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2021 Banquet for Life

You are cordially invited to attend the Pregnancy Center East annual *Banquet for Life* on Monday, April 26, at 7pm. For the first time, this event will be virtual and can be viewed from the comfort of your couch!

We will welcome the Benham Brothers as our keynote speakers. David and Jason Benham, former professional baseball players, nationally acclaimed entrepreneurs, and best-selling authors of several books, are also devoted husbands and fathers. The twin brothers have appeared on *CNN*, *Fox News*, *ESPN*, *ABC's Nightline*, and *Good Morning America* and travel the country speaking to Christians about boldly standing up for their faith, whatever the cost. The brothers have been involved in the pro-life movement for over 30 years.

Please join us and view our video of the Benhams' inspiring story. They will share how with God's help, the pro-life movement can continue to grow and save more lives, and why the life-affirming ministry of PCE is essential in today's culture.

You'll also meet our client, Lindsay. Her amazing triumph from the depths of drugs, danger, and despair to choosing life for her unborn baby will give you hope that recovery and redemption are possible. See first-hand how a desperate mom



David and Jason Benham

finally discovered her worth and dignity in the miracle of life.

Become a Virtual Sponsor

Virtual Table Sponsors take a new leadership role in partnering with PCE this year! Host a few friends and introduce them to PCE with our event video. Walk with us on a tour of our new home, be inspired by our keynote speakers, and have your hearts touched by our client, Lindsay.

Host at Home Kits

Reserve a Host at Home Kit available to donors at the \$100 level who would like to host a few friends for a private viewing! This kit includes a Banquet Program, DVD, and PCE info packets for you and each of your guests.

Banquet in a Box

\$1,000 donors can reserve a Banquet in a Box. Banquet in a Box is the Host at Home Kit with some extra treats.

To reserve a Host at Home Kit or Banquet in a Box, contact: Karen Dorger 513.236.8006 KDorger@gmail.com or Anne Keefe 513.207.163 7Keefes@gmail.com.

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Lindsay's Chance

Meet our client, Lindsay, and hear her amazing story.

An “Accidental” Call

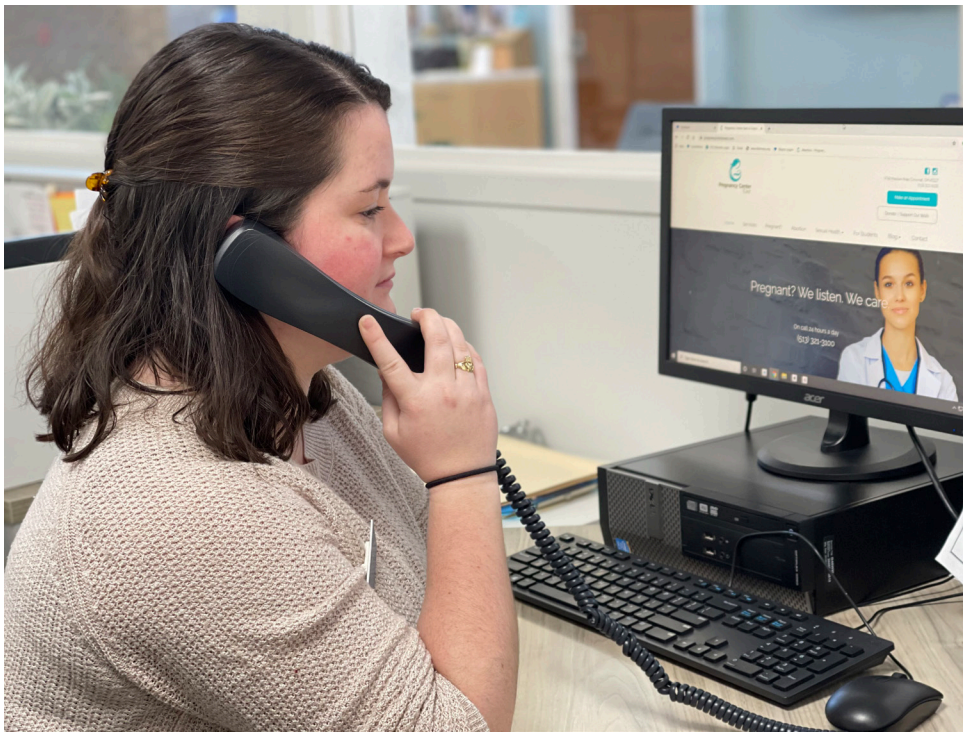
by Emily Young

Chastity Education Manager

I picked up the phone on the second ring. Although our Center had closed, I answered as we provide 24/7 hotline coverage.

The voice on the other line was frantic. A young woman had called us, thinking she had reached the after-hours line of an abortion clinic. She had taken the abortion pill (RU486) two weeks ago and was at a department store when she suddenly began to hemorrhage. She was in the bathroom of the store, alone, terrified of what was happening to her.

This call is not unique at Pregnancy Center East. While both chemical and surgi-



cal abortions carry risks (including death), chemical abortions account for the majority of complications. In fact, the risk of experiencing a significant medical complication from a chemical abortion is four times higher than complications from a surgical abortion, and the most common is hemorrhage.

This is due largely to the fact that the restrictions placed on the abortion pill have grown

more lax over the years. Critical medical supervision has also largely diminished, with women taking the pills alone at home in many cases. The result is a dangerous procedure that leaves many women isolated and suffering.

In the case of this evening caller, she was left terrified in a store restroom. I did my best to calm her down and understand the situation.

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She had taken the abortion pill two weeks earlier and began to hemorrhage. She was in the store bathroom alone and terrified of what was happening to her.”

An ambulance transported her to the closest emergency room. I called her the next afternoon to check in—she was doing better and had been released from the hospital.

I discovered she had a one-year-old baby and invited them to come in for diapers, wipes, clothes, and anything else she might need—all free of charge. She agreed and said, “That is the best thing I’ve heard in the last twenty-four hours.”

She left our center with bags filled with everything her baby needed as well as encouragement and resources for post-abortion healing.

As she was leaving, she said she was glad she “accidentally” called us. I told her that I was, too.



Fellow Pro-life Friends of PCE:

Seems a providential time, particularly this year, for LENT: a season of repentance, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. When we are “in the desert”, we pray for the grace of perseverance in adversity...we face much adversity now. Remember that we are never alone; that with God’s help, “in the darkness, our light shines the brightest.” (Center for Christian Virtue ccv.org). With trusting faith, we look to the JOY of Easter!

Increasingly dangerous challenges confront us as we seek to protect the innate dignity of each person from their creation to death. We take a moral stand against abortion, standing up

as a voice for the innocent child in the womb, for parents, for family. Our friends at Family Research Council, Protect Child Health, CCV, Right to Life of Cincinnati and American Life League are educational sites to update and to help us “stand united for the inherent sanctity of life”. Take time to study/share. America needs all of us!

Recently at *40 Days for Life*, while praying with friends in front of the abortion site of Planned Parenthood, we met a somber pregnant woman leaving Planned Parenthood. She shared her story and tearfully asked for prayers. Imagine the joy we experienced in explaining and directing her to PCE’s new comprehensive

center! It addressed so many of her worries. She learned about our many outstanding complimentary services which now to her delight includes an adoption agency on site.

When she heard we are located across from Madison Bowl she beamed, “I know where that is...I’ve been to that building across the street!” Formerly the Talbert House, I explained we bought that building, totally renovated it, and “you’ll love it!” A baby and family found an Oasis of HOPE in a trusted place of PCE!

This LENT, let’s continue to pray, fast, and give alms. The future depends on it.

God is good! **Jane Hoffman**, Board Trustee

I Was 19 When I Found Out I Was Pregnant...

Dear Pregnant Woman:

I’ve been where you are. I was 19 when I found out I was pregnant. My boyfriend made it very clear that we were not getting married. He pushed for an abortion. I contemplated suicide. How could this be happening? It was 1980. Times were a little different, but I’m sure you’re just as scared, nervous and unsure of what to do as I was.

I caved in – I had the abortion. 40 years later, I can still remember it all. I remember praying the *Hail Mary* and asking for forgiveness while it was happening. I remember spiraling out of control in the months afterwards, alcohol, drugs, depression, another pregnancy. My boyfriend left, but I kept my second baby.

It took me years to get my life turned around; to get employed and support myself and my son. But there was always something missing.



My heart and soul were crushed by my decision to abort my first child. I have battled with depression for years.

I’ve finally returned to the Catholic Church and have confessed my sin of abortion. I have

received absolution but still struggle to forgive myself.

I’m reaching out to you, hoping that my pain and experience can help prevent you from experiencing the same.

Ultimately, this will be your decision. I ask that you fully consider how your choice today may affect you for the rest of your life. I certainly didn’t think I would suffer my entire life from this one decision.

I will pray for you, no matter what decision you make regarding your pregnancy.

Trust the people at Pregnancy Center East. They will give you the best information possible. I only wish PCE had been around 40 years ago to offer me the help I needed to choose life for my baby.

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Janie Klare: Champion for Life

This issue is dedicated to Janie Klare, a true Champion for Life and friend to PCE who was called to heaven on 2/8/21. She served as PCE Development Director and was a committed advocate for the mission of the Center. Surely many babies were saved as the result of her tireless efforts.

Become a Virtual Table Host!

For the first time ever Banquet for Life will be totally virtual. Reserve your Banquet in a Box, for any banquet sponsor of \$1,000 or more! \$1,000 funds 514 medical-grade pregnancy tests, creating an opportunity to discuss new life with up to 1028 anxious parents.

Benefits for Sponsors:

- Banquet in a Box: Our gift box or sponsors of \$1,000 or more, hosting essentials and treats for hosting a few friends to view the 2021 PCE Virtual Banquet.
- Listing on Banquet website includes a business link.
- Listing in the program, printed newsletter to 5,000, e-newsletter to 2,000.

Find out more inside!

