

Our mission is to honor God by sharing the hope we have in Christ and affirming the sanctity of human life with the people in the Pocono area.

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Adoption!

For some of us, the very word “adoption” is often misunderstood. We may think it means abandoning our child or giving up on them. We may be tempted to think that the birth parent is the “only one” who can give their child what he or she truly needs. In some cases this is true. However at PRC we see adoption as an amazing opportunity to offer a client hope for their baby’s future... a future and stability that they themselves currently are not able to provide.

“Open adoption” is also something that has become a beautiful reality for many birth parents. This allows the birth parent to have ongoing contact with the growing child and the adoptive family. In many cases the “biological mother” actually gets to choose the adoptive parents through photos and letters. This process has come a long way from the control and secrecy that once defined the adoption process.

We at PRC offer general adoption counsel and referral services to Christian adoption agencies. These agencies continue to counsel and educate clients as well as facilitate an adoption process. The agency will even travel to their homes.

There are so many families that are waiting and able to care for a child that is not ‘biologically’ their own. There is currently



such a long waiting list that families travel to other countries to adopt. In fact, our Fall 08 newsletter contained an article about one of our long-term volunteers who herself was adopted. She and her family are now regularly traveling to Guatemala to adopt a child of their own from that country.

As a part of the body of Christ, we ourselves are members of the greatest adoption plan that ever took place. “In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ” Ephesians 1:4-5. Adoption is such an important part of who we are spiritually. In sin we are like orphans. Without His first loving us, we would have no chance for an intimate relationship and the hope of eternity with the Almighty. Similarly, without a loving family’s initial desire to parent a needy child, there would be no adoptions taking place.

Our clients deserve the very best care we can give them. Our peer counselors strive to present the adoption option as a positive and loving experience. We don’t act as decision makers but we help to steer clients toward the best choice for them and their babies.

Please pray that we would have more women open to receive the adoption option at our center.



**“But if we walk
in the light as
He is in the
light...the blood
of Jesus His son,
purifies us from
all sin.
I John 1:7**



Walk For Life 09!

Please join us for our annual *Walk for Life* this October 3rd. *Light of the World Church* in Stroudsburg has once again graciously donated the use of their parking lot and facilities for the event.

This walk will continue to be a non-competitive two mile walk around the streets of Stroudsburg. Registration will be at **8:30 am**, and walking will begin at **9:00 am**. There will be refreshments, balloons, prizes, and free t-shirts, so bring the entire family, including the dog!

Take a stand and help us raise support for our center. Information packets have been recently distributed to participating churches, so make sure you speak with your liaison for a sponsor form. For further

details you may also call the PRC at 570-424-0373.

Donations Needed!!

I don't know what it is, but at this time of year we always seem to need **diapers!!** We need them in *all* sizes. So if you happen to have un-needed diapers, or if you would like to purchase a package for us, we would be very grateful to have them...and to give them!!



Center Happenings

We are also in need of car-seats. If you have any to donate, please make sure they are less than 5 years old.

We feel very sad when we can not offer our clients the very basic items, so if you or someone you know has new or used baby items and would like to drop them off, please contact Amy or Mary Ellen at 570-424-0373. You may also make a **financial donation** of any size that is specifically designated to provide for the baby boutique. Thank you and God Bless!

Baby Bottles

We are still receiving baby bottles from our annual *Baby Bottle Boomerang!* Currently we have raised \$7479.81 for this year's collection. What a gift! Each year this fund-raiser continues to be a major financial blessing to us at PRC. These funds allow us to keep reaching women in the Pocono area with untimely pregnancies, as well as being able to share

the good news of Jesus with them. If your church still has bottles, please let us know. We will be happy to pick them up!

Purity's Promise

We have an urgent need for our abstinence program. Our abstinence coordinator, Bonnie Feola, will be moving out of state so we will sadly need to fill her position.

It is extremely important that we continue to reach our youth with the message of purity. If in fact you would like to find out more information about this volunteer position, please contact us at 570-424-0373.

Bonnie, thank you so much for your years of hard work, dedication, and service. You will be sorely missed. May the Lord bless you and your family in all your future endeavors.

Please make sure you visit us when you are in the area!!

Mark Your Calendars!

Coming **October 3, 2009**
Pregnancy Resource Center's Annual

“WALK FOR LIFE!”

Information and details were sent to local churches earlier this month. Please see above to find out what's happening!

Volunteers Needed!!

As we said earlier, we are dependant on the donations of the community in order to keep our doors open. However, some of the greatest gifts we receive are not necessarily in the form of tangible items, but in the precious *time* that is donated by all our volunteers.

It is probably right about now that some of you are saying, "Oh no, not me, I don't have the time or the talent." Fortunately, there are so many different ways in which to serve our ministry, making it possible for God to use you and many others. Therefore, listed below are some of the many areas volunteers are able to serve at our center:

Board Members:
Board members become part of our leadership team

at the pregnancy center. They attend monthly meetings to make vital decisions regarding center policy, finances and spiritual direction.

Helpliners:
Helpliners answer incoming calls from the privacy of their own homes for a 24 hour segment of time. They schedule appointments for clients to meet with our peer counselors.

Peer Counselors:
Peer Counselors attend the center on a weekly basis for a predetermined 4 hour time slot. Each counselor then meets with individual clients to offer center services and share God's love.

**Secretary/
Receptionist:**
A secretary/receptionist will serve in the office while our peer counselors are in

session with clients. They answer phones, welcome the clients and their families, help with mailings and other small office projects.

Materials Coordinator:
Materials coordinators will help process the material donations as they come in. They do this by sorting and organizing all clothes and furniture, even cleaning the items if necessary.

**Groundskeeper/
Housekeeper:**
This position requires keeping our facility looking its best inside and out. This may involve cleaning, yard work/gardening, or maintenance responsibilities.

Fall training dates are as follows:
October 6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29.

Training sessions begin promptly at 6:30pm and end at 9:30pm. They will be held at our center on 115 N. 8th St. in Stroudsburg on the corner of 8th and Sarah Streets. Please call Mary Ellen to register at 570-424-0373 or e-mail at prcp@epix.net.

"He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

Proverbs 11:25



Become a friend of the PRC of the Poconos

The Pregnancy Center of the Poconos depends on the support of individuals, churches, and businesses to meet our monthly needs. We thank all of our donors who have faithfully supported us over the past twenty-four years.

Yes, I would like to be a *Friend of the PRC* and help protect the lives of the unborn in the Pocono area.

Trusting God to provide, I make a **monthly pledge** of:

- \$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 other _____ . Here is my **one time gift** of \$ _____ .
- Please send me information about **volunteering**. Please send me your **newsletter**: Email / Mail

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

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PRC Prayer Requests

- 2009 Walk for Life
- Abstinence Program
- Our PACE (Post-Abortion) Program
- More abortion minded women to seek our services
- More opportunities to share the gospel
- More Board Members
- October Volunteer Training
- Material Supplies for our Boutique
- Strategic Planning Meeting
- Lifesteps Program

**Many blessings
to you our dear
supporters. We
are so grateful
for everyone of
you!**

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