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Upcoming Events

Giving Tuesday
Tuesday, November 30
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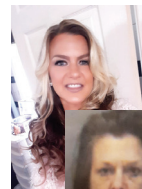
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Patricia's Story

If you attended this year's Annual Fundraising Gala, you saw a video that shared Patricia's story. Patricia came to Richland Pregnancy Services to participate in Embrace Grace, a program for single pregnant moms. At nearly 40 years old, her pregnancy was a complete surprise and she was afraid. In the midst of her fear, she chose life. In her own words, Patricia shared pieces of her journey. We think she tells her story the best.



"I made some bad choices when I was younger which spiraled into a dark, lonely place. Before I knew it, I was trapped, hopeless, and so far down in the pit of despair. No need to explain all the traumatic events I've experienced. What is most important is that **I am no longer a dead girl walking. I have found strength in my Lord** which helped me obtain the victory in my life. I am so much alive today.

This has been extremely challenging, but beyond rewarding. God has given me a crown of beauty for ashes. He has given me the desires of my heart. I no longer live in shame condemning myself. I felt I would never have the ability to live a functioning life. Today I am a productive member of society. I continue to cloth myself in strength and dignity. Doing my best to be a better person than I was the previous day. Today my children love the mommy I am. I want to share this most important advice I could give to help someone. That is you have to renew your mind which in turn will renew you and your whole life. ROMANS 12:2 says don't be conformed to this world but transformed by a renewing of the mind. I changed every aspect of my life. I took everything captive. I set goals and began to achieve them. In this process I have found my true identity and my place in this world. Praise God that my chains have been broken I am now set free and I'm embracing every moment." We are so thankful that Richland Pregnancy Services has been able to be a part of Patricia's journey.



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News from the 2021 Gala

Two years ago, I shared my heart that we needed to go to the highways and the byways to reach the clients that need us. That resulted in our satellite office at Crossroads' City Center in downtown Mansfield. Last year, I shared our desire to bring healing to men and women that have had abortions. Statistics in 2015 from Care Net & Lifeway Research state that more than 4 in 10 women who have had an abortion were churchgoers when they ended a pregnancy. Thus, I knew men and women were hiding in our very own pews with after-abortion pain and regret. I knew we needed to do something to help bring forth healing.



According to the national nonprofit, Support After Abortion, "50% of the one million abortions performed every year were performed on women who had already had abortions. This means 500,000 abortions could be prevented every year by providing healing programs to women after their first abortion." One of the backdoor ways we can end the demand for abortion is to reach those women and men who have been living in pain and regret from their abortion with healing through Jesus Christ. By offering healing programs for after-abortion, we can eliminate 50% of abortions from those that would have returned for more. This is why, this past year, we launched our after-abortion healing ministry.

Our very first **after-abortion healing retreat** was led in the spring by our after-abortion leader and Client Services' Director, Lynn Ernsberger, and the author herself, Cherie! We had three additional women go through that healing retreat. We are looking forward to seeing how the Lord will use this program to reach those that have been living numb with regret so that they may experience their new life in Christ that Jesus died to give them. You may be thinking, "What about the men?" We know the men are so important. From a recent survey, both women and men state that they thought the most influential person in the decision to abort was the father of the baby. We need to reach these men!



With this, we are planning to have our first men's after-abortion healing retreat in November! We aren't done yet with the men! We also have a new program for single dads that will be launching this fall at Richland Pregnancy Services in partnership with Calvary Chapel Church of Mansfield, called Embrace Legacy.

This group will be led by Pastor Brian Schatzinger and will strive to fill the gap in mentoring these men that find their selves navigating fatherhood as single fathers. By reaching these men, we are reaching their children and the children yet to be born.



At Richland Pregnancy Services, our mission is three-fold: save lives of the unborn, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and get our clients plugged into a local, bible-believing church. Our focus is to impact eternity. Our ministry isn't just about helping clients with their decision for life, but it is as much about helping our clients with their decision for Abundant Life so that they can have Eternal Life. With eternity in mind, we set out to build bridges with local churches this past year to get our clients from our office into their doors. With our program, **Embrace Grace**, we were able to graduate our first class with 3 mommas and 3 newborn babies! One of our Embrace Grace participants, Patricia, shared her story at the RPS Gala (You can read Patricia's story on page 1).

Patricia's testimony is a testimony of God's grace on her life as she entered motherhood during an unplanned season, but what you may not know is her testimony is so much more! Not only did she invest at least 2 hours into every week to attend Embrace Grace, but through her relationship with Jesus Christ, she has resisted and continues to resist the strongholds and bondage that a life of addiction had on her for so long. (continued)

THIS is an example of the Abundant Life in Jesus Christ that we strive for! This is the transformation we strive to see in our clients. Not just choosing life, but choosing Abundant Life! This is why the programs that we do are so important.

If you remember at last year's fundraising event, we had our big reveal of our big secret we had been keeping! We showed you **The Lighthouse: Beacon of Hope Maternity Home**.

Last year I stated that we would plan to open in 2022 because we were going to take the next year to develop policies and procedures, finish some last touches to the home, and prepare to open the home without acquiring any debt. That is exactly what we have done! During this past year, I have had the privilege to visit maternity homes in Ohio, Iowa, and Texas. In case you were not aware, almost no two maternity homes operate the same way.

2021 has been a year of praying for the Holy Spirit's leading as to how we will staff and operate the home. I know many of you are dying for a tour! We are well aware! We are in the final stages now of finishing a last renovating touch-up for an occupancy permit, legally transferring the home and 8 acres into our ministry's name, securing insurance, and all of those other fun details. Once our ducks are legally in a row, we cannot wait to have you all out for an open house event as we celebrate what the Lord will do in and through this ministry of the maternity home!

As you can see, we have been busy this past year! These were our new programs in addition to our programs we have always freely offered. We had NO plans to add any else to the ministry this past year. We were not seeking out things to add to our ministry to-do list; however, when following the leading of the Lord, we knew to obey when He was calling us to walk through doors that He opened!

So, what can you expect Richland Pregnancy Services to be up to within the next year?

On top of the programs I had mentioned, we are busting at the seams! In these past 12 months, we have brought in over 30 new volunteers, multiple programs, additional parenting education resources, and in order to keep up with the increase of clients and especially the increase of our clients in crisis, we have added 2 new staff members.



This means that we need to look ahead to begin to **finish our warehouse** in the back of our building to accommodate for more office space and a meeting area for clients. With the cost of supplies and labor increasing, this will be a hefty renovation, but now is the time to begin thinking of utilizing the space that God has already given us, and using it all for His Kingdom work. As you know, we do not take any federal or state aid from the government. We run solely on the donations from individuals, churches, and businesses along with some small, local grants.

God has provided for us and equipped us to keep running this race He has called us to. This is why, we are once again setting a God-sized goal of raising \$200,000 through this Gala to strengthen our existing programs, provide for our new programs, launch The Lighthouse maternity home in 2022, and finish renovating the back warehouse so we have more than enough space to accommodate this growing ministry!

I know without a shadow of a doubt, that God will continue to faithfully provide for this ministry.

We know that we are in a spiritual battle. Our spiritual battle boots are on the ground, and we are "thoroughly equipped for all good works" that the Lord has planned for this ministry (2 Timothy 3:17). I stated last year that we are not afraid of hard work, and my words have been tested. Still, with giving God all the praise and glory and doing our work unto Him, we "**press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus**" (Philippians 3:14, NIV).

If you missed this year's Annual Fundraising Gala, you can still make a donation to support the growing work of Richland Pregnancy Services! Use the enclosed envelope and response card to give today! or give online at friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com/donate

Team Spotlight

Meet Katie Peters

Katie began volunteering at RPS earlier this year. "I first learned about the pregnancy center driving past. I wasn't sure if it was faith-based or not, and I asked God if I should volunteer there, since Covid had halted the volunteering at nursing homes that I had done prior. God did not answer immediately. A month or two later, even though I was fasting news sources, God said "Richland Source." I thought, "Huh? Okay, God," and I went to the website trusting that He'd point out to me why I was on the site looking at news. As I scrolled down the page, I saw the announcement about the volunteer training days. I felt like God's finger was on that article! So I went, and I'm now a Mom-to-Mom mentor!"

"I love it because I am passionate about reaching out to women who feel alone and abandoned or who don't have a good relationship with their own mother. Katie is a new grandma and enjoys babysitting her new granddaughter, as well as writing and singing worship songs and playing the piano and synthesizer.



Teaching Opportunity

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Teach Relationships Under Construction curriculum part-time in public schools 40 weeks of the year.

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What About the Dads?

Here are some practical ways you can help the Dads who come to Richland Pregnancy Services.

- \$10 gas gift cards
- \$10 WalMart gift cards
- \$10 restaurant gift cards
- Donate to provide the Fathering in 15 App - \$199/Year

For more information about how you can help, contact Dick Stedman, Dad-to-Dad Director at (419) 522-8863 or dick@richlandpregnancy.com



More than 50 Dads have come to Richland Pregnancy Services this year for the Dad-to-Dad Mentoring Program. Dads are able to earn Daddy Dollars to use in the Boutique, where they can purchase items for their baby or the mother of their baby. Moms who visit the Boutique often receive free toiletries or other goodies.

We would like to provide these same items for our male clients to encourage them as well! In addition to the suggested small value gift cards listed here, we also welcome travel sizes MENS toiletries! Thank you for helping us bless the men working to be the best Dad they can be!

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