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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.

Vision Statement

The Pregnancy Resource Center desires to affirm the sanctity of human life through a Christian worldview. We are committed to reaching all segments of our community with a life-affirming message that makes abortion unnecessary and unwanted.

A Member Of



Nelsonville Satellite Open!

Monday, February 4th, saw the realization of a long-anticipated outreach to the Nelsonville area. Statistics show that the Pregnancy Resource Center's clientele are primarily college students. Care Net's annual report estimates 65% of all clients seen will be between the ages of 15 and 24. Geography and distance have made it difficult to effectively serve our northern neighbors, including Hocking College, Tri County Career Center, and Nelsonville-York High School, until Pastor Mike Thomas and the Nelsonville Wesleyan Church agreed to host us, free of charge, for a 6-month trial period. During this time we hope to become familiar with the people and businesses of the area, and to determine the most urgent needs.

PRC Nelsonville Satellite
Corner of Chestnut and Harper Streets
(740) 590-7726
Hours: Monday 12 p.m.—2 p.m.
4th Saturday Monthly 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

We are very excited about this new venture and encourage you to join us. Since we have two Center sites, we need to double our volunteer numbers. Additionally, anyone interested in distributing advertisement flyers in the Nelsonville area should contact Catherine at the PRC Main Office.

Special thanks to Craig Matheny of Matheny Enterprises for providing at a discounted rate the great vinyl lettering on our new Nelsonville sign (the number one advertising source noted by all clients) and to Carrie Weeks who so graciously lent us her living room furniture for our peer-counseling room.



Client's Corner . . .

"Thank you so much for everything. It was very respectful and comforting to know there is a place like this."

"Thanks to the staff; everyone was very respectful and of course helpful!"

"I think this is a fabulous program and would recommend it to anyone!"

"...I was very impressed. They provided a welcome and relaxed environment. Thank you!"

"Everyone was really, really nice.... This is the exact environment a terrified girl needs."

"I appreciate everything, this helped me a ton. I am glad there are people who care about me!"



Before



After



Helping Hands

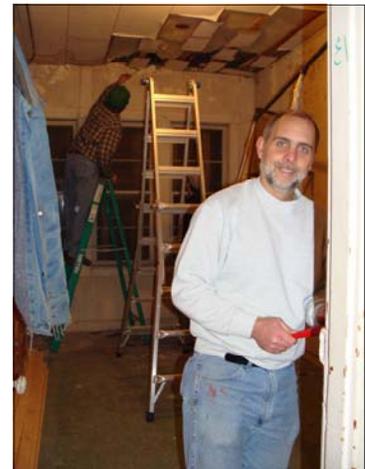
A much-needed storage space adjacent to the PRC Athens office received a makeover courtesy of the "Helping Hands" benevolent work group from Christ Community Wesleyan Church and Team Leader Paul Richard. After supplies were purchased and delivered by Doug Esselburn and Larry Kent (PRC Board member), the Team members set to work. Despite flaking paint, drywall dust, and paint fumes, the workers enjoyed their time of fellowship and shared vision. Thanks for a job well done! The new space will be used to store cleaning supplies, fund-raising tools, advertising materials, and large Baby Store items.



No that's not snow indoors, it's dust. And it was everywhere! Josh Fair smiles through the grit of it.



Steve Martin works on painting the ceiling.



Paul Richard helps with pre-paint trim removal.



Left: Rich Hanning and Director Rachel Esselburn work on cleaning the old, oily cast-iron pipes, once used as clothing racks.

Right: Gary Rothwell prepares to install a new ceiling.



BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG 2008 - COMING IN APRIL!

Will you help us make a difference in the lives of those who need help? By participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang 2008, you and your church/group 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 components: first, publicize it enthusiastically before and during the campaign; and second, make the bottles conveniently available to your church/group the **day of distribution (April 6th)**. Families are to take them home, fill them with a check or cash, and return them on Sunday, April 13th. For a donation of \$5 or more, the PRC will honor the person of your choice with a beautiful Mother's Day card.

Funds will be used toward increasing advertising for both our Athens and Nelsonville sites, as well as salary for our new leadership staff.

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 \$9,000. Please phone Rachel at 592-4700 with the number of bottles you would like to distribute.



2007 Fundraising Banquet Update



We'll not soon forget the passion and challenge of guest speaker Rev. John Ensor, who ministered to us and encouraged us to "Answer the Call" in our own communities. Many guests came away uplifted in knowing they were not alone in their commitment. The banquet was also a huge financial success - bringing in \$31,442 in cash and pledges! These funds have been an essential foundation to the general operation and ministry of the Pregnancy Resource Center, enabling us to grow beyond what we had imagined.

To date, however, \$1,250 of the above pledged amount is already listed as delinquent. These are both one-time and monthly pledges. If you have not yet sent in your pledge (pledges began November 1, 2007), please do so at your earliest convenience. If you are financially unable to fulfill your pledged amount, please contact Rachel (592-4700) at the PRC, so that it may be noted on your account. If it is simply something you have overlooked, please consider the new monthly EFT/VISA program, which automatically deducts your one-time/monthly pledge from either your checking, savings, or credit card account. Monthly pledges may also be paid in full, fulfilling the yearly pledge. The PRC will not be sending out monthly reminders; however, you may call at any time to receive your donation balance or to confirm your original pledge.

The PRC Board would like to express their heartfelt "THANK YOU" to those who have faithfully continued to fulfill their pledges on a regular and timely basis, and to those who have donated above and beyond. You are vital to the success of this ministry!

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 7	NFP Class Series Begins
March 10	PRC Spring Open House at our Athens location, 5 p.m.—7 p.m.
April 6	Baby Bottle Boomerang in-church pickup
7-12	Care Net Volunteer Training (see insert)
26	Kidfest, OU Convocation Center, Athens, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
May 3	"Mother's Day" Benefit Yard Sale
June 15	Father's Day
July 19	Christmas in July, 10 a.m., Nelsonville
26	PRC Silent & Grand Auction
August 1-9	Athens County Fair Booth
30	"Labor Day" Benefit Yard Sale
September	10-week Post-Abortion Support Group begins Possible Fall Concert
October 1-4	Care Net National Conference, GA
November 13	Annual Fundraising Banquet
14	Pastor's Breakfast Fall Open House

*Dates are tentative and subject to change.



NEW!! The PRC is participating in the **Kroger Cares Gift Card Program**. This fundraiser is simple and runs continuously. A card may be purchased for as little as \$5, can be re-charged in amounts up to \$500 and it never expires while there is an available balance. Cards can be re-charged at the Kroger Customer Service desk or cash register using cash, check, or credit card. **The Center receives 5% of every dollar you spend!**

Gifts cards can be used to purchase groceries, flowers, gasoline, pharmacy prescriptions, postage, and even Starbucks coffee. It really is a great way to donate, because it costs you nothing extra; just buy things your family already needs! If on average you spend \$500 a month, or \$6,000 yearly, the Kroger Company makes a \$300 donation to the Pregnancy Resource Center on your behalf.

For more information concerning this exciting program, contact Catherine at 592-4700 or send us an email at athensprc@yahoo.com. You may pick your card(s) up at the PRC Athens office, or send your \$5 donation(s) (clearly indicating the Kroger Cares program) by mail to the address shown on page 1. Please note the number of cards you are interested in purchasing. Remember, pre-loaded cards make a great gift to those in your life who may be celebrating a new baby, wedding, birthday, or as an appreciation gift to your clergy or work staff!

November '07 - January '08 Stats

- Clients: Walk-in: 7
Hotline: 12
Earn While You Learn (PRC Store): 8 + 1 friend
- Pregnancy Tests Given: 8
- Positive Pregnancy Tests: 3
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Parent or Adopt: 1
- Positive-Test Clients Undecided: 1
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Abort: 1

2007 Yearly Stats

- Clients: Walk-in: 34 + 7 friends
Hotline: 51
Earn While You Learn (PRC Store): 31
- Pregnancy Tests Given: 31
- Positive Pregnancy Tests: 4
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Parent or Adopt: 2
- Positive-Test Clients Undecided: 2
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Abort: 0

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



Above: Many thanks to Dale Colburn & The Woodmen Club for their donation to our Baby Store!

Below: Digital Camera, Case & Photo Printer donated by Dan & Chris Allwine.



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES STARTING SOON

A new series begins Friday, March 7 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at Christ the King University Parish Center in Athens. The course is 3 sessions, spaced about one month apart, with a supplemental class on return of fertility after child birth, and for women in their perimenopausal years. The series costs \$135. Fees may be partially excused for those with financial difficulty. Please contact Bob or Sharon Colvin at 593-5713 for more information.