



Community PREGNANCY Clinic OF CAMAS WASHOUGAL

CPC Update June/July, 2011

2011 Walk/Run For Life

What a gorgeous day!

More than 200 people crowded Louis Bloch Park on Saturday June 4th for the 17th Annual Community Pregnancy Clinic Walk for Life fundraiser. Musicians from New Horizons Church provided the background entertainment as walkers and runners registered and gathered prior to the main event.



The 1.5 mile walk through downtown Camas and the 5-k run up the Lacamas Creek trail were both well attended and blessed by clear skies and warm weather.

Prizes for the walkers and runners were provided by generous community sponsors. First prize for adults was a night for two at the Fairgate Inn bed and breakfast, and for the youth a \$25 gift certificate was provided by Papa's Ice Cream. In a competition between church youth groups, Papa's also provided a gift party of ice cream treats for the whole group. This year for the first time in years, a pastors category was also offered, with a scenic cruise on the Columbia River Sternwheeler provided by the Portland Spirit as the top prize. The Liberty Theater and Glory Days Trophies donated runner up prizes and awards.

Beyond the main event, there were activities and food galore. Individual churches sponsored activities for kids, face painting, a clown, balloon animals, fun with plants, ice sculptures and a petting zoo. Also available was a climbing wall, Coffee and Iced tea by Coffee Revolution, and Barbecue by Shorty's Boys Texas Barbecue.



In all, it was a community event that could grow in scope and reflect the Christian community of Camas/Washougal and their support for the CPC in a highly positive way.



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People Make the Difference

CPC Featured Volunteer of the Month: Cheryl Zoller

Cheryl has been a volunteer at our clinic since 2008. A desire to serve the Christian community and help people is her motivation. A homeschooling mother of four grown children, involved in her church family and the family business, she balances commitment to this ministry with home and personal life.

Part of her volunteer time is spent sorting and displaying the clothing in our 'Baby Boutique', a big task for which she shows great talent .

"I lean more toward the prevention side of unplanned pregnancy through educating children appropriately, rather than trying to fix the problems after the fact." says Cheryl whose married children reflect that same philosophy in their own lives. Teaching abstinence and purity are important elements of the mission of the CPC as well as helping women through the decision-making process during pregnancy and offering counseling and emotional and spiritual healing from the trauma of past abortions.

Cheryl will not be appearing in photo form at her personal request. We honor that request .

Other ministries worth mentioning:

LoveList.org—Worth looking up on the web. LoveList is a 'pay it forward' ministry that helps people that cannot be helped through other agencies and ministries. Helping a wide range of people with a wide range of services, LoveList asks each of its clients to find and help others after receiving help themselves. Unique in its concept and very Christian in its nature. Look them up!

LoveList.org
Helping you help others



Kingdom News in East Clark County—This is a website devoted to churches and ministries in Camas and Washougal. It is for communication and event notices for all Christians.

Well done and basically self-serve, this site has been needed for a long time and will help unify the community churches and ministries.

Find it at:

www.kingdomnewsecc.com

Clinic Corner

Kathy Piatt, Clinic Director



Prayer is such an integral part of our ministry here at the clinic. Every day before we open, we pray that God will enable us to meet the needs of our clients. We pray *not for our way* of seeing or loving but for eyes that see as Jesus sees and for the love that the Father has for each person that comes through the door. We believe the men and women who come in are **divine appointments**. We have some that are happy to be pregnant, some who are not, some are discouraged, some are abused with no money and unable to leave. We ask to pray *with* these divine appointment clients and plant a seed that will point them in the direction toward God.

We pray as well for each other. We all have issues to bear. health concerns, family, friends, financial problems, marriages. The same concerns all Christians have, but we share these burdens with each other and lift each other up. We know we are in the front lines of a war and the enemy has us in his sights.

So we continue to reach out, and do what God has appointed us to do, praying for the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us. *Kathy*

Why should this ministry receive help financially from the Christian community?

We as a community hear and see appeals from every possible charity for our help. Why would we choose the CPC as our priority for mission giving?

In this issue:

The first of ten reasons to make giving to the CPC a priority.

Reason 1:

We are the frontline guard that stands **between** women in unexpected pregnancies and Planned Parenthood. This may sound strange to those that assume, like I did, that *planning* is a good thing and *parenthood* is also good and so, therefore, *planned+parenthood* must be a doubly good thing.

Planned Parenthood has nationwide name exposure and many people who believe in its mission. But the Christian community must understand these facts:

1. Planned Parenthood is a *secular* organization.
2. It makes much of its budget by *selling* services and is driven to convince their clients to use those services.
3. It is the nation's *leading* provider of abortions. (350,000+/year US)
4. It leads its clients to believe that there are *no* physical or emotional consequences from having an abortion.
5. It's *only* true family planning services consist of providing contraceptives.
6. It provides *no follow up* services for women who choose to keep their child, who choose to adopt out their child, for those that choose abortion.

In its mission statement, Planned Parenthood **lists no parenthood planning services**, and in all their literature, their only reference to *pregnancy* is preventing it by means of contraception, which for them includes abortion.

Out of all non-pregnant teens that come to PP strictly for contraceptives, they know that 11% of those teens will return within a short time asking for an abortion.

Of the pregnant women that visit PP, 96.5% have either surgical or chemical abortions. Only 3.5% choose to carry their child to term.

At CPC we do not believe that abortion is safe either *emotionally or physically*, and we believe that a conceived child is a *living* child. We do not force our beliefs on any client, but will inform that client of the *proven risks* involved in any choice they might make. If the client chooses carry that child to term, we will continue to provide services and follow up. If the client is determined to abort that child, they must seek that service elsewhere on their own, but we will still help afterward with emotional healing. Our hope is that they will evaluate the risks and benefits of all their options and choose life.

What we offer to women in unexpected pregnancies that Planned Parenthood cannot, is:

1. *We are a Christian organization, with Christian values, that teaches Christian values to our clients.*
2. *Breaking the cycle of dysfunction: Many women come from broken families, were unwanted, abandoned or abused by one or both parents, or possibly by their partner/spouse. We offer love and friendship and a focus on lasting family values that alter the cycle for the better.*
3. *We teach abstinence instead of encouraging our clients to continue in unsafe, outside of God's blessing, relations.*
4. *Ongoing support: We continue to see clients beyond the initial visit through our Earn While You Learn program and our clothing and food ministries, all of which continue reinforcing the values we convey in the initial appointment.*
5. *A focus on life: We suggest that the child conceived in the womb is alive, human and entitled to live. Not all women are ready to be mothers, so adoption may be an alternative to give the child the best chance for a future.*
6. *Post abortion counseling: Through our Restored program we offer healing emotionally and spiritually to those women who have had abortions recently or in their past, .*
7. *Fatherhood program: We host a program that helps partners of new moms to face the reality of becoming a father.*
8. *Ultrasound procedure: We know that 9 out of 10 women who are able to see ultrasound images of their unborn child will then choose life regardless of previous inclinations toward abortion. This is a powerful tool for life and we recommend ultrasound confirmation for every client with a positive pregnancy test result.*

Oh, and by the way, all our services are free from beginning to end for any client.

Hopefully this does not sound like Planned Parenthood bashing, but rather an explanation of why it is essential that we exist and give these women an alternative. This should be a rallying point for all churches. I hope I demonstrated that *the opposite of pro-life is not pro-choice*; as a 96.5% abortion rate does not seem much like choice to me. **Mark**



Executive Director Notes

Mark Maguire

CPC Executive Director

THIS COULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLE YOU EVER READ!

Its Just Around the Corner!

Fall Banquet In a New Venue

The Fairgate Inn will be this year's location for the CPC Annual Banquet. This beautiful facility is located on Prune Hill in Camas at 2213 NW 23rd Ave. Owned and operated by a local Christian couple who are great friends and supporters of our mission, the Fairgate will provide the meals for us as well as a gorgeous setting for our program.

This year we will hold the banquet on two separate evenings, October 20th and 21st. We would like our donors to consider hosting a table and inviting six additional people who would be able to help support us financially. We will also be asking for table sponsors to help underwrite the cost of the banquet by donating \$250 to cover the cost of one table.

Our new setting will be more intimate, as well as more economical for the ministry and a shorter drive for all who attend.

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This year's banquet theme will be:

Understanding
the heart of the
CPC.

See you there!



The Fairgate Inn, in Camas, will be our banquet venue this October for our annual Fundraising event.

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