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Pregnancy Resource Center

New River Valley, Inc.



Redefining the Impossible

by Courtney Johnson, Director of Client Services

In this ministry, we sometimes feel unequipped to meet clients where they are. However, that's when God reminds us of His presence and His faithfulness to answer our prayers. We saw this demonstrated recently with a client who was already set on her decision.

Lilly* came in only to confirm her pregnancy. She knew what she wanted. "I'm going to have an abortion," she told us matter-of-factly. Lilly didn't want to talk about it. She just wanted her pregnancy test and then wanted to leave. There was no question in her mind she was going to terminate the pregnancy.

I'm going to have an abortion. ”

After talking with the nurse, she decided to go ahead and have an ultrasound. Before we brought her in for the ultrasound, the nurse and I (her counselor) prayed that her heart would be softened and that God would give us the opportunity to talk to her.

Lilly was completely silent during the whole ultrasound, even when she saw the baby's heartbeat. After the ultrasound, I began to introduce our decision tool. "Stop – you don't even have to talk to me about it," Lilly told me. "I'm going to keep my baby." Lilly's demeanor had completely changed. She was now open and talkative, smiling, and genuinely asking questions about her baby. "I'm not deciding this for anyone else," she said. "This is what I really want!"

“You don't even have to talk to me about it. I'm going to keep my baby.”

God heard our prayers and softened Lilly's heart to change her mind and keep her baby. Through this story, we are reminded of 1 Timothy 2:1, urging us that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people." At the PRC we pray for each of our clients during their appointment, and thankfully, we serve a God who redefines the impossible. Even though this outcome seemed impossible, through prayer, God made it possible.

**name changed to protect client confidentiality*

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1 Timothy 2:1



Volunteers: Making This Ministry Possible

by Debbie Christian, CEO

Volunteers truly are a huge part of this ministry. The PRC couldn't operate without them! We have volunteers that serve in many different ways and make all the aspects of this ministry come together. Volunteers prepare our newsletters for mailing. A great number help us with our events, such as the Walk for Life, highlighted in this issue. Some volunteers give their time weekly to come in the centers and work with the clients in our education program or our medical/counseling services.

Meet Sue. She is a special volunteer who has worked with this ministry for 19 years in the role of a PRC Advocate. As an Advocate, she works with her pastor to arrange the details of her church's partnership with the PRC ministry throughout the year. She keeps her church aware of PRC needs, offers updates about the ministry, and helps decide and lead the PRC events they choose as a church to participate in.



Sue and several others from her church participated in our recent Walk for Life. Even though Sue recently had knee surgeries, that didn't stop her from walking because this ministry is near and dear to her heart. Recently, I got a chance to learn more about why Sue is so passionate about this ministry.

Sue attended our annual PRC Advocate meeting in April. After the meeting, she hung back while we were packing up and told me her story. "I wish there was something like this when I was pregnant with my oldest daughter," she said.

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She went on to tell me she was living in Ft Jackson, South Carolina, in the military and was left alone facing an unplanned pregnancy. It was

hard, but God provided. At one point, toward the end of her pregnancy, her only form of transportation to her job five miles away was to walk. She set out early in the dark just to get there in time. "That's just what you do," she told me. "You push through and you do what has to be done."

Over time, a kind pastor who noticed her daily walk stopped to offer her a ride. How blessed she felt by that show of kindness. She cared for her newborn daughter (who is now 39), while continuing to serve in the military. Choosing to have her daughter is a calling she will never regret. "She helped me get my life straight," she shared. "I volunteer in this ministry because I want to be there for young girls like me, girls that could use a helping hand. This ministry is there to show kindness and offer practical help. And I want to do my part to help ladies know they are not alone."

We are grateful for Sue and all of our volunteers for their passion for this ministry! For more information about how you can volunteer with the PRC, visit PRCsupport.com/getting-involved.

2017 Annual Benefit Banquet



Monday, November 6 & Tuesday, November 7

The Inn at Virginia Tech

Latham Ballroom

Seating begins at 6:00 PM

Dinner & Program 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Come celebrate what God has done at the PRC in the past year and how He uses this ministry to shine the *light of Life* in the NRV community! The program will feature client testimonies and Kirk Walden as keynote speaker. For more information, call our Blacksburg office at 540-552-5556.

Introducing Keynote Speaker, Kirk Walden



A night with Kirk Walden is an evening filled with humor, challenge, vision and hope. Kirk serves as an Advancement Specialist for Heartbeat International, the world's largest affiliate organization for the pregnancy help community. Kirk is also author of *The Wall*, a book sweeping through the pro-life

community with a powerful message outlining a path to ending abortion as we know it in the next decade.

When you hear Kirk, leave the challenges of the day behind and get ready to laugh with a speaker with whom everyone can identify. In addition, be prepared for a surprising view on the true impact of pregnancy help ministries all over the country. If you are ready to create a true culture of life in America, Kirk brings a powerful perspective on how the battle will be won in *this* generation.

Kirk lives in Tennessee with his wife, Jennifer. They have five children, ranging in age from 27 to 7.

The program will be the same both evenings. Attendance by reservation only. No cost to attend, but there will be the opportunity to partner with the PRC through a financial gift.

Walk for Life 2017

Thank You
for helping us
make PRC history!

You raised over **\$39,000** to provide life-affirming services and support to PRC clients like La'Nesha! This amount was doubled by a generous family to make our total raised **OVER \$78,000!**

"I can't imagine life without Layla and I couldn't be more thankful for all the help I've gotten at the PRC."

— La'Nesha, PRC client



La'Nesha and her daughter, Layla, attended our Walk. La'Nesha shared her testimony with attendees and walked with us. Thanks to all who sponsored her!

We had a *beautiful* day to celebrate all that God is doing in the PRC ministry by joining together to walk for **LIFE!** Thanks to the City of Radford for allowing us to use Bisset Park and to our business event sponsors: **Hodge Insurance, Real Life Dental, Carper Insurance Associates, and Signspot.**

Thank you to all of our fundraising Walkers and those who sponsored them! Your efforts and generosity make a difference! Our Walkers earned rewards for reaching certain fundraising levels, including t-shirts, flashlights, movie tickets, and the chance to win an iPad! Additional prizes were awarded to the top three Walkers and the top two teams! Thanks to the businesses that donated prizes: Outback Steakhouse, Mellow Mushroom Pizza, Next Door Bake Shop, Mill Mountain Coffee, NRV Superbowl, the UCB Starbucks in Blacksburg, and Carol Lee Donuts.

After the Walk, participants enjoyed snacks, live music, and family activities: a silly photo booth, face painting, lawn games, inflatables, and relays! Thanks to the VT Baptist Collegiate Ministry band, Carolyn Noble, Jubilee Christian Center, Northstar Church, Oasis Church, and Good Shepherd Baptist Church for providing these things! A special thanks to Riley Schmitt of Six & Co. Photography for taking the event photos!

Thanks to all our volunteers who helped make this event run so smoothly! Thanks also to the individuals and businesses that provided food and drinks for our Walkers: Carilion Clinic of the NRV, Hodge Insurance, Wades in Christiansburg, and all four NRV Krogers.



123 fundraising Walkers, representing 34 churches, attended with their families, for a total of over 270 people.



Our top fundraising teams were the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Youth Group and Providence Presbyterian Church!



Our top three fundraising Walkers were Ethan Greenough, Lucy Waters, and Tammy Cupp.



PRC News & Notes

Fill a bottle.
Change a life.

THANK
YOU!

Baby Bottle
CAMPAIGN 2017

Goal: **\$55,000** • Raised so far: **\$40,220**

Thank you to the more than 50 churches and groups that have participated in our Baby Bottle Campaign so far! We look forward to the final results of all who are partnering with us to *change* lives. You make an impact for LIFE in the NRV!

If your church would like to get involved in the Baby Bottle Campaign, please contact the Blacksburg office at 540-552-5556 or visit PRCsupport.com.

Spirit FM Diaper Drive



As part of their annual Mom 2 Mom Diaper Drive, Spirit FM held a diaper drive for us in May. The drive brought in:

107 packages of diapers **135** packages of wipes
16 boxes of diapers **26** baby toiletry items

Thanks to Spirit FM for doing the drive, Appalachian Orthodontics of Lynchburg for sponsoring, Kroger in Christiansburg for hosting, and to everyone who donated. Thank you for your incredible generosity to our clients! Our diaper closet was bare, so this drive was much needed to fill it back up!



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