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# 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"*



## Hearts of Hope...

### Giving Life a Chance

The Pregnancy Resource Center's annual fundraising banquet will be held on Saturday, September 12th at Safari Texas Ranch. This annual event is a big part of the fundraising efforts that take place each year at our center. It is through these funds that we are able to support our mission to prevent abortion by offering women information, emotional support, spiritual encouragement, and practical help that will empower them to choose life for their child and sexual integrity for themselves.

Guest speaker, Michael Clancy, is the photojournalist who captured Samuel's hand emerging from the womb during a spinal bifida corrective surgery. As a veteran photojournalist in Nashville, Tennessee, Michael Clancy was hired by USA Today newspaper to photograph a spinal bifida corrective surgical procedure. It was to be performed on a twenty-one week old fetus in utero at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. At the time, in 1999, twenty-one weeks in utero was the earliest that the surgical team would consider for surgery. As a doctor asked Clancy what speed of film he was using, out of the corner of his eye he saw the uterus shake, but no one's hands were near it. It was shaking from within. Suddenly, an entire arm thrust out of the opening, then pulled back until just a little hand was showing. The doctor reached over and lifted the hand, which reacted and squeezed the doctor's finger. As if testing for strength, the doctor shook the tiny fist. Samuel held firm. Clancy snapped his photos and little did he know that one of the photos would be seen around the world and bring question to the sanctity of life and partial birth abortion. We look forward to hearing more from Mr. Clancy at the banquet.



The reception and silent auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the center for \$75 per person. Begin inviting your friends and family members; they will not want to miss out on this opportunity to support the Pregnancy Resource Center and to hear the encouraging words of guest speaker Michael Clancy.

To help us achieve our financial goal for this event, we have opportunities for corporate and individual sponsorship and for table hosts. Sponsors and table hosts are encouraged to invite their friends, family and co-workers to share their table. Sponsors are also welcome to indicate if they would like PRC to fill their sponsored table. For more information please contact Angie Borges at 281-232-2375 or email at [angie\\_prc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angie_prc@sbcglobal.net).

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# How We Help...

## Quarterly Report: Clients Served Feb 09 - Apr 09

	Ros / SL
Total Client (Includes LEP)	271/48
Preg. Tests	152/43
Neg. Tests	87/19
Already planned to carry	55/17
Did not change abortion view	4/4
Unknown	2/1
Changed abortion view	4/2
Mommy Store visits	1,531
LEP Class Attendance	108

## The LEP Program

The **Learn Earn Plan (LEP)** Program is primarily an educational program for expectant mothers and parents. The participants take weekly courses, watch videos, read books and write reports on topics such as fetal development, parenting, marriage, relationships and finances. The concept is to reward them weekly with "Mommy Money" which can then be exchanged for needed baby items at the Mommy Store. This process instills confidence, pride and responsibility, as well as, practical preparation for parenting.

The LEP program is offered for any mom or dad during the expectant pregnancy and continues till the baby's first birthday. Parents receive a certificate 6 months into the program and again at completion. It is uncommon for parents to stay in the program for the entire duration, only coming when they need assistance or as their busy lives permit. However, this quarter we are honoring 3 parents with certificates of completion of the LEP program!

We are currently offering a cooking course titled "Healthy Eating During and After Pregnancy"! The twelve week course is being led by Crystal Woodcock from Prairie View A&M University. Each week, Crystal brings in her recipes, ingredients and cooking utensils to prepare a meal for the class. She instructs parents on the preparation techniques and good nutrition, as well as, meal planning and budgeting. Nutrition for pregnant moms and for children is so important. At the end of the twelve weeks the students will have many new recipes and are given a certificate of completion.

We are so grateful to all of the instructors for the time and effort they put into the LEP program. This program would not be what it is without the heart of these volunteers and instructors. ☸



PRC Office Manager Trina Powers assist Crystal in her presentation to the LEP Group.

## The Mommy Store Accepts Baby Items!

Diapers (all sizes)      Baby Toiletries  
Maternity Clothing      Car-Seats (not older than 3 years)  
Baby Clothing      Baby Furniture

Thank you for donating to the Mommy Store! If you would like to do a fundraiser, contact Loryss Portillo, LEP Coordinator at 281-232-2375.

## Pregnancy Resource Center Services – What We Offer

- \* 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



Donation of baby items from Sugar Land Family Church

## Volunteer Page

### Peer Counselors and Mentor Training

We are all gifted with the ability to make a difference in the lives of others. Volunteers are an essential part of bringing hope to our clients. With a number of women in our community facing unplanned pregnancies, there are many opportunities to use these gifts and bring hope to others! PRC offers clients information, emotional support, spiritual encouragement and practical help.

A new training session will begin with an orientation on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. followed by six sessions being held on Tuesday evenings. Both the orientation and the training will be at our Sugar Land location: 3425 Hwy 6, Suite 103, Sugar Land, 77478, off of Highway 6 and Williams Trace. Behind McDonald's there is a professional building with a sign denoting the location, "PRC".

Please contact Meggi Stewart, Client Services Director to register or to ask questions 281.325.0203 - 281.232.2375 - meggi\_prc@sbcglobal.net



### KROGER & PRC Partnership

The Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Program is starting a new year in July! They will be renewing our account and issuing PRC a NEW barcode for you to link to your Kroger card. Keep your eye out for the new barcode! It will be available soon!

"... 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 Volunteers – 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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& Fathers*

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M - F 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Thurs. eve 7 - 9 p.m.  
(Staff present M - F, 9 - 3)

3425 Highway 6 Ste 103  
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(281) 325-0203

M W F Sat 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Tues eve. 6 - 8 p.m.  
(Staff present MWF 9 - 3)

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**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: Feb '09 - Apr '09*

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 64,513</b>	<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 96,346</b>
Payroll, Taxes	\$27,261	Contributions: Churches, Organizations, Individuals, Corporations	\$37,029
Rent, Util., Phone, Supplies, Equip., Depreciation, Repairs	\$24,141	Fundraisers: Banquet, BBB, Sales	\$9,292
Direct Program Exp: Advertising, Preg. Tests, Edu. Materials and Baby Items	\$8,199	Foundations & Grants	\$50,000
Fundraising and Promotions	\$2,657	Interest Income	\$25.07
Postage and Printing	\$1,138	<p>Thank you to all who contributed!</p>	
Conf., Training, Insurance, Volunteer Appreciation	\$567		
Travel, Payroll Services, Credit Card Fees, Misc.	\$550		

*As a part of the Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign, donations are given to PRC in memory of the following loved ones:  
(More honorees will follow in the next newsletter)*

Agnes Lidiak	Edward J. & Frances K. Sheridan	Lenor Ries	Nicolas Ponte
Anastasia Bybel	Edwarda Calvin	Leola Downey	Nicolina Miscio
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