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# Times of Transition

by Pam Crank

Having spent over a decade of my life involved with Richland Pregnancy Services (RPS), first as a client advocate, then as a board member and the last nine years as Executive Director, it is with mixed emotions that I announce my retirement at the end of April.

Always a champion for the underdog, the down and out and the innocent it was a natural fit for me to become a voice for the voiceless and an advocate for life for the most innocent among us, the unborn. I have never considered this work a "job," but a calling on my life.

Although the decision for my leaving did not come easily, as I love what I do...God has given me peace and shown me that it is time to pass the baton. To let others carry the reins of responsibility who will carry the torch for life forward in our community.

I will treasure the relationships I've built with staff, volunteers, board members and donors during my time as Executive Director. We have prayed together, laughed together and cried together. These are memories that I will hold dear.

To our dedicated supporters and friends of the ministry you have my deepest gratitude as you have been so supportive of the ministry and of me personally. Without you, we would not be as strong and have accomplished so much throughout these years. I am honored to have been the leader of Richland Pregnancy Services and I look forward to see what God is going to do as the ministry moves forward into a new season.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:"

1 John 5:14

Please pray for the ministry as we move into this time of transition.



## God is in Control

### by Bob Maxey, Board President

In his book, "Trusting God," author Jerry Bridges explains that the purpose of his book is "to encourage God's people by demonstrating from Scripture, that God is in control of their lives, that He does, indeed, love them, and that He works out all circumstances of their lives for their ultimate good."

Our Executive Director, Pam Crank, noted this truth when she said in her recent letter, "Yes, this is a lot of change...but none of it has taken our Heavenly Father by surprise. He is sovereign and has everything under His control...every detail!"

God was not surprised by Pam's decision to retire, or Client Service Director, Tracy Laudermilk's move to Tennessee. He was fully aware of every detail influencing their decisions, and He is fully aware and in control of the process that will lead us to select their replacements.

I remind myself that God has brought RPS to this point and has blessed us abundantly with a wonderful facility, a strong staff, dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and a committed board of directors. He has prospered this ministry in ways none of us could have predicted, and has positioned us for success in the future. Words cannot express my sincere appreciation to Pam, Tracy, and their families, for their years of selfless service and commitment to our clients and the unborn. We will miss you tremendously, but look forward with excitement and anticipation as the Lord reveals to us His new staff members and plans for our future.

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

For more information, including a full job description, about the open position of Executive Director at Richland Pregnancy Services, please visit www.richlandpregnancy.com/support. A resume and cover letter may be sent to Bob Maxey, Board President at rmaxey85@hotmail.com

## Until We Meet Again

When I came to Richland Pregnancy Services a little over four years ago I really had no idea how it would change my life for the better! Working in a ministry that serves clients facing an unplanned (and sometimes unwanted) pregnancy is full of challenges. Every client has a unique story

and no matter where they are in life they NEED to know that true hope is found in Christ. It is a privilege to be able to share Jesus with them.

Over the years, I have grown close to not only clients but also our wonderful volunteers. I have met so many people that have added richness beyond words to my life! It is a powerful thing to see so many men and women giving of their time and talents for the Kingdom... even after four years, it still amazes me! I am a better person for working with each one of them.

My work "family" at RPS is just that...FAMILY! I will truly miss each one of them and treasure our time together. Thank you for every encouraging word, every prayer, and for loving me. You will always be my family.

The men and women who make up the RPS Board, thank you all for believing in me. Thank you for your sacrifice and all you do to prayerfully guide this ministry. I appreciate you all more than you know.

To every RPS supporter, thank you! Thank you for your part in making this ministry possible! I love working with God's people to make a difference in this community. It has been an honor and privilege to know each of you.

Blessings until we meet again, Tracy



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### **HONORARIUMS**

Dr. Rich Nichols Given by: Dr. Rich Nichols' Staff Elaine Pavkov's Birthday

Given by: Beth Werfel & Family

Jay & Rose Tovey Given by: Diane Culler

## **Welcome New RPS Team Members**

Although Lynn Ernsberger is not new to the ministry of RPS, she is changing her seat on the bus so to speak. Formerly our Administrative Assistant, Lynn recently accepted the position of Client Service Director.

In her new role, Lynn will see to the day to day operations of the center, oversee volunteers and programs for our clients. Lynn and her husband Troy worship together at Berean Baptist Church.



Our newest addition to the board is Kara Kapustar. Kara is a filing analyst with Nationwide Insurance. A little time spent with Kara and you quickly learn she has a servant's heart and a desire to help show the love and forgiveness of Jesus with others.



Kara is involved with the nursing home ministry of her church and has taken short-term mission trips to the Ukraine.

Thanks for joining me in welcoming Lynn and Kara to their new positions.



**G** I needed someone who would fully

understand my concerns about becoming a dad." This was what one male client said as he began the intake process for our DAD to DAD fatherhood program. He elaborated on his comment in his exit interview by thanking our mentor Dad for not assuming he knew the client's concern and that the mentor Dad made sure he did understand what this client needed.

There are times when we as volunteers and staff need to hear confirmation from our clients that we are meeting a vital need in their life, especially when they are facing an unexpected pregnancy. We here at RPS are grateful to our donors for your generous donations and prayers that allow us the privilege to meet the needs of our clients. Our goal is to take the time needed to make sure our clients are fully understood and that you, our donors, receive our eternal gratitude. Great will be your reward in heaven!



Men's Ministry Director, Dick Stedman, with one of our recent Fatherhood Program graduates.

## FROM OUR CLIENTS

To all the men and women giving your own time to serve and help others is a blessing to us! your help has not gone over looked, it has been cherished by christmas! God Bless

### **EVENTS**

NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING April 9th, 11th, 16th & 18th 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Monday, April 29th 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Walk/5k Run for Life Saturday, June 22nd 9:00 am - Noon

### **ANNUAL BANQUET**

Save the Date Thursday, November 14th 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

**Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign Easter, Mother's Day or Father's Day** These upcoming holidays are a great time to share RPS at your church! We provide the bottles, bulletin inserts and video! Contact Amy at (419) 522-8863, ext. 203 or amy@ richlandpregnancy.com to get your church involved!

#GivingTuesday #RichlandGives Save the Date Tuesday, December 3rd Online Giving Event!

Thank you to the churches who have already kicked off their Baby Bottle fundraising

**campaign this year!** Did you know that your church can

choose any time of year to launch a Baby Bottle fundraiser? We will even provide FREE bulletin inserts, posters and a video with a client testimony!

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