



Fall 2018

# Pregnancy Resource Center

New River Valley, Inc.



## In her OWN WORDS

What an honor to be part of a ministry where we see a young woman move from her fears to her Provision! Meet Maria\*, a client, who tells her story in her own words:

"I moved from my home country to Blacksburg with great expectations of my new life as a student at Virginia Tech. I was feeling free, confident and full of energy as I reached out to this new life ahead of me to expand my skills and career.

Then I found out I was pregnant. I had already ended the relationship with my boyfriend and having a baby was not part of my plans. Suddenly now I saw myself as alone and desperate, far from home, weak, vulnerable and scared. How could I be a student and a single mother? For the first time I felt no power in my own life. I felt trapped.

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I saw the sign for Valley Women's Clinic (VWC) and came inside. To my relief, they became an instant source of support, coming alongside me, welcoming me in a loving way. They embraced me in my circumstances and offered a free ultrasound. Seeing my baby at that ultrasound allowed me to feel the joy of being a mother for the very first time! I saw things more clearly then. I realized I was being blessed with this gift of life and a new baby was coming to bring me happiness.

My advisors at Virginia Tech and even my family back home were supportive. And I had VWC as my resource. I took the weekly one-on-one classes to learn about my pregnancy found them to be helpful, relaxing and exciting. As my counselor prayed with me I felt peaceful and comforted, knowing God was taking care of me. I'm so grateful I found this place! I am now confident and happy. I came to associate the VWC as a touch of God's hand to me ---as a way He chose to show me that He was providing."

*\*name changed to protect client confidentiality*

**"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:19**

# FROM THE DIRECTOR



## You are INVITED

by Debbie Christian, CEO

*“He performs Wonders that cannot be fathomed, Miracles that cannot be Counted.” Job 5:9*

Our banquet, themed “Count Me In”, is soon---November 8th and 9th! You will hear of some brave clients who hurdled obstacles and determinedly paved a way for parenting. They rose to become true heroes motivated by a precious child.

### **Count me in . . .**

Every client counts and is valued by God. *Psalm 139:13-16*

We count on God to orchestrate every day miracles through the PRC. He is faithful and trustworthy. *Deuteronomy 7:9*

The church answers God’s call to “Count Me In” to care for women in our community. *Acts 2: 42-47*

At our banquet, we will also be inspired and challenged by Mike Spencer, a national pro-life advocate. Can we count you in for being a part of this event to make an impact for the year of ministry ahead? By attending? By giving? By praying? To register or to give, please go to our website: [www.PRCsupport.com/banquet](http://www.PRCsupport.com/banquet).

Register early as we expect all seats to be taken.

## Volunteer & LifeSponsor Testimony: Dr. Michael Slayton

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Dr. Slayton had attended several PRC banquets, when one particular year a question on our response sheet, “Could you see yourself involved in any way in this ministry?” caught his attention. He decided he’d check “Yes” even though he didn’t know what that would mean. It wasn’t long before a call came and he discovered that it was a critical time in the life of the PRC. It was 1999, we were transitioning to become not only a pregnancy options counseling center, but also a medical center, in order to add ultrasounds to our services. As a physician, his help was definitely needed! “Going medical was one of the most exciting, rewarding times for PRC ministry, pivotal in providing women with knowledge of what was happening in the womb, allowing them to see a real, living human being and make an informed decision. It (ultrasound) has been instrumental in changing hearts and minds since.” “As a physician”, Dr. Slayton shared, “I value human life—it is sacred and valuable. Whether it is the experienced life of one of my geriatric patients, or the birth of one of my grandchildren, it can bring me to tears---there is beauty in that. All I have learned has taught me to appreciate life. I fully believe in the PRC purpose and mission.” Dr. Slayton served as our PRC medical director from 1999 through 2010. He continues to volunteer as a banquet table host and an enthusiastic prayer partner for this ministry along with his wife, Marnie.





# 2018 Annual Benefit **Banquet**

The Pregnancy Resource Center's  
Annual Benefit Banquet

## Count me in

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Thursday, November 8th  
& Friday, November 9th

6:30pm-8:00pm  
Seating begins at 6:00

**German Club Manor**  
711 Southgate Drive, Blacksburg

## Count Me In

Please join us as we COUNT our blessings and celebrate the wonders and miracles that God has done through you, our generous supporters, as you stand for life and say COUNT ME IN! The banquet will feature an evening meal and fellowship, testimonials from clients and supporters, pro-life speaker Mike Spencer, as well as an opportunity to support the ministry.

To register to attend this event go to [www.PRCsupport.com/banquet](http://www.PRCsupport.com/banquet).



New Location for 2018: German Club Manor



Featuring Mike Spencer, Pro-life Speaker and Trainer

Mike served as a pastor for 23 years before joining the staff of Life Training Institute in 2012, where he serves as the Midwest Director of Training. Mike has a burden to awaken the church to the plight of mothers facing unplanned pregnancies and to the little ones they carry. He travels extensively throughout the United States speaking as the keynote at banquets and conferences and addresses thousands of students each year on high school and university campuses. Mike is a gifted and much sought after communicator who brings a pastor's heart to the often emotional and divisive issue of abortion in a way that is both gracious and compelling. He and his wife, Barb, have five children including a daughter they adopted from Guatemala. Mike and his family currently reside in Celina, Ohio.

## Virginia Tech and Radford University

### Campus Outreach

Every year, the Valley Women's Clinic participates in Gobblerfest at Virginia Tech and RU Club Fair at Radford in effort to reach out to those college students who may need our services. We hand out water bottles with koozies that have our information on them along with other promotional items such as pens, sticky notes and bottle openers.



Staff and Volunteers handing out promotional items at RU Club Fair



Members from the VT Corp of Cadets, VT Police Dept. and Newman Center helped us carry 94 cases of water to our table at Gobblerfest!

**Over 3,100 bottles of water and koozies with Valley Women's Clinic information were handed out to Virginia Tech and Radford University students!**

# PRC News & Notes



Total raised so far: **\$38,447.83**

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## Valley Women's Clinic Needs

Diapers - Sizes 1, 4 and 5  
Wipes  
Double Stroller

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of the AmazonSmile Program!

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