



Winter 2018

# Pregnancy Resource Center

New River Valley, Inc.

## Wisdom for the Right Words

by Courtney Johnson, Director of Client Services

At the Pregnancy Resource Center, so many women we see are on the fence about their pregnancy decision. They are conflicted. Often, one thing is making the decision difficult for them, whether it is education, finances, or a lack of support. We saw this recently with Daisy\*.

Daisy walked into the clinic with a friend. We noticed that she looked nervous as she checked in and filled out her paperwork. When we took her back, she couldn't look her counselor in the eyes; she was scared. The more at ease she became, the more she opened up and her story began to tumble out. She was undecided because she didn't have support. "I'm scared to do this all on my own," she said. But almost as soon as she began, she stopped sharing and just wanted her pregnancy test results and options information before she made a decision.

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Part of equipping her with information was providing an ultrasound. Daisy saw the gentle flutter of the baby's heartbeat and asked for copies of her ultrasound. Through teary eyes, she expressed her inner struggle of seeing her baby and feeling alone. She said she felt like people were judging her because of some things she had done, and her family didn't accept her anymore.

Gently we shared biblical truths of her value, ways we could offer her support, and the source of strength as she allowed us to pray for her. As she was getting ready to leave, we reminded her once more that she wasn't alone and could feel safe and welcome at the clinic. Tearfully she shared her thanks. Later, Daisy called back. She had chosen to keep her baby and was interested in coming back for our classes!

During each client's appointment, we pray for God's wisdom, that He will give us the exact words to say to minister to each woman in her specific situation and to address her hesitations and needs. We want to help her see her own strengths, and to see the truth about the value of her life and the life of the child she is carrying.

That day, Daisy needed someone to tell her, without judgment, that they supported her. God was faithful. Wisdom from Him truly makes an impact in our clients' lives and for the lives of their unborn children.

*\*name changed to protect client confidentiality*

“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.”

James 3:17-18





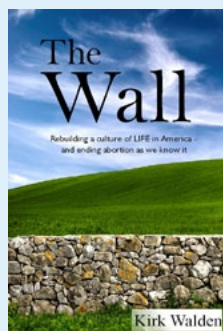
## The First Choice

“Be the first choice for pregnant women in the New River Valley!” That was the charge set before us at our Annual Banquet by Kirk Walden, a national speaker, pregnancy center consultant, and advocate for life with Heartbeat International. He firmly believes pregnancy centers have made an impact across the nation.

“In 1980 there were more than 2,000 abortion centers, and probably no more than a couple of hundred pregnancy help ministries. Today there are more than 2,700 pregnancy help ministries and only 730 outpatient abortion clinics in the US, a drop of 81% since 1991,” he cited. “In fact, the only abortion provider in the New River Valley—that was right next door to the PRC—closed just two years ago! I believe it’s because you are doing what God has called you to do!”

We are confident that God is working in this ministry, where every year for the past 10 years, 90% of our clients have chosen life. A ministry where the number of women served continues to increase annually. Where more and more people have joined our team to make an impact. Kirk shared, “I’ve never seen a ministry with so many LifeSponsors, your monthly supporters!”

God obviously has been stirring hearts for almost 33 years, making an impact through the PRC. Thank you for being a part of His story!



To find out more about how Kirk believes we are making an impact that will end abortion as we know it, call our Blacksburg office (540-552-5556) to reserve and pick up a free copy of his book, *The Wall: Rebuilding a Culture of Life in America*. Supplies are limited.

# LifeSponsor Testimony: Madye Price

Hearing the stories of our supporters is always a huge blessing to us. Sometimes, when we ask people why they support this ministry, we find the answer is related to a personal story of an unplanned pregnancy. We love hearing these and other amazing stories of God’s work in their lives that has driven them to a passionate support of PRC.

One such incredible story is that of Madye Price, who, along with her husband, Louie, is one of our LifeSponsor monthly givers. We invited Madye to share her story:

There was only one problem. I was pregnant.

“It was the fall of 1974. I was 16 years old, a junior in high school, and a successful student and athlete. I had a bright future ahead of me. There was only one problem. I was pregnant.

I was in shock. I didn’t know what to do, and I had only told my closest friends. I didn’t want to tell my parents, so I tried to hide it from them. I had heard of abortion, and everyone at that time said it was “just a blob of tissue.” So in the desperate mess I had gotten myself into, I began thinking about ending the pregnancy.

However, living in ‘the sticks’ there was no access and I didn’t have the money, so that option was out. I later realized that to be God’s providence. I had been raised in church, but had not yet come to the point of a personal relationship with Christ. I finally told my parents, and they said they would support me through it.

After a difficult pregnancy filled with severe illness, my beautiful son, Micah, was born on March 7, 1975.

There were many other difficult times in the future, but with the help of my parents and many others, I managed to finish high school on time and attend college.

I was born again at age 23 and started the most important relationship of my life – with Jesus Christ. Shortly thereafter, I married the love of my life (then and now), who became a father to my son. That son was a delightful child and has grown to be a wonderful man that I am more proud of than I can express.

I have learned that through my sin and failure and all the resulting trials, God’s grace kept me and protected my son’s life during that difficult time. The PRC ministry shares that grace with women facing unplanned pregnancies, just like I was. I was that girl who considered abortion, but I am so thankful that by God’s amazing grace, I instead chose life. That’s why I believe it’s so important to support life. And that is also why I am a LifeSponsor, because I want to do what I can to aid in the life-affirming work of the PRC ministry.”

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Madye, pictured here with her son, Micah, and grandson, Luca



# Baby Bottle CAMPAIGN 2018

## Now is the Time!

Many churches kicked off their 2018 Baby Bottle Campaigns on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 21st. 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](http://PRCsupport.com/baby-bottle-campaign).

Fill a bottle. *Change a life.*

## PRC Presentations

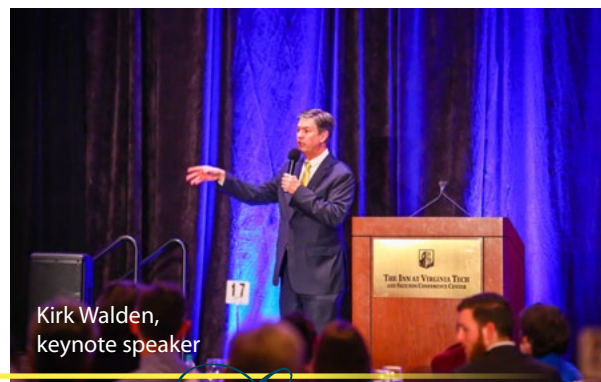
The PRC would love to come to your church, organization, small group or campus group to present our ministry in conjunction with the Baby Bottle Campaign or at any time during the year! Presentations can last anywhere from 3-60 minutes, depending on your group and your requested purpose. Tours of either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



Amy Heisel,  
PRC volunteer



Andy & Sue Ellen Crocker,  
LifeSponsors



Kirk Walden,  
keynote speaker

## 2017 Benefit **Banquet** *light of Life*

**Thank You...**  
to everyone who made  
it such a success!

Over our two-night event, we raised over \$195,000 for the PRC ministry! Attendees enjoyed a meal catered by the Inn at Virginia Tech. A PRC client who chose life told her story by video, then PRC volunteer, Amy Heisel, shared her testimony and another client story. Kirk Walden, keynote speaker, delivered a humorous but powerful message about how we can end abortion.

Thanks to the following underwriters of our 2017 Benefit Banquet!

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# Walk *for* Life **AMPLIFIED**

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**Friday, April 27 • Bisset Park, Radford**

5:00PM - Check-In | 6:00PM - Walk & Other Events (Choose one)



## Great Rewards

for participants who reach certain fundraising levels!



## After the Walk,

stick around for light dinner and family activities!

## RAISE FUNDS. GET ACTIVE. IMPACT LIVES.

Check out [PRCsupport.com/walkforlife](http://PRCsupport.com/walkforlife) for more information in the coming weeks!



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