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Spend an Evening with Mike Huckabee

by *Melanie Stewart*
Banquet Committee

You are cordially invited to attend the Pregnancy Center East annual *Banquet for Life* on Thursday, April 11 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. We are excited to welcome longtime defender of LIFE, Mike Huckabee as our keynote speaker.

Mike is the host of *Huckabee* on TBN, a *Fox News* contributor, and *NY Times* bestselling author of twelve books. He was the 44th Governor of Arkansas from 1996 - 2007, one of the longest serving governors in his state's history. In 2008 and 2016, he ran for President of the United States, finishing second in the 2008 Republican Primary.

Governing Magazine named him as one of its "Public Officials of the Year" in 2005, and *Time Magazine* honored him as one of the five best governors in America. He has served as the Chairman of the prestigious National Governors Association, the Education Commission of the States, the Southern Governors Association, and the Interstate Oil and Gas Commission. He is nationally known for

his pro-life advocacy. He is also recognized for his support of the arts in education and raises funds to provide musical instruments



Mike Huckabee is keynote speaker: Reflections on Life and Liberty.

for needy children.

Huckabee, an avid musician since age eleven, is a bass player and often joins guest artists on his weekly TV show, having played with Willie Nelson, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Toby Keith, and many others. His hobbies also include hunting and fishing. He was named one of the "25 Most Influential People for Conservation" by *Outdoor Life Magazine* and "Man of the Year" by the American Sportfishing Association in 1997. He is on the board of the Country Music Association Foundation and is co-owner of radio stations in Arkansas, Texas, and Missouri. The former governor and his wife have three grown children and six grandchildren.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening of cocktails and dinner and hear Mike present his philosophy, "There is no living without giving," and why the life-affirming ministry of PCE is essential in today's culture.

Reservations are available at SupportPCE.com or call 513-321-3100. For corporate or individual sponsorship opportunities, please call Tracy at 513-321-8110. We are expecting a sell-out so reserve now!

Banquet for Life

April 11

5:30 pm: Social

7 pm to 9 pm:

Dinner and program

Hyatt Regency Hotel

151 West Fifth Street

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Reservations:

\$100. Per seat

\$50. Clergy/student

Searching for a New Home of Our Own



Our current location in Oakley.

By Laura Curran
Executive Director

For 37 years, PCE has served the needs of women and men facing an untimely pregnancy on the east side of Cincinnati. Since our move in 2010 to our current location on Edwards Road in Oakley, our client numbers have risen dramatically. Clients hail from over 95 zip codes.

A robust marketing strategy that combines digital, radio and billboards has



PCE client Jason* and his daughter Janesha*.

Do you own, or are you aware of a potential property suitable for our new home?

resulted in an explosion of new very abortion-minded couples seeking our services. We are

reaching precisely the couples who most need our compassionate care and God's love. Most come in scared, feeling like they have no other choice than abortion. With the loving support from our client advocate and an ultrasound, most women choose life for their unborn child. With the wise guidance from our mentor, most apprehensive expectant fathers decide to step up and provide for their partner and unborn child.

To illustrate, Jason*, a formerly abortion-minded client, reflects upon the child he and his girlfriend chose to keep, "She's an angel. She is making me want to be a better man and give all my best to keep her smiling."

This dramatic increase in clients as well as the inspiring generosity of individuals and churches who regularly donate items such as cribs, strollers, diapers, clothing, have resulted in a serious lack of office and storage space. Although we love our convenient location and the homey atmosphere it offers, we are compelled to look for a new facility.

We are praying and searching for a building in the same geographic area or a surrounding neighborhood to house our ministry. With approximately 7000 to 12,000 square feet of space, we will also incorporate other strategic partners who will provide prenatal care, counseling, adoption services, and other social services. We will offer on-site access at a single location to everything needed to visualize, decide, and thrive in choosing life. More clients will embrace life because of the additional benefit in having "one place to go" for comprehensive answers and access to services.

Do you own, or are you aware of a potential property suitable for our new home? Will you join us in prayer for a new location? Please contact Laura at lcurren@pregnancycenter-east.com or 513-321-3100.

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Dear Fellow Pro-life Friends of PCE,

Headline extremes greet us. Good news: “Life at Conception Act Supporters Make Headway in U.S. Senate After Mid-Term Elections...Record Number of Cosponsors” (*Lifeline*, Winter 2019). Bad News: “Lawsuits Challenge Abortion Rules” (*The Wall Street Journal*, 1/16/19) as Abortion Industry supporters are concerned about the shrinking number of abortion doctors and want to rid America of our laws which forbid anybody but physicians to perform abortions on an unborn child and mother.

Make no mistake, the fight for every child’s life from conception is likewise the fight for the soul of our nation. Families deserve better than the barbaric practice of abortion. A precious child created by God dies, and so many are wounded by abortion. I’ve had the

privilege to meet with these wounded mothers and fathers who turned to aborting their child. The wounds don’t end there of course, as often these unborn children have brothers and sisters who grieve their loss. A young man, a senior in high school, confided in me that he misses his cousin every Christmas when they gather around the table. We now minister to those who realize that their daughter (son) has participated in abortion; how heartsick they are to learn their grandchild has died. No wonder we’re all battling for the soul of the family as well. PCE offers healing and hope.

This brings me to a renewed plea for your prayerful perseverance and support. Our shared goal at PCE is that abortion vulnerable mothers and fathers choose life and hope rather than abortion and despair, and experience

God’s love through us.

Help us at PCE to help them: Please look into your hearts and help PCE find and fund our much-needed new Center facility. It’s critical as we look to bring comprehensive help to our community. Of course, let’s each increase our daily prayer by joining thousands of others in a pro-life daily rosary. Additionally, we each need to recommit our families to learning more, “getting our heads where our hearts are!” Check out our website regularly at SupportPCE.com as well as the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops at USCCB.org (Life Issues link); LifeSiteNews.com; American Life League at ALL.org; PriestsforLife.org; CincinnatiRighttoLife.org and ProLifeAlliance.com.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

God is good!

Jane Hoffman, Client Advocate & Board Member

CHASTITY ON THE FRONT LINES

by **Shayne Reno**

Chastity Education Manager

The school year is in full swing, and we have been blessed to meet many amazing students.

Each classroom brings with it the unique opportunity to share the message of God’s love and His plan for sexuality with children who are desperately searching for happiness. As I experience their genuine excitement to learn and sincere questions, I grow increasingly aware of God’s work within our ministry.

Along with the good I see resulting from our work in the schools, I am even more convinced of the importance of the work that starts at home. One week of Chastity Education a year is just not enough. In fact, we at PCE realize that we are simply acting to support teachers and most importantly, parents, who continue to



McNicholas High School student, Teresa Scheidler with Chastity Educators, Nick and Shayne.

work on the front lines day in and day out.

When I have the opportunity to speak with parents, they often voice a slight discomfort about discussing chastity with their son or daughter at home. Many parents tell me that they feel overwhelmed, and don’t know where to begin the conversation. Sometimes they

express feelings of discouragement, as they doubt their child will take to heart what they have to share about chastity and sexuality.

To all of this, I would simply like to lend a voice of support and encouragement. Please know that what you have to say to your child regarding chastity does matter. It may be met with resistance on their end, whether it be an eye roll or an expression of embarrassment, but they are listening. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy conducts an annual study that reveals, “One of the most consistent findings over the years has been the power of parental influence. Specifically, in survey after survey, teens say parents most influence their decisions about sex.” Your children are hungry for the truth of the faith. Please don’t be afraid to share that with them; there is no one better suited for the task.



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Client Chronicle: *Reflections of a Grateful Mother*



Left: Tanisha and son, Neil, visit PCE. Above: A circle of love: Tanisha's children - Kenyan, Emma, Neil, Elnora and Jayce.

I have had some very difficult times in my life. I had two wonderful parents who loved me very much even into my adulthood. They have given me opportunities in life, that had they made different choices would have impacted my siblings and me substantially. We had the freedom to be who we wanted to be and to have experiences in nature, church activities, and through schooling.

Yes, in life we make choices as adults that can also affect our children. I never would have thought that I would be a single mother with five lovely children to support. I would have loved for them to have the same opportunities I had as a child raised in a two-parent home. I was determined to not only make sure that they didn't feel the sting of a one-parent home but also to enrich their lives and always keep them

prayerful and hopeful!

As years have gone by, I have had a special relationship with Pregnancy Center East. I was not always able to keep steady employment because my children would get sick and I had to take off to care for them. Having to rely on assistance for things like diapers, clothing, and nursing items, they never turned me away when I needed them the most! PCE is one of the reasons I am a fulltime employee (at our amazing Cincinnati Zoo) and a lead supervisor in my department! They showed me compassion, love and sincerity that helped me get to the place I am at today. Although things get tough on occasions, and we may have a couple bumps in the road, we are standing on our own two feet now. We volunteer and donate as much as we can as family to show appreciation for the kindness that has been given to us. I will always be indebted to Pregnancy Center East for the love and undying support they give to families in need!

Tanisha