



Gentle Voice for Life

A quarterly newsletter from Pregnancy Resource Center of Fort Bend, a non-profit organization helping women with the choice for life.

Pregnancy Resource Center:

*“Speaking the Truth
with Love”*



The Pregnancy Resource Center is Going Limited Medical!

*“Commit to the
LORD whatever you
do and
your plans will suc-
ceed.”*
-Proverbs 16:3

How can PRC reach more clients, especially those considering abortion, better meet their needs and help them choose life for their unborn children? By becoming a limited medical clinic! In February, the Board of Directors decided to consolidate our offices and begin the process of becoming a limited medical clinic. When complete, we will be able to offer nurse diagnosed pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to our clients. Women who are considering abortion choose life 80 to 90 percent of the time once they have seen their unborn child through ultrasound technology. We will offer these services free of charge.

Our Rosenberg office is located in the center of Fort Bend County, a perfect location to have a far reaching impact. We have been in Rosenberg since 1981, are very well established in the community and have many thriving programs. With staff and volunteers together in one place, we can pool resources, offer longer business hours, expand current and add new programs.



This month, Planned Parenthood is opening the largest abortion facility in the western hemisphere in Houston. Plans are to perform abortions up to six months gestation. Babies born at 22 weeks can survive; the new Planned Parenthood of Southeast Texas will offer abortions through the 25th week. Considering how our community is changing, we believe our ministry must also change to meet the needs of our clients.

Becoming a limited medical clinic will take time, work and funds. However, the new services we are planning to offer will save and change lives. We are truly fighting a battle of life and death. Our weapons are many. We offer unconditional love, truth, and practical help. Soon we will be able to provide new services at no cost to our clients that will prove to be priceless in saving lives.

-Tracie Shellhouse, Executive Director

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How We Help...

Clients Served Jan 10' - Mar 10'

	Ros / SL
Total Client (Includes LEP)	374/46
Preg. Tests	155/41
Neg. Tests	65/15
Already planned to carry	72/20
Did not change	14/5
Unknown	3/0
Changed abortion view	1/0
Mommy Store visits	214
LEP Class Attendance	209

The **ONLY** 100% effective method against pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease is complete abstinence from all sexual activity until marriage...

41% of American births occur outside marriage.
– Pew Research Center, 2008

About 1 of 3 sexually experienced teenagers acquire an STD every year.
– physiciansforlife.org

The reasons teens give most frequently for having an abortion are concern about how having a baby would change their lives, inability to afford a baby now and feeling insufficiently mature to raise a child.
– guttmacher.org

The Sexual Integrity Program

Many people think singles have little interest in abstinence; this is often true. Abstinence is a negative term to many who think it means “no sex”. Sexual integrity, on the other hand, isn’t just “no sex”. It is understanding and practicing a lifestyle of sexual purity. This means abstinence while single and only sharing sexual intimacy within marriage the way God created it to be enjoyed. In February, we introduced the Sexual Integrity Program to our clients and have been pleased with their response.

One of the Learn/Earn/Plan clients, Amanda, who attends our Sexual Integrity class, is so happy about her choice to honor the Lord through her gift of sexuality that she gave us permission to share her story. In March, she turned in homework and to our excitement we read that she had decided to practice abstinence. She told her fiancé she didn’t want to have sex again until she was married.

Amanda had the courage that many women do not seem to be able to muster. Often, they remain in sexual relationships outside marriage because they are afraid the relationship will come to an end if sex isn’t a part of it. Amanda’s fiancé listened to her heart’s desire and choose to honor her and himself. Together, as a couple, they decided to remain abstinent until they marry. Amanda wrote, “*our wedding is in May, we decided to wait and have sex again once we are truly committed to each other in God’s eyes. I feel better about myself now that we made that decision*”. Now parents of a sweet baby girl born in April, they have completed pre-marital counseling and will wed this month. Together as husband and wife, they will stand before God and the body of Christ as their daughter Mia Marie is baptized in June.

The Sexual Integrity class is open to anyone who wants to participate. This class is for those who are already living sexually pure lives and those who want to know more about how to turn away from impure sexual lifestyles. Anyone, client or not, may attend. Please contact Loryss Portillo or Meggi Stewart at 281-232-2375 for more information. ***Purity is possible!***

Loving people... one client at a time!

Pregnancy Resource Center Services

- * Free pregnancy test (never any charge for ANY service)
- * Trained volunteers who listen and care with acceptance and confidentiality
- * Information on fetal development, abortion techniques and risks, maternity homes, adoption and other alternative solutions to problems
- * Learn/Earn/Plan program to learn about parenting and earn baby items
- * Trained volunteers to help with healing from post-abortion syndrome

Events



The annual "Baby Bottle Boomerang" fundraiser is in full swing. Local churches will have baby bottles available for members to take home and fill with coins, bills and checks in support of PRC. We are so grateful to the participants of this important fundraiser. Last year over \$35,000 was raised! Don't forget to turn in your baby bottles! If you would like to participate in a Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser, please contact Angie Borges at 281-232-2375 or angie_prc@sbcglobal.net.



What a fun day! Even with a little rain, we had a great time walking in support of Fort Bend County Charities. Thank you to all who supported the Center by choosing **Pregnancy Resource Center** as your Charity or for contributing in support of a walker! We were able to raise over \$3,100 in funds that will go directly to helping women facing crisis pregnancy. We are so grateful for your efforts. *Thank you!*

Save The Date!

"Hearts of Hope...

Giving Life a Chance"

What kind of impact does Pregnancy Resource Center have in the lives of our clients? Do your donations really make a difference? This year we are doing something special and unlike our previous banquets. You will have the opportunity to hear first hand the difference Pregnancy Resource Center makes in your community, and the miraculous changes that occur in the lives of those to whom we minister. Our desire is to help women choose life for their unborn children and the best life for themselves. Our annual banquet, "Hearts of Hope... Giving Life a Chance" will be held Saturday, September 11th at the Pecan Grove Country Club. You may contact Angie Borges for sponsor table information and underwriting opportunities at angie_prc@sbcglobal.net. Please come and hear about the change your gift makes in real lives.

Mark your calendar!

"... I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me."

Matthew 25:40

Volunteers are always needed as:

1. Office Help – Training is provided to listen and talk to clients, either in conjunction with pregnancy tests or in a mentoring situation. This is the heart of what we do.
2. LEP volunteers – sort donations, organize store items, help with educational materials.
3. Other helpers – help with bulk mailings, place our business cards in the community. Help with fundraisers or to take a turn at weekly cleaning chores.
4. Board members – to participate in planning and policy decisions.



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Mon, Wed, Fri 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tue, Thu 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Our Mission Statement

Our purpose is to prevent abortion by offering women the information, emotional support, spiritual encouragement and practical help that will empower them to choose life for their child and sexual integrity for themselves.

Our Motto

Speaking the Truth With Love

After hours callers are referred to the Option Line for help 24/7 at 1-800-395-HELP.

We are affiliated with Heartbeat International.

We are non-denominational and not politically active.

Quarterly Report: Jan '10 - Mar '10

Expenses:	\$ 58,486	Income:	\$43,533
Payroll, Taxes	\$28,321	Contributions: Churches, Organizations, Individuals, Corporations	\$21,423
Rent, Util., Phone, Supplies, Equip., Depreciation, Repairs	\$24,645		
Direct Program Exp: Advertising, Preg. Tests, Edu. Materials and Baby Items	\$752	Fundraisers: Banquet, BBB, Sales	\$12,107
Fundraising and Promotions	\$2,085	Foundations & Grants	\$10,000
Postage and Printing	\$1,561	Interest Income	\$2.58
Conf., Training, Insurance, Volunteer Appreciation	\$50	<p>Thank you to all who contributed!</p>	
Travel, Payroll Services, Credit Card Fees, Misc.	\$1,073		

THANK YOU



Diaper Diva

A Diaper Diva is someone who organizes a group of friends, co-workers or church members in the collection of diapers (size 2, 3, 4, and 5), baby wipes, and items that help a mother care for her infant. These drives can be one time events or ongoing.

We would like to thank the 2010 Women of Faith Retreat hosted by Faith United Methodist Church and St. John's Fisher Church, both from Richmond. They provided much needed diapers and baby wipes for the Learn/Earn/Plan program.

If you are interested in participating in a diaper drive, please contact Lorys Portillo at 281-232-2375.