



Winter | Spring 2020 Newsletter

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A Letter from the Director

Dear Friends,

This month makes 9 months into this position here at Richland Pregnancy Services (RPS) as Executive Director. I count it an honor to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity at RPS and to have the privilege in sharing with you what God is doing within the ministry.

If you were at our recent fundraising banquet, you were able to hear me share the dreams in our heart to reach more men and women with hope and healing. I shared about the collaborations we had planned, as well as our dream to have an office in the heart of downtown Mansfield. God has taken these dreams in our heart, and He has begun to have each dream come to fruition:

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" *Philippians 1:6 (KJV)*

We finally received the keys to our Ocie Hill office not too long ago, and now we look forward to cleaning it as well as doing some much needed updates to that room. We have a community cleaning day set, and we are full of anticipation as we get closer to being more effective in serving the community of downtown Mansfield with compassionate care.

If you remember the client testimony video of Ashley's Story shared our banquet, you remember how powerful it was. Our international affiliate, Heartbeat International, got ahold of her testimony, and they recently shared it on their platform to pregnancy centers across the nation! God took that story, and He allowed it to reach more people than we could have ever imagined! We are thankful that her testimony is going to reach more women that find their selves in a similar situation, and they can see the joy that comes once she chose life.

We are also in the process of collaborating with local churches to better serve our clients, as well as collaborating with the OSU Mansfield Campus on better serving our clients on campus. God is so good, and He is bringing so many like-minded organizations, churches, and individuals to our path so that we can better serve our community together.

Recently, we have had a client considering abortion choose life, a client get baptized

at her local church, and a client agree that she wanted to begin a bible study with her mentor mom for her Mom-to-Mom appointments! We are continually changing to better accommodate our clients. We continue to remain flexible and open because we always want to be following the leading of the Lord in all we do.

Thank you for your continual support and friendship to this ministry.

For His Glory,
Amanda





Walk/5K Run for Life Save the Date!

Join Richland Pregnancy Services as we walk and run for LIFE!

Walk and run on the beautiful B & O Bike Trail beginning at historic North Lake Park. Registration will open at 9:00 am with the walk and run kicking off at 10:00 am.

Walkers receive a FREE T-Shirt with sponsorships, Runners with \$25 registration (\$30 the day of the event). Registration information will be coming soon! Follow the Walk/5K Run for Life event page on the Friends of Richland Pregnancy Services Facebook page for up-to-date information.

This year's prizes include: Snow Trails, Cedar Point, Allure Studios, African Wildlife Safari, COSI and more!

Volunteer opportunities are available for this event!

All ages are welcome to volunteer at the Walk/5K Run for Life. Contact Amy at (419) 522-8863, ext. 203 or amy@richlandpregnancy.com for volunteer information.

Upcoming Events

Change for Life Baby Bottle Collection Day – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Friday, March 6th

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Monday, April 16th

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 20th – 23rd

Volunteer In-Service

Thursday, May 7th

Volunteer In-Service Meeting

Tuesday, May 12th

Walk/5K Run for Life

Saturday, June 20th

Annual Fundraising Gala

Thursday, November 19th

Smart TVs at Richland Pregnancy Services

As RPS continues to grow, our needs grow along with it. We now have the capability to offer our clients Mom to Mom and Dad to Dad lessons online in our office. This became especially helpful just this week as we had a client come for an appointment who is deaf. The online lesson format is a great fit in this situation! She is able to be in the office with a Mentor Mom, while having a lesson that fits her specific needs because all of our online lessons include closed captioning.

To be able to offer this to our clients, both men and women, we are in need of new Smart TVs at the Center. The Smart TVs will be used in the Mom to Mom Mentoring room, Dad to Dad Mentoring room and also in the new Child Watch area.

If you would like to donate a new Smart TV to Richland Pregnancy Services, we are in need of three total TVs.

Please contact our office at (419) 522-8863 or amanda@richlandpregnancy.com if you would like to donate a Smart TV.

In Honor and Memory

In Memory of Martin & Juanita Gottschling

Given by: Frieda Gottschling

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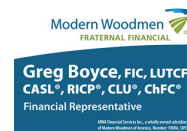
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Diapers (Sizes 3-6),
small packages preferred

Wipes

Strollers

Travel-Size Toiletries

Individually packaged
toothbrushes

I Feel Better About It Now

RPS is a Christ-centered ministry that has been providing free services for over 30 years to our clients facing an unplanned pregnancy. We are committed to promoting the sanctity of human life and sexual purity.

I recall an intake on a male client who came with his girlfriend and asked if he could talk to someone about the Dad to Dad program. During the initial part of the session, he was obviously guarded and somewhat unsure of himself. When asked how he felt when he learned that his girlfriend was pregnant, he responded that he was not ready for being a dad and was not looking forward to being one.

As we progressed through the intake, I began to explain to him all that we could provide him by way of the tools and information he would need to be a good dad. He was especially impressed with the various ways that he could earn Dad Dollars to help with purchases in the boutique.

The last thing he did after we had prayer, was to fill out the



Exit Interview. When it was brought to me, the one comment that stood out in comparison to his mindset when he began the intake was ***"He helped me to feel better about becoming a dad!"***

This intake session would not be possible without the generous and on-going support of our donors. I could only wish some of the donors could be here to actually see the transformation in new male clients when they understand that we are not here to judge or cast guilt upon them, but to help them to become part of providing the best possible thing for their coming child...the love and support of a father and a mother.