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Client Chronicle:

I was overjoyed to receive this touching letter from a frightened young woman that I met nearly ten years ago. Robin came to PCE during my first year of volunteering at the Center. Her letter gave me such a boost of encouragement and reminded me that what we do here is life-changing. It was a blessing to discover that my encounter with her, nearly a decade ago, led to such a happy outcome! Dana*

The Meeting that Saved My Son's Life

Dear (Client Advocate) Dana:

While rummaging through a box of notes and old photos, I recently came across a letter you sent to me with warm words, dated August 15, 2009. I was only 18 years old, pregnant, and scared when I met with you at Pregnancy Center East. During the appointment, you were very compassionate and informative, and you gave me a little silicone baby that was approximately the size of my unborn baby at the time. I kept that little silicone baby and went into deep thinking about how the rest of my life would be, with or without this child.

Ultimately, I decided to keep my son and he was born in March 2010. I named him Cody*. Everything about his birth was fine, but he was born with a congenital kidney tumor that was later removed when he was six months old. Since then, he has been a healthy active child.

I have been a single mom his entire life and unfortunately, he has no connection to his father. However, he has me and my mother who acts as if she is his other parent. Cody has been the light of my world, and although I didn't

end up doing all the things I aspired in life, he changed me in ways I could never imagine. The name Cody means "helper". In fact, he has helped me get a bachelor's degree in business, and now I'm working on my bachelor's in nursing. He has helped me run my own business and every day gives me the motivation to keep going and stay strong. It has been a hard journey as a

single mom, but he makes it worth it.

Thank you for your kindness and for inspiring me to keep him. I hope all is well with you. You will always have a special place in Cody's and my heart even though we only met once almost a decade ago.

Best wishes,

Robin*

**Pseudonym*

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Thank You Banquet for Life Supporters

by **Mark Kleespies**

Banquet Chairman

Life & Liberty, the theme for PCE's 2019 *Banquet for Life*, was emceed by Rev. Barry Windholtz with nearly 900 in attendance at the Hyatt Hotel.

The evening began as the late Susan Castleberry was honored with the inaugural Culture of Life Award for her many years of extraordinary service to PCE.

Next, Executive Director, Laura Curran, highlighted the critical work of helping abortion minded women and men to choose life for their unborn babies. She explained how PCE's success in reaching scared pregnant couples has resulted in greater demands on PCE's staff, equipment and facility. She painted PCE's strategic vision for the creation of a first-of-its-kind Comprehensive Pregnancy Support Center. In one state-of-the-art facility, clients will have convenient access to all the services needed to confidently choose life for their unborn children.

All were moved by a video featuring for-



Keynote speaker, Mike Huckabee, spoke about his Reflections on Life and Liberty.

mer client, Victoria Leavell, and her son, Victor. After experiencing the trauma and regret from a previous abortion, Victoria chose life after seeing the ultrasound image of her son and hearing his heartbeat. She emphasized how much she

loves motherhood and how grateful she is for the unwavering support from her PCE "family."

Keynote speaker, Mike Huckabee, the 44th governor of Arkansas, gave an inspiring and entertaining speech, challenging each of us to go about the courageous work of saving lives. He ended with a story about an 11-year-old girl who, after seeing several haunting images of the Holocaust asked, "Why didn't somebody do something?" That young girl was his daughter, Sarah Huckabee Sanders!

The *Banquet for Life* Committee wishes to thank everyone who attended this year's banquet, and for those donors unable to make it, for **DOING SOMETHING** to stand up for the Sanctity of Life.

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Dear Fellow Pro-life Friends of PCE,

“Save the life of the ONE CHILD!” exhorted Mike Huckabee at our recent *Banquet for Life*. Reaching to grasp the hands of the ONE: the ONE CHILD, the ONE MOTHER, the ONE FATHER.

Our PCE Shared Goal: Abortion vulnerable mothers and fathers will choose life and hope rather than abortion and despair, experiencing God’s love through us, and help to find success in their life plan.

With Ohio’s passage of the historic **Heartbeat Bill**, PCE remains steadfast in our 37-year ministry showing “true pro-life concern” for all babies born in Ohio. Despite years of road blocks/anti-life propaganda inflicted by abortion industry supporters, “The country’s 2,750 pro-life pregnancy help centers seem to be the best-kept secret of the pro-life movement...

to end abortion...they quietly go about their life-saving work each and every day... In 2017 alone, they served nearly 2 million people with free services, an estimated community cost savings of at least \$161 million.” (Pregnancy-HelpNews.com)

By contrast, we were horrified by the barbaric NY law that an unborn child may be murdered all nine months in New York, as no medical protections need be given to newborns who survive abortions; likewise, outrageously permitting non-physicians to commit abortions! Governor Cuomo and abortion industry supporters cheered, lighting up a “Pink” NY City in their macabre delight! Birthday Abortion and infanticide are also being considered in Virginia, Vermont and New Mexico.

“On Feb. 25, the U.S. Senate failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection

Act by a vote of 53-44, falling 7 votes short of the needed 60. Sponsored by Sen. Ben Sasse (R. NE) and cosponsored by 49 of his fellow Republican senators including Ohio US Sen. Portman, it would have required doctors, in the case of an infant born alive after a failed abortion, to provide medical care to that living newborn baby, as would be provided to any wanted newborn baby of the same age.” (Citizens for Community Values, 3/2019)

Until 1973, children and their mothers were protected...until the Supreme Court legalized abortion! Other heinous Supreme Court decisions have been overturned: the infamous Dred Scott decision supporting human beings treated as someone’s property, the curse of slavery. Our abortion laws now have erased even a “Mason Dixon Line for unborn babies” to escape death. Let’s “Save the ONE CHILD.” **God is good!** *Jane Hoffman, Board Member*

CHASTITY ON THE FRONT LINES

Theology of the Body Summer Teen Retreats

Who: Junior High & High School Students

When: July 15-19

- Junior High: 9:00am - 3:00pm
- High School: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center

5440 Moeller Ave

Norwood, OH 45212

Cost: FREE! Meals included.

What to Expect: Identity. Love. Chastity.

The world is a difficult place for teens, and it has become increasingly hard for parents and educators to help teens discover the truth about their bodies, their sexuality, and their unique call to love.

Pregnancy Center East is teaming up with Pregnancy Center West and Ruah Woods to



host *Canticle: A Tune of the Heart*, a week long daytime retreat for middle school students, and *Sing My Love*, a week long evening retreat for high school students.

Canticle: A Tune of the Heart introduces middle school students to *Theology of the Body* by exploring concepts such as identity, love, and vocation. We employ a retreat environment, focusing on games and activities

to introduce our main themes, as well as small groups which provide opportunities for deeper reflection and digestion of the material.

Sing My Love will introduce high school teens to *Theology of the Body* as we discuss concepts love, beauty, truth, freedom, and so much more! This retreat will provide teens with the opportunity to reflect and dive deeper into the questions of what it means to be human and how we are called to love.

To Register: Please visit supportpce.com/chastity-education-program and follow the summer camp registration links provided. Space is limited and fills up quickly, so sign up today!

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PCE Welcomes New Sonographer/Client Services Manager



Lauren Purtee RDMS

Pregnancy Center East is excited to welcome Lauren Purtee RDMS as our new Sonographer/ Client Services Manager. Lauren has a Bachelor's in Exercise Science from Miami University. She received her sonography certification under Maureen

McDaniel RDMS at the University of Cincinnati. Lauren has been performing ultrasounds at PCE in the evenings for almost 2 years. She has spent the past year doing ultrasounds for Women's Centers of Ohio. Through this position, she became adept at Ekyros and will be able to help PCE in the transition to an electronic scheduling system.

Lauren explains, "I am very blessed to work in a field where you can see God working mightily in the lives of distressed pregnant women who so desperately need see the

life growing inside of them."

Lauren has been married to her husband Nathan for 6 years. They have two kids, daughter Avery (5) and son Cole (3). Her hobbies include traveling (especially if a beach is involved), camping, and spending time with family and friends.



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