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The Wonder of Adoption

By David O'Leary

Adoption is one of the important resources available in the ministry to women and men who face crisis pregnancies. While it may not be the optimal choice for all, it certainly provides the right option for many. If we consider the biblical pattern of adoption, we can draw a parallel to crisis pregnancy ministry.

The Bible tells us of the wonder of adoption! It is a privilege that every believer has and that many believers overlook. We have status. We are somebody. I don't mean this in the modern secular sense of the word, which seeks to build our self-esteem. I mean this in the gospel sense—you are a child of the living God through our Lord Jesus Christ. You have been adopted into the family of the King! Put it another way: "Adoption is the act of God's free grace by which we become His children with all the rights and privileges of being His." Amazing! Such status! John writes of his amazement in 1 John 3:1, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!"

Consider the parallel to adoption in our own human families. Beyond all imagining, a child who may not be able to receive the care and nurture he or she needs is received into a family because of that family's deliberate decision of love. And that love not only bestows blessings of care and nurture, but it gives a new status—a child of the house, a member of the family. In addition to care, the child will have the comfort of knowing that he or she has been chosen in love to be one of the family. An adopted child takes the family name, has the family love and protection, and has at his or her disposal all the resources of the family. Granted, each and every family falls short of this ideal, but we are reminded of our own adoption in Christ as the pattern for adoption of children in need. What a wonder that is!

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Web address: <http://www.atcmag.com>

November is National Adoption Awareness Month

<http://national-adoption-month.adoption.com>

PRC 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.

PRC Vision Statement: The Pregnancy Resource Center affirms the sanctity of human life through a Christian world-view. We are committed to reaching all segments of our community with the life-affirming message that abortion is unnecessary. This message enables individuals to make informed choices, and provides them with the knowledge and power to establish healthy lifestyle habits.



On Thursday, October 8th, guests gathered at Ohio University's Baker Center Ballroom for the 3rd Annual Pregnancy Resource Center Fundraising Banquet. Everyone enjoyed great food, like-minded fellowship, and beautiful live music. The 2009 goals and accomplishments were reviewed, and a glimpse of the 2010 future goals were presented. Testimony about the effect crisis pregnancy centers have on clients, and their passion to serve and partner with area churches, was presented through personal client testimony and the Center's DVD "Why We Do What We Do".

Sydna Massé, who is internationally known for her work as Focus on the Family's Manager of Crisis Pregnancy Ministries from 1991 to 1998, and who currently serves as Founder & President of Ramah International, a post-abortion outreach and training organization (www.ramahinternational.org), touched us with her moving personal testimony and an inside look at the post-abortive woman/client. As the author of *Her Choice to Heal: Finding Spiritual & Emotional Peace After Abortion*, she spoke about God's forgiveness and His power to create "Beauty from Ashes". Isaiah 61:3 states that God will:



"...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."

Sydna's message included a challenge to become more involved, and an encouragement to continue on the path of providing Post-Abortion Support Ministries to both female and male clients.

Ultimately, it may be that we give of our time at the Center, our talent to help initiate one of the new programs the Center envisions, or part of our tithe in becoming a financial partner.

2009 Banquet Underwriters

Advocate Level (\$1000 or Greater)

Anonymous Donor,
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Christ Community Wesleyan Church, Flowers by Craig,
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Nelsonville Quilt Company, Paul Silvus

The Pregnancy Resource Center extends its appreciation to the gracious Underwriters, who through their generous gifts made the Banquet a reality and the fight for *life* a possibility!

Here's What We're Celebrating...

One Time Gifts	\$ 9,751 (goal \$8,000)
Pledges	\$ 10,550 (goal \$11,500)
Book Proceeds	\$ 97 (bonus)
Underwriting	\$ 8,200 (goal \$6,750)
Invitation Responses	\$ 225 (goal \$500)
Post-Banquet Responses	\$ 200 (goal \$100)
Total	\$ 29,023 (goal \$26,850)

Guest Attendance: 180

Volunteer Application Requests: 8

2009 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.

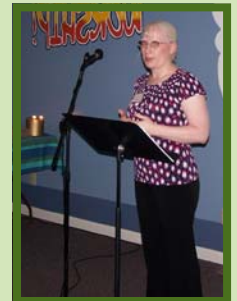


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Banquet Night



Table Host Prayer Dessert



Pastor's Breakfast



You Did It! Baby Bottle Boomerang 2009 was a Success!

Thanks to your sacrifice and support, our 6th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign was an outstanding success. We are very near (94.14%) meeting our goal of \$12,000, with a grand total collected of **\$11,297.37!**

It is only through your ongoing support that we are able to offer free services to women and their families in time of crisis.

Through the grace of Almighty God, and because of your generosity, the Pregnancy Resource Center will continue to serve Athens and the surrounding counties for many years to come!

Participating Area Churches & Businesses:

Abundant Life	\$131.71
Albany Baptist Church	\$1,271.95
Athens Community Church	\$980.99
Bethel Worship Center	\$624.51
Christ Community Wesleyan Church	\$1,519.55
Christmas in July Event	\$4.93
Church of the Nazarene, Nelsonville	\$146.89
First Baptist Church, Athens	\$167.64
First Presbyterian Church, Nelsonville	\$250.00
First United Methodist Church, Nelsonville	\$206.59
Holy Cross	\$271.46
Medical Students For Life	\$18.00
Middleport Church of Christ	\$547.82
Mt. Hermon United Brethren Church	\$435.15
Nelsonville Wesleyan Church	\$773.04
New Life Assembly of God	\$143.67
Oak Grove Wesleyan Church	\$167.43
Reed's Country Market	\$53.62
Richland United Methodist Church	\$183.42
Rolling Hills Baptist Church	\$714.70
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	\$426.96
St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church	\$328.20
St. Paul Catholic Church	\$670.00
St. Sylvester Catholic Church	\$193.00
Unknown Donors	\$210.90
Vanderhoof Baptist Church	\$855.24

Grand Total (as of October): **\$11,297.37**

* Bottles are reused throughout the year. Please return unused bottles to either the PRC or to your church office at your earliest convenience.

**Church Liaisons are an integral part of the Center to Church communications and we welcome new partners!





2009 Baby Bottle Honorees



<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Honored By:</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Honored By:</i>
All Children	Lowell Bolen	Candice & Sean Looney	Alan & Robin Stack
Any Child - A Gift From God	Jean Massie	Winifred & Mary Marcinko	Joe & Roxie Marcinko
Bri Blair	Michele Starcher	My Mother	Marie Curd
Zoey Boivin	Shirley Carr	David & Connie Nevil	Tammy Nevil
Maxine Butcher	Doris Mertz	Our Three Wonderful Children	Vern & Lisa Fierce
Christ	Dan Thomas	Matthew Porter	Kay Porter
June Dunlap	Lisa Woznick	Erin Ross	Cindy Dill
Tessie Evans	Jim Evans	Emily Scholl	Shelby Hutchens
Amber, Eddy & Jayden Fisher	Kelly Marcinko	Patty Sharp	Mike Sharp
Autumn L. Hicks	Susanne Spears	Jaxon Elizabeth Sherman	Don & Lissa Riley
Peggy Holbrook	Robert Holbrook	Lavern Smith	Susan Holbrook
Susan Holbrook	Adam Holbrook	Mary Steele	Cindy Dill
Lauren Howard	Lauren Howard	Judy & Heather Stewart	Lark Stewart
McKayden Hurst	Easter Swain	Mary Thompson	Brenda Freeman
Kimberly Hysell	Ruth & Mike Lax	Freddye West	Vicki Harkins
James R. Ingels	Bobbi Pauley	Marvin White	Denise Arnold
Charla Butcher Johnson	Linda Cline		



2009 Baby Bottle Memorials



<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Remembered By:</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Remembered By:</i>
Mary Adam	Sandy Waldron	Hunter	Linda Lucas
Georgina Agustin	Chad & Gina Wilberger	Martha Jeffers	Margie Lawson
Maureen Anderson	Beatrice Merrill	Otto & Robert Marcinko	Joe & Roxie Marcinko
Thomas J. Arthur	Tom, Vanessa & Katherine Arthur	Harriet Matthews	Steven Matthews
Robert H. Auflick	Cynthia & Sheryl Auflick	Wanda K. Maynard	Linda K. Cox
Baby Girl Holben	David & Lisa Holben	Charlotte Mitchell	Carmen Mitchell
Daylene Bahr	Donna & Harry Gorrell	Lena Morgan	Maureen Morgan
Michael Alan Bernard	Ruth C. Bernard	Mothers Unable To Raise Children	Jean Massie
Gabriel Bible	Anna Bible	My Grandmother	Marie Curd
Lester Bowers	Loretta Bowers	David Noves	Annette Whitney
Emily Deem	Janice Curry	One Aborted Baby	David Hawk
Emily Grace Deem	Jamie & David Deem	Helen Phillips	Brenda Cremeans
Emily Grace Deem	Breanna Zirkle	Ezekiel Pratt	Nadia Mitchell
Job Michael Devol	Calvin & Betty Devol	Matt Reeve	Rhonda Wallace
Ida Digney	Maureen Morgan	Bill Roush	Barbara Roush
James F. Fales	Sharon Fales	Justin Mickal Stewart	Lark Stewart
Grandma Bernice	Vern & Lisa Fierce	Carolyn Taylor	Amy Beverage
Destiny Wilson Griffin	Wenola Griffin	The Lost Babies	Barbara Love
Paul Gueltig	Shirley Wilson	Kay Walters	Reverend Karen Walters
Helen L. Hart	Shirley Carr	Henry Wells	Doris Mertz
Phyllis Hennessy	Bernadette Anderson	Joel Whitney	Annette Whitney
Trevor Howard	Lauren Howard	Lana Wintle	Steve & Janet Wintle



Christmas Wish List

- Brand Name Diapers (Newborn - Size 2)
- Diaper Wipes
- Infant Shoes
- Towels & Wash Cloths
- Receiving Blankets (Thin)
- Infant Bath Soaps & Lotions
- Brush & Comb Set
- Rattles/Small Toys (New in Package)

NOTE: Clothing Closet is FULL.

Sept '09 - Oct '09 Stats

- Clients: Walk-In: 29
Hotline: 24
Earn While You Learn: 21 (34 visits)
- Pregnancy Tests Given: 23
- Positive Pregnancy Tests: 2
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Parent or Adopt: 2
- Positive-Test Clients Undecided: 0
- Positive-Test Clients Intending to Abort: 0

Numbers above reflect the number of clients seen. Return visits noted in parentheses. Option Line calls, website hits, and community calls have not been listed in this data.



Left to Right: Sherry Davis, Channa Robe, Tracey Prevost and Rita Snider help to educate the community about PRC services. The **Pregnancy & Parenting Fair**, sponsored by The Birth Circle, was held at the Market on East State (formerly University Mall).

Electronic Monthly Stewardship



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 for greater ministry stability.

For more information on the program or our partner company, please ask for the Center's educational pamphlet, or go to www.egivingsystems.org.



Kroger Community Rewards Program

The Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) receives a monetary donation every time a member uses their pre-registered Kroger Plus Card. Plus Cards may be obtained at the customer service desk.

To register a Plus Card to credit our ministry, visit the secure website (www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and choose non-profit organization #82275. The Plus Card will start benefiting the PRC within 7-10 business days. The bottom of each Kroger receipt will then state, as proof, the amount donated to the PRC.

If you have problems setting up your account or have questions about the program, you may call the Kroger Community Rewards info line at 1-800-837-4483 or go to their website.

Optionally, ask the cashier to scan the bar code (below) with your Kroger Plus Card for automatic enrollment. Within 72 hours, the PRC's name should be displayed at the bottom of your receipts, showing your donation. If you have concerns, please call 1-877-576-7587 for Kroger customer service.



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Thank you!

Many thanks to both Meigs County Right to Life, who remembers the PRC with gifts collected at the Remember Life Rally (gifts shown on left), and to Dale Colburn and the Woodsmen Club (gifts shown on right). These dedicated groups faithfully help to keep the baby store well-stocked!

Please remember the PRC when planning your church's **2010 Local Missions Budget** and when making **Year-End Tax Write-Offs**.

The PRC is a 501c3 nonprofit ministry.