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♥ RECEIVING ↔ GIVING ♥

Several years ago a young woman came in to see us. She had just had a baby girl and needed baby clothes. We did the normal paper work, explained our services and established her as a client. She went away that day with a bag full of newborn clothes and other items used for newborns.

She started coming every month or so to get baby clothes from us and as we talked I found out we had several things in common. She had a son that was seventeen years older than her baby. I have a son that is over nineteen years older than my youngest. We were both in our mid to late thirties when we had our last child. It was easy to talk to her about my faith in Jesus and she would share her religious belief with me. We did not always agree on everything but there was enough common ground for us to develop a friendly relationship.

One thing I did notice about her was she very seldom smiled. There seemed to be a sadness in her that she never talked about. Since I believe that a merry heart doeth good like a medicine, I decided to make it my job to make her smile when ever I saw her. I looked for jokes to tell her when she came in and I found funny stuff to tell her about my life. Eventually I saw her start to relax and smile automatically when she came in.

As her child grew, she needed our services less so I saw less of her. One day I answered the phone and I heard her voice on the other end of the line. I said hello and used her name, but to my surprise she said, "No, that is not my name." I was caught off guard for I thought I had recognized her voice. I said, "I am so sorry. How can I help you?"

"You don't understand," she said, "I have been lying to you for two years and I want to ask you to forgive me. When I first

came in, I had been given temporary custody of a family member's baby and we had no clothes for her, so I came to you and lied to you about the situation and my name because I was afraid. Now I find myself with another problem and I need your help. You see, I have a teenage daughter and she is pregnant. I have been pleading with her to come in and see you but she is refusing to do so until I tell you the truth. My daughter's words to me were, "Momma, that girl is your friend and I will not go see her till you tell her the truth." So I am calling to ask your forgiveness and see if you would be willing to help my daughter."

I myself have been afraid and in what I thought was a desperate situation, so I found myself saying, "Of course I forgive you." She asked if I was angry with her and, no I am not angry. I told her, "Let's just get an appointment set up for your daughter and see what we can do for her."

Since then we've gone on to share some of life's experiences: her daughter's baby showers, the joy of weddings (her children's and mine) and I've learned a little about a culture different than my own.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

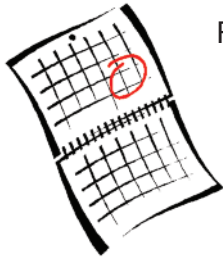
She was asking for forgiveness, I have received forgiveness. She was asking for help, I have received help. I gave what I had received. I have not seen my friend for several years now, but every time I think of her I feel honored that she trusted me enough to make that call.

Don't Forget!

Please mark your calendars
to celebrate with

CPC Pregnancy Resources' Executive Director
CJ PAYNE
as she *retires!*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2010
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.



First United Presbyterian Church
801 - 16th Street, Moline
(note corrected address)

Please call either Center
or email Kathy@cpcqc.org
if you plan to attend.

20/20 Vision for Life

by Susan Skoglund

Thanks to a great staff and caring volunteers and donors, I have received a very warm Quad Cities welcome, complete with a surprising and colorful balloon-filled office in Davenport! I am thankful to take the helm of a healthy ministry with a strong, firm foundation and 20 years of extraordinarily effective ministry. This transition time has continued to bring God's confirmation that this is precisely where He has called me to ministry. I'm excited to bring fresh eyes and a new perspective to continue growing our vital programs for men and women in crisis and unplanned pregnancies.

The future holds wonderful opportunities to grow our abstinence outreach, expand ultrasound ministry and develop ministry programs for our dads. My previous experience in growing another CareNet pregnancy care center, along with years of experience in various other ministries, has prepared me to bring ideas and updates to our client services so we can reach more abortion-minded/vulnerable women in our community who may choose life because of the support we offer. You will also see changes to update our print resource materials, including our newsletter, coming soon.

This time has been so valuable as I've met with CJ and individual staff members to discuss and pray about goals, ideas and direction. We would appreciate your continued prayers and support as we look to the future and seek the Lord's vision for this essential life-giving ministry!

CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS



WE NEED DIAPERS!
especially Newborn

We have plenty of size 1
but need Size 2, 3, 4 and 5

Department Store Shopping Bags

Answered Prayers . . .

Laptop Computer Donated!

Thanks so much to Barb & Bob Kuhns who read our request for a laptop for Annetta Cooper to use when she goes into the schools and donated a used laptop. We are excited to see how the program will grow this year as we become more technologically relevant!

Laundry Volunteer!

Thanks to Renee Sindt who quickly offered to take over from Sandy Kozol as Clothing Room Laundry Volunteer for Davenport.



Susan's "balloon" welcome.

Churchstock 2010 Gospel Fest

Churchstock Gospel Fest is taking place at Veterans' Memorial Park the same day as Walk For Life. Musicians begin performing at 9:30 a.m. Churchstock 2010 Gospel Fest is an outdoor concert that consists of bluegrass, country, southern gospel, and contemporary music performed by a variety of different artists from across the Midwest. Admission is free, and there will be love offerings taken throughout the day. Churchstock is sponsored by Harmony Hills Baptist Church.

The fest takes place Friday, September 17th, from 5-10 p.m. and Saturday, September 18th, from 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m. If you're walking at our Davenport site this year, we encourage you to consider staying at the park after Walk For Life to enjoy the music.

Get ready to WALK!



The 2010 CPC Pregnancy Resources' Walk For Life will be held at 9:00 a.m. on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, at Bettendorf's Veteran's Memorial Park and Ben Butterworth Parkway in Moline. As an incentive, each walker with \$200 in pledges will receive a "He Knows My Name" walk t-shirt. And for each \$50 over \$200 in pledges, the walker's name is entered into a drawing for an AirTran airline travel voucher. Our church liaisons are vital in getting the walk information out and getting walkers signed up. We have another drawing for a voucher from among the church liaisons who have at least 5 pledged walkers. These incentives have proved to be a fun addition to the Walk.

As we prepare for this year's walk, we took a moment to catch up with the winners of the travel vouchers last year. Last year's winners of the Walk For Life travel vouchers were Annetta Cooper as liaison for Grandview Baptist Church, Davenport, and Helen Vogel as a walker from St Pius X in Rock Island. We asked these women what inspired them to Walk For Life.

Helen said she has walked for 7 years in the CPC Pregnancy Resources Walk For Life. She starts getting pledges by asking her friends and family to sponsor her and also makes up a flyer to take to work so her co-workers can support her, too. When asked why she walks, Helen says she cannot imagine a greater cause to walk for than the innocent unborn. She feels the t-shirt and the ticket voucher incentive add a touch of fun and competition to make her pledge goal. Helen used her voucher while on a cruise in the Caribbean.



ANNETTA COOPER

Annetta wrote her views from the perspective of a liaison. She has been a liaison for several years and has had a chance to see what works the best for getting a congregation involved. She writes, "People respond very well to someone doing a brief personal talk in front of the church body or in a smaller class or group. CPC does provide a short DVD that can be played during your worship service. Personally, I enjoy getting an opportunity to share my experiences. I usually set up a table in the church lobby with a few brochures, etc. from CPC and several pledge forms. When people exit church, I talk to them about their possible involvement. Another technique that works well for me is using email to give out-of-town relatives and friends a chance to support the ministry. Last year I created a visual chart showing how many walkers I wanted to see from my church. I updated our progress every week. Imagine my surprise when I found that my church had the 2nd most walkers of any church involved!"



HELEN VOGEL

We are excited to see who will get the vouchers this year! Could it be you? To get in on the fun, begin by getting pledges using the Walk brochure included in this newsletter. If your church does not have a liaison and you would like to be involved, please contact us at walkforlife@cpqc.org or call Katherine at 309-797-3636.

September 18th – 9:00 a.m.

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Want to see our three-year plan?

Because ours is a cutting-edge ministry, it's important that we plan wisely. We dream at times; balancing that with sound stewardship and effective goal-setting.

Yet we remember that every plan must touch people.

The key focus of any three-year plan then, is that moms who come in today with positive pregnancy tests will have two-year-old boys or girls tomorrow, who are dreaming of a great future.

If you want a great future for the children of tomorrow, join us. Your support of the Walk For Life — or becoming a volunteer — will make the difference in fulfilling our three-year plan.

www.cpcqc.org/events

www.cpcqc.org/volunteering



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