

Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center

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Sharing From Shellie

Isaiah 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified."

Isn't that so hopeful? That is what EMPCC is all about- Hope! I love the part that says "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning." We have all felt the feeling of hopelessness and "the spirit of heaviness" at different times in our lives. At EMPCC we have so many opportunities to sow seeds of hope and encouragement. When we see young women mourning the loss of the future they had planned, we have the honor to share the "oil of joy" via Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you... plans for hope and a future." We have the opportunity to share this because we have lived it through our own situations! We don't tell them because we are "good Christians who read it in the Bible." We have lived experiences of heaviness with ashes and mourning that have been oiled with joy and praise. Glory to God! At the Centers we have been privileged to see some of these women come through their hard times to become "trees of righteousness" and are now giving God the glory! We are honored to know them and be part of their lives.

In the past several months, I've had the privilege to show the Pam Stenzel video, "No Screwin' Around" in some health classes at Canton

High School. It is about STDs and making good choices regarding sexual integrity. By the letters they write to me, I am thrilled to tell you many of them "get it!" The overall sentiment is "thank you for coming. I didn't know." One said, "Thanks to the Center I know that I am going to be a mommy. We have decided against abortion. I am keeping my baby." Another said, "Having your pride taken from you is one of the worst mistakes. But I want you to know you helped me out a lot and now I know someone is there if I ever need help." Please, keep praying for these teens.

This will be my last note to you until 2011. I thank you all so much for your prayers and support. I wish I could visit with each one of you. But in the meantime, **I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6**

Always thankful,

Shellie Gerould

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Ultrasound Update

Trip to Capital Area Pregnancy Centers,

Camp Hill, PA

On August 6, 2010 three board members, Denny Vermilya, Lee Ann Carmichael, and Bev Unruh, Denise Moore, RN, (volunteer) and Shellie Gerould visited the Life Choices Clinic (www.lifechoicesclinic.org) in Camp Hill, PA. Life Choices is a medical pregnancy center that focuses on the abortion-minded woman. We were blessed to spend almost three hours with their director, a board member and the director of operations. They were extremely helpful with insight and advice as to how a medical center differs from our present centers, how they began their center, the struggles and praises of their ministry, and resources we can turn to for advice and support. At one point everyone was in tears as Judy Cline, Director of Operations, shared a story as to how God miraculously intervened and saved a baby from an abortion as his mother was at an abortion clinic. How we all praised God for His mercy and grace!! It was encouraging to hear their struggles, to be told how much this whole process needs to be bathed in prayer, and that we seem to be on the right path at this time. We did come away from our meeting with a lot of questions for the board to think and pray about, but so blessed by these wonderful people taking their time to share their advice and experience.

The first step that was taken upon our return was for our center to become a member of NIFLA (National Institute of Family and Life Advocates www.nifla.org). This organization will provide guidance and training throughout this journey as we “go medical” and will be a wonderful resource. These are some of the talking points that we shared with the people from Life Choices as we look to a medical facility:

Statistics

Statistics tell us that approximately 33% of abortion-minded women will choose life without seeing an ultrasound as opposed to 89-91% who sees her baby on an ultrasound. That’s amazing!

Changes/Solutions

With the increase in male population in our tri-county area due to the gas industry, it is safe to say the rate of pregnancy is and will be on the rise. We believe this is the reason God is leading us in the direction at this time.

On the flip side of this development, many life-loving landowners are being blessed with unexpected income. It is our prayer that many will choose to support God’s Kingdom in many different areas especially Life! While we do not have hard figures yet, an ultrasound machine costs approximately \$50,000. So as you can see, we are believing for major commitments from faithful donors!

Location

Because the Guthrie Clinic is the largest OB/GYN care provider in our area, it seems only logical to locate this new office in the Sayre area. Also, it would be in close proximity to three high schools, Sayre, Athens, and Waverly, NY. If anyone has a suggestion for a good location in this area, please contact 570.673.4476.

Blessings

People, God’s people who love life, will be our greatest need and resource. If you feel you would like to be involved with this new adventure toward saving the lives of babies, please pray! Ask God how you can join Him and the plan He has for EMPCC. We are praying for you!

Board of Directors

Denny Vermilya, President
 Lee Ann Carmichael, Vice President
 Evan Barnes, Secretary
 Bev Unruh, Treasurer
 Ron Carmichael
 Shellie Gerould, Director

**Endless Mountains
Pregnancy Care Center
Fundraising Banquet**

SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

AT

NEW LIFE CHURCH

Route 14, North of Canton

6:00 PM

Complimentary Buffet Dinner

Catered by Fran Martin

**“The Transforming Healing
Power of Jesus”**

Life Testimonies Presented

by

Tony Kiessling - Conceived in Rape

Cheryl Clarke - Healing After Rape & Abortion

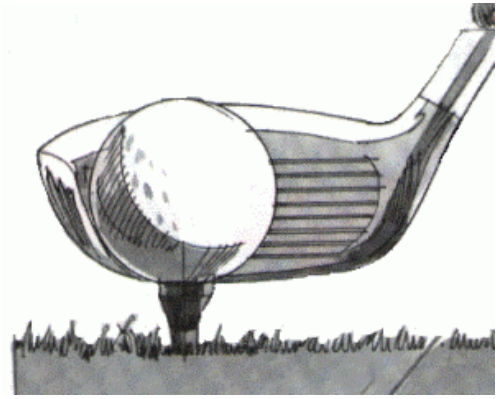
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—Golf Tournament

The Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center hosted the 15th annual benefit golf tournament at the Towanda Country Club on Wednesday, June 23 with a shotgun start at 12:00. There were prizes from local businesses. Everyone had a great time and the weather was great! If you were not able to participate this year, we hope to see you next year.



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A very special THANK YOU to Bradco Printers for donating their printing services for the newsletter! We extend our sincere appreciation for their generous support of EMPCC!

Praises & Prayer Requests

- ✓ PRAISE for donations that keep EMPCC doors open and PRAYER they continue.
- ✓ PRAISE for the opportunity to open an ultrasound center and PRAYER it will become a reality through spirit-led people and generous donations.
- ✓ PRAISE for faithful volunteers and PRAYER that more will join us.
- ✓ PRAISE for the moms and dads who come in, and PRAYER that those who need us will come.
- ✓ PRAISE for wonderful people to speak at the Fall Banquet and PRAYER that many will come.
- ✓ PRAISE for the blessing of PRAYER and we PRAY for more people to pray!

Wish List

- ✓ Diapers (size 3-5) and Wipes
- ✓ Crib/bassinet sheets
- ✓ Hooded towels
- ✓ Socks size 9-18 months
- ✓ Baby Wash and Shampoo
- ✓ Children's Christian DVDs and CDs

How You Can Help!

While you may not be able to volunteer on a regular basis at one of our Centers, there are many ways you can be a vital part of EMPCC. Here are a few:

- ✓ Have a diaper shower for our babies at your next Bible Study or meeting.
- ✓ Carry EMPCC business cards or brochures to distribute.
- ✓ Share this newsletter via our website www.empccfree.com.
- ✓ Hang up EMPCC Posters.
- ✓ Collect funds for car seats, pack-n-plays, etc.
- ✓ Volunteer for shifts at local fair events (some training required)
- ✓ PRAY!!!

SPECIAL REQUEST

Recently I read Shades of Blue by Karen Kingsbury. It is a powerful story of a young Christian couple who chose abortion over life, and how they found forgiveness and healing. We would gladly accept donations of this book to share with abortion-minded and post abortive moms.

Fall Banquet Sponsors Needed!!!
If you would like to sponsor this important event, please call

673-4476.

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TROY FAIR 2010

What a great experience! This was the first year EMPCC had its own booth at the Troy Fair. In the past, the Bradford County Pennsylvanians for Human Life group has graciously hosted us, but this year we struck out on our own. We had great visits with so many young parents who were thankful for a free diaper and to know there is help available to them. There were also opportunities to talk to teen girls as we gave them pink wrist bands that said, "I'm worth waiting for" and blue bands to guys that said, "A man's strength is in his character." Thank you to all who volunteered their time during a long but rewarding week!

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NEW HOURS

How Can I Help the EMPCC?

Please identify the areas which you feel you can bless the ministry of your Pregnancy Care Center!

I will pray and intercede for the Center, staff & board I will pledge \$ _____ per month / year

I am willing to serve on the Board

I will make a one-time pledge of \$ _____

I am willing to be a Volunteer Counselor

I am willing to be an EMPCC church representative

I will arrange for a Presentation about EMPCC

I will donate: Supplies _____ Repair Work _____

Other _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please prayerfully consider the suggestions above to see if you are able and willing to support the growing EMPCC ministry. If you have not responded earlier this year with a pledge and/or the various support activities, please do now. Fill out the above form and mail to the EMPCC, P.O. Box 42, Canton, PA 17724

2010 FALL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

How we hope you will come to this year's fundraising banquet! Please feel free to make copies of the enclosed poster and invite others as you make plans to attend. Tony Kiessling and Cheryl Clarke are wonderful speakers who are willing to share with us their personal stories and give testimony to God's healing and the transformation in their lives. Please make your reservation by September 17. We look forward to seeing you!