



Winter 2020

Pregnancy Resource Center

New River Valley, Inc.

Giving Him a Voice

“I’ll support her with any decision she makes,” Doug^{*} offered. His girlfriend, Jo^{*}, like many of our clients, couldn’t see past the hardships of an unplanned pregnancy. They decided adoption was out of the question; they couldn’t go through the difficulty of carrying a baby that wouldn’t be theirs. And they were just not ready for parenting. In fact, it was a pretty scary thought.

“I’m definitely going to abort,” Jo shared. “I’m here to see how many weeks along I am.” During the ultrasound, she said she didn’t want any pictures of the baby. But toward the end, she got teary eyed and asked, “Can I maybe just have one picture?” Seeing their baby definitely made it harder for Jo and Doug to talk about pregnancy options. However, even though they had some great conversations with the counselor, they did not change their minds while in the clinic that day.

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At the PRC, it is common for the father of the baby to placate to the culturally expected response that cuts men off from expressing their opinion: “I’ll support her with any decision she makes.” In fact, our fathers may not have allowed themselves to even have an opinion at all. It may sound like unconditional support, but in reality that phrase can make the woman feel abandoned in decision-making as he leaves it entirely up to her. It can make her feel more alone in the decision because she does not have the needed insight or guidance of how he would support her. By law, his opinion doesn’t matter. She alone can make that choice.

We want to empower the father by allowing his voice to be heard, allowing him to be present in ultrasound, allowing him to ask his own questions, so *together* they can make their decision.

In this case, Doug expressed his dedication to Jo by showing up for the appointment. After the ultrasound, followed up by time to consider everything they learned, they DID decide to parent! We were overjoyed when they called us back to set up their first parenting class. Just that one picture has now become a treasured image of their child. We are so grateful to witness how God uses ultrasound and pregnancy options counseling sessions—where both parents’ voices can be heard—to make an impact for *life*.

**names changed to protect client confidentiality*



The Amazing Impact You Provide

by Debbie Christian, CEO

Our mission is to be a Christian outreach to women with unplanned pregnancies. We've expanded our vision over the last decade, seeking to increase our reach—a goal that we are accomplishing! We doubled our at-risk clients (those intending or not ruling out abortion) when we moved our clinic to Blacksburg in 2009. Then we added the Radford location in 2013 to see even more of those clients. We've added STI testing to further increase our reach. We've spent more dollars in the digital market space to lead women to our doors.

Our vision is leading us in the right direction:



In 2019 we saw 814 clients, which is an **increase of 48%** over the last five years.



The number of college students receiving our services has **more than doubled** over the past five years.



Last year we administered 482 STI tests, which is five times more than 5 years ago.

We want to highlight two trends to our supporters. First, clients are claiming any type of faith background less and less. Second, more and more of the clients we're seeing are at-risk for choosing abortion.



Last year, out of the 331 pregnancy tests we administered, 68% of the women were assessed as at-risk for choosing abortion, which is a 24% increase over the last five years.



Out of the 193 ultrasounds last year, 45% of women were assessed as at-risk for choosing abortion, which is a 10% increase over the past five years.

Yet...God is faithful!



In 2019 **more clients chose life as a result of ultrasound than ever before**. In fact, we've seen a 35% increase in at-risk clients choosing life over the past five years through ultrasound.



This past year, fewer women chose abortion than in each of the previous five years.

So, supporters, **now more than ever you are making an impact**. Women are being empowered by information in a safe, welcoming, confidential, Christ-like environment to rise to their challenges, hope for their futures, then work so very hard to make parenting happen. You are enabling women to stand strong with the support you give, such as that offered through our 1,594 pregnancy and parenting classes last year.

So, thank you for helping us continue our reach. As we celebrate our 35th anniversary of PRC ministry, we celebrate 35 years of LIFE and look forward to what God will continue to do through you in the lives of our clients. We are looking into additional ways to further our vision including introducing our clients to more people in the community by partnering with churches for some of our classes, increasing our reach to the men facing an unplanned pregnancy, and creating even better ways to get our name out there.

You are supporting a God-sized vision! Every story is precious, every life important.

Would you like to serve in this ministry?

For the latest job opportunities and volunteer opportunities, please visit PRCsupport.com.



Fill a bottle.
Change a life.

Baby Bottle CAMPAIGN 2020

The simple act of filling a bottle with change, cash, or checks can make a big impact—last year we raised over \$58,000! Your change helps *change* lives of the women, men, and babies we serve.

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

Thank you to all the churches and organizations that are participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign!

Walk for Life

Friday,
May 1, 2020

We hope you'll join us as a fundraising participant at our 20th annual Walk for Life! Walk, Zumba, or dodgeball. Whatever you choose, **ARISE & MOVE** for life!

More information available online and in the enclosed brochure!

Register online:
walkforlifeNRV.com



2019 Annual Benefit Banquet



Table hosts pray before the event



PRC client Angel shares her testimony



Keynote speaker Sarah Hernandez (center) with PRC clients Elijah (left), Kaycee (right), and baby Alaia

Thank You! We had such a good time at our Annual Benefit Banquet, "Arise!". Our supporters are amazing! The banquet met our needs through funding, but more importantly, honored God through testimonies shared by Sarah Hernandez and by people in our community impacted through the PRC ministry.

We'd like to acknowledge the many partners that made impact to women possible through their support of this event:

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35th Birthday Bash

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April 3, 2020
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BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

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Meet staff and board members
Walk for Life packets available
Enjoy light refreshments and cake*