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Praise God! We have almost everything we need in place for our ultrasound room! We have a fresh coat of paint, new flooring, room darkening curtains, a sink, a privacy curtain and our exam table all set and ready to go.

Our final step of purchasing our ultrasound machine appears to be just days away. We are awaiting a check from the Knights of

Columbus that will match the funds we have already collected to complete the monies needed to buy our machine. Once the machine is purchased we will schedule training for our nurses!

Our goal is to have a nurse on duty at all times during normal operating hours of the Pregnancy Center. God reminds us often why this arm of our ministry is so important to the community we serve.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers that put in so many hours remodeling this room. You have made it a warm and welcoming place indeed. I feel extremely blessed that God has allowed me to be a part of this ministry.

Joanne Coogan, RN
Nurse Manager



It's a date!

Annual Benefit DINNER

Thursday
September 23rd

mark your calendar



We join Morgan and Michael in welcoming their new "angels"

Madison and McKinley

Morgan shared her story at our 2009 Benefit Dinner.



Thanks

St. Catherine's for Angel Tree

to all who helped with remodel of ultrasound room: First Baptist volunteers Michael Hayes, Noel Willems, Larry Nance, and Don Brogan; Laura Adair, Vicky Troope, Darla Smith

for ultrasound room furnishings: Suzanne Young's friends, Maury Regional Medical Center and Mike Short

for baby items: Maury Quilters Guild, Amanda Couch, Junior Auxillary, Central Region 4-H Allstars, Girl Scout troop, Craft Memorial UMW

Ben & Melissa Wright for landscaping our center

All our churches participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign!



Show Your Support

This specialty license plate supports the Pregnancy Center of Columbia and other ministries in Tennessee like ours. Ask for yours at your county clerk's office.

From the Director

I hope that this letter finds each of you enjoying the freshness of spring as well as the fun of summer. With my 'baby' just graduating from high school, and a new era of 'empty nesthood', I find myself reflective about how precious (and brief) our time really is with our children under our wings of influence. To those who are in the early years - enjoy each day of what God will teach YOU as you seek to train them.....what an amazing ride it can be!

At the Pregnancy Center, we influence young people, many of whom do not have parental role models. Our hearts break in various settings- whether in the schools or in an appointment at the center- when we see desperate decision making, reckless behavior repeated and even parents putting their own needs ahead of their child's. Children of all ages need unconditional love, guidance, and boundaries. The 'high road' is always to give them that, even when it is uncomfortable with a teen who seems to be unapproachable.

Equipping parents is something that we have a heart for...whether they are our clients coming to parenting classes or in our **Parent Engaging Kids (PEK)** presentations at churches discussing ways to talk to your children about sex/relationships.

"Today's young people are in desperate need of parents and leaders who understand the intensity of the battle they are in, and who are equipped to help them discover something better than the cultural norm." - Eric Ludy

We long to give them a 'vision for something better'!

Isaiah 55:9 reminds us that, *"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways"*. Knowing and trusting that God's word never returns void, we can confidently and boldly teach 'His ways' and know that there is power in doing it (even when we see no apparent positive effect for the moment!)

I encourage you who are in the trenches with rearing your own children to hang in there! Be their greatly needed authority. Our worst efforts are still so much better than so many young people have. We can trust that those efforts will be multiplied by our Creator and Sustainer! It is His job to cultivate those seeds that we plant in our children. I don't know about you, but that gives me great relief and the ability to go to work at the center or to let my son head for college in the fall!



Lesa Young
Executive Director





“You will never believe!” she gushed with glowing eyes.

Mandy moved to Columbia with her boyfriend Scott to look for a job. When she found out she was pregnant, she came to our center for maternity clothes. She and Scott both began our “Earn While You Learn” program. To earn ‘Mommy Bucks’, they regularly met with a volunteer and studied parenting, budgeting, and other life skills.

When it came to the lesson on marriage, **5 Reasons You Need a Piece of Paper**, Mandy was vocal about her view that living together was just fine.

But a couple of weeks later, Scott took her shopping for a nice dress. Then he told her to get ready to go somewhere special. Mandy was floored **when he took her to get married!!!**

Scott and Mandy are still faithfully coming to the center to learn how to build a solid marriage and be good parents. And Mandy couldn’t be happier about that **Piece of Paper**.

SCHOOL’S OUT..but our abstinence program is still in high gear.

Thanks to our volunteer presenters, we reached over 1400 students this school year in every Maury County school but two! For many, we may be the **only voice** they hear that tells them they are worth waiting for and gives them tools to stand up to the great pressures they are under.



NEW AND EXCITING RESOURCES FOR YOU!

Summer Support Group at the YMCA for girls from age 12 to 17 beginning June 22 at 6:00pm. This will be a four-week video series titled Love Lessons by Pam Stenzel. Call for more information.

Two faith-based curriculums are available to our area churches. We can present or the church can use the curriculum with their own teachers.

Interactive presentation for parents - PEK (Parents Engaging Kids) This program will equip parents not just the “THE TALK”, but to build healthy, godly sexuality into their kids’ lives. Call to schedule for your Sunday school class or small group!

NEEDED: We need more volunteers to train and present our program. Please do not let your past prevent you, but allow God to redeem your story for the good of our youth today. They need us to be real with them and to learn from our mistakes. They also need to hear from those of you who were successful in God’s plan for marriage, to see that it is possible.



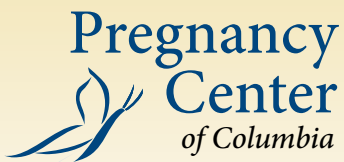
In Honor of:

- Faithann Marie Austin by Georgia McCaleb
- Lauren & Jack Haley by Doris Haley
- Cathy Cardwell Knapp by Joyce Cardwell
- Mary K Bosarge by Mary Ann Foster
- Mrs. Vinnie Hartman by Jerome & Vicky Brumfield
- Pastor Randy Miller by Bob & Carolen Weeks
- Christine Walls by Lee Dillehay
- Evelyn Alexander by Lee Dillehay
- Patricia Buchannan by Lee Dillehey
- Diane Greene by Wilson & Charline Henderson
- Olivia Maye Bishop by Elaine Hudgens
- Mia & Yates Wilson by Mickey & Cynthia
- Diane Paul for Keaton by Edie Brown
- Charles & LeeDillehay also honor Carrington & Braxton Bible; Jonah, Caleb and Emmi; Jay Gregory; Riley & Connor Miligan; Noah & Matthew Vanous; Corey Miller; and Olivia Bishop



In Memory of:

- 4 children lost in miscarriages by Charles and Lee Dillehay
- Nettie Berry by Cheyenne Dale
- Wynette and Jewell Carson by Imogene Carson
- Devin Deloach by Joyce Deloach
- Dean Foster
- Mayon Foster by Anita Jo Foster
- Linda Baltzer by Faye Hartsfield
- Allen Kelly by Shelia Haskin
- Edith Voss by Jean Childrey
- Kaye Dale by Justin Dale
- Reuben & Peggy Riggins by Elizabeth Morgan
- Sister by Kathy Lowry
- Ryan Warner by Suzann Cordell
- Ryan Warner by D. Warner
- Michelle Brock by Melody Gettel
- Martha Mayberry by Randy & Robin Nichols



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AN AFTERNOON OF FUN ON A FARM!

**Saturday, June 26th
3 - 7 pm**

Armsdale Farm, 2402 Hampshire Pike

Live Music!



Hay rides
Kids games
Petting zoo
Pony rides
Farm demonstrations
Storytelling
Live animals
Great food
Craftsman displays
& much more!

Bring the kids!



**Admission is \$5 per person - children under 2 free
All proceeds benefit the Pregnancy Center of Columbia and Maury Chaplain Ministries**