



Gentle Voice for Life

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

Pregnancy Resource Center:

*“Speaking the Truth
with Love”*



**The answer
to a crisis
pregnancy is
to eliminate
the crisis,
not the child.**

—Jeannie W. French
Founder, National Women’s
Coalition for Life

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Saving lives is central to our service as Christians and we are compelled to do this because of the love imparted to us when our Savior Jesus Christ came to us to make a way for redemption. Is the ministry of saving lives a central part of the Gospel? I think so.

Jesus said to his Father in John 17:3, “And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” Eternal life is knowing Jesus - the way, the truth and the life - and knowing God. Eternal life is not just about heaven but about a relationship with the living God - right here and now.

God gave Adam eternal life from the very beginning. Adam and God had a relationship that was intimate and joyous. Sadly, Adam changed that. But God did not give up on Adam or any of us. Through Jesus Christ, God made a way for us to once again have the original relationship he intended. He loves us that much.

The ministry of saving lives is in perfect alignment with the gospel message. Each person created by God is unique and has innate and intrinsic value and deserves to have an opportunity to have a relationship with God here on earth, not just in heaven.

When an unborn life is ended, the opportunity God intended is taken away. My belief in a God of infinite loves leads me to believe that those whose lives end tragically through abortion spend an eternity with God in heaven. But this does not make the defense of life any less important.

God has a plan for everyone he creates (Jeremiah 29:11). Every one of us, no matter how small. A life created should have the opportunity to make a difference in our world and be used by Jesus Christ to impact the lives of others.

Even children born into the most difficult circumstances deserve a chance to know the joy of finding hope in the Father who created them.

Our Bible tells us God made each of us. He sent Jesus to bring his creation back to him, a creation that had lost its way. Jesus brings us together to save lives - giving us all an opportunity to know our Heavenly Father.

—Tracie Shellhouse, Executive Director



Changing the future...One life at a time!

How We Help...

2010 Clients Served Fourth Quarter

Pregnancy Tests	188
Positive Tests	105
Already planned to carry	92
Abortion Minded	13
Changed mind	6
Unchanged mind	5
Undecided/Unknown	2
Mommy Store visits	124
LEP Class Attendance	121

2010 Clients Served Annual

Pregnancy Tests	748
Positive Tests	390
Already planned to carry	265
Abortion Minded	81
Changed mind	33
Unchanged mind	41
Undecided/Unknown	7
Mommy Store visits	686
LEP Class Attendance	678

Working to Save Lives

The ministry of Pregnancy Resource Center is first and foremost about people's lives - from the young woman who is overwhelmed when she hears she is pregnant, to the boyfriend who is surprised, to parents who will hear the shocking news later, to... the growing child in her womb.

People are why we are here. We share the love of God and the truth of life - with people. To reach people what do we need the most? Of course. People.

Pregnancy Resource Center needs individuals who believe in God and have a heart for those who come through our door - and a desire to change the culture around us.

We may be looking for you.

Whether your gifts lie in administrative work, connecting with clients, organization or resource development - chances are we have a place where you can serve.

Some of us are at a point in life where it is time to get involved in a new enterprise, a new ministry. Others are retired and ready to launch into a new endeavor. Maybe you are simply saying, "I need to get involved - somewhere." Perhaps we are the place.

If this is your time to take on a new role in changing the world around us by impacting lives in a powerful way, why not get in touch?

There's no pressure here. We will show you around, discuss your options and see if there is a fit that works for you. If you don't see a place for your talents, you've still gained by seeing this ministry up close. If you do see the right place to serve here, you now have a new place where God can work through you to literally change lives. Interested? I hope so.

You can go to our website www.prcfortbend.org and click the "Volunteer Corner" tab to view our volunteer staff positions, application and PRC profile or come by the center and pick up a complete application. Drop us an email at prcfortbend@sbcglobal.net or call us at 281-232-2375 and let us know what interests you. We'll go from there.

We have an upcoming training session in April, so now is the perfect time to get on board. Come on in and get involved. See if this ministry is a good fit for you. If you do so, you will probably know by April whether you would like to train to be a peer counselor or assist another way.

Thank you for reading my thoughts today. If you know of anyone you think might be interested please let them know about the PRC and our volunteer opportunities. We are extending our services this year and we need a lot of help to meet the needs we are going to be facing. I look forward to hearing from you. Pregnancy Resource Center has an exciting future ahead. I'd love for you to play a key role in our success.

— Tracie Shellhouse, Executive Director



Getting Involved

Peer Counselor Training

The volunteer peer counselor is a vital member of Pregnancy Resource Center. They come into the center each week prepared to listen, comfort and equip the women and men visiting our center.

The center has 66 monthly shifts available and it is our goal to extend our hours to include 104 shifts. We can only do this with the help of volunteers. Will you please join us in our mission to serve Fort Bend County? The April evening training session runs for two weeks from 6-9 pm and is held on April 5th, 7th, 12th and 14th with a Saturday the 16th from 9-3. This training is in Rosenberg at 4203 Ave H, Suite 16. Please contact us 281-232-2375.



Join us and walk for PRC Saturday, April 9, 2010 (rain or shine)

Take steps to impact Fort Bend County and Pregnancy Resource Center.

Each walker is encouraged to raise sponsorship pledges for his/her charity. Walker sponsors are able to donate online or send checks to TelfairLife made out to the chosen charity designating the walker's name. TelfairLife will collect the money raised, record the top fundraisers and distribute donations to the designated charities. An amazing **100%** of your registration fee will be donated to the charity of your choice.

PRC has the opportunity to win Charity Challenges for the most pre-registered walkers, the most donations raised by a team and the most donations raised by an individual. This is our second year and we are so excited! Join in and make a difference!

Location

The walk will take place in Telfair, Sugar Land's newest master-planned community. The route is approximately 3.6 miles around a portion of Telfair's 70-acre lake starting and ending at Telfair Central. Participants have the option to either run or walk the course and must indicate their preference when registering.

Cost

Adults: \$25 through Mar 31st & \$30 Apr 1st to April 10th

Kids(12 & under): \$10 through Mar 31st & \$15 Apr 1st to April 10th

All registered walkers will receive a goodie bag and a FREE walkathon t-shirt.

100% of your registration fee goes to PRC!

Take the first step and register NOW

www.charityofyourchoicewalk.com





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Thu eve 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Fourth Sat 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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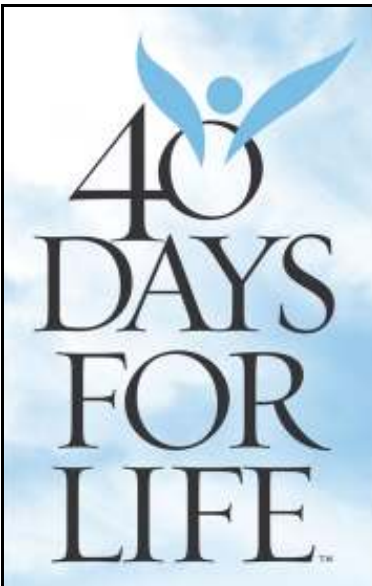
Mission Statement
Our purpose is to prevent abortion by offering women the information, emotional support, spiritual encouragement and practical help that will empower them to choose life for their children and sexual integrity for themselves.

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 Nov - Dec 2010	Year End 2010		Quarterly Nov - Dec 2010	Year End 2010
Expenses:	\$ 60,812	\$ 251,389	Income:	\$ 55,026	\$ 273,788
Payroll, Taxes	\$ 31,059	\$ 125,078	Contributions: Churches, Organizations, Individuals, Corporations	\$27,954	\$ 137,503
Rent, Utilities, Phone, Supplies, Equipment, Depreciation, Repairs	\$ 20,822	\$ 87,828	Fundraisers: Banquet, BBB, Sales	\$ 24,764	\$ 116,456
Direct Program Expenses: Advertising, Pregnancy Tests, Education, Materials, Baby Items	\$ 638	\$ 5,745	Foundations, Grants	\$ 2,300	\$ 19,800
Fundraising and Promotions	\$ 4,233	\$ 15,104	Interest	\$ 8	\$ 29
Postage and Printing	\$ 1,308	\$ 4,728			
Conferences, Training, Insurance, Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 1,438	\$ 8,463			
Travel, Payroll Services, Credit Card Fees, Miscellaneous	\$ 1,313	\$ 4,443			

Thank you to all
who contributed!



This spring, from March 9th to April 17th, our community is uniting with hundreds of other cities around the world for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history: the *40 Days for Life* campaign. Recognizing that "with God all things are possible," people of faith are praying that this effort will help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign that has already mobilized over 400,000 people worldwide, saved more than 3,500 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of 43 abortion workers, and seen nine abortion facilities close. *40 Days for Life* is made up of three components:

- **Prayer and Fasting:** believers throughout our area are invited to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.
- **Peaceful Vigil:** stand for life during a 40-day peaceful public witness, 7 am to 7 pm, outside the Stafford Planned Parenthood clinic, 3727 Greenbriar Drive, Ste 118. Chemical abortions are offered at this clinic.
- **Community Outreach:** help take a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our area through media efforts, advocacy, and public visibility.

Learn how you can speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves here in *Fort Bend County* by contacting *Marie McCoy* at 281-610-3986 or ChristianVoicesforLife@yahoo.com or visit: **www.40daysforlife.com/Stafford**