



# COMPASSION

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## Mission Statement

*The PRC 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.*

A Member Of



## Celebrating a Season of Thanksgiving!

On Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, more than 140 guests gathered together at the Baker University Center Ballroom in Athens for the Pregnancy Resource Center's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraising Banquet. Guests were treated to special music, great food, like-minded fellowship, informative ministry goals, and nationally known speaker, Rev. John Ensor. Many were touched by our speaker's message and encouraged to take a stand for *life*.

Rev. John Ensor is former President of *A Woman's Concern*, a ministry of pregnancy help centers in Boston, MA and current Executive Director of Heartbeat International's Urban Initiative Program. John's message (and book) focus on the importance of "Answering the Call" One Woman at a Time. He challenged listeners to be aware of and ready to help those women and families in need, right in their very neighborhoods, churches, and communities. He stressed that it did not take a "miracle" to accomplish this, but simply the compassionate act of one human to another. **Many guests came away that evening encouraged and uplifted in knowing that they were not alone in their commitment to help women and men experiencing unplanned pregnancies.**

Words cannot possibly express our thanks to those who were directly involved (see page 2) in making the Pregnancy Resource Center's banquet a reality! They were key to a very successful event and we thank them for celebrating *life* with us!

Here's what we're celebrating:

Pre-Banquet Gifts:	\$470
One Time Gifts:	\$10,582
Pledges:	\$12,710
Post-Banquet Gifts:	\$75
<u>Underwriting:</u>	<u>\$7,605</u>
Total:	\$31,442

Guest Attendance:	140
Volunteer Application Requests:	12



From left to right: Rev. John Ensor, Speaker and Author; Rachel Esselburn, PRC Executive Director; and Pastor Jeff Schofield, Master of Ceremonies and PRC Board Vice President.

Our original banquet income goal was \$28,200. So, as you can see, the Lord has done above and beyond all we could ask or think!

If you could not join us at the banquet and would like to pledge your support for the upcoming 2008 year, please place the word "banquet" in the memo area of your check, along with the series number of payment pledged. We hope that next year you too will be able to join us for both an informative and inspirational evening!

\*A copy of John's Book "Answering the Call, Saving Innocent Lives One Woman at a Time" is available for \$7 by contacting either the PRC (740-592-4700) or Focus on the Family ([www.family.org](http://www.family.org)).

\*A DVD recording of the entire evening is also available through the PRC for a minimal charge of \$10.

## 2007 BANQUET UNDERWRITERS

### ADVOCATE LEVEL (\$1000 OR GREATER)

Dr. William Biggs  
 Dr. Richard and Karen Klabunde/  
 Renaissance Charitable Foundation, Inc.

### PATRON LEVEL (\$500-\$999)

Larry Kent  
 Mark and Rita Snider

### BENEFACTOR LEVEL (\$200-\$499)

Anonymous Donor  
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 Dorothy Kent and Patricia McTeague  
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 Dr. Wayne Myles  
 OU Students for Life  
 Dr. Andy and Tracey Prevost  
 Dr. Ed and Mary Schreck  
 Jim and Debbie Sillery  
 Dr. Bruce Steiner

### GENERAL DONOR (\$1-\$199)

Anonymous Donor  
 Christ Community Wesleyan Church  
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The Pregnancy Resource Center humbly thanks our generous underwriters who made the fundraising banquet possible.

## 2007 TABLE HOSTS

The Pregnancy Resource Center expresses its genuine appreciation to all our Table Hosts who so faithfully invited guests to attend our banquet and learn about the Center and its life-affirming ministry.



Chris Allwine	Debbie Arnold
Shannon Ashcraft	Dr. William Biggs
Phyllis Campbell	Katie Cassity
Linda Clark	Sharon Colvin
Pete Couladis	Julie Davis
Sylvia Driscoll	Pastor Doug Esselburn
Rachel Esselburn	Larry Kent
Karen Klabunde	Barbara Love
Sue Matheny	Carissa Patton
Pastor Jeff Schofield	Barb Shelor
Ann Marie Strickmaker	Mary Thomas
Carrie Weeks	Jannie Wick

### 2007 Pre-Banquet Monthly Donors

The PRC gratefully recognizes those individuals and churches who have not wavered, but who have proved faithful to the calling God has placed on their hearts: to support this ministry and the women and families that it serves.

#### Individuals

*Anonymous CCWC Donor  
 Carl & Jane Denbow  
 Michael & Julie Finney  
 Dorothy Kent & Patricia McTeague*

#### Churches

*Bethel Worship Center  
 Christ Community Wesleyan Church  
 First Baptist Church of Athens  
 Whites Chapel*



Pastor Jeff Schofield, Master of Ceremonies and PRC Board Vice President.



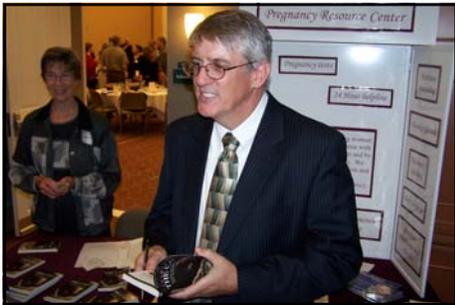
Pastor Doug Esselburn, Opening Prayer



Rev. John Ensor, Guest Speaker.



Tim Towne, media personnel and Marilyn Dodrill, pianist.



Book signings by Rev. John Ensor.



Rachel Esselburn, Executive Director.



Marilyn and Regina enjoy our guest speaker.

# ANSWERing the ALL



Mary Diles and Dr. Bill Biggs, Table Host.



Perfect timing!



Pete & Linda Clark, Table Hosts



Rachel Esselburn, PRC Executive Director, Ministry Update.



Pastor Jeff introduces Mr. Ensor.



Enjoying friends, fellowship, and good food.



Regina Sayers, Soloist.



Pastor Al Hartson, Closing Prayer

## 2008 PRC Ministry Goals

- Increase the operating budget to provide for the equivalent of one full-time salary.
- Increase the volunteer staff to aid in presenting life-affirming education.
- Increase Center weekly open hours to the community.
- Increase advertising to abortion-vulnerable women.
- Increase partnerships with area churches and businesses.

## Ministry Leaders Breakfast



*Pastor to Pastor*  
Sharing ...  
Great Food  
Great Fellowship  
& Great Faith

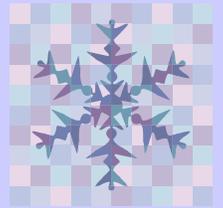
As an accomplished author & an ordained minister, Rev. John Ensor identified with pastors struggling to address those difficult biblical issues that have become the social & moral issues of our society. He shared his heart as he pointed Pastors to the Father's heart, and challenged them to *Answer the Call* through "fellowship activism" starting in the heart of each congregation and radiating outward with care and integrity.

DVD recordings from the October 5th breakfast are now available. Pastors may request one free copy, and additional copies are \$5 each. The PRC Pastor's Packet may also be requested at this time (free of charge).



Additional resources, including Rev. Ensor's books and sermon outlines, may be found at [www.johnensor.com](http://www.johnensor.com)

## ~2007 Winter Wish List~



This year the PRC has experienced tremendous growth in all areas, including but not limited to, "open" hours, new volunteer & consultant staff, clientele, materials & program availability, donor & community relationships, and the art of faithfulness!

In order to keep up with the new demands at the Center, year-end Board Member term limits, and with the available of banquet monies, the PRC has chosen to trust God to expand this ministry further yet! Key volunteer and staff members are necessary to fulfill both the vision and mission of saving souls.

### Staffing Needs & Availabilities

Prayer Warriors  
Church Liaisons  
Volunteers (assist with EWYL Program and phone calls)  
Consultants (peer-counseling and pregnancy tests)  
Newsletter Publisher (computer, graphics, and writing abilities)  
Administrative Assistant (ordering, purchases, photo copying, data entry, proof-reading, mailings)  
Director of Development (donor relations & fundraising)  
\*Director of Client Services (volunteer & client relations)  
Webmaster  
Grant Writer  
Handyman/Maintenance  
Abstinence Director  
Men's Ministry Leader  
Sexual Integrity Workshop Leader  
Post Abortion Recovery Leader  
2 Nominating Committee Members  
2 General Board Members  
Board Secretary  
Board President



\*Denotes the only paid (part-time) position at this time. If you or someone you know is interested in any of the above positions and would like more information, please contact Rachel at 740-592-4700.



**Care Net 2007 National Pregnancy Center Conference  
“Ministering the Healing Compassion of Christ”**

**Who:** Open to the staff, board members & volunteers of pregnancy centers. Attendance this year was 1,600+.

**What:** National pro-life speakers & educational classes with topics including: Abstinence, Adoption, CPC Boards, Center Operations, Church Relations, Client Issues, Client Marketing, College Campus, Evangelism, Fundraising, Leadership Development, Medical Advancement, New Directors, PACE (Post Abortion Counseling and Education), Peacemakers, Public Relations, Spiritual Leadership, STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) Training, and Urban Issues. A private screening of the new movie *Bella* was presented, along with a personal appearance by star actor Eduardo Verastequi.

**When & Where:** Mid–September, annually. 2007 was in Louisville, KY; **2008 will be in Atlanta, GA.** Listing information may be viewed at [www.care-net.org](http://www.care-net.org).

**Theme verse:**

*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
and provide for those who grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD  
for the display of his splendor.*

*Isaiah 61:1-3*



The PRC Board has taken a “leap of faith” and purchased the **Memorial for the Unborn**. The memorial will offer a place of hope and healing for those who have suffered the loss of a child through abortion, miscarriage or stillbirth. The granite and brass marker will be located at Athens Memory Gardens on US 50 West of Athens, January 2008.



We encourage anyone who needs post-abortion healing to consider being a part of our 10-week Post-Abortion Support group using the book “Her Choice to Heal” by Sydna Masse. This class will begin in January.

The “thermometer” depicts current debt owed on this project.



**PRC “Labor” Day Benefit Sale  
\$931.94 raised!**

Due to an overabundant amount of merchandise located in the PRC Store, the Board decided to offer surplus items, along with sale-intended donations, to the community at a low cost. These monies were then reinvested into the Earn While You Learn Program to help meet the needs of the women and families in the Athens County area.

A big “Thank You!” goes out to Awesome Activities 4-H Club and their friends and family whose hard work made the benefit sale possible; to Tracey Prevost, Chris Allwine, and their church Home Group, for their advertising and promotion; and finally to First Baptist Church of Athens who kindly provided the sale location.





## UPCOMING EVENTS



### PRC Fall Open House

When: Wednesday, December 12th, 6-8p.m.

Where: PRC Office on Court Street

Begin the holiday season by celebrating *Life*, both that of the Holy Infant, and that of sacred life within the womb! Refreshments & Center tours will be available during this time.

### Sanctity of Human Life Week

January 20th-27th, 2008 (Sunday observance on the 27th)

Marks the 35th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton (decisions that legalized abortion in the USA).

Focus on the Family provides several informative PSA's, bulletin inserts, sermons, and a 2007 Handbook all free of charge or per minimal donation. These items can be found at [www.heartlink.org](http://www.heartlink.org).

### Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

Visit <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org> for 2008 retreat dates, or call 1-877-HOPE 4 ME.

Please keep the Pregnancy Resource Center of Athens County in mind when establishing your church's **2008 Local Missions Fund** and when making **Year-End Tax Write-Offs**.

The PRC is a 501c3 nonprofit ministry.



**Research has shown that there are 18,000 web searches for "abortion" every day.**

Since 86% of all our clients are "online", the PRC has decided to look into a host plan offered by OptionLine e•Xtend. This plan would allow the Center to have three deluxe, professional, affordable sites (Client, Supporter, and Post Abortion Recovery) for approximately \$2,750 our first year (includes set-up fees) and \$1,950 (\$162.50 a month) the following years. We are looking for those persons who may be interested in "sponsoring" the cost of the web sites.

The sites will provide our main avenue of Center advertisement and communication. Special features such as on-line newsletters (possibly even sendings via email), donating capabilities, and fundraiser registration & updates will be available for easy access, at any time of the day. All hosting, maintenance, key word advertising, monthly reports, and video footage are provided by OptionLine e•Xtend.

The Center is looking for a high-impact website for minimal time/financial investment, and believes that this may be it.

Please feel free to check out their current site and information at [www.optionlineextend.org](http://www.optionlineextend.org), and then call the Center with both your questions and/or comments.

## May-October 2007 Stats

- Clients: Walk-in: 22 + 6 friends  
Hotline: 33  
Earn While You Learn (PRC Store): 21
- Pregnancy Tests Given: 20
- Positive Pregnancy Tests: 0
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Parent or Adopt: n/a
- Positive-Test Clients Undecided: n/a
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Abort: n/a

Option Line calls, website hits, and community calls are not listed in this data.



Our dear friends from **Meigs County Right to Life** have again sent us material goods and cash donations (shown above) received during the annual "Rally on the River" held each July at the Pomeroy Amphitheater. Thank you for your faithful support!

## NOW AVAILABLE—ELECTRONIC MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP!

The Center is pleased to offer this exciting new service.

By becoming a Positive Impact Partner you will join with the Pregnancy Resource Center in powerfully and effectively enhancing Kingdom growth. The avenue of electronic transfers opens up a whole new dimension of convenience for both the supporter and the Center, while providing greater ministry stability.

For more information on the program or our partner company, please see the educational pamphlet enclosed with this mailing, or go to [www.egivingsystems.org](http://www.egivingsystems.org).