

Celebrate Life 2011 BANQUET

Celebrate Life Banquet Brings God Glory

Over 640 people joined together on Thursday, February 17 at Englewood Baptist Church to celebrate life and the accomplishments of the Pregnancy Care Center. They also experienced a rousing message from Shawn Carney, Executive Director of the Coalition for Life and the co-founder of the 40 Days for Life campaign.

“Abortions don’t happen in the halls of Congress,” Carney told the crowd. “They happen every day in our communities, where we work and live and raise our families.

“The Pregnancy Care Center acts as a deterrent for Planned Parenthood or other abortion providers to come into your community,” said Carney. “That makes your community an abortion-free community, and never take for granted what you have here in Rocky Mount.”

Carney praised the Center for its ground-breaking work in responding to the issue of abortion. He noted that—in addition to pregnancy testing—the PCC provides



Doril Henderson—Banquet Co-chair, Shawn Carney, Linda O'Connor—Banquet Co-chair and Kay F. Gurganus—PCC Executive Director



Shawn Carney

limited ultrasound and STD screening service and these additional services are key in drawing women to the Center.

He urgently admonished pro-life members in this community to appreciate the blessing they’ve been given in having such a powerful platform from which to serve families in need.

“It’s going to take local involvement, and people being involved,” said Kay F. Gurganus, PCC Executive Director. “Thankfully, we do have a community that is responding this way.”

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2010—Our Year At A Glance

Each year, the Board of Directors and the staff of the PCC celebrate the opportunities the Lord has given them to minister to clients and their families, to present the message of abstinence-until-marriage and sanctity of human life, and to bring the life-changing message of the gospel. Here are a few of the 2010 highlights:

January: The Center hosted the annual Banquet kick-off with dinner for PCC Liaisons. In recognition of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, over 7,300 bulletin inserts were distributed in area churches. A Prayer Summit was held with area pastors, PCC board, staff, volunteers and intercessors attending.

February: Star Parker was the keynote speaker for the 18th Annual 2010 Celebrate Life Banquet and more than \$76,000 in pledges and contributions were raised. The PCC met the North American Mission Board Standards of Affiliation. An in-service was held for the center’s counselors with Sheryl Naylor from Christian Adoption Services. Pastor Robert Griffin stepped off the PCC Board due to a move to Texas.

March: The PCC was approved for participation in Reach Out Rocky Mount’s Fun Run for Charities. *WW4!* presentations were made to 486 NRMPS students.

April: Thirteen participants attended the PCC Volunteer Training. Kay F. Gurganus, PCC Executive Director joined the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship Board, which facilitates the equipping, encouraging and networking of 85 pregnancy care ministries in North Carolina. Kay attended the Fellowship’s annual fall retreat in Blowing Rock, N.C., where Melinda Delahoyde, President of CareNet, was the keynote speaker.

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May: The PCC Board hosted the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Volunteer counselor, Nicole Jackson, spoke at the N.C. Choose Life License Plate Rally in Raleigh on the benefits of pregnancy care services for women, men and their children (unborn and born). Fifty-four church liaisons distributed over 2,969 baby bottles during our Baby Bottle Blessing raising over \$42,000 to help meet the Center's operational expenses.

June: The PCC ended the 09-10 fiscal year meeting our budgeted expenses. Holly Roberson left the PCC Board after serving a four year commitment. The Board increased its membership to 9, with the addition of Gwen Barnes.

July: Marcia Brown, *WW4!* Director and Kay F. Gurganus, Executive Director attended the Reach Out Rocky Mount Fun Run for Charities ceremony and received a check for \$28,398.55 to help fund our *WW4!* Program. *WW4!* *Heartsmart* presentations were held at Englewood Baptist Church & Arlington Baptist with 71 participants attending our faith-based abstinence-until-marriage presentations for youth and their parents.

August: A Walk for Life kick-off training was held for church liaisons. Kay F. Gurganus and Marcia Brown, attended a workshop designed to prepare participants to teach *Decisions, Choices & Options*, a curriculum for students in schools and churches. BB&T bank chose the PCC for their Lighthouse Project, resulting in the purchase of baby necessities and a new LCD flat screen for the explicit use of showing ultrasound images.

September: Kay Gurganus and Cindy Pridgen, Client Services Director, attended the National CareNet Conference in Grapevine, Texas. Also, PCC Post-Abortion Coordinator, Jennifer Hudson attended and received certification to lead post-abortion recovery groups using the Bible study "Surrendering the Secret." The 20th Annual Walk For Life was held and raised over \$113,000 in contributions. Kay Gurganus attended a workshop in Raleigh, NC entitled "The Board's Greatest Gift," conducted by Mission Increase.

October: Volunteers and staff from the Center hosted a display of PCC services at Hospira's Employee Charity Fair.

November: The PCC hired Monica Weeks as *WW4!* Director. The PCC hired Rebekah Hartman as Abstinence Educator. A dedication service was held for three HEART support group participants. Staff and Volunteers attended the CPCF annual Fall retreat in Myrtle Beach, S.C. where they received training and encouragement. A PCC Fall volunteer training was held with 9 participants.

December: A Christmas Dinner at First Baptist Church was held to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus with staff, volunteers and guests. Our year ended with 43 opportunities to share in churches the work of the ministry and with 136 opportunities to share in schools and churches the *WW4!* abstinence-until-marriage message. ♥

2010 CLIENT STATISTICS

Number of Clients: 556
Total Client Visits: 2,864
Age: 72% under 25, 37% teens
Marital Status: 81% single, 8% married, 11% other

SPIRITUAL COUNSELING
Gospel shared: 496
Recommitted lives to Christ: 47
New Believers: 73
Bible study classes: 38

CRISIS INTERVENTION STATISTICS

Based on 556 clients:

78%	believed abortion was wrong
6%	believed abortion was okay
408	positive pregnancy tests
47	undecided on whether to abort/carry/adopt
42	planned to abort if pregnant
146	babies born in 2010
110	babies due in 2011
38	babies saved from abortion
14	documented abortions
172	unable to contact
63	limited ultrasound scans
304	limited STD screenings
30	HIV testings
1	Adoption
189	HOPE participants
38	Fatherhood Workshops
1	10-week HEART Bible study group
2,525	WW4! participants

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This response was clear with over \$84,214 raised in pledges and donations.

Carney also shared about 40 Days for Life, a campaign that has reached the international level and includes fasting, prayer, and 24-hour peaceful vigils outside of abortion clinics. "Since 2004, we've seen over 400,000 people participate nationally and internationally in this peaceful effort," said Carney. There are already 3,599 confirmed cases of women choosing life over abortion as a result of this campaign. One well-known result of 40 Days for Life occurred in 2009, when a Planned Parenthood director in Texas left her job and joined the pro-life movement after seeing an abortion performed on an ultrasound.

Banquet attendees indicated their enthusiasm for Carney's words with a standing ovation at the end of his speech. "You can clearly tell that the Lord's anointing is on this young man," said attendee Bob Jones. ♥



Shawn Carney with 2011 PCC Board of Directors.



Terence, a former PCC client who presented her testimony at the Banquet, enjoys the meal with her 11 month old son, Joshua.

Surrendering the Secret--A Step Toward Freedom

Contributed by Jennifer Hudson, PCC Post-Abortion Coordinator

“ . . . I was promised love, all I got was pain. I was promised a quick fix, all I got was torment. . . I am tired of taking the long way around. This burden is too heavy to carry. . . I am getting help. Soon, I shall be free. . . It’s possible because I know, follow, trust and worship a God who cares. . . ”

Above are just a few of the thoughts and emotions penned by a woman who has been through “Surrendering the Secret,” an 8-week Post-Abortion Recovery Bible Study at the Pregnancy Care Center. Losing a child, especially through abortion, is not an easy thing to deal with. Many women struggle for years with repressed memories, guilt, shame and depression; and most women believe they are not allowed to have feelings about their abortion experience because it was their “choice.”

Perhaps you have never dealt with your abortion experience. And whether you realize it or not, it may be affecting your current quality of life. This Bible study gives women a safe place to deal with their hurt, permission to grieve and an opportunity to experience the freedom of forgiveness.

Abortion statistics tell of the millions of babies who are conceived, but never born. They do not, however, address the other victims—the women who live with the grief, pain and regret after choosing to have an abortion. Many women suffer in silence. These women are not just outside the walls of our local churches. One out of every 3 women in the United States has an abortion and 79% claim to be Christians. According to those statistics, a post-abortive woman may be sitting next to you in the pew, singing in the choir or teaching a Sunday school class. We ask for the prayers of the church. Please pray that women will have the strength to come forward and participate in this Bible study.

The quote above may have pierced your heart because you have felt the same way. If so, please make that step and ask for help. The PCC will begin offering another 8-week Bible Study this April. Please contact the Center for more information. Everything is confidential. You are not alone. We want to see you living your life as God intended it to be. ♥

Spring PCC Volunteer Training

March 22, 24, 28, 29, & 31

6:00pm until 9:30pm • Refreshments provided

For more information, please call Cindy at 446-2273.

An application and an interview must be completed in order to attend the training.

“Surrendering the Secret” Bible Study beginning April 4

If you are a post-abortive woman, you look, talk and act like everyone else, but you may not feel like everyone else because you live behind your wall of guilt and shame. You wonder, “Will they still love me if they know?”

“Surrendering the Secret” is an 8-week Bible Study support group offered by the PCC. This group provides a safe place to share fears, anger, pain and shame as you work through issues, trauma and the personal heartache of your abortion. All contact and participation is held in strictest confidence; call 446-2273 and ask for Cindy.

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32

Baby Bottle Campaign Launch Set for Mother’s Day—May 8

Mother’s Day is always a special day, because while we want to celebrate moms all year long, there is something about setting aside one day to say to our mothers, “I appreciate all you’ve done for me.” At the Pregnancy Care Center, Mother’s Day takes on major significance.

“Many of the mothers who come into our Center every year are considering walking away from motherhood,” said Kay F. Gurganus. “But through the ministry of the PCC, they choose life instead, and for their courageous decisions, we honor them.”

The Baby Bottle Campaign starts on May 8th, Mother’s Day, and it will be the perfect way to be involved in the ministry of the PCC. The Baby Bottle Campaign involves offering baby bottles to individuals, families, and businesses to be filled with a check, bills or coins and returned to your church on June 19th, Father’s Day. The funds raised go directly to reach moms and

dads—empowering them to choose life for their children.

PCC church liaisons will be promoting this event in area churches and you may pick up bottles at a des-

ignated location in your church May 8th. Just in case you miss getting bottles at your church, there will be bottles available at the PCC. Because there will always be unplanned pregnancies, there will always be a need for this ministry to share the hope and love of Jesus Christ with those in that difficult situation. We hope you take the opportunity to have a major impact on this ministry for generations to come. ♥



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"Let this be written for a future generation that a people not yet created may praise the Lord." Psalm 102:18

Thank you to all who faithfully support the PCC with your financial resources. As you plan for the future of your family, would you also consider securing the future of the Pregnancy Care Center by including this ministry in your estate planning?

Generations of mothers and their babies have already been encouraged through the ministry of the PCC. It is our desire to see that women and children in our community and surrounding areas will continue to have these same opportunities for years to come.



Mother's Day is May 8, 2011

In honor of Mother's Day, the PCC is offering our very own distinctive hand-addressed card for that special mother in your life. She may be your own mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, mentor, or maybe even a single mom or one who has struggled through a crisis pregnancy herself.

Your contribution will help young mothers in our community choose life and to celebrate motherhood every day. This will not add any names to our mailing list unless you specify to do so. Simply fill out the form below and send it, along with your donation in the enclosed envelope, to the Pregnancy Care Center no later than April 28, 2011.

Donor's Name: _____

Donor's phone: _____

In memory of: _____ In honor of: _____

Mother's name: _____

Send card to this address: _____

Please sign the card: _____

Amount of Donation: _____

Please note that for 2 or more cards, a \$10 minimum donation per card is requested. Any amount given is a tax-deductible contribution to the PCC. Also, follow this model on a separate sheet of paper if you have additional memorials or honorariums.