

Pregnancy Helpline

A TLC Pregnancy Resource Center

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OUR MISSION

To support women in unplanned pregnancies and to promote the culture of life to clients and the community.

Greetings and Merry Christmas!

A lot has happened at Pregnancy Helpline since our last newsletter! I am honored to have been selected as Executive Director and I'm deeply committed to our mission to support women in unplanned pregnancies and ultimately *saving babies*. My introduction to Pregnancy Helpline was a Baby Bottle fundraiser talk at our church in 2010. After volunteering for a short time, I was asked to join the Board of Directors as Treasurer and served in that capacity until September.

I have two goals for the next year: 1) promote awareness in our area, and 2) increase our office hours and number of personnel. We have already made some progress! We joined the River Falls Chamber of Commerce in November, opening the door for many opportunities to connect with the community. And, we are very blessed and pleased to welcome Sarah Smith, our new volunteer lay counselor. She lives near Hudson with her husband Brian and three daughters. Sarah is excited to be a part of our mission!

I'm optimistic that 2015 will bring us closer to accomplishing our goals. I visited a sister center in Red Wing, MN, a town about the size of River Falls but without a college as large as UWRF. They have dynamic programs reaching many clients, 10-11 a day! Their services include free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing, NFP classes, miscarriage and post-abortion counseling, bible studies, and much more! It helped me realize the great need in our community – especially with 6000+ college students within a ½ mile of our center. I met with college students at the Newman Center, UWRF who are very interested in bringing the news of our center to campus and partnering with us in reaching students for "Life".

A professional marketing consultant will present some ideas for re-visioning our center to the board members at our meeting in January. YOU can be in on the ground floor of helping create this new and vibrant center through your **prayers, volunteering, and donations**. All are important and needed! Can you help us in EACH of these areas?

Thank you for your support and may you have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

God Bless You!

JoAnne Parks
Executive Director

**A Request
and a Special
Christmas Gift to YOU!**

**Donate \$100 or more and we will
send you a FREE copy of
"Cradle My Heart" by Kim Ketola**



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Banquet for Life held October 16th

Our guest speaker, Kim Ketola, delivered a very touching and inspirational message. Everyone who attended had a great time but our profit was about \$8000 less than last year. Please consider helping us make up the difference with your year-end gift!

All donations are 100% tax deductible.



Again this year, the array of delicious treats for our Dessert Auction did not disappoint. The highest bid for one dessert was \$675! Thanks to everyone's generosity (and hunger) we collected a total of \$3178!

(Full banquet details will be in the next newsletter)

Upcoming Events

- ♦ **Baby Bottle Fundraiser beginning in January**
- ♦ **SAVE THE DATE — our next Banquet for Life is October 22, 2015**

LOST AND FOUND

A pair of sunglasses were found at Kilkamey after the banquet. Please contact JoAnne to claim.

Please consider including the Pregnancy Helpline in your will.

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