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# Herald of Hope

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## “A Gospel Homecoming” to Benefit Richland Pregnancy Services

John Matthes of Johnny’s Mattress and Furniture Superstore has announced a special event at the Renaissance Theater, “A Gospel Homecoming”, to benefit Richland Pregnancy Services on Saturday, February 6th at 7:00 pm.

“A Gospel Homecoming” will feature some of the most respected and loved gospel musicians who will come together for this one night only gospel event! Headlining the event are Mitchel Jon and Jonathan White.

The evening will also feature choirs from New Beginnings, Oasis of Love, Shiloh Full Gospel, Mitchel Chapel, Maddox Memorial, New Jerusalem, First Alliance and more!

In addition to the combined choir, local performers New Vision, HR Garn, Betty Nichols, The Haring Brothers, Vision and Wynn Baker will perform.

John Matthes has planned several benefit concerts featuring Gospel favorites such as, The Pfeifer’s and Mitchel Jon. Matthes stated, “... because God has richly blessed me, I am compelled to pass on a blessing to my local community by bringing talented gospel music artists to Mansfield.”

Matthes has chosen to give 100% of the profits from this concert to Richland Pregnancy Services. Matthes chose Richland Pregnancy Services as the beneficiary of the

upcoming concert because of his belief in creating a culture that values life in the Richland County community.

RPS is grateful for this unexpected blessing and we praise God that He continues to provide for this ministry.

Hear samples of the headliners music at [www.mitcheljonmusic.com](http://www.mitcheljonmusic.com) and [www.jonathanwhitemusic.com](http://www.jonathanwhitemusic.com).

Tickets are available at [www.mansfieldtickets.com](http://www.mansfieldtickets.com). More information is also available at [www.johnnymattress.com/concerts/index.asp](http://www.johnnymattress.com/concerts/index.asp) or at [www.richlandpregnancy.com/events](http://www.richlandpregnancy.com/events).

Be sure to invite your friends!

## Gospel Concert to Benefit Richland Pregnancy Services

Saturday, February 6th  
7:00 pm

at the Renaissance Theater

Featuring

Mitchel Jon & Jonathan White



*The evening will also feature choirs from New Beginnings, Oasis of Love, Shiloh Full Gospel, Mitchel Chapel, Maddox Memorial, New Jerusalem and First Alliance*

*Plus local artists New Vision, HR Garn, Betty Nichols, The Haring Brothers, Vision and Wynn Baker!*

**Tickets starting at: \$15.00 at [www.mansfieldtickets.com](http://www.mansfieldtickets.com)**

# Changing of the Guard

Two years ago, RPS was blessed to receive a grant giving the center the start-up money for the men's program. Ron Puff resigned his position as the Board President and answered the call to serve as the first director of the Men's Program. The first year he worked tirelessly to develop the program from the ground up, write a training manual for our male volunteers and evaluate and select the materials used to help the men who come to RPS for help. This last year he was able to implement the program. Thus the outreach to men in our community began. Ron, along with our male volunteer Dick Stedman, taught parenting and relationship skills to over 50 men in 2009. Because of Ron's efforts, the men's ministry is on solid footing and ready to expand to new heights.

However, due to some health concerns, Ron has found it necessary to step down and pass the continued development of the program on to Dick Stedman. The board and staff want to express our deepest thanks to Ron for everything he has done to develop this program that was a dream for many years. Many men will have the opportunity to learn how to love and to parent in a way that honors the Lord because of Ron's commitment and we will always be grateful. We praise the Lord that God saw the need before we did and brought Dick, who is trained and ready to assume the Role of Men's Ministry Director. Dick is married to Dolores, has three grown children, and worships at Clearfork Alliance Church. He brings with him a wealth of experience and education that makes him a natural choice for this position and we can't wait to see how the Lord is going to use him to help expand and grow the Men's Ministry at RPS!



Dick Stedman and Ron Puff

## *Donations In Memory & In Honor of*

### *In Memory*

*Richard Entenmann*

*given by Robert & Kathryn Entenmann*

*Annie Hubert*

*Clear Fork Alliance Church*

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*Mr. & Mrs. Chester Jones*

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*given by Beth Werfel*

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*Go to [www.richlandpregnancy.com](http://www.richlandpregnancy.com) and submit your email address. or send your email address to [amyc@richlandpregnancy.com](mailto:amyc@richlandpregnancy.com)*

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# Volunteers Honored for Years of Service to RPS!



Every December the RPS board, staff and volunteers gather to celebrate the Christmas season at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This year, Shirley Davidson and Judy Rummell were honored for their faithful years of service. Shirley has served clients as a client advocate, helpline volunteer and parenting class teacher for 20 years. Judy has served as a helpline volunteer and client advocate for 10 years.

During the presentations that evening, Judy Myers, Executive Director, shared some lessons she has learned from Shirley through the years. We felt the lessons were so important that we wanted to share those with our supporters. The first lesson learned from Shirley was that it is vital to remember every client is a soul bound for eternity. RPS' clients have needs that are much greater than a pregnancy test or abortion information; they need a Savior. Remembering this need helps Shirley keep focused on the fact that the most important thing she can do for her client is share the gospel. Many clients have trusted in Him because of Shirley's commitment to view them in the way God sees them and to be faithful to tell them about Him.



Shirley encourages other volunteers

Secondly, Judy shared that she has learned about unfailing love from Shirley's love toward clients. Through the years, she watched Shirley reach out over and over to help those who expressed the desire for help. Even when they would fail, she would be there to help pick them up and go the

extra mile to help them make changes in their lives. Most recently she took a former client out of state so she could receive the help she needed. Shirley has demonstrated an unfailing and sacrificial love toward this young woman and many others through the years.

Thirdly, Judy spoke of the lessons in humility that she has learned from Shirley. Shirley believes with all her heart that except for God's grace she could have been in same position as her clients. Because of this she serves them with mercy, compassion, and love. She will lovingly speak truth to them when their situations require it, but she never stands in judgment. Shirley has set an example for all the staff and volunteers, and we are grateful for her years of service and sacrifice.

Many lives have been spared the destruction of abortion because of Shirley's and Judy's love for women in crisis. We can't express enough our thanks to them and to the many other men and women who give so freely of their time and talents every week to help the women, men and babies who come to RPS for help. Thank you all very much.



Judy Rummell listens as she is honored for her 10 years of service

If you would be interested in helping others, our next Serving with Care and Integrity in the Support Role will be held on Saturday, February 6 from 9 – 12N. Please call Amy Lee at (419)522-8863 for more information.

## Volunteer Training

***“Serving in the Support Role”***  
**Saturday, February 6th from**  
**9:00 am - Noon at RPS**

**This training will prepare you for any of the  
Volunteer opportunities listed here.**

***Come and see how God can use you  
at RPS!***

## Volunteer Needs

### Material Resource Coordinator

Check donated items for safety and recalls prior to transferring them to the Boutique.

### Truth Booth Coordinator

Visit the Richland Mall once each week to stock brochures. Mall Walkers and Mall employees are encouraged to consider this opportunity

### Cleaning Crew

Clean the RPS offices weekly.

Please contact Amy Lee at (419) 522-8863

## Our Corporate Advertisers for 2010

*Please remember to support these businesses  
who faithfully support our ministry.*

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HealthSource Chiropractic  
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## Weekley Chrysler - Dodge - Jeep

419-883-2461

50 Main Street, Butler

[www.weekleyauto.com](http://www.weekleyauto.com)

## Center Needs

RPS is in need of 15 - 20 copies of the book,  
"What to Expect When You're Expecting"  
If you have a copy of this book you would like to  
donate, or if you would like to make a monetary  
donation to help RPS purchase these books, please  
call (419) 522-8863



## Boutique Needs

The RPS Baby Boutique is in need of the following items:

**0-3 month outfits**

**newborn diapers**

**modern maternity wear**

**wet wipes**

**Baby-size mannequin or doll to use in displays**

Boutique donations may be dropped off at the RPS office  
during regular office hours.

*Psalm 139:13-14*

*I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*

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