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by Pam Crank

Upgrading and Expanding

There's an old adage that says, "a picture is worth a thousand words." For the work of the pregnancy center, this speaks volumes as we reach out to the abortion vulnerable and abortion minded clients through ultrasound.

Statistics show that a woman who has an ultrasound will be 85% more likely to change her mind and choose life for her unborn child. It's difficult for her to deny the truth, that this is a living being inside her, not just a blob of tissue as the world would tell her. When she views the heartbeat and image of her baby in her womb, via ultrasound... this child becomes real to her.

At our annual banquet in November, I shared that our current ultrasound machine is now seven years old. In the world of technology that is outdated. In order to remain competitive with our competition we need to be able to offer 3D/4D scans to view clearly through the window of the womb.

In addition, we see the need to expand our STD program. We have experienced over a 300% increase in services provided in this area. This is the most requested

service by those on the college campus. Currently, we test for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea. This is a good start but we need to be able to offer more. This program offers us a perfect opportunity to talk with the students about making good choices regarding their sexual health and reaching them with the love of Christ.

Education is a key component in seeing a reduction in abortions and STDs. Having the needed services and tools is critical to making a positive impact in our community. Yes, our goals for 2018 are challenging and will take great faith, but I believe that scripture says, "with God all things are possible." We serve a God who likes to work when things seem impossible.

Together we can accomplish these goals. If you, your church, small group, or civic organization would like more information regarding how to support these two programs, give me a call @ 419-522-8863, ext. 200 or email me @ pam@richlandpregnancy.com.

After all, a picture might not only be worth a thousand words, it could be worth a LIFE!



How Many STDs?

by Nancy Thorne

I was asked "how many STD clients will you have this year?" That is like asking "Do you know the future?" God knows that number. We will leave that up to how God will work in the hearts and minds of those who are hurting and He will lead them to RPS. God has been leading us to expand our STD program. We trust God with this because He leads us and we must follow.



Expanding our STD offerings, we will have an additional opportunity to reach more individuals; to demonstrate compassion; to bless those in a safe and confidential environment. Our hope is that through this growth of our STD program we will be able to prevent unhealthy infections, unwanted pregnancies, and ultimately abortions in our community. Individuals can experience healing beyond the physical.

We desire to reach those who are hurting physically, emotionally, or spiritually. Continue to pray for RPS in this area of the STD program. Another pregnancy center experienced an 86% increase in the number of clients over a two year period of time after the STD program began. They continue to see an increase in clients who seek a safe confidential environment for services. It is our desire to be pleasing to God and reach those who are hurting and share that God will heal them.

We have witnessed God's blessing on this ministry. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."
(II Corinthians 9:8)



Understanding Our Clients

Personhood

Often our clients have complicated lives. Many come from shattered families and are struggling with their personal relationships; most have no true concept of what a healthy family looks like. Young men and women are trying to raise children while still needing much instruction. Each client is an individual loved by God.

Challenges

Our clients have no shortage of challenges... from homelessness, school, family life, and all that is in between. We frequently see clients that struggle to make it in today's economic world. We view each client's challenges and try to help them find solutions.

Thinking

The clients that we often see, have been raised in a society that does not teach an absolute truth. Even the clients that are active "church goers" often struggle with this. Many clients seem to go to church for social interaction or to teach their children morals, but not necessarily due to a personal relationship with Christ.

Meet Our New Board Members

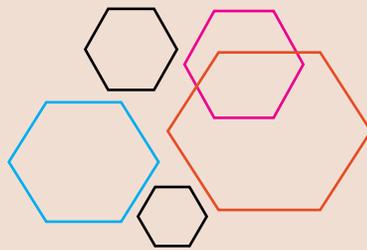


Please welcome Anna Brauchler and Morgan George, as Richland Pregnancy Services' newest board members. Anna loves spending time with her family, especially her 6 grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoys trying out new recipes, playing the piano, reading and going on walks. She and her husband David, worship together at the Apostolic Christian Church where Anna is especially fond of participating in the women's ministry.



Identical six-year-old twin boys keep Morgan very busy, still she has carved out time in her schedule to serve at RPS. Morgan works full-time in the marketing department at Spherion. Morgan and her family attend the Impact Worship Center where she is involved in children's ministry.

Please pray for Anna and Morgan as they acclimate to their positions on the board of directors.



by Dick Stedman

I Can Do This

In a recent conversation with one of our donors, I was impressed to share how their giving to RPS makes a difference in the lives of our clients. This is especially true when a male client wants to learn how to be a good dad when he has been told that he will always have to be content with visitation rights because he and his child's mother are no longer a couple.

I think of those clients who come faithfully to sessions even knowing the mother of their child does not see a Mentor Mom any more. If it weren't for our donors, these sessions would not be available to these dads.

I especially think of those dads who have come 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and more times (usually we will see a client 3-10 times) but will always have to be content

to see their child on visits because they are not a part of the home in which their child lives. It is a testimony of God's faithfulness that these dads are eager to come and enjoy interacting to learn how they can become even better dads to their child. They want to make the time they have with their child an enjoyable experience for their child and to assure the mother of their child that they are learning and applying what they are learning in the Dad to Dad program here at RPS.

Only eternity will tell the ultimate story of these clients. When we see Christ face to face, our donors will share in the joy in Heaven over the dads who said, "I can do this!" But, for now, our donor's faithfulness and generosity is making life meaningful for these dads. Thank you!

UPDATE

Board and staff training with Jack Eason of the Heart Share Group coming in March.
SOHL SUNDAY: On January 21 we commemorated the 45th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision.
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: RPS staff and volunteers spoke at various churches throughout the county and the Baby Bottle Campaign was launched in 16 churches. If your church or organization would like to participate in the baby bottle campaign, call Jim @ 419-522-8863 ext. 203.

EVENTS

NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

We will be offering our full volunteer training on Saturday, April 7 and 14, from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. each day. Learn how to volunteer as a mom or dad mentor, client advocate, nurse advocate, ultrasound nurse or office aide.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

We will honor our volunteers with a dinner on Monday, April 23 starting at 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. For more information about the dinner, please call Tracy at 419-522-8863 ext. 202.

WALK FOR LIFE AND 5K RUN

Walk and run with us to celebrate life on June 23. More details to come.

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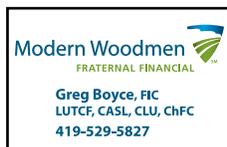
Friday - Closed

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (2nd & 4th)

OSU/NCSC Campus Tuesday & Wednesday 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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