are in need of help? By encouraging your congregation to participate in the **Baby Bottle Campaign 2005**, your church will enable us to continue the mission to which God has called us.

The Baby Bottle Fundraiser is very simple to host. There are two important criteria: first, publicize it enthusiastically before and during the campaign; and second, make the bottles conveniently available to your congregation on the **day of distribution (April 17th)**. Families are to take them home, fill them with a check, cash or coins, and return them to the church on Sunday, April 24th. A Center representative will pick them up Monday, April 25th between the hours of 10am-5pm.

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 * *This year's focus surrounds the theme of* *
 * *Mother's Day and beautiful honorarium* *
 * *cards will be mailed to the mothers of the* *
 * *donor's choice the week prior to May 8th* *
 * *stating that they have given a gift of life in* *
 * *her honor.* *
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Please give the Baby Bottle Campaign your sincere consideration. Bottles may be received by calling Rachel at (740) 698-6113 with the total number needed. In order to receive a free bottle delivery on Friday, April 15th we will need your information by Friday, April 1st. The average bottle "count" is 25% of your total church membership. We have already been privileged to make a real difference in the lives of many women, and the lives of their unborn children. As God provides, we shall continue to do so! This year's goal is \$8000.

Abstinence Education Update

Jannie Wick, RN, has been involved with providing quality care to clients of all ages as part of her ob/gyn background. Jannie has a passion for helping teens sort out the issues of healthy sexuality and enjoys presenting the "Relationships under Construction" curriculum because it has medically accurate information on pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) and how decisions teens make today impact their future choices.

"ATM (Abstinence Till Marriage) Education is focused on measuring its program's effectiveness by doing pre and post surveys at the beginning and then at the end of the class week. As a teacher, I am so encouraged by the attitude change after just one or two presentations. In the pre-survey the students are very firm about not being interested in abstinence, and by the end of the week they echo a desire to remain abstinent or take a secondary virginity pledge to ensure a brighter future."

"We have kids in mentoring groups who have no adults in their lives to encourage them. They've made some bad choices with drugs or sexual activity and don't think anyone cares and have given up on them. We come alongside of them and say 'you are worth it' and it makes a big difference in how they receive the information. I'm amazed when a student says 'no one has ever said that to me...you're the first one!'"

Jannie and her husband, John (who also teaches for ATM Education) teach in Athens, Meigs, Hocking, Vinton, and Morgan counties.

Did you know...

- More than one-third of 9th graders have had sexual intercourse.
- More than half of 12th graders have had sexual intercourse.
- More than 50% of 8th graders and 80% of 12th graders have tried alcohol. One third of 14-21 year old girls who became pregnant, reported that they had been drinking when they had sex.
- New studies show that clinical depression in adolescent boys and girls is related to sexual activity and drinking.
- 33% of 8-11 year olds and 49% of 12-15 year olds said that pressure to have sex is a "big problem" for them.

(CDC Statistics)

For these and many more reasons, PRC volunteers educate clients about the benefits of living a life-style of "sexual integrity" (including abstinence before marriage) with our clients. Please pray with us that clients will be receptive to this message as they seek our services and participate in our programs.

2004 Client Stats

- Clients seen — 80+
- Pregnancy Tests Given — 50
- Positive Pregnancy Tests — 12
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Parent or Adopt— 10 (2 undecided)
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Abort— 0
- Clothing/Material Goods Clients — 22

January/February 2005 Stats

- Clients seen—31
- Pregnancy Tests Given — 10
- Positive Pregnancy Tests — 3
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Parent or Adopt — 3
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Abort—1
- Clothing/Material Goods Clients — 5

NEED LITERATURE?

We have a large number of resource materials available concerning **abstinence and sexually-transmitted diseases, adoption, abortion, post-abortion syndrome, and several other topics**. We would love to share the information! All literature is medically and factually based, and contains no graphic material. For brochures, please stop by or call the Center at 592-4700.

The 2005 PRC Board of Directors

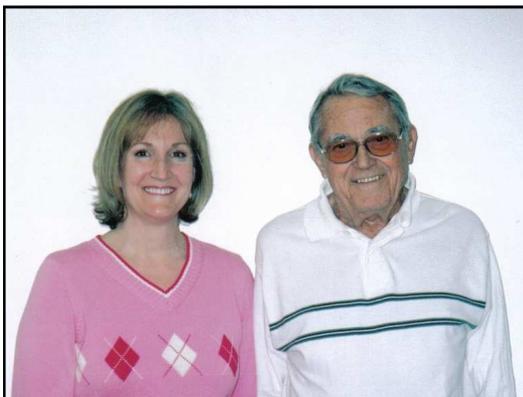


Above left to right: Rev. Steve Burchett (Pastor), Mary Thomas (Publications), Larry Kent (President), Rachel Esselburn (Secretary), Carissa Patton (OU Pro-Life Club)
Not pictured: Annie Cvetan (Treasurer)



Above: Linda Clark (Vice-President)

Below: Jannie Wick (Abstinence Coordinator, ATM Education), Dr. William Biggs (President, Athens Right to Life)



Mission Statement

The Pregnancy Resource Center is dedicated to strengthening women and families by serving those with pregnancy-related concerns and by promoting sexual integrity. We provide education on abortion and its alternatives, as well as assistance surrounding pregnancy.

How May I Help At the Center?

The chief volunteer opportunities are Client Consultant and Office Volunteer. A Client Consultant has direct contact with clients and gives peer-to-peer support. An Office Volunteer greets clients, answers phones, and writes thank you cards. All volunteers must be at least 18 years old and must complete a Volunteer Application.

Pregnancy Resource Center Hours:

Monday & Friday 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
Wednesday 6 p.m.—8 p.m.

Carenet (24 hours) 1-800-395-HELP



NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

A generous donation given by Albany Baptist Women's Ministry and Goodin Building made possible the purchase of furniture and décor for our much-needed second counseling room. Special thanks to John and Jannie Wick, Maxine Harner, Debra and Anna Shelor, and Rachel Esselburn for their expertise in painting, wallpapering and decorating, and to Sherwin Williams of Athens for donating paint, wallpaper, and border.

Client exit survey comments

"Thank you — I was very afraid & you brought a bit of peace of mind to me. Thank you!!"

"Everyone was very nice & helpful. They talked to me about my life and plans, and not just about sex. I would recommend anyone to come here."

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!"

"I felt very comfortable and as relaxed as possible. Staff members were extremely friendly and well-informed. Thank you so much!"

"She (consultant) was very polite and caring. Didn't give that "looked down upon" feeling at all.

"This place is a blessing! People are great and the place is classy and comfortable."

"I think the free test is great as I have no money to spend on a \$20 test. I think that you all have the ability to help people like me and hope you continue to do so. Thank you very much."

"I think that the Pregnancy Resource Center is a really good place to have. I was treated very nicely by the volunteers and the experience was a good one.

"I've never heard any advertisements that this resource is here. Getting the word out a little more may benefit both the organization and community."

Getting the word out...

We would like to advertise in the upcoming 2005-2006 Ohio University Fall Sports Calendar which is distributed to all OU students, our largest clientele. The cost is approximately \$180.00 for a 4x4 color advertisement. If you are willing to sponsor this expense, please contact the Center at 592-4700.



Upcoming Event

Join us at **KIDFEST** on Saturday, April 30, 2005, 10-2 PM at the Convocation Center in Athens. Come see our booth — we'll have a free activity for the children to enjoy!

Pregnancy Resource Center
43A South Court Street
Athens, OH 45701
(740) 592-4700

Pledge Card

I would like to invest in the life-saving and life-changing ministries of the PRC!

Monthly Gift					Immediate Gift				
\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25	other	\$250	\$100	\$50	\$25	other

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