

Pregnancy Support Center

January 2008

of Ulster County

Greetings from the Executive Director

The following is a letter from one of our supporters.

It was early one morning while my family and I were in Columbus, Ohio with our pastor, Pastor Rod Parsley. The Spirit of God woke me and asked me the following simple question, "What are you doing to protect and stand up for the unborn children whose lives are being taken on a daily basis?" I began to remind God of what I am already doing for Him. "God, I am putting a lot of time and energy into building the local assembly. I spend time each month ministering to the inmates in Ulster County Jail. We regularly do street events where we feed the hungry. We are taking care of widows and orphans and take missionary trips to share the good news with people who have never heard the name of Jesus."

I quickly thought, each year we make a donation to the Pregnancy Support Center. We participate in the baby bottle campaign and attend the yearly fundraising banquet. However, I could sense that God was saying...that is not enough. I believe that those who care for the unborn are the only voice that may save their lives. It is time for those who believe in the sanctity of life to lift their voice like a trumpet and be heard. Our war is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers and rulers in high places. We love people, those who have performed abortions and those who have had abortions, but we must be a voice that stands against sin. However, I believe before we can lift our voice against sin, we must repent for not doing our part in protecting the unborn. Repentance is simple – ask God for forgiveness and make up our minds to do the right thing. It is important to remember those ministries who are in the trenches on a daily basis doing good works.

The Pregnancy Support Center is one of those ministries that would be easy to forget about or put off until another day, but I would encourage every pastor, every person that reads this to examine what you are doing to support this cause. Ask God if he desires for you to do more. Don't allow yourself to settle short of God's desires for you.

I recently met with Sharon and shared what God was speaking to me regarding the Pregnancy Support Center and explained that we desire to be more involved. I know many people who read this already support the Center in various ways. However, I would challenge you to consider doing more. I pray this letter has challenged you to ask the Lord, "am I doing enough" or "should I be doing more?" I would like to thank you in advance for giving your voice and life to support the unborn.

*Sincerely,
Pastor David Cordeau II
River of Life International*

Center Changes

Peter Scott has retired from the Board as of December, 2007. We wish him the best. Nancy Engelhardt, Robert Bazargan and John Vos have joined us. We welcome you wholeheartedly and look forward to serving with you on behalf of the Center.

Our interim bookkeeper, Joseph La Rose, is retiring. Bonnie Vining will be filling this position and is grateful Joe has been so thorough. He is making it easy for her to learn the position. Thank you Joe!

Lynn Sharp has resigned as administrative assistant but will continue to serve us with her ability as a graphic artist. We've loved working with Lynn. We're so glad she will still be helping us.

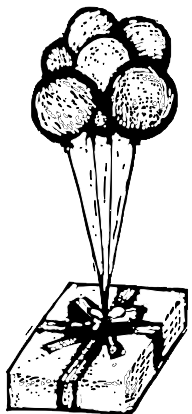
Our faithful volunteer and college graduate, Sharee Louis will be filling the administrative position until she goes to college again in August. If you are interested in working for the best non-profit organization in Ulster County as an administrative assistant for 20 hours a week starting in August, please call Sharon La Rose at 246-5445 or 255-8242.

Baby Bottle Campaign *You made it a success!!!*



Last year \$33,000 came in as a result of the Spring and Fall baby bottle campaigns. The BBC is a great project for youth groups, Sunday School classes, Christian schools or whole churches. Thanks so much to those of you who squirreled away your change in our baby bottles. They are already processed and hiding in the closet for the Spring campaign.

Last year 54 churches participated. We would like to see over 75 churches be involved in 2008. The BBC has become a project that needs someone to oversee it. Are you interested? Or...do you want to participate? Please call Sharon La Rose at 255-8242 or 246-5445. And again...thank you very much for responding so well to this important fundraising effort.



Christmas Pizza Party

Four moms and eleven children enjoyed the pizza party at Village Pizza in Saugerties just before Christmas. Jeanne Fisher and Ara Krom put this party together for our young women.

Jeanne says, "Everyone was fed, sang, and left with a huge gift bag with things purchased with a donation from the Vineyard, Fountain of Life and the Pregnancy Center. The wrapped gifts given the young women were especially chosen and wrapped by members of Fountain of Life Church – each was wrapped in God's love."

When we go to the Saugerties Center, there is often a note from Jeannie. She drops off donations for the Centers and picks up items for "her girls." Jeannie's help is invaluable.

She has been faithfully directing our MOM's Program. She really needs more volunteers. Please consider this important ministry. If you would like to become an important part of this ministry, please call Bobbi or Sharon at the Saugerties Center. We will pass messages on to Jeanne as they come in. This is a critical aspect of our ministry. Please prayerfully consider participating. The MOM's Program could use your help.

Wish List

Projector

(used when speaking at churches and schools)

Size 4 & 5 Diapers

Wipes

New Paltz Center will be Open Four (4) Days a Week!!!

As a result of our TOMA 2008 vision, we are extending the hours at the New Paltz Center. The new schedule will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity and we look forward to serving the New Paltz community.

GoodSearch.com & GoodShop.com

Do you know the Pregnancy Support Center can earn a penny every time you search the Internet? Do you also know that a percentage of every purchase you make online can go to support the Center?

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine. Get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall, which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting the Center.

Go to www.goodsearch.com and enter Pregnancy Support Center of Ulster County as the charity you want to support. Be sure to let your friends know...and thank you in advance.

Partial Birth Abortion

When it came to partial-birth abortion, Supreme Court justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, used the word "alarming." But she wasn't talking about the gruesome procedure itself. She was lambasting the Supreme Court's decision to uphold a ban on it.

On April 18, the Supreme Court voted 5-4 to uphold the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act passed by Congress in 2003. Bolstered by President Bush's appointments of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, the court ruled that the congressional ban does not violate women's rights.

Pro-life groups largely hailed the ruling that upheld Congress' assessment of partial-birth abortion as a "gruesome and inhumane procedure that is never medically necessary and should be prohibited." But some, such as the American Life League, called it "a partial birth abortion manual" leading abortionists to switch to lethal injections for late-term abortions.

Excerpt from April 2007 issue of World Magazine.



Dear Friends of the Pregnancy Support Center...

Here we are in the first quarter of 2008. What will we do with this brand new, unused year? TOMA 2008 (top of the mind awareness) is the Center's vision for 2008. We would like to have such a high profile in the community that a girl in a crisis pregnancy will have heard our name long before she needs help. We want parents, grandparents and friends to be aware of who we are, what we do and why we are here. You can help us make it happen.

Have you given us space in your 2008 budget? It's not too late. The Center in New Paltz will now be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More hours require more funding. Help us help women make informed decisions.

Are we on your church budget? Would you consider sending us \$25 a month?

Be a significant part of TOMA 2008!

New Paltz Center

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saugerties Center

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Monday • 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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