



WINTER 2016

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Step 1: Decide if you want to collect sponsors using a paper pledge form or if you want to use our easy online tool to set-up your own fundraising webpage and collect sponsors online. **Then either,**

- Register and customize your own personal giving page at friendsofprcrichmond.org, **or**
- Pick up a walk pledge form at your church or download and print a pledge form from our website (friendsofprcrichmond.org) or call to request a form at 673-4150 (ext.313)

Step 2: Ask EVERYONE you know, "Will you sponsor me?" Let them know that you believe in the mission of the PRC. You'll be surprised at the number of people who will support you. Remember to share the link to your personalized webpage on social media.

Step 3: The Walk for Life is fun! It is even more fun if you come with people you know. So ask friends and family to join you in walking and collecting sponsors.

- You do not have to collect the money, just turn your pledge sheets in at the walk, and we will handle the billing.
- If you can't be there the day of the walk, just walk on you own and mail your pledge form to the PRC or bring it by the office.
- Only a two mile walk—bring the whole family! Come rain or shine.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



IT'S TIME... By Kim Warburton: Executive Director

We are grateful to God for our faithful volunteers and financial partners for such an amazing year of ministry at the PRC of Metro Richmond in 2015. It was a joy to witness 67 clients become believers in Jesus Christ and to rejoice with an increasing number of clients who decided to carry their babies to birth! Thank you for your prayers and for serving with us!

It's a new year! Let's pray for increased opportunities to serve more young moms, dads, and babies! Let's ask God to make a way for young moms and dads to hear about and come to the PRC for option counseling and limited medical services before they make any life altering termination decisions regarding their pregnancy.

Recently a client shared with us that what was most helpful to her about her visit was... **a lot of very good information, great starting point for figuring out what steps to take to get help during pregnancy. There are so many resources to help and staff is very good natured and pleasant.**

Our strategic goals for this year are to connect with at risk women like the 4,800 women who terminated their pregnancies at the three abortions providers within just a few miles of the PRC of Metro Richmond in 2014. These moms, dads, preborn babies, and families are in vital need of our life-affirming services. Now is the time to close the gap and implement our comprehensive plan to strategically reach this underserved population.

Over the last decade we have trusted God and worked purposefully and diligently to develop services that are both life affirming and life impacting. We have built relationships within our local city and county with health departments, social services departments, community leaders, and health care service providers. We are grateful so many of these refer clients to us.

In 2014 we updated our logo. In 2015 we launched a new client web site, increased our search engine optimization, and added Birth of a Family to help build strong biblical families as we mentor young moms and dads. Clients have repeatedly shared with us how the services that PRC of Metro Richmond provides have positively impacted their lives.

I felt loved, valued and was treated with respect. The counselor asked good questions and provided great information of things that I had not ever considered regarding pregnancy. Every pregnant woman should have the opportunity to receive help from this place. PRC Client

Our clients are our number one referral source for new clients. But what about the young pregnant women who still don't know we are here? We need to reach them. Jesus connected with the multitude who needed a Shepherd (Matthew 9:35-37).

Jesus invites us all to come! Come when we are hungry or thirsty (John 6:35) and even if we are weary (Matthew 28:11). Come in the midst of the storm. Jesus was especially tender to the children, reminding His disciples to let them come unto Him.

Folks, simply put, in 2016 we must reach the multitude of pregnant women who need to know that they are loved, respected, and valued. They need to know that there are many resources to help them! We are here...do THEY know that we are here?

Will you prayerfully consider a stretch gift this year to help us launch our "Access Initiative" so that more lives will be saved and transformed by the grace of God. Together we can do this! It's time... it's time!

Please contact me to hear more about the Access Initiative!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim".

P.S. Come... walk with us on April 30th! It's a FUNdraiser so get some sponsors and come celebrate life with us on Monument Ave.

MISSION

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond is committed to providing compassionate care to women and men unprepared for pregnancy by offering resources and practical assistance for life-affirming choices.

ALL OF OUR SERVICES ARE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

We do not perform or refer for abortions.

24-HOUR HELP LINE

(804) 673-2020

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Please call 673-2020 for drop-off times and directions.

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PRC WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

DR. ASENA MADISON M.D. – Bon Secours Sports Medicine & Primary Care



"I believe that The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond makes a great impact in the lives of the women, men, and children it touches. It shows the hands and heart and hope of Jesus Christ at a time when people feel vulnerable. It's truly amazing knowing that Christ is at the center of it all. Going through the volunteer training felt like discipleship training to me. The principle of *Speaking the Truth in Love* was a key take away point that made an impact on me and the way I share with my own patients. I am humbled and grateful to be a part of the PRC Board of Directors, and glad I can be a blessing to this ministry."

A native of St. Louis, MO, Dr. Asena Madison, graduated from Washington University in St. Louis. She received her medical degree at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine and completed her family medicine training at Chesterfield Family Practice Residency. Currently, Dr. Madison is a primary care doctor with Bon Secours Sports Medicine and Primary Care, offering prenatal care, pediatric care, and well woman exams. She is passionate about being a blessing to others - to bring health and wholeness to patients physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Dr. Madison is an aunt of 18 beautiful nieces and nephews. She enjoys international travel and medical missions, outdoor activities and playing sports, especially volleyball.

Can't participate in this year's Walk for Life? We are walking and would love for you to sponsor one of us!

Just circle the name of the staff person you would like to sponsor, indicate your pledge amount, and cut this slip out and mail it to: 1510 Willow Lawn Drive—Ste 200, Richmond, VA 23230. **Be sure to include your name, and address!**

Alison

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Marla

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Carol

Julie

Kim

Lynn

Orcile

Rebecca

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

UPDATE FROM MEDICAL SERVICES



ULTRASOUND UPDATE By Lynn Bisbee, RNC,WHNP: Nurse Manager

In 2015 Staff Nurse Pat Hague, RN and I provided 445 ultrasounds. This made a grand total of 5129 since the PRC began offering ultrasounds in 2003. It's an exciting milestone to have done over 5000 ultrasounds, and we are so grateful to God for giving us these many opportunities to serve women in the Metro Richmond area with much needed medical services.

JESUS ANSWERED HER, "IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD AND WHO IT IS THAT ASKS YOU FOR A DRINK, YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU LIVING WATER."

JOHN 4:13-14 NIV

Our client demographics show that we minister to women from a wide variety of ages and backgrounds. Our ultrasound clients have been as young as 12 and as old as 41. Most are between the ages of 20-24, and most are single. The clients' ethnic backgrounds include African American, Caucasian, Latina, Arab, Asian, European, and others. We serve the nations!

Our clients are economically diverse as well. While the majority of clients we see are urban women with limited incomes, we also serve students who have resources but don't want their parents or anyone else to know about their pregnancies. Some of our married clients are unemployed, or their husbands are without jobs. Many are new to Richmond or the United States and are unaware of our community resources.

Numerous clients profess a Christian faith, and some are Muslims, Hindus, Agnostics or Atheists. Within our diverse population many of the women we serve are unsure of their plans for their pregnancies, and a small percent decide to have abortions.

Yet this one thing they have in common, they all want excellent information and care for their situation. They want a safe place to talk about options and receive answers to their pregnancy related health care questions. The clients' exit questionnaires tell us they appreciate our free medical services and non-judgmental, authentic support.

Most importantly, as we provide medical services, we look for opportunities to share our faith and the "living water" that Jesus offers our clients. Our hope is to make a difference in the women's lives, not only for their medical needs and for the lives of their babies, but also for eternity.

Thank you for your prayers and support that make this possible!

SERVICES PROVIDED FROM JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2015

Intervention Services

2,324	Total visits
985	New cases opened
445	Free ultrasounds performed
829	Free pregnancy tests
82	Men's ministry visits
571	Bottles of prenatal vitamins provided for clients

PERC (Parenting, Education and Resource Center)

821	Clients' visits for the mom support groups, parenting classes and <i>Birth of a Family</i>
81	Maternity clothes provided for clients
630	Baby clothes provided for clients
401	Diapers/formula provided for clients

Prayed with 736 clients and shared the gospel with 226 clients. 67 committed their lives to Christ!

UPDATE FROM CLIENT SERVICES



MIRACLE OF LIFE By Rebecca Jones: Assistant Center Director

Katie* came to the PRC for a pregnancy test. She was planning to have an abortion, and her client advocate lovingly and non-judgmentally ministered to her. Katie declined to take any brochures home, and her client advocate respected her decision. She did however allow her client advocate to pray with her. Two weeks later Katie came back for her ultrasound, still planning to have an abortion.

When a client comes for an ultrasound, the nurse offers for her to meet with a client advocate afterwards. At first, Katie did not want to meet with a client advocate after the ultrasound, but she began sobbing in the crowded waiting room while waiting for her boyfriend, Will,* who was meeting with a male mentor. A client advocate asked Katie if she would like to wait in a quiet place. Katie agreed and gave the client advocate permission to sit with her in the counseling room. She was still considering abortion as she left, but was now undecided. Katie didn't want to look at or take the abortion procedures and risk brochure. Will did give permission for his client advocate to share the abortion procedures and risk brochure and took it with him.

Katie and Will now had three client advocates and the nurse praying specifically for them and their child, along with other staff members and client advocates who had seen Katie's tears.

About two weeks later, Katie and Will walked back into the center. Katie explained that she wanted to speak to someone and get the information she had refused before. I met with Katie, and she shared that she was going to parent! I had the joy of sharing parenting resources and offering encouragement. The Holy Spirit had worked with Katie and Will, using the information shared by the previous client advocates, to turn their hearts toward their child (Luke 1:7).

Katie and Will were back a week later for their PERC intake and have become faithful attendees of our Parenting Class. They were blessed by the PRC Christmas Angel program, and their baby will be born in just a few short weeks.

At least eight volunteers and staff members interacted directly with this couple, which is a perfect example of 1 Corinthians 3:6-8 – many people sowed and watered seeds and God gave the increase. This is just one of the many miracles that occurs at the PRC because God's people pray, give, and serve, and God works within our clients' hearts.

** Name changed for confidentiality.*

PRC WELCOMES NEW RECEPTIONIST A little bit about Julie Hagen in her own words...

My name is Julie Hagen, and I am from Arkansas, but I have lived in this area for about 30 of the last 32 years. I have been married to a man who loves God with his whole heart for almost 23 years. We have three children: Connor who is in his first year at Liberty University, Chad who is in 10th grade and Kailey who is in 6th grade.

Earlier in my Christian life, I was involved in Youth With a Mission (YWAM) which is a worldwide missions organization. After about seven years in YWAM, with the last 16 months or so being out of the country, God led me to come back to this area. A short time later, I became office manager at the PRC when it was located in Carytown. During this time, I married my husband, Will, and about four years later left the PRC to become a stay-at-home Mom right before Connor was born.



I am grateful to God for this opportunity to be at the PRC again. I have a strong desire to minister to women in difficult situations and to love and extend God's compassion to them. I believe the staff and volunteers at the PRC already do this, and I am excited to join in on what God is already doing through them and this ministry.

2015 PRC ANNUAL GALA GOD HONORING EVENT

The PRC of Metro Richmond hosted its 2015 annual gala on November 19th at the Richmond Marriott. It was a God honoring evening as approximately 500 PRC friends and supporters came together to fellowship and encourage each other to stand for life.



Kim Warburton, Executive Director, shared in her ministry update how God continues to use the PRC to build a culture of compassion and faith in our community and how PRC staff and volunteers are working to promote a culture of sexual integrity and helping to build strong biblical families. Kim shared that, moving into 2016, PRC has a God-sized vision to be a woman's first choice in an unplanned pregnancy and the strategic plan to make that vision a reality.



Guests received a double blessing from keynote speakers, David and Jason Benham. The twin brothers tag-teamed their way through their speech, challenging guests to understand that the problem in our world is not the presence of darkness but the absence of light. We are all called to be the Light of Christ in our community and the brothers encouraged us to stop being lightning bugs but instead be lightning bolts.



David and Jason boldly declared that abortion is not just an issue, it is the issue. Where you stand on life is where you stand on everything. They also reminded us that God's blessings are only found within God's boundaries. When you remove God's boundaries, His blessings are replaced with burdens.



The evening came to a fitting conclusion as Margaret Wilson, wife of Board member Dr. Rick Wilson, led us in singing Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone.

The PRC of Metro Richmond is very grateful to God for all of our faithful financial partners. Thank you for partnering with us to serve moms, dads, and their babies, and for standing with us to celebrate life!

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2016 GALA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to all who have responded to God's call to partner with the PRC of Metro Richmond by giving of your time, talent, and treasure to assist the PRC to compassionately serve those in our community facing an unplanned pregnancy. We could not do this ministry without you!

Thank you to those who supported pregnancy centers and qualifying life organizations throughout the state by purchasing or renewing a 'Choose Life' license plate. In 2015 the PRC of Metro Richmond received \$1,455.79 as a portion of the Virginia 'Choose Life' plates program.



Thank you to the 41 PRC supporters enrolled in Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Your shopping between September and November contributed \$756.50 to the PRC of Metro Richmond! If you would like to join this program you will need to register your Kroger Plus card number online at Kroger.com/communityrewards and select the Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond (NPO 86868) as your organization of choice. Swipe your card each time you shop and the PRC will reap the rewards.

Amazon has a similar program where you can choose the PRC as your designated charity. Go to smile.amazon.com and select Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.



For Gifts , Prayer Requests and Information about the PRC

Please complete the following information as applicable and return it in the enclosed addressed envelope.

I want to serve with the PRC through a gift of:
 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$250.00 other \$ _____

I want to serve with the PRC with a monthly gift of \$ _____ beginning _____. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Emails: _____

- _____ I am interested in learning more about how I can become a volunteer at the PRC.
- _____ I would like to receive information about how my church can get involved with the PRC.
- _____ I / My church or group would like information about the Baby Bottle Campaign.

The PRC staff meets to pray each day before our center opens. We would consider it an honor to pray for any personal requests you may have.

Contributions can also be made online through our friendsofprcrichmond.org website.



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*Hope and
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Jeremiah 29:11



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*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you
Hope and a Future.
-Jeremiah 29:11*



Save the Date - 2016 Walk for Life

Saturday Morning, April 30th

Pledge sheets and online registration available March 23rd www.friendsofprcrichmond.org

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