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Pregnancy Center

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Serving the Community Since 1982

Summer 2020



Fund Raising More Important Than Ever

We modified our fall fund raiser, Golf Fore Life 2020, due to COVID-19. The good news is the golf tournament and online auction will continue as planned! Golfers will end their day with a sit-down dinner, refreshments, and awards in the clubhouse. For your safety, the stand-alone 19th Hole Party tickets will not be sold. With the cancelation of our annual Banquet, this event is more important than ever!

We have a beautiful, safe day of golf planned at the Terrace Park Country Club with 18 holes of golf, games, and contests. You are invited to tee up on Monday, September

14, for the scramble tournament. Checkin and lunch begin at 11:00 am with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. The cost is includes 18 holes of golf, cart, golfer gifts, lunch, dinner (including open bar), and beverages all day. A putting contest, raffle, and tee prizes, along with awards for the longest drive and closest

Get great deals on vacations, a top 10 Bed & Breakfast, a riverboat cruise, bourbon & wine walls, jewelry, raffle items are updated weekly for browsing. Bidding begins on Tuesday, September 1, and runs through September 14. We have included raffle tickets in this issue for you to mail in and participate in the fun from home.

Sponsorships

Highlight your business to hundreds of like-minded people who want to support life-affirming organizations. All sponsors will be listed in our printed fall newsletter which is mailed to 5,000 households. We need you more now than ever! Sponsorship Opportunities: \$350 Hole Sponsor, \$1,500 Lunch Sponsor, \$2,500 Bar Sponsor, \$3,000 Dinner

> Sponsor, \$5,000 Online Auction/Raffle Sponsor, \$7,500 Course & Cart Sponsor & \$10,000 Presenting Sponsor. Sign up is quick and easy at SupportPCE.com. For details on other sponsorships, call Tracy at 513-321-3100.

> The need for our services has doubled in the last four years and spiked due to COVID-19. Your generosity allows us to continue to offer life-affirming resources that enable over 1,200 women and men to choose life for their unborn babies each year. Go to SupportPCE.com for reservations, bidding, and more information.

Monday, September 14: Golf Tournament

\$200 per golfer/\$800 per foursome. This to the pin, add to a delightful day.

September 1-14: Online Auction

tickets, and so much more. Auction



The Future is Finally Here!

After years of planning and some incredible benefactors, our new Center is open! It was an emotional day celebrating the opening of our new larger facility but with some disappointment. We decided to scale back our Preview and Blessing on July 9 because the COVID level in Hamilton county rose to RED, which discouraged large gatherings.

However, Father Earl Fernandez blessed our new building and we provided self-directed tours of the building for our Board. We were very disappointed to not be able to celebrate with everyone in the auspicious manner originally intended. Regardless of the inconveniences



Fr. Earl Fernandez blesses the new PCE building with Executive Director, Laura Curran.

the pandemic continues to cause, we still rejoice in the great work God has done for PCE at our new Madison Road location.

Capital Campaign in Full Swing

Our goal is to raise \$1 million. We can only do this with your support! We have exceptional opportunities to remember loved ones with permanent naming rights for particular rooms and services within our new building. We ask you to make PCE one of your major philanthropies, consistent with our expansive vision for empowering more families with thriving, successful lives.

A Walk in Faith

Staying Open During the Quarantine

"I can't afford a baby now!" cried Tonya*, a hairstylist who had been laid off from her job. Grateful to meet in person with our Client Advocate, Tonya found a kind face and the quiet space to choose life for her unborn child. Others like her, who have found themselves unexpectedly pregnant during the COVID-19 have faced tremendous challenges. Three out of four women who have abortions report that financial strain contributed to their decision. This fear has greatly intensified during the pandemic.

As the coronavirus continues to cause major disruptions, calls from families needing help have dramatically increased. Classified as an essential service by our Governor, our doors remained open with a skeleton crew of dedicated staff and volunteers. "Staying open has been a daily walk in faith for our staff, volunteers and

Can
Thrive
Capital
Campaign
Amount pledged to date: \$1.3 M

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Board. Defying the Attorney General's order to close, abortion clinics have continued to operate. This made us even more determined to remain open, providing abortion-vulnerable expectant couples with hope and resources. With safety protocols in place, our prayerful resolve remains strong. Generous donors have rushed in to supply panicked callers with diapers, wipes, car seats, formula, and even food,"

explained Executive Director, Laura Curran.

The financial strain of the increasing number of clients and the cancelation of our annual Banquet left us needing operating funds. Our 24-hour Day of Giving raised over \$25,000, helping us keep our doors open. Thank you for standing fearlessly with us to minister ever deeper to those who need us most.



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\$10 each, 6 for \$50 or 16 for \$100 Winner need not be present to win.

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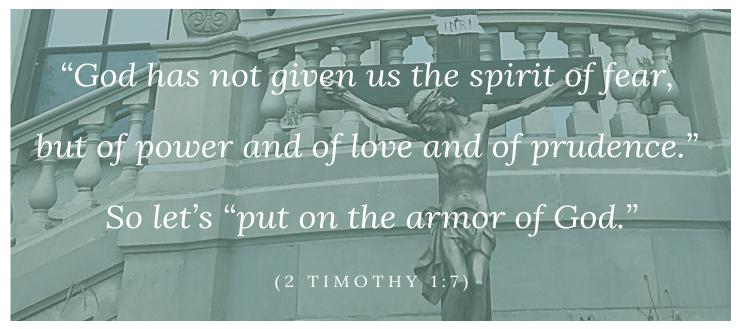


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Above All Else, Love & Hope

by Jane Hoffman, Board Trustee

We take to heart in what St. Paul told Timothy.

Great news: Ohio's first abortion chamber (Columbus) has closed! Faithful prayers for decades have been in public witness outside its doors. In His Mercy, God hears us. Eight death sites yet to close.

Tragic news: Planned Parenthood and telemed abortions are working to change current FDA rules that require the woman

to pick up abortion pills at a medical facility. "Imagine the carnage that will ensue if PP mails these pills to teens and other young mothers...mothers who will then have to deal with the deadly results by themselves!" (American Life League 6/20)

Our PCE vision of our comprehe sive, trusted center of HOPE is needed now more than ever!

Let's not grow weary today in doing good works, especially in earnestly seeking God in prayers. They're more powerful than anything else in this world! Thank you also for your faithful financial support and generosity.

When we defend the ministry of PCE, we're not just standing up for the innocent unborn and their parents. We are standing up for the future of America...one family at a time.

Thank you for voting for "life" too! Let's become even more engaged! Let's keep legislators and voters engaged with the Pro-Life cause! It's our responsibility. God is good!

5 Reasons to Use Natural Family Planning

by Emily Young, FCPI, Chastity Ed. Mgr

Family Planning, couples remain open to the gift of life and do not fall into the trap of the false sense of control that artificial contraception lends.

It's Healthy: Natural Family Planning gives women and couples the tools they need to understand their fertility without disrupting their bodies' natural processes with artificial hormones or devices.

Planning is an exceptionally costefficient method of family planning. In many cases, the cost to the couple is less than that of artifical birth control.

It's Empowering: Giving women and men the opportunity to learn about their bodies' natural fertility is an incredible tool not only in their own relationships, but also in their daily lives. Women especially can learn more about their health and well-being by

practicing Natural Family Planning. Some methods even assist in medical diagnoses and treatments!

It's Good for Relationships: Natural Family Planning requires frequent communication between the spouses. It is a constant reminder to prioritize the mutual good of the couple over individual desires. This leads to healthier relationship!

Are you interested in learning NFP? Email Emily Young at eyoung@pregnancycentereast. com for more information!



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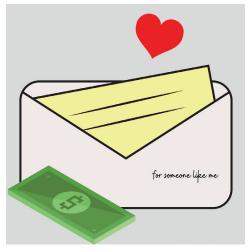
Tammy's Gift

She came through our front door with a big smile, her arms filled with boxes of diapers. When she left, we were all in tears.

Tammy introduced herself and explained why she had come to our Center. "Today is my fortieth birthday. I've been buying diapers every time I went to the store during the quarantine to be able to donate them to you today, but there is also another reason for my visit.

"Forty years ago, my mother found herself in a crisis pregnancy. Her friends and family tried to persuade her to get an abortion, but she chose life. Forty years later, I am full of gratitude for her courage.

"Twenty years ago, I became pregnant after being raped, and people told me I should get an abortion.



But I, too, chose life.

"Today, I have a wonderful son; I can't imagine my life without him. I am married to a wonderful man who adopted him. I want to give this envelope to you; it contains \$100 and a letter from me to the next woman who walks in and finds herself in the same situation as I was. I want to give her the hope and encouragement she needs to choose life for her baby."

CURRENT SERVICES:

- Pregnancy testing & information
- STI testing
- 4-D ultrasounds
- Male mentoring
- Post-abortion healing
- Chastity education in schools
- Parenting classes
- Material assistance

FUTURE SERVICES:

- Prenatal medical care
- Family counseling
- Financial coaching & assistance
- Education guidance
- Career & job placement services
- Adoption services
- Bible studies & other faithbased support