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From the Director: Golf Challenge Top 5

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I was just sitting in my office reminiscing about the 10th Annual PCC Golf Challenge. Let me tell you my top 5 reasons why this event was a success.

#5 Fabulous Weather

You can't expect the first Monday in August to have "perfect" weather considering it is right in the middle of the "Dog Days of Summer." However, Monday, August 4 was about as good as it gets. A thin cloud-cover kept the sun from being oppressively hot and a slight breeze kept the air moving. Thank God for a "nice" August day!

#4 Fantastic Golf Course

It's obvious to see why Otter Creek has been given such high accolades by the U.S. golfing community. The course is fun to play and Chad Cockerham and his staff do a great job of keeping it in tip-top shape. It is a great place to host our annual event.

#3 Frozen Candy Bars

There's nothing any better on a hot day

than a cool treat. The frozen Snickers and Milky Ways brought out in the afternoon were just what we needed to refresh and rejuvenate (for those with strong teeth).

#2 Fun & Fellowship

Whether the teams were playing well or terrible, as I drove around the course on a beverage cart, everyone was having a great time (even with their best shot in the deep rough!). It was more than just a day of golf. It was where like-minded people had the opportunity to have a good time and do a good thing together. Fellowship is more than a slap on the back with superficial banter. Rich fellowship happens when people come shoulder to shoulder to accomplish a common goal. That brings us to the #1 reason for the event's success.

#1 Funds Raised

Quite honestly, the purpose of the Golf Challenge is to raise funds for the ministry. By this measure, the 2008 event was a success. From corporate sponsors, tee sign sponsors, golfer's pledges and other miscel-

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Option Ultrasound Update

At this year's banquet, we announced we were pursuing two grants through *Focus on the Family's Option Ultrasound Program*. This nation-wide initiative provides funding to pregnancy centers to purchase new ultrasound machines at only 20% of the cost. To qualify for the grant we were reviewed by *Focus* to ensure we maintain the highest operating standards. Our policies and procedures were evaluated, our board structure and corporate infrastructure were analyzed and our facilities were

inspected through a site visit by an *Option Ultrasound* representative. With evaluation complete, we received good news along with a challenge for our near future.

The good news is we were approved for a grant to replace the antiquated ultrasound machine in our Bartholomew County center. By replacing this machine which is "on its last leg," we will insure our ability to offer this vital element of the ministry for years to come. Studies (and experience) prove viewing ultrasound

images of their baby is a powerful means of encouraging abortion vulnerable individuals to choose life for their child. We are grateful to *Focus on the Family* for their help in obtaining this machine.

One challenging bit of news we received is we were not approved for the portable machine. Our hope was to transport it among several of our locations. The only issue keeping us from receiving approval was a requirement to have the machine available for use a

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Fall Volunteer Training

Pregnancy Care Center relies on committed volunteers to minister to our clients. If you have a passion for affirming the value and dignity of every human life, prayerfully consider joining us. Fall training is approaching and will cover:

- The reason for our existence
- Biblical basis for the sanctity of human life
- Client demographics
- Abortion, parenting, adoption and STD information
- Interpersonal communication
- Sharing the Good News
- Much, much more!

If you are interested in serving as a receptionist, peer counselor, Men's Ministry peer counselor or phone line volunteer this is the training for you!

Here is what past attendees have said about the training:

"The training classes are a good introduction to the ministry, opportunities and services needed. The materials provide basic skills

Bible Study Scheduled



Sensitively, *The Path to Sexual Healing* Bible study addresses sexual sin and recovery from it.

Digging deep in God's Word for understanding of His person, forgiveness and expectations is paramount in this Bible study. Participants discover a deeper knowledge of their standing before God and the grace through which we can face sin that drives us away from wholeness.

The study is for those who have been sexually abused or hurt others or themselves through sexual sin. This study is held in a confidential group setting once a week for eight weeks beginning September 16. If you are interested in finding out more about the fall session, please contact Kathy Durham at 812-350-0877 or by email at kathyd@pregcarecenter.org.

needed to be God's servant through this ministry."

"The time was worth it. I believe it will not only change the lives of our clients but very much ours."

"This has been a life changing experience. Thank You."

We are honored to have our Care-Net Regional Consultant, Lara Devine, as guest speaker for training. It will be held:

Dates: Monday-Friday, October 13-17, 2008

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: East Columbus UMC

Cost: \$30 (Pays for training manual. Bring a friend and pay only \$50 for both of you!)

Dinner is provided each evening.

For more information or to register, contact Jenny Gardner, Director of Client Services, at 812-378-4114 or toll-free at 866-510-5067. You can also register by contacting your local Center Director.

From the Director *cont.*

laneous donations, we raised over \$86,600. Considering all the money contributed to area flood relief efforts in recent months, that number speaks volumes about the broad-based commitment to this ministry and generous spirit of people in this area.

If you participated in the Golf Challenge in any way, THANK YOU! Your help will go a long way to insure the ministry will continue to impact lives through abstinence education, crisis intervention and post abortion healing. If you were unable to participate this year, you don't know what you missed! Mark your calendar for Monday, August 3, 2009 and join us at Otter Creek Golf Course. You'll be glad you did!

Tim Bond
Executive Director

Decatur, Jackson and Shelby County

Walk for Life



Life, Liberty and Justice for All

**Saturday,
September 13, 2008**

Registration - 8:30 a.m.
Walk - 9 a.m.

Decatur County
1st Christian Church of
Greensburg
425 North Broadway
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Immanuel Lutheran School
520 Chestnut Street
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Shelby County
Inside the City Circle
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For more information or a pledge form call your local center or the administrative office toll-free at 1-866-510-5067. Pledge forms may also be obtained online at www.affirminglifeonline.org. Volunteers are needed. Call the above numbers for more information.

Pregnancy Care Centers of South Central Indiana

10th Annual Golf Challenge

\$86,623
Golf Challenge Total



Winning Teams

1st Place Net - St. Vincent Jennings

2nd Place Net - QMix

1st Place Gross - Goecker Construction

2nd Place Gross - Truth@Work

Most Pledges Raised

Steve Fisher \$3,255

Brad Lindemann \$3,000

Brent Whitson \$1,400

Contest Winners

Women's Longest Drive - Jodi Engelstad, Lainie Horn & Kim Backmeyer

Men's Longest Drive - Dean Layman, Larry Ruble & Dan Senn

Closest to the Hole - Bo Bandura, Ed Dailey & Tyler Moore

Longest Putt - Brandon Goecker, John Anderson & Mike Powell

Putting Contest - Brandon Goecker & Terry Nicholson

What We Heard

"Great time, great course, great people!"

"Great cause. To God be the glory!!!"

Ultrasound cont.

minimum of 20 hours per week. To meet the requirement, we will have to hire another sonographer to travel to our other centers. *Focus* did say if we can provide a strategic plan within six months of how we can make that happen, we can reapply for the grant without the need of completing the entire site visit process again.

With that in mind, we hope to "lean into" the challenge. In coming months the board will discuss how to fund the new position without weakening our existing programming. You can pray for wisdom and vision for our board as they pursue providing the ultrasound element of our ministry to more counties in this region.

Medical Update



This has been an interesting summer. Like many, my husband and I were affected by the flood, but not to the level some were.

We had the clear water; not the mud. Thankfully, our ingenious neighbors moved furniture and keepsakes to higher ground for us since we were away visiting family in another state. What a blessing it has been to have our neighbors and church family readily available to help.

Here at the center life changes daily. We continue to do ultrasounds on abortion minded clients who are contemplating life for their baby. There are also times we are stretched emotionally because the ultrasound did not have a positive outcome due to natural causes such as miscarriage. These situations allow us to minister in another

way. Recently, we were able to put a booklet called "Permission to Grieve" into the hand of a client and her partner which provided comfort during a difficult time.

In July, I attended an inspiring medical conference hosted by NIFLA (National Institute of Family and Life Advocates). I cannot thank our board and constituents enough for allowing me to attend. I was given the opportunity to learn and grow with other Christian, medical professionals who promote life.

The theme of the conference was "A Time of Excellence, a Message of Hope." There were many wonderful speakers who challenged us with new ideas. One of my favorites included the President of NIFLA who wrote the new thought provoking book The Emerging Brave New World. In it he confronts "the denial of personhood" to the unborn and where it is leading

our culture. The highlight for me was the testimony of Dr. Noreen Johnson, a former abortionist. She humbly shared her involvement in the abortion industry that could have destroyed her life, as well as her spouse's, had it not been for the grace of God.

I praise God for what He is doing in this ministry. I praise God for our wonderful volunteers who minister daily to individuals in crisis. Continue to pray for those who are fooled into believing it is a matter of one's choice about the life of our little ones. Also, remember the ultrasound ministry. It could be the picture worth a thousand words and then some to a woman in a crisis pregnancy. Let's use this resource to restore the sanctity of life ethic in the hearts of people.

Linda Long

Nurse Manager/Associate Center Director

Volunteer Spotlight: Joan Knight



All Pregnancy Care Center volunteers are treasures and Joan Knight is no exception. A medical ultrasonographer, Joan works at Southeast Indiana OB/GYN during the day. Tuesday evenings, however, Joan can faithfully be found at the Shelby

County PCC providing free first trimester ultrasounds for clients.

Joan's husband, Kimball, owns Buck's Plumbing Supply and they have two children. She enjoys antiques, going to auctions and traveling with her husband. She is excited about her upcoming vacation to Ireland this fall.

An active member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Shelby

County, she serves as a eucharistic minister and chairperson for the church social committee. Joan is also a member of the PCC Medical Advisory Board.

According to Shelby County Director, Enola Joplin, "She was made to do this." Joan's professional skill matched with her faith and concern for clients makes her a treasure.

NEWS FROM THE ABSTINENCE DEPARTMENT

The Impact of the Church



God shows his perspective on sexuality in the Bible through verses such as 1 Thessalonians 4:2-5:

"You know the guidelines we laid out for you from the Master Jesus. God wants you to live a

pure life. Keep yourselves from sexual promiscuity. Learn to appreciate and give dignity to your body, not abusing it, as is so common among those who know nothing of God." (The Message)

What may not be clear to us is the profound impact churches can have on enabling students to live out God's best. The body of Christ can be an influence for students and help parents equip them to live pure lives.

- Multi-generational congregations can provide adult attention, mentoring and modeling of mature and God-honoring behavior.

- Churches can be sanctuaries, "safe places", to experience grace, truth, love, fellowship and the living Word of God.

- Churches offer participation in a Christian community and knowing they belong, are loved and included.

- Churches can be a place to find peers who share their values.

- Churches offer opportunities for students and parents to worship, serve, communicate and learn together. Research from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy confirms the critical role parents

have in children's sexual decision-making. The quality of a child's relationship with her parents is one of the most important influences in helping make positive choices.

If your congregation is interested in helping young people become successful adults with healthy minds, bodies, spirits and relationships, consider partnering with us in bringing the *Transformed* ministry to your church. To do so, contact me at 812-378-4114 or toll free at 1-866-510-5067. As with all programs at the Pregnancy Care Center, there is no cost to participate in *Transformed*.

Lisa Newton

Director of Christian Education

The Frustrating World of Acronyms



We live in a world of acronyms and slang. I'm sure you're already aware. I am usually annoyed by it. I shouldn't have to work so hard to figure out what someone's

talking about. Are we so lazy or our time so precious we can't spare the extra nanosecond it takes to say the whole set of words? (When did I begin to sound like my mother?!)

This thought is brought to you compliments of the Internet this morning when I read "pregorexia" is a concern among physicians due to Hollywood's trend to be so thin before, during and immediately after pregnancy. Who makes up these words?

Probably Brangelina's (Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie) people. Probably the same ones worried about pregorexia.

We at Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) strive to remain on the cutting edge of cultural and medical accuracy. To combine relevant and accurate information, I have developed a few acronyms and terms we may introduce in our *Choose to Wait (CTW)* public school programs this year. Here's a few:

TWIT = *Teens who Walk in Truth*. This constitutes approximately 73% of teens who, when anonymously surveyed, stated they choose to become or remain sexually abstinent until marriage.

SATWC = *Sexually Active Teens Without Concern (for their future plans, future spouses, or very real consequences.)* They

are few and far between AFTER sitting through three days of *CTW*!

Diseasegret = Regret nearly 19 million Americans will have this year finding they have a sexually transmitted infection/disease.

Edulightened = *Educated & Enlightened*. Those with the ignorance platform yanked from beneath their feet. This includes approximately 6,000 students we will speak to this school year through *CTW*!

Please pray for **TWIT**'s, **SATWC**'s and our speakers as they **edulighten** so none may suffer with **diseasegret** and the many consequences of making poor choices concerning their sexual health this school year!

Tracey Pike

Director of Abstinence Education

Will you become a Lifeline Supporter?

Lifeline Supporter(noun): 1. a strategic partner; 2. one who strengthens a ministry by making a regular investment in Kingdom work

Things done consistently have great impact. Daily time with God. Weekly date nights. Regular meals. Regular exercise. Even regular deposits to a retirement account have a way of adding up.

Imagine the impact of regular investment in the Kingdom!

This is an exciting time for the Pregnancy Care Centers of South Central Indiana. God is leading us to a new level of ministry. We need you to stand with us to reach South Central Indiana with a message of Life and Truth.

When you choose to be a recurring monthly giver, you become a strategic partner with great impact. How? Because *Lifeline* Supporters:

- free the PCC Staff to focus on ministry; not fundraising saving administrative/fundraising costs
- allow for better planning of resources
- strengthen the ministry which impacts the Kingdom in greater ways

Would you prayerfully consider joining our community of *Lifeline* Supporters? Complete and return the form below with a voided check or deposit slip. Credit card companies will deduct 3% of each credit card gift, so we encourage you to use a checking or savings account to maximize your gift's benefit to the ministry.

"Your partnership as a *Lifeline* Supporter is very powerful. It strengthens this ministry and frees us to fulfill our calling."



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Thank you! Your faithfulness is appreciated. Please contact us for any changes required.

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AROUND THE CENTERS

Bartholomew County

It's exciting to watch God work! We recently had a *Focus on the Family* representative come prepare us to receive a new ultrasound machine. Thanks to our volunteers who washed walls, touched up paint, organized and put away donations preparing for the visit.

As part of our day, the *Focus* representative gave suggestions on making our facility inviting for abortion minded clients. We are grateful for suggestions to help multiply the impact of ultrasounds in our community and reach more abortion minded!

We now have four trained male peer counselors, in addition to Morris Nading (the Men's Ministry Coordinator), serving in our Center. As of July, we have served

170 men this year. Interested in being involved? Ask yourself: Are you a people person? Are you concerned for hurting and lost young men in this community? Ask the Lord to direct you if He is calling you to the PCC Men's Ministry?

Please consider this opportunity. The rewards are immeasurable.

We still need prayer warriors willing to receive e-mailed prayer requests. You can call Judy at 378-6068 or e-mail JudyS@pregcare-center.org if you would like to enter the trenches in prayer for client needs.

Judy Snow
Needs List: New car seats, wipes, 20" flat screen TV/DVD player (call for details), Enfamil Lipil with Iron formula, baby bath and lotion, baby bath towels, crib sheets.

Jennings County

Praise God for victories as He reveals Himself through peer counselors. One client considered abortion, but decided to place the baby for adoption after her visit. Praise God!

Thanks to Miller Chiropractic for making us the beneficiary of their "Girl's Night Out." We also thank First Baptist's Agape Mission Circle for baby layette items.

Recently, we've counseled teens about making wise choices and understanding God's plan for relationships. In addition, we continue

to help many clients with material assistance.

Welcome to April Burch who joins our wonderful volunteers. She is training to be a peer counselor. It's a joy to see people answer God's call to this ministry. We still need volunteers. If God is nudging you, don't wait. We have a place for you!

Jane Bevers
Needs List: Baby bath towels and washcloths, crib sheets, gently used maternity clothes all sizes, 18 month - 2T clothes.

Shelby County

We want to help abortion minded women find TRUTH for their situation and lives.

This week I saw how I must continually fine-tune my counseling skills as I share with clients. An abortion minded client wanted information and I gave her what we had on abortion procedures and risks. I wished afterwards that I had given her even more. Needs and each client's vantage point vary drastically so our assistance and the resources we use with each client must be different. We successfully

reach low-income clients, but also want to reach middle- and upper-income clients.

We pray for Godly wisdom as we reach out to each one. We want them to come back and refer their friends so we can reach even more with our life affirming message. Please pray for those of us on the front lines. Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare hearts to hear TRUTH!

Enola Joplin
Needs List: Diapers size 4 and 5, small and medium maternity clothes, boys clothes size 9-12 mo.

Brown County

At this year's County Fair, we saw 1,000 people at our booth. One father asked us to explain to his daughter our chart showing STD exposure in relation to the number of sexual partners. Other parents took abstinence brochures for their children.

We heard of those we knowingly and unknowingly influenced. One lady tearfully told how she had been in for a pregnancy test, but wasn't far enough along to show up on the test. She considered abortion so we gave her brochures on making an informed decision and abortion consequences. She was pregnant and read the

brochures, prayed and chose to carry her child. Last week she delivered a healthy baby boy. Praise God! We don't always see the blessings from seeds we plant. This lady's sharing was a gift!

We are enjoying our remodeled facility allowing us to spend personal and confidential time with clients. Thanks to those who made this possible: Fred and Margaret King, Grace Church and Church of the Lakes. *Therese Chamblee*
Needs List: Baby food and formula, diapers size 3, 4, 5 and 6, baby bath and shampoo, diaper bags, newborn gowns and sleepers, crib sheets.

Decatur County

Receiving mail at the center is something I love. When it is not advertisements promoting ink cartridges at a discount I love it even more! The letter was from a girl who had participated in her first 4-H Fair in Decatur County. Her fair entry was a Boer goat. This caught my interest because as a fellow 4-H participant many moons ago, I wanted to show livestock. My parents, on the other hand thought that sewing, baking and knitting would be less mess and more beneficial. After showing her goat, it was put up for

auction and sold. In her letter she wrote, "I have chosen to donate a percentage of my profit to your mission in helping a child of God be born. Please accept this check to go toward your great work." It is encouraging to know there are young people who know the value of life. Priceless.

Darla Goodman
Needs List: White 0-3 mo. onesies, sleepers size newborn and 0-3 mo., bottles, hooded bath towels, white socks size newborn and 0-3 mo, white crib sheets.

Jackson County

Each day is a new, exciting challenge! We never know who God will bring to our door, but we know it's an opportunity to express His unending love. Most have never experienced this love and try to fill the hole in their heart with other things.

Thank you Tim Hardin, Phil Noekler and Mike Olson for your work in preparing our ultrasound room for future use.

Special thanks to Maria Camp who interpreted for several Hispanic clients. It's difficult to have conversations with language barriers. One of these mothers experienced a stillbirth. We were

grateful to be able to to pray, express our sympathy and extend comfort to her and her partner.

Thanks to the gals at Loose Threads who faithfully bring items for our layettes and Redeemer Lutheran for the baby shower!

Thank you to our steering committee and ambassadors for their time and dedication. You are so important to the ministry.

Join us for the Walk for Life Sept 13. Show your support for saving the unborn! *Marge Miller*
Needs List: Baby bottles, diapers sizes newborn and 4, baby bath and lotion, wipes, sleepers size 0-3 mo.

Thank you to all our sponsors, golfers and volunteers who made the Golf Challenge a success. See you next year on Monday, August 3, 2009!

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praise and prayer REPORT

Praises

- For the positive publicity the PCC ministry received at the Brown County Fair.
- For all the sponsors, volunteers and golfers who helped make the 10th Annual Golf Challenge a success.
- For the *Focus on the Family* representative who challenged us and gave new ideas on how to be more effective in reaching abortion minded clients.
- For the churches and camps who are scheduled to host *Transformed* presentations this fall.
- For the heart of each supporter of this ministry without whom we would be unable to serve our communities.

Requests

- For people to seek a personal relationship with our Lord.
- For an increase in wisdom for clients and those who minister to them.
- For an appreciation of purity and the marriage covenant.
- For God to bring volunteers to meet staffing needs.
- For God to show us how to reach abortion minded clients and have maximum impact in our communities.
- For the students we will reach through *Choose to Wait* to have open hearts, ears and minds to receive Truth!
- For schools, principals and teachers to receive us back to present *Choose to Wait* for another school year.
- For the upcoming season of *Transformed* presentations that God will open doors for more families to hear the life changing truths of *Transformed*.

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Fall 2008

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“I love coming here because you always seem to care about me.”

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All Centers Closed
Monday, September 1 - Labor Day

Fall Walks for Life
Decatur County - 1st Christian Church of Greensburg
Jackson County - Immanuel Lutheran School
Shelby County - Inside the City Circle
Saturday, September 13
Registration: 8:30 a.m. Walk: 9 a.m.

Fall Volunteer Training
East Columbus United Methodist Church, Columbus
October 13-17 from 6-9 p.m.

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