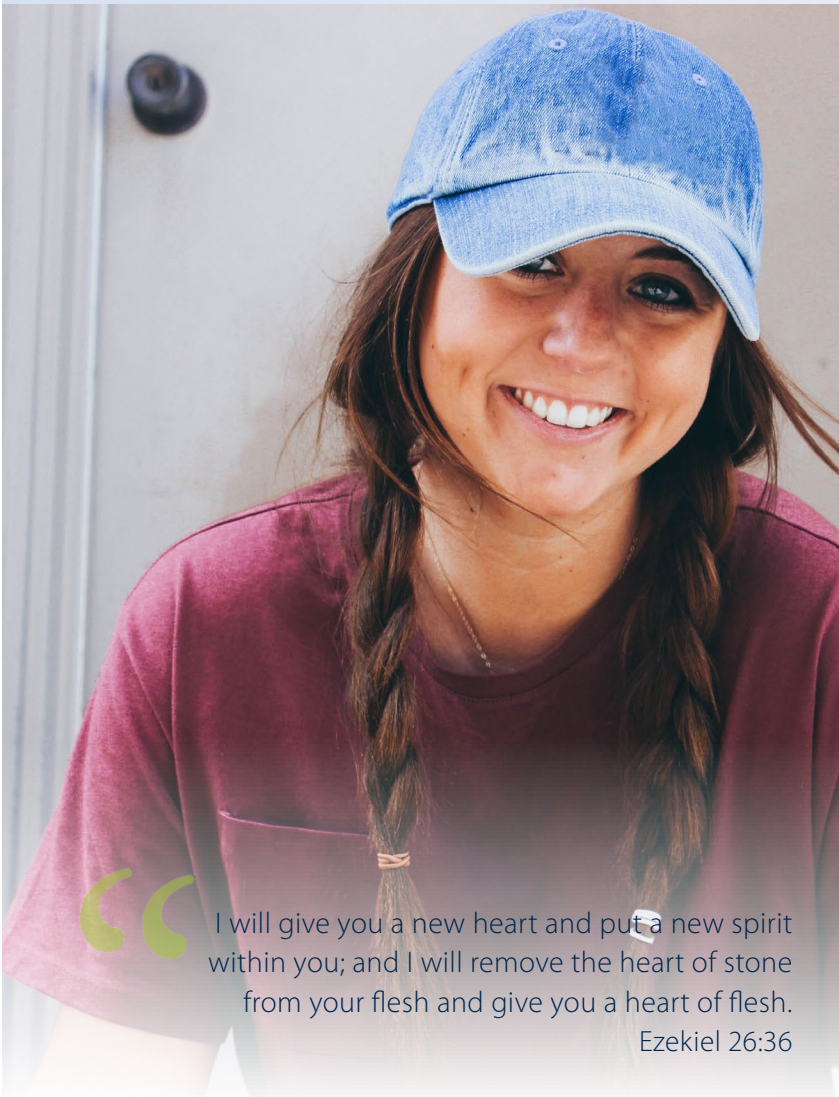




Fall 2017

Pregnancy Resource Center

New River Valley, Inc.



A Beautiful Transformation

by Courtney Johnson, Director of Client Services

In the PRC ministry we are blessed to see many transformations. The Lord works to transform the hearts, minds, and demeanors of many of the women who step foot in our clinics. One such dramatic transformation we saw recently was in the life of Robin*.

Robin was a beautiful young woman with soft brown hair and bright yet tearful eyes. She was distraught. Our nurse had just confirmed that she was pregnant. Although Robin believed abortion was wrong, she was conflicted and overwhelmed by her circumstances, so she had not ruled it out. A child just wasn't in the plans right now! In fact, she believed a baby would drastically interfere with or even stop those plans.

As her counselor discussed her options with her, Robin shared how she felt about each one. We conversed for a while before Robin faced the reality that she was too overwhelmed to make a decision that day. The counselor posed some questions for her to ask herself over the next few days and invited her to return for an ultrasound.

On her next visit, Robin's bright eyes beamed with joy. "I'm keeping my baby!" she quickly volunteered. She rushed on, sharing with her counselor how she had arrived at her decision. "Every time I started thinking about an abortion I would just start crying," she said, explaining this was the biggest reason she had decided against it.

She said she had finally realized that more negative would come with an abortion than a couple of tough years with a baby. That realization allowed her to embrace the fact that she was a mother. Needless to say, her ultrasound that day was filled with joy as she saw her sweet baby. "Oh, the baby is so cute!" she said, with a sigh of contentment.

She told us how appreciative she was of the support we had given her, including the ongoing support available through our pregnancy and parenting classes, which she excitedly signed up for. As we offered a prayer for her, we couldn't help but notice Robin's radical transformation from her previous appointment filled with uncertainty and tears to now radiating joy through her smiles.

In a moment of crisis, feelings often obscure our beliefs, no matter what the crisis. We are grateful for the opportunity you give us to be a supportive friend and a place of transformation!

*name changed to protect client confidentiality

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 26:36

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Seed Sowers

by Debbie Christian, CEO

Some of our clients' children began kindergarten this fall! Others began high school. While yet others are sending their own off to kindergarten! What a perspective, right?

I was reminded recently by Andi Andrew, speaker at a Care Net conference for pregnancy center leaders, that God gives us the answers to our prayers in ways we do not always recognize. We often pray for the whole orchard of mature, fruit-giving trees. He gives us a packet of little, tiny seeds.

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Can you picture us opening up a fantastically wrapped gift from God, the Creator of Universe, and offering a puzzled

response? In our haste, we don't recognize the amazing gift He's given, nor the investment of our faith, our time, our commitment that is a part of His gift as we grow in Him. Or we see only a small answer to what is to later grow into something far greater than we can imagine.

The PRC ministry is grown with seeds. No doubt, we're following a generation of many who have tilled the ground, planted seeds, and left them for us to harvest. Yet some of our most fervent prayers that we pray today are answered with a seed that requires a process of ardent labor that may fully be answered in years versus days. And answered by a whole community working together in churches, organizations, community services, and businesses.

Will we remain faithful in prayer and action to continue to bless what God has started in each life we influence from our role in the community and this ministry? What does that look like? Join me in praying for God's impact in the NRV. What can we offer that will continue to change the world? One seed at a time. Let's be grateful for seemingly small answers—God's got a really big plan!

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8-9

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 2018



January 21, 2018

What does your church or organization do to commemorate Sanctity of Human Life? Many churches throughout the New River Valley honor the sanctity of life sometime during the first quarter of the year.

The PRC can provide bulletin inserts and is also happy to send a representative from our organization to speak to your church or group about the sacredness of life and how it relates to our ministry. Presentations can last anywhere from 3-30 minutes, depending on your group and your requested purpose.

If you are interested in scheduling a speaker from the PRC for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, or at any time during the year, please call our Blacksburg office at 540-552-5556.



2017 Annual Benefit **Banquet**

Monday, Nov. 6
&
Tuesday, Nov. 7

The Inn at Virginia Tech
Latham Ballroom



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 be the same both evenings and will feature client testimonies and Kirk Walden as keynote speaker.

There is no cost to attend, but there will be an opportunity to partner with the PRC through a financial gift.

Attendance is by reservation only. If you would like to attend, please visit PRCsupport.com/banquet to register, email kelly@prcnewrivervalley.com, or call 540-552-5556.

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.

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the *light of Life*. John 8:12

Our clients are saying ...

- “The ultrasound made everything seem so real.”
- “The people, their support, and how they prayed with me were the best parts.”
- “They treated me so well and it was easy to talk to them.”
- “This facility is a wonderful, safe environment where women can go to get necessary and incredibly important health issues addressed and cared for.”
- “Seeing a heartbeat with an ultrasound makes it impossible to abort.”
- “Everyone was very friendly and seemed genuinely interested in helping me.”
- “I think it is great what you guys do. I love it and fully support it. Thank you so much for providing these services to poor college kids like me!”

Thank you for providing life-affirming services to our clients!

PRC News & Notes



Goal: **\$55,000** • Raised so far: **\$51,256**

Thank you to all the churches and organizations that have participated in our Baby Bottle Campaign so far! We are amazed and grateful for the generosity of everyone in the NRV who has partnered with us to get us so close to reaching our 2017 goal.

Thank you for helping us make an impact for LIFE!



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Student outreach

PRC staff and volunteers were busy in September welcoming college students back to the NRV with 4 different outreach events at VT, RU, and NRCC. We distributed:

 **4,100+**
bottled
waters with
VWC koozies

 **350 +**
keychains,
pens and
flashlights



We are grateful for this opportunity for thousands of local students to learn about the free services that we provide at Valley Women's Clinic!

Christmas Shopping is right around the corner...

Remember that the
PRC is part of the
AmazonSmile Program!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Your Christmas (or any time of the year) shopping on Amazon can support the PRC! To enroll, start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and choose "Pregnancy Resource Center of the New River Valley" from the list of charitable organizations. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the PRC.