



MISSION
 Pregnancy Resource Centers empowers individuals to make life-affirming decisions through education, counseling, practical support and compassionate care based on the ministry of Jesus Christ.

in His image

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FROM THE CEO



Larry Gadbaugh

LOVE TRANSCENDS THE LAW

Compassion and truth shouldn't be controversial. But, in a broken culture, where human life is only as valuable as its "usefulness", it has become radical to protect the vulnerable.

While it's disappointing that voters were "scared" into defeating Measure 43 – parental notification – it once again demonstrates that violence done to women and to the unborn is protected by misguided ideas.

That's why I'm so thankful that Christ's compassion cannot be ultimately outlawed. We rejoice wherever voters and authorities exercise justice and mercy by legislatively informing and protecting girls, women, and the unborn, with laws and ordinances. Even when a state like Oregon denies such compassionate protection in the name of "rights", we are still at liberty to offer the love of Jesus Christ to all who would receive it.

Every day our volunteers and staff have the privilege of providing free services, education, ultrasounds, resources, and referrals to the clients who find their way to our centers. We offer life-giving assistance in the Name of Christ, made possible by of thousands of caring partners, so that thousands of girls and women can have real choices they won't regret in the future.

While those who oppose the ministry of PRC would seek to restrict or eliminate the life-giving compassion we offer throughout Portland, "against such things there is no law" (so far!) [Galatians 5:23]. We are free to love the girls, women, and their babies so they have complete information and every opportunity to face their future with health, hope, and healing.

As we pursue the goals of *More Life Portland*, to triple the number of abortion-vulnerable women we reach in our city, please pray with us. We need to triple our ministry partnerships to fulfill this vision. We long to see the day in our city when:

- Every baby has a chance to be born
- Every baby is seen and heard via ultrasound by its mother before she makes a choice
- Every mother hears the complete truth about abortion and positive alternatives

Thankfully, we don't have to wait until the majority of people pass life-protecting legislation for the rest of us to provide life-giving education and counsel. Love still transcends the law!

Sites to visit:

For Donors & Partners:

www.portlandprc.org

For Prospective Clients:

www.prcofportland.com

For Post-Abortive Women & Men:

www.portlandheart.org

For Teens & Parents for Abstinence:

www.realityunlimited.org

For Event Churches & Participants:

www.prc-events.org



Needs of

Our Centers

You can help moms and babies by donating a gift at any of our six centers!

Here are some ideas:

Needs for Babies and Moms

Maternity Clothes (new or barely used)

Baby boy clothes 0-12 mos.

Diapers

Onesies (0-6 months)

Baby Socks

Center Needs:

7-Digital Cameras

1-TV/VCR/DVD

1-DVD/VCR Player

1-Microwave Oven

1-Video Camera

1-Hand Truck

Sofa (in excellent condition)

Volunteer

Opportunities:

Peer Counselors

Maintenance Help

Receptionists (Lloyd & SE Portland)

Carpet Cleaning and Installation

Fifteen year old Nicole was on Christmas break when she first came into the center. She cried with disbelief as she saw the positive results show on her pregnancy test. She shared with her counselor how disappointed she thought her parents would be with the news and was unsure of their response. Her counselor discussed positive options available to her, encouraging Nicole to talk to her parents about her pregnancy. Nicole agreed to return a week later for an Ultrasound.

Nicole, her boyfriend Ryan, and her mother showed up for the Ultrasound appointment the following week. They shouted with delight as the Ultrasound revealed that Nicole was further along in her pregnancy than she thought.

Nicole's mother told her about the abortion she had had as a teen-sharing with Nicole the regret and shame involved with that secret decision. Nicole realized that abortion was not an option to consider and that her family would help her through this difficult time. Everyone agreed with Nicole and Ryan's decision, to keep and raise the baby with the help of both families. They also encouraged both teens to finish school. Together they came up with a plan to make that possible once the baby arrived.



Nicole's mother, Rebecca shared with the counselor how this unexpected pregnancy was not part of the future plans she and her husband had envisioned for their daughter. She went on to share how after the initial shock was over, they knew they would give their daughter the love and support she needed. They were proud of their daughter for telling them about her pregnancy and for doing the right thing. Rebecca ended their time together saying, "We are so grateful that she came to the PRC and that you were here encouraging her to include us in her decision".



Partners in Ministry

Recent Ministry Results

July 1 to
September 30, 2006

Pregnancy Tests:
2003

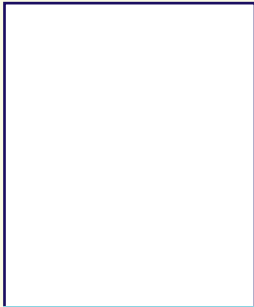
Babies Born (reported):
484

Spiritual Discussions
1096

January 1 to
September 30, 2006

Youth at Abstinence Presentation:
12,039

I Have to Do Something About It!



Jeff Fagen

When asked to speak at the PRC Gala it caused me to recall how we became involved in this ministry. In 1994, my wife Katie & I moved from California to Oregon. Shortly after, we received a piece of

literature in the mail from Crisis Pregnancy Centers and became involved later that same year.

I'm currently reading a book in which the author, Donald Miller, makes a statement about his faith that personally resonated with me relating to my own conviction of getting involved: He states,

*“But the trouble with deep belief is that it costs something. And there is something inside me, some selfish beast of a subtle thing that doesn't like the truth at all because it carries responsibility, and if I actually believe these things ***I have to do something about it***”.*

The great news is that we have a ministry in PRC that is on the front lines of this very real conflict!

More importantly, it's energizing to be a part of an organization that is clearly a reflection of God's Love and Grace. One thing that has touched me is the incredible dedication of the volunteers and staff of PRC. To me, their love for clients is emulated throughout every facet of the ministry.

A former PRC staff member explained to me about how PRC loves a client through whatever stage and decision they ultimately make—from her description, I believe the heartbeat of Pregnancy Resource Centers can be understood through a portion of 1 Corinthians chapter 13 which states:

“Love...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, Love never fails.”
(Corinthians chapter 13)

By partnering with PRC, our company has enjoyed the privilege being a vital member of this team.

If you would like to see Jeff's testimony in its entirety and view highlights from the 2006 GALA Banquet DVD's are available by calling (503) 256-0808.

More from Jeff Fagen

We are excited to be a part of PRC and continue to be moved to see the ministry grow. At the GALA event this year, we were troubled to have learned how many women who desire to obtain an Ultrasound cannot have one due to a shortage of nurses.

Therefore, Carpet for Kids is initiating a nurse growth fund with this gift of \$17,500 as a 50% commitment towards the total of \$35,000. In addition we would like to see the new nurse (or two) in place no later than March 31st, 2007. Our objective is the immediate opportunity to help abortion minded women receive an Ultrasound before making a decision that will have life long implications.

Note: You can join Jeff in funding more nurses by using the enclosed reply card.

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PRAISING GOD FOR MORE ULTRASOUND NURSES!

Opening Eyes to Life in the Womb, Protecting Mothers and Babies

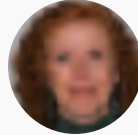
"I believe in giving women every opportunity to make an informed decision regarding their baby".

Julie

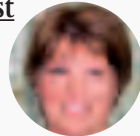
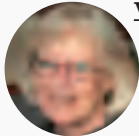
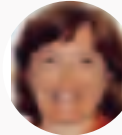


I am still in awe every time I can show a mother her baby's beating heart".

Jan

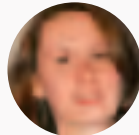


Nearly two years ago, PRC stepped up recruiting and training volunteer Ultrasound Nurses. By this June, we will complete training for five new nurses, each serving one day each week. Volunteers will cover 15% of our needs at that point. We hope to have nearly HALF of the needed coverage by then. The goal is to have full coverage, so we can offer an Ultrasound to every woman who has a positive pregnancy test...during her first visit. You can give to support additional staff nurses, who work 3 or 4 days weekly. Please pray for all of our nurses!



"I absolutely love counseling and providing Ultrasounds to our women".

Nancy Vestigo
Nurse Manager



"I'm against abortion, but don't feel I can hold that conviction without having an equal conviction to help women facing a crisis pregnancy."

Susan

See also Jeff Fagen's Nurse Staffing Challenge on Page 3

Steps for Life... ONLINE!

PRC's annual Steps for Life Walkathon has taken a step of its own with some high tech changes for easy registration, sponsorships and fun! Scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2007 at Pioneer Courthouse Square, walkathon enthusiasts now have the option to:

Register & Sponsor Online!

As a Steps for Life Walker, you can now register online, create a personal web page, and e-mail friends and families to sponsor you! You can form Walk Teams and invite others to join you. As a Steps for Life Sponsor, you can visit walkers' websites and make pledges and donations online! To register for Steps for Life, or to Sponsor a Walker, visit: www.prc-events.org.

Pray for Portland as you Walk the Talk

The 2.5-mile Steps for Life walk route downtown will include "Prayer Points" where you can pause and pray for our city with Volunteer Prayer Leaders.

"Virtually Walk" Online!

If you want to participate in Steps for Life, but can't attend nor physically walk the route, then register for our "Virtual Walk" online! This Spring, PRC will provide a "Cyber Tour Guide" online with links to pro-life websites for "Virtual Walkers" to visit at their leisure. Get your Tour Guide and information about Steps for Life's "Virtual Walk" online at www.prc-events.org.

For more information about Steps for Life, contact Haiden Floyd at (503) 256-0808, or events@portlandprc.org



**Saturday,
May 12, 2007
Pioneer Courthouse Square**

**Mobilize your Church,
School, or Business
for LIFE!**

**www.prc-events.org
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**Music!
Awards!
Fun!**

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