



Gentle Voice for Life

A quarterly newsletter from Pregnancy Resource Center of Ft. Bend Co.
Changing the future— one life at a time!

Pregnancy Resource Center
"Speaking the Truth
with Love"



**"You destroy those who
are tiny in body
because fear is destroying
your heart."**

~ Saint Quodvultdeus

(died c.450 - written in reference to Herod and the Holy Innocents - the babies who were murdered in Herod's quest to kill Jesus - commemorated Dec. 28th each year.

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PRC'S First *Friends For Life* Breakfast Fundraiser a Success!

It was a challenge, and no one at the PRC was quite sure what to expect, when we stepped out in faith to have a *breakfast* fundraiser several months ago in order to raise awareness and the funds for converting to a medical clinic to be able to offer free ultrasound to abortion-vulnerable women. And, just as we all know but occasionally need reminding, God was and is faithful.

Wednesday, October 26th, was a beautiful fall morning, as more than 160 PRC supporters gathered together at the Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club for the first *Friends For Life Breakfast*, a fundraising event that was only an hour long. In spite of the brevity of the program, our guests were moved to tears as the hour progressed.

The reason—the PRC premiered its compelling, *Changing Lives* video, featuring several of our clients' stories. The video, a first for the PRC, ended with one of those grateful clients,

"...and I'm just thankful that I didn't decide to abort my baby...and I can't ask for...more.
Excerpted from our *One Life at a Time Video*—visit our website to see the entire video!



PRC client, Rosalee with her husband Terrell & their children and Volunteer Peer Counselor, Bernadette Peters

Rosalee, sharing her thanks for the help that PRC provided. When the lights were turned on, there was Rosalee, standing on the podium with tears streaming and holding her darling 4-week old baby boy—whom she had originally considered aborting.

The crowd burst into applause and gave her a well-deserved standing ovation.

The PRC is grateful to the many table sponsors, volunteers, board members, and of course, our dedicated staff, for their wonderful efforts in making this event a success.

We especially want to thank our loving volunteer peer counselors who answered God's call to share their lives and hearts to the many women who enter the PRC doors each month experiencing a crisis pregnancy.



Client Amanda Reyes with her husband Andy, Daughter Mia Marie & Mother Eva

How We Help...

Jan - Sept 2011	
Pregnancy Tests	604
Positive Tests	330
Already planned to carry	286
Abortion Minded:	58
Changed mind	35
Unchanged mind	18
Undecided	2
Confirmed Births	35
Mommy Store visits	629
LEP Class Attendance	630

PRC Medical Conversion Update...

As we quickly approach the Celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, I would like to take time to update our faithful supporters on the medical conversion process which will be taking place at PRC. Our Board of Directors, Executive Director and Staff will participate in a 2-day consultation with our NIFLA (**National Institute of Family and Life Advocates**) consultant in late January. As indicated in our past newsletter, our goal is to be a medical clinic offering ultrasound to our abortion minded/vulnerable clients by the end of 2012.

We will begin our conversion process with the training provided through *The Life Choice Program (TLC)* which was developed by our Affiliate NIFLA. TLC training began in 1998, providing PRC's with all the resources and tools needed to convert to a licensed medical clinic. Through the TLC program, we will be given a medical clinic consultant, a nurse manager consultant, medical policies and procedures, ultrasound training for nurses, a legal audit, an organizational audit and corporate planning. These are all necessary elements for PRC to complete this very demanding and difficult process. *When centers convert to medical clinic status, they experience many benefits including: an increase in total number of patients seen throughout the year, an increase in the number of abortion-minded patients seen; and, a dramatic increase in the percentage of clients seen who choose life.*



By offering medical services such as ultrasound, a powerful medical tool is utilized that empowers mothers to choose life. Ultrasound opens a window to the womb where the mother is first introduced to her unborn child. Because of this very connection, medical Pregnancy Center's consistently see increases of the percentages of their patients that choose life—often as high as 90%! The Pregnancy Resource Center of Fort Bend County wants to be the first choice for women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy and are frightened and unsure of what to do. We want to give the women every tool possible so they make the decision to choose life for their child. Ultrasound is the tool we need at PRC to help women who are contemplating abortion see the truth. Please see the following list for needs for this particular program to be a success. If you have any questions or need more information regarding the PRC going medical please do not hesitate to contact us! Thanks & God Bless You,

Angie Borges, Chairman

PRC CONVERSION

Medical Director - This position is critical for the PRC to be able to open our doors as a medical clinic. We need a volunteer OB/GYN who is willing and able to work with our Nurse Manager and sign off on the ultrasounds performed at PRC. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact the PRC Executive Director, Tama Chunn at 281-232-2375.

Nurse Manager - This is a part-time position. Our Nurse Manager will be in charge of our Ultrasound Program and will be given training through TLC program referenced above. IF you are an RN with ultrasound experience and have a heart for our mission, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Executive Director, Tama Chunn at 281-232-2375.

Financial Support - If specific projects are something that you as a donor want to support, please let us know! The TLC training will cost approximately \$14,000. We have a cash flow chart with itemized costs for this conversion process and if you are interested, we would like to meet with you to discuss them in detail. Please give Tama Chunn or Angie Borges a call at 281-232-2375, or email at them at either tama_prc@sbcglobal.net or angie_prc@sbcglobal.net.

Getting Involved



We need YOU ~ Peer Counselor Training begins in February!

We have a great need for Peer Counselor volunteers. It is our goal to be available for clients that work or go to school. To do this we must increase our hours of operation and our number of volunteers. The 7 class series begins on Thursday, February 2nd. The six classes run all month, every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00pm to 9:00pm (excluding Valentines Day). The 7th and final class is on Saturday, February 25th from 9:00 - 3:00pm. For enrollment, please contact Meggi Stewart at meggi_prc@sbcglobal.net or 281-232-2375.

Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas, PRC Staff & Volunteers

To receive THIS newsletter via e-mail, and save us printing and mailing costs, please call or e-mail. Thank you for your support! prcfortbend@sbcglobal.net. ~ 281-232-2375



Please join us for our **PRC Vision Hour**

November 10th	7:00pm
December 6th	8:30am
January 12th	7:00pm
January 24th	8:30am

Pregnancy Resource Center has been impacting the lives of women and families in the Fort Bend County area since 1981. A PRC Vision Hour is a great opportunity to see our Center and to learn about our mission and our plans for the future.

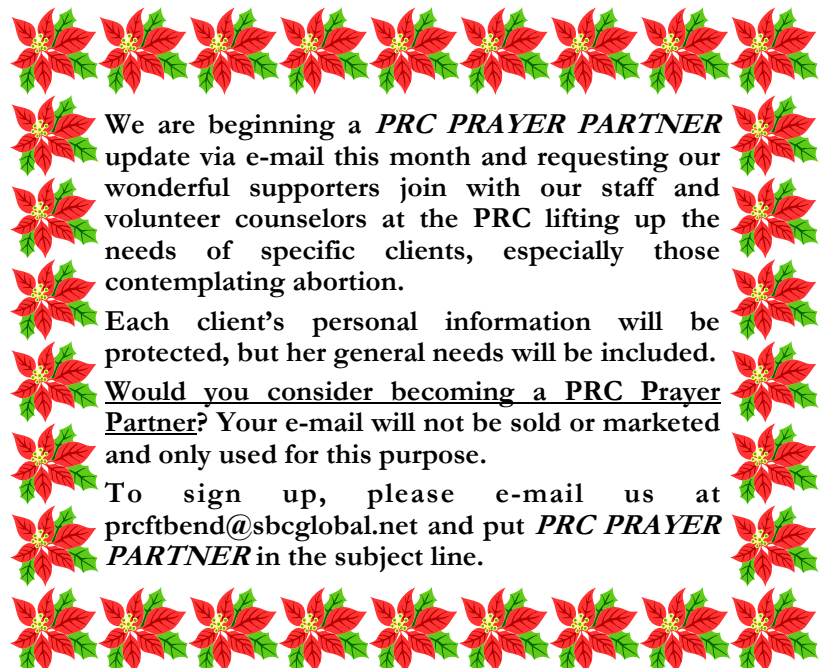
Please call 281-232-2375 to RSVP

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE JANUARY 2012

39 YEARS OF LEGALIZED ABORTION

One of the Pregnancy Resource Centers on-going projects is to place pro-life educational flyers in church bulletins during January each year. January is Sanctity of Human Life month, based on a response to the tragic Roe v. Wade abortion decision by our U.S. Supreme Court that sad January 22nd, 1973, making all abortions legal. Headway has been made combating that terrible decision, but still about 1.4 MILLION babies' lives end every single year in our country.

We feel these flyers, which help educate congregations about important related facts, and our life-affirming work here at the PRC, are a wonderful outreach. If you would like you church included in the project, please contact us by December 1st with the quantity of flyers needed. Please, continue to pray for an end to abortion and for the work of the PRC!



We are beginning a *PRC PRAYER PARTNER* update via e-mail this month and requesting our wonderful supporters join with our staff and volunteer counselors at the PRC lifting up the needs of specific clients, especially those contemplating abortion.

Each client's personal information will be protected, but her general needs will be included.

Would you consider becoming a PRC Prayer Partner? Your e-mail will not be sold or marketed and only used for this purpose.

To sign up, please e-mail us at prcftbend@sbcglobal.net and put *PRC PRAYER PARTNER* in the subject line.



**NEW PRC FEATURE
VIDEO ~ CHANGED LIVES**

We would like to extend our thanks to Jason Benjamin for creating our very first video, *Changed Lives*. The premier at the recent Friends For Life Breakfast was incredible and provides a compelling tool for others to discover the beautiful and life-affirming work of our Center. You can see this incredible video and share it with your family and friends by visiting our website at

www.prcftbend.org



Some of the much needed "goodies" - just in time for Fall classes

The Learn Earn Plan (LEP) Program is so thankful for the wonderful donations received from the St. Theresa Life Teens and the St. Thomas Aquinas CCE teens. All of the clothing, diapers, baby wipes and other items will help as we distribute each week to our LEP clients. A big **THANK YOU** to all who contributed! If you have an interested in assisting in the collection of baby items, we would love to hear from you. Please call us at **281-232-2375!**

Holy Family Creations

Thank you, PRC client and volunteer, Amanda Reyes, for providing the delicious chocolate treats for our Friends for Life Breakfast. To place an order, you can contact Amanda at [holyfamilycreations@gmail.com!](mailto:holyfamilycreations@gmail.com)

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Mon, Wed, Fri 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tue, Thu 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thu eve 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Second Sat 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Business Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

Changing the future - one life at a time!

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

We are affiliated with Heartbeat International and NIFLA.
We are a non-denominational Christian organization

January - September 2011

EXPENSES:	\$189,487	INCOME:	\$205,991
Payroll, Payroll Services, Taxes	\$92,451	Contributions: Churches, Organizations, Individuals, Corporations	\$76,767
Rent, Phone, Utilities, Depreciation	\$60,407		
Direct Program Expenses: Advertising/Promotions, Baby Items, Educational Materials, Pregnancy Tests	\$5,116	Fundraisers: Annual Appeal Baby Bottle Boomerang Friends For Life Telfair Walk for Life	\$76,707
Fundraising	\$18,130		
Insurance	\$3,042	Foundations, Grants	\$52,500
Equipment, Repairs, Supplies	\$1,984	Interest Income	\$17
Conferences, Training, Travel, Volunteer Appreciation	\$2,978		
Postage, Printing, Copying	\$4,492		
Miscellaneous and Service Fees	\$887		

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



PRC's Meggi Stewart and Lisa Smith accept a \$1,000 check from Thrivent members, Jerry Lohr and Ray Lehrmann. The Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser is a huge success among the local area Lutheran member churches which are involved.
Thank you, Thrivent members!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Pictured (left to right): Marty Gibula, Michael Spiech, Tama Chunn,

Angie Borges and Paul Cruz. The Knights of Columbus from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond, Texas, held their yearly *Race on the Brazos*, and donated \$1,000 of the proceeds raised to Pregnancy Resource Center!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT