



Winter 2017

Pregnancy Resource Center

New River Valley, Inc.



“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven...”

He has made everything beautiful in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 11

Changed Life, Changed Mind

by Courtney Johnson, Director of Client Services

Life is full of change. Sometimes, the change is something we anticipate and want, and other times, it's something we could never have predicted and definitely would not choose. We know that God has a time for everything and therefore a purpose for every life He creates. However, in the midst of an unplanned pregnancy, the mothers who come to the PRC often cannot see past how a baby would change their life in ways they had not planned.

That was the case for Ruby*. She called the PRC, frantic and on the verge of tears, wanting to know information about abortions. The receptionist told her we do not perform or refer for abortions and then shared the services we offer. Ruby decided to come for the free pregnancy test.

Ruby arrived at our clinic tearful and confused, especially when the test confirmed she was indeed pregnant. Clearly overwhelmed, she kept saying, “I don't know what to do.” Ruby shared that she never believed in abortion until she was faced with this unexpected pregnancy. She was already a mother and didn't want the changes another child would bring. In addition, she felt that she and her boyfriend had not been dating long enough to be ready for a baby.

The client advocate invited her to slow down and think through the specifics of her decision, including an invitation to return for an ultrasound. Ruby agreed to come back. Before she left, the client advocate offered to pray with Ruby. She accepted, tearing up again during the prayer and expressing her appreciation afterwards.

A few weeks later Ruby came back in, this time joined by the father of the baby. Her demeanor had changed drastically. Ruby was no longer tearfully frantic, but calm and at ease, telling the nurse that in the weeks she'd had to think about the pregnancy, she and her boyfriend began leaning more towards parenting. Ruby smiled through the ultrasound, making a connection with her baby. Ruby made the brave choice to parent.

“I don't know what to do,” she kept saying. She didn't want the changes another child would bring.

We have the privilege of seeing stories like this over and over. Stories of how the Lord can make an unborn life – even an unplanned one – beautiful in *His* time to the women and men who come into our clinics. We know He is the one who changes the hearts and minds of our clients through life-revealing ultrasound, the compassionate words of a client advocate or nurse, or even through other means outside our clinic doors. Often, it is time itself that seems to make a difference for women considering abortion. As they slow down, they recognize that although a baby will bring change, it's a change they can handle with help and support.

*name changed to protect client confidentiality



Light of Life

by Debbie Christian, CEO

Together through your support of this ministry, we show women who are in crisis, some in numerous ways, the Light of Life. Through kindness and listening, through life-revealing ultrasound, through vision and showing these women their value, we demonstrate Jesus who declares in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the **light of life**."

This is our theme verse as we walk through 2017. What a promise that God will shine His light, illuminating Himself on our path! We are not alone. Will you pray every client sees her value, as well as the value of her unborn child's life, as we offer her our services?

In this edition of our newsletter, we are highlighting the medical professionals who make this ministry possible. We expanded our ministry in 1999 when we became not only a ministry, but also a medical clinic. We grew under the direction of our first medical director, Dr. Michael Slayton, as we trained and added ultrasound to our ministry.

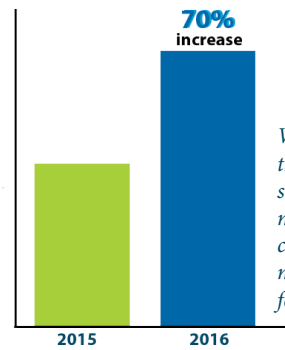
Then we continued to grow under the direction of our second medical director, Dr. Ty Hopkins, as he helped us expand our ministry to include STI testing and extend our reach with our new Radford clinic.

Dr. Matthew McCarthy continues the legacy of his predecessors through his leadership and vision. We are grateful for these men and for the medical professionals who serve along with them to carry out the mission of the PRC to shine the light of *life* in the darkness.



Join us in rejoicing over how the Lord provided last year:

A **70%** increase in our target clients (*women leaning toward abortion*):



We believe this increase is supported by marketing goals consistently met at banquet for three years!



in these target clients choosing to parent!

An increase in clients taking our **Bible Study!**



Further, of all 2016 clients: **90%** chose **LIFE**

The consistent support and prayers of you, our supporters, that make this incredible impact possible!



PRC Medical Committee



The medical committee, which first formed in 1999, provides support to the medical director and medical staff in implementing medical policies and keeping the focus of our medical services on the PRC's mission.

The members, who are part of the NRV medical community, volunteer their time to serve in this way.

Thank you, medical committee members, for helping us provide professional medical services to our clients!

Committee members, from left to right: Debbie Christian, PRC CEO; Susan Barry, RN, PRC Nurse Manager; Dr. Marjorie Young, DNP, RN, IBCLC, FNP-BC; Dr. Julia Sargent, DO; Dr. Matt McCarthy, DO, PRC Medical Director

Fill a bottle.
Change a life.

Baby Bottle CAMPAIGN 2017

Now is the Time!

Many churches kicked off their 2017 Baby Bottle Campaigns on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 22nd. Fill your bottles with spare change, cash, or checks and return them to your church! With your help, we can reach our goal for this year of **\$55,000!**

If your church would like to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, please contact the Blacksburg office at 540-552-5556 or visit PRCsupport.com/baby-bottle-campaign.

PRC Presentations

The PRC would love to come to your church, organization, small group or campus group to present our ministry in conjunction with the Baby Bottle Campaign or at any time during the year! Presentations can last anywhere from 3-60 minutes, depending on your group and your requested purpose. Tours of either of our clinics are also available for small groups. For more information or to schedule, please contact the Blacksburg office at 540-552-5556.

PRC Staff & Volunteer Update



Katherine Colquitt,
Client Advocate

Katherine joined the PRC staff in November as a client advocate at our Radford clinic two days per week. She and her husband, Cameron, are the directors for Campus Outreach at RU and VT. They live in Radford and attend Christ Church and look forward to welcoming their first child in March.



Dr. Katie Edson,
Ultrasound Reading Physician

The PRC welcomed Dr. Edson to our volunteer medical team in 2016. She runs Edson Family Practice, a direct primary care practice in Christiansburg. Dr. Edson has lived in Indonesia, Kazakhstan, and Germany. She received her BA in biology from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA and her MD and residency from UT Memphis. Dr. Edson currently lives in Christiansburg with her husband, Reuel, and one-year-old daughter, Dot.

Dr. Edson joins Dr. George Zolovick, Ob/Gyn, who has been volunteering in this role since 2009. Dr. Edson and Dr. Zolovick make it possible to serve clients at both clinics with professional and timely service.

Meet our Medical Director

Dr. Matthew McCarthy has served on the PRC medical committee for three years and has been on the board of directors as medical director for over two years. His practice, Direct Primary Care, is in Blacksburg. He and his wife, Valerie, have two children, Beatrix and Jack. In his free time, he enjoys playing rugby.



The Impact of Technology

In addition to providing professional medical services to our clients, we also seek to present quality medical resources to educate them with information relevant to their health. During medical appointments, we are able to use iPads to show clients more information from credible sources. For pregnancy test clients, particularly those who are too early to receive an ultrasound, we use information on the Endowment of Human Development website, which shows 3D video footage of an unborn child at each week of pregnancy. This interactive platform is a great supplement to ultrasound that allows our clients to see fetal development firsthand and opens doors for us to talk further with them about their pregnancy.

PRC News & Notes



Volunteers Needed

The PRC is seeking volunteers to facilitate our education classes at our clinics. All training is provided. Ideal candidates would serve 3-4 hours per week. For more information or to apply, visit PRCsupport.com/getting-involved.



We need **DIAPERS!**

We specifically need sizes **2 and 4**.

If you can organize a diaper drive or to drop off diapers, please contact a staff member at either clinic. **Thank you!**

Please see our Target and Amazon registries at PRCsupport.com/material-donations for other current needs.



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The PRC operates Valley Women's Clinic, with locations in Blacksburg & Radford.

Valley Women's Clinic - Blacksburg & PRC Administrative Offices
540.552.5556

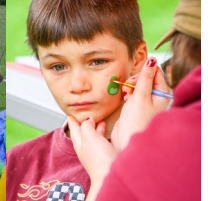
Valley Women's Clinic - Radford
540.838.2138

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www.prcsupport.com (supporters)
www.valleywomensclinic.org (clients)
Connect with us on Facebook!

Save the Date:
Saturday, April 29



Walk *for* Life 2017



photos by Bryant Altizer

Bisset Park in Radford

9:00AM - Check-In • 9:30AM - Walk

Visit PRCsupport.com/walkforlife for more information.



Rewards for Walkers who reach certain fundraising levels!

Live music and **family activities** after the Walk!



community
rewards

Swipe your Kroger Plus card, support the PRC!

The PRC is a charitable organization listed through the Kroger Community Reward program. To register your Kroger Plus card so that your Kroger purchases help support the PRC, go to krogercommunityrewards.com, create an account or login to an existing account, and choose Pregnancy Resource Center of the NRV from the list of charitable organizations.