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A Match Made in Heaven

By *Laura Curran, Executive Director*

Pregnancy Center East's efforts to provide life-giving hope where there seems to be no hope recently took a turn that we never would have foreseen.

We were contacted by a former PCE volunteer, Renee Niemann, with a very unique request. Her 36 year old son, Michael Ruwe, was in desperate need of a living kidney. Michael, a graduate of St. Xavier High School and Xavier University, has dealt with renal disease since eighteen months of age when he had his first of four transplants. His current kidney, given to him by his father, was failing and despite the enormous number of medications he takes daily, he was rapidly approaching dialysis. In addition, Renee was devastated to discover that she had been disqualified as a candidate due to an unknown preexisting medical condition.

Would we help to get the word out to the community in the hope that someone would offer to donate a kidney to Michael? Of course, we would spread the word to all our PCE contacts and pray diligently for a match. Little did we know that a miracle was about to unfold.

As yard signs sprang up all over the city and the local TV news aired a story on Michael, our PCE office manager, Jane Melson, quietly contacted the kidney transplant team at Christ Hospital and offered to be tested. Although Michael had



Jane Melson

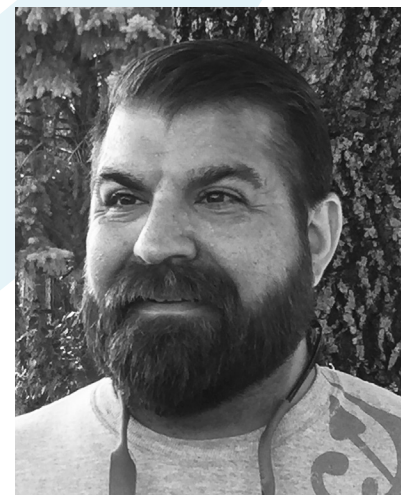
briefly volunteered at PCE before his declining health made it impossible to continue, Jane had never met him. Yet she felt called to "do what I would have wanted done if my daughter ever needed a kidney." The transplant team cautioned her that the field of possible matches was drastically narrowed due to the antibodies Michael's body had built up from the previous transplants. A non-family member match would be extremely difficult to find.

A few weeks later, when the transplant coordinator called Jane at PCE to tell her that she was an excellent match, even closer than his own mother, Jane ran down the halls jubilantly announcing, "I'm a match, I'm a match!" Shunning any mention of bravery or selflessness, she modestly explains, "I feel honored to be able to give Michael a chance for a healthy life." His mother, Renee, wonders, "How can I contain all the gratitude I feel for Jane, who had never even met my son, for giving him such a sacrificial gift?"

There is no greater gift than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

Since then, Jane has completed an extensive battery of tests to insure her own health and has been informed of the risks and the expected recovery time. Although Jane still has a couple tests to undergo, she and Michael are optimistically looking toward a surgery in November. So now we wait and pray. They plan to meet prior to the operation. We ask that our entire readership join us in lifting up Michael and Jane, for a successful transplant, for this match made in heaven.



Michael Ruwe

Golf-Fore-Life on Par for Rescuing Lives

On a sunny September day, teams of pro-life golfers hit the links of the scenic Golf Club of Stonelick Hills playing in the 2016 Golf-Fore-Life. Longtime contributors and newcomers golfed to support the families and students served by PCE's life-affirming ministry.

Many thanks to our Major Sponsors: The Marge and Charles J. Schott Foundation and The Williams Foundation. Two Angel Sponsors, thirty-seven Hole Sponsors, and the continued generosity of so many in our community helped to ensure that PCE will continue to minister to that worried couple facing an unexpected pregnancy, to students desperately in need of the message of chastity, and to families with material assistance to better care for their children.

Dedicated chairpersons Mary Brune, Clare Cahill, Susan Castleberry, Ed Donohoe, Barb Momper, Tom Pernik, Steve Rohde and Laura Strietmann planned the day of lunch, golf scramble, raffle, auction, and a lively 19th Hole Party. Each golfer was given a commemorative umbrella provided by Totes Isotoner and Don and Mary Lee Olinger.



Winning team Sheri Osterfeld, Karen Vonderbrink, Sara Peterson and Cathy Rabe.

Ed Donohoe, Mark Donohoe, Frank Donohoe and Mark Donohoe, Jr. won the men's division. Cathy Rabe, Sheri Osterfeld, Sara Peterson and Karen Vonderbrink won the women's division. The mixed foursome winners were Mike Momper, Julie Ross, Don Paparella and Dan Clare. "What could be better than fabulous weather, a spectacular course and a terrific group of



Mike Momper and Dan Klare.

people coming together to support this vital cause!" commented Mike Momper.

What may have seemed like an average day at the golf course to some was actually a generous act of rescuing lives. Thanks to all who made the day a hole in one!

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Dear Fellow Pro-life Friends of PCE,

Time's a wastin', everyone! It's time to stand for life! America needs each of us NOW more than ever. All of our progress in protecting life is at stake. In our hearts, we know it.

It is our moral obligation to contain evil wherever possible! We must not look away, whether "this containment of evil" is at the ballot box or praying on the front lines for *Forty Days for Life*.

At the ballot box: Election time draws nearer. As we study the platforms on which candidates stand (see ccv.org) let us remind one another

that abortion is evil by its very nature i.e. intrinsically evil. It is not some "issue" which dismissively makes someone a "one issue voter." It is not some dispute about our nation's policy but a grave break with God's law and in secular language, a mortal violation of a person's civil liberty based on age (preborn) and residency (in the womb). Abortion attacks both child and mother/father.

In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such

as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or vote for it...The moral gravity of procured abortion is apparent in all its truth if we recognize we are dealing with murder.

John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae

If given a choice, can one vote with a clear conscience for any candidate who supports abortion or another intrinsic evil? What could possibly be a proportionate reason for the more than 56 million children killed by abortion in the past 43 years? In Hamilton County alone, nearly 4,000 children were brutally murdered in reported surgical abortions alone (2014)! I cannot conceive of such a proportionate reason. Candidates actually disqualify themselves by supporting intrinsic evil.

In such cases, the appropriate judgment would be to select the candidate whose policies regarding this grave evil will do less harm...We have a responsibility to limit evil if it is not possible at the moment to eradicate it completely.

**Arch. Joseph Naumann & Bishop Robert Finn,
Joint Pastoral Letter 9-2008.**

Pray on the front lines for *Forty Days for Life*: September 28 to November 6; Join us in prayer in front of the abortion giant, Planned Parenthood, 2314 Auburn Avenue, 45219. www.40daysforlife.com.

This powerful prayerful witness is miraculous. Clients tell us they had been ready to walk into Planned Parenthood, but upon driving by and seeing our public prayer witness out front decided to come for help at PCE. They found life not death, truth not lies, and hope! PCE is there from the crisis to the cradle to helping them find a successful path in life.

If you have not done public prayer before, this is the perfect opportunity! Bring the family. It's a loving witness that each of us is responsible for giving: confronting and containing evil. God is good!

Jane Hoffman,

Client Advocate & Board Member

A Fond Farewell

By Laura Strietmann, Associate Director

Ten years ago, after a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, site of Marian apparitions, I was invited into the ministry of PCE to serve as a volunteer Client Advocate. After three years of volunteering I became fulltime staff and Associate Director of this very busy and life-changing ministry. While meeting people at their most broken and vulnerable moments, women, men and children of all ages and all backgrounds have captivated my heart. I have truly become friends and fallen in love with the people I have served, but while doing so my soul was pierced with some very big questions. "How has our world come to this place? How have we devalued life, love, faith, and relationships so greatly? What are we doing wrong as a society to cause this suffering?"

**The world's thy ship,
not they home.**

St Therese of Lisieux

I took it upon myself to invest in knowing more about my faith and to understand more the path of brokenness of our world. This journey took me to the Lay Pastoral Ministry program at The Athenaeum, outstanding training in California at International Life Services, and The Theology of the Body Institute in Pennsylvania where I was taught by world-class faculty and received my Master's Certificate.



With our heartfelt thanks and prayers for Laura.

My journey to defend life and mend our broken world is now taking me to Ruah Woods where I will be assisting in all aspects of this dynamic ministry promoting St. John Paul II's life transforming teachings, *Theology of the Body*. I will now switch from being a "rescuer" to a "preventer."

As some dear people have said to me, "With your new role, maybe we will stamp out abortion, pain and suffering in the next generation." My answer to that? "Amen!"

Please pray for me and I will continue to pray for all involved at PCE. You will still see me on the sidewalk on Auburn Avenue as my heart will always remain with the generation not blessed enough to be taught the dignity and value of life.



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CHASTITY ON THE FRONT LINES

Responding to the Call

By D.J. Hueneman,
Director of Chastity Education

We've got our work cut out for us! Delivering the message of chastity to over 3500 students per year requires long hours and late nights. We are thankful for the many people willing to give of their time and financial resources to further this vital ministry. We are truly blessed to have your support.

Sometimes God challenges us to give more of ourselves than we ever could have imagined. April Collar, originally from Colorado, graciously answered God's call to help serve PCE in 2012 as a Client Advocate. Since then she has volunteered her time, energy, and prayers to clients without the expectation of thanks. She has courageously met pregnant women in their darkest moments and pointed them in the direction of hope. She has been an amazing



We welcome April Collar.

blessing to Pregnancy Center East over the years and has since felt the call to reach even more people through our *In Control* chastity program.

We are pleased to announce that April has accepted a staff position as our new Chastity Educator. She brings her experience of working alongside internationally acclaimed chastity speakers such as Chris Stefanick, as the Assistant to Campus Ministry of the Blessed John XXIII Catholic Center, Colorado State University.

April's wealth of knowledge and deep faith promises to enhance our impact on teens who crave the message of truth in our sexually saturated culture. We are so excited for the direction in which our program will grow. Please keep us in your prayers as we deliver this important message.