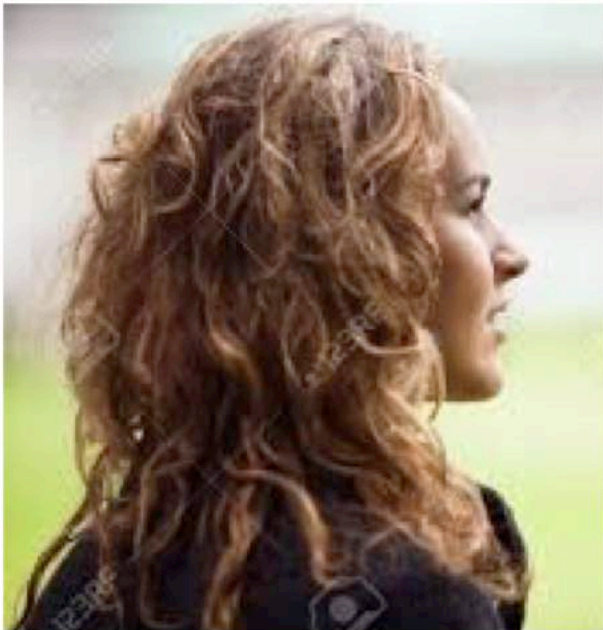


Abel Letter

A publication of the Abel Pregnancy Resource Center: A place of hope for those making pregnancy decisions

"I decided to continue the pregnancy"



Tara (name changed for confidentiality) recently came to us for pregnancy testing. She did not want to be pregnant and was anxious about the possibility. Tara's worst fear was realized when her test result showed positive. She had always believed that she would never have an abortion but now she was not so sure. Her relationships were complicated and beside that, she didn't see how she could have a baby with everything else that was going on in her life. She didn't know much at all about abortion and therefore wanted our staff to discuss with her, her pregnancy options and in particular, what was involved in having an abortion. Tara was emotional during her visit, shedding many tears throughout. She left that day still undecided about what she would do. Our prayer partners continued praying for her and a few days later she called to share that she planned to continue her pregnancy. In a subsequent visit, Tara appeared much more relaxed and at peace with her pregnancy. We

praise God for her decision and for steering her heart away from the pain and hurt that abortion would have brought to it. The Earn While You Learn program was explained to Tara during her initial visit and she expressed interest in enrolling in it. We look forward to walking alongside Tara during her pregnancy and beyond, offering her emotional, spiritual and material support.

"Thank you" Community Foundation of the Virginias

The Community Foundation of the Virginias, out of its Rotary Club of Bluefield, WV Fund, granted us \$1,589 to purchase baby equipment for our clients enrolled in the Earn While You Learn program. As part of the program, expectant moms and dads, complete lessons on pregnancy, labor and delivery, infant care and parenting, earning mommy and daddy dollars in the process. Clients then use these dollars to purchase baby items for their baby. We are very thankful for the Community Foundation of the Virginias' continued investment in the lives of young families in our community.



Aloha!!

from our new Executive Director

How grateful our family is that the Lord brought us to Bluefield, West Virginia to carry on the work which has been diligently done for 26 years at the Abel Pregnancy Resource Center. From our family to the community of volunteers, staff, donors, pastors and many other supporters in the community we offer a great big ALOHA!! Our family was born in Kailua Kona, Hawaii on October 8th, 2005 when Ana and I were married at Living Stones Church on the Kona coast of the Big Island of Hawaii. We met there at Youth With A Mission.



The leadership baton being passed from Dwain Harwick to Matthew Schaezle



Our first daughter Julia, was born on the 9th of November, 2006 and our second daughter JoAna, on the 21st of July, 2008. Ana comes from a professional background as a neonatologist in the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil and I was born and raised in northern Indiana, 30 minutes south of South Bend. Our international family began as a result of seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord and He blessed us with even more

wonderful and meaningful relationship with each other. This is the God we serve and adore. Together Ana and I directed The Pregnancy Center in Kailua Kona Hawaii for 12 years. What amazing life lessons and blessings we enjoyed while working hard to stand for LIFE. Our babies grew bigger and now are young women of God. We're truly looking forward to all the Lord is doing in this new season in our lives as well as in the life of Abel PRC. It has been a sweet experience getting to know the volunteers, board members and staff at Abel PRC. Their dedication to the community is clearly anchored in their service to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I am honored to work alongside them to continue the Lord's mission and ministry.

Income/Expense Report January - October 2019

+ \$20,756



Income



Expenses

FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 2019

We feel so incredibly blessed by the Lord this year. Three years ago our cash flow was so low that we didn't know how we were going to pay our bills. A change began to occur last year and especially this year - the number of monthly donors increased and this year's Walk for Life and Baby Bottle Blessings both broke giving records, coming in over \$30,000!!

God knew we would need these extra funds to transition a new person into the Executive Director position and to spend more dollars on marketing to at-risk clients. In addition, the board of directors will be considering expanding the center's reach into other areas in southern West Virginia and southwest Virginia. We are excited to see what new things God is getting ready to do!!

**WE INVITE MEDICALLY & LEGALLY LICENSED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY
TO JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

If you're currently licensed as a lawyer or medical professional in our community please pray and consider joining our team as a member of the *Board of Directors*. If interested please contact us at 304-325-8694. We would love to explore this possibility with you.

Abel's Angels Fundraiser



One of our clients, Nessa Hairston, and her newborn baby are in need of your prayers and if you are able, your financial support. Nessa named her son, Abel, after the Abel PRC. You can read a review she wrote of us on our Abel Pregnancy Resource Center Facebook page. Since Abel's birth, he has had three surgeries related to his diagnosis of Spina Bifida, Hydrocephalus and Chari Malformation Type ii. If you are able, I would encourage you to make a donation to the Abel's Angels fundraiser she has set-up on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/2687669674618386/>. Also, please consider sharing Nessa's need with your Facebook friends. Thank you so much for expressing your love to this courageous single mom.

2019 WALK FOR LIFE SUCCESS



Thank you to our amazing participants in this year's WALK FOR LIFE. What an incredible turn out and successful campaign to raise funds for the continued work of Abel PRC. A big thank you goes out to the board of directors, volunteers and staff for their help putting the event together. All hands on deck makes for a great success indeed. With 376 runner and walker sponsors, 84 runners and/or walkers and 80 liaisons the total to date raised is sitting at \$32,279.00. WOW and praise the Lord!! Another big thank you goes out to our *corporate sponsors* this year. They are, Dr. Ronald W. Householder, Clinch Valley Printing, Kimberly's Greenhouse, Samuel H. Johnson CPA - PLLC, First Sentinel Bank, West Virginia Pipeline Inc., Richwood Self Storage, Branden M. Lingenfelter DO-PhD, Johnson Brothers Construction Inc., (MM) - Becky Bolton, Frosty's Used Cars, Princeton Elks Lodge and Robert R. Stevens D.D.S. Your blessing to the center and to the men and women of this community means so much.

A very big thank you goes out the Dwain Harwick for his incredible directorship and implementation of this most important fundraising initiative. Dwain, this has your fingerprint all over it, what a blessing and honor to follow in your footsteps to continue your legacy.



Baby Bottle Blessing Starts January 19, 2020 Sanctity of Human LIFE Sunday

It's almost that time of year everyone!! let's get geared up for the most successful Baby Bottle Drive ever. This has been one of the most beneficial fundraising drives to bless our communities and we aspire to continue this legacy of love.

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