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by Pam Crank

Picture of Hope

One hundred and twenty pounds of energy in the form of Gianna Jessen took the near capacity crowd by storm at Richland Pregnancy Services' annual fundraising banquet, "Picture of Hope."



For over an hour Gianna held the audience captive with her humor and candor...she left no stones unturned. From abortion, to the role of men, to women and purity and everything in between. I was greatly

impacted by this particular quote from Gianna, "we as Christians cannot change the world we resemble." The world is not looking for something that looks like them, they are looking for a difference and that difference is Jesus.

One couple that drove over two hours to attend had this to say: "we were overwhelmed by the magnitude of the event and very impressed with the work you are doing." Another individual stated: "it was so refreshing to see the Lord using someone so mightily who was saved from sure death."

In addition, hearts were touched by the moving, honest testimony of our client Iykeona who bravely shared her story of her walk through an unplanned pregnancy, and how the ministry of Richland Pregnancy Services helped to give her a "picture of hope."



A special thanks to area businesses who underwrote the cost of the banquet, so that everything given the night of the banquet would go directly towards the work of the ministry. Many hands made this night possible...thank you to everyone who had a part in making our evening special. This night will definitely go down in the books as a night to remember!





Tracy Lauder milk, Client Services Director

It is hard to believe that another year is almost gone. It has been a great year at Richland Pregnancy Services. We have seen an increase in clients in most every area. Young women and men are coming to us and sending their friends and family! It is a high honor when our previous clients recommend us to them....that means they trust us. They liked what they experienced at RPS, they were given HOPE! Hope is a powerful thing - who wouldn't want to share that with others?



Being able to share Christ with our clients is the best part of what we do! Our number one goal is to be able to share the gospel with those that come to us for medical or material needs. We, of course, help them in those areas too; but

without the hope of Jesus Christ all other help is only temporary. We pray we make a lasting impression on those we meet with throughout the year.

We at RPS are a ministry and that is why your support means so much! We value your prayers and financial support. We could not do what we do without people like YOU! Please, keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we enter a new year filled with new challenges. Thank you for partnering with us. If you feel the Lord calling you to perhaps do more in the upcoming year, call me. I would love the chance to talk to you about ways you could help share hope at RPS as a volunteer.



by Nancy Thorne, Nurse Manager

Ultrasound Providing Hope

The generosity of our community allowed RPS to purchase a new 3D/4D ultrasound machine this year!

This is a wonderful tool that allows our nurses to share a true picture of hope with each client. The ability to witness a tiny human with a heartbeat as early at 5 weeks has saved lives!

It is our hope that God will continue to bless those who come to RPS and have the opportunity to see that visual representation of the life of their baby, along with the Holy Spirit, to transform her to choose life.

The ultrasound is one step in the journey of a new parent. Every client is also invited to return to RPS to participate in our mentoring and parenting classes. We want parents to take advantage of the support we so freely want to share. Thank you to those who have sacrificed to provide this tool for the clients at RPS.



Please keep praying for our clients and volunteers at RPS that lives will be revealed and saved with the use of this tool.

Sanctity of Human Life

Each year, the third Sunday in January is designated to recognize and remember the sanctity of human life. President Ronald Reagan issued the first proclamation for this day in 1984. The date was chosen due to its proximity to the date of the Roe vs. Wade decision, which legalized abortion in the United States. This year's Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is January 20, 2019.

At RPS, we choose to recognize the sanctity of human life every day. We offer each client who walks through our doors a new understanding of the value of the life of their baby.

Your church can honor the sanctity of human life in 2019 by kicking off a Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser to support the life-saving work of Richland Pregnancy Services. We also offer speakers and bulletin inserts that your church can use to recognize this important day.

Please contact the RPS office at (419) 522-8863, ext. 203 to request bulletin inserts, a speaker or secure Baby Bottles for your collection.



Ohio House Passed Heartbeat Bill Protecting Babies in the Womb as Early as 6 Weeks

Ohio lawmakers have passed House Bill 258, making Ohio the fourth state to ban abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected. The Bill is expected to pass the Ohio Senate and has enough votes to override a gubernatorial veto, if needed. Governor-Elect Mike Dewine has also stated that he would sign the Bill into law.

Please keep this Bill in your prayers, as well as each State Representative who has stood, and will stand, for life.



by Dick Stedman

This Place Put A Smile On My Face!

Recently, a client and his fiancée came into RPS because they were encouraged to come by a family member. He mentioned during the intake session that they were curious about Richland Pregnancy Services and decided to follow up on the family member's suggestion.

After covering the intake paperwork and answering some questions he had, the client began to pay close attention to what was being offered to him here at RPS to help him become the best dad possible for his first child. At the conclusion of the intake, I prayed

with the young man and then explained to him how he could get information at home by using our Fathering in 15 app.

It was apparent that this young man was much happier when he left than when he came. I talked briefly with the staff person at our front desk and she told me what the young man said to her, "This place put a smile on my face!"

The generous financial support and prayers of our donors make experiences like this happen. Thank you, and know that your support really does "put a smile on clients' faces."

EVENTS

New Volunteer Training
January Dates TBD
Please contact Tracy at
(419) 522-8863, ext. 202 for details.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 20, 2019

"Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

Psalm 139:16

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Our Boutique is in need of diapers in size 3 & 4.

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