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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017
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Walk4Life is Here!

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Check inside this newsletter for your pledge form and get started TODAY.

Help Pregnancy Resources reach our \$80,000.00 goal so more moms can have a life saving ultrasound Or be the first to encourage a new dad.



With life the possibilities are endless.




HONORS & MEMORIALS

Thank You, Richard & Barbara Arnold In Memory of Barb Daniel & Babies

Save The Dates - 2017

Walk for Life Saturday, September 9th, 2017 LIFE. Worth Defending.	Two Locations Register and raise funds @ qcpregnancypartners.org
Fall Volunteer Training Davenport Center	Monday-Friday, October 23rd-27th 9:00 am—12:30 pm (refreshments)
Silver Ring Thing Moline, IL	Wednesday, November 8, 2017 MGT-New Hope Church

Bella's Closet

Thank you for your generosity to Bella's Closet. Our moms & dads are receiving a little extra because of you!

But... we still need your help! If you would like to give, please consider a monetary donation for the summer financial slump.



Message in a Bottle

~ By Hollie A Post Abortion Healing Story

Over 28 years ago, I chose not to have my baby. **I chose abortion.** I had gotten pregnant before I was twenty. *I thought I was just a dumb girl who had no clue about anything. I surely had no right being a mother. I couldn't take care of myself, so of course, I couldn't take care of a baby, and I was sure everyone would agree with me.* Fast forward a couple of years, and I was living with alcoholism, domestic abuse, and a life of constant self-suffering sabotage. **I hid from God, being so ashamed of who I was, and what I had done.**

Although I had believed in God my entire life, I also convinced myself that God really wasn't there for people like me. I started to drink very heavily. I drank to cope with having an abortion. I drank to cope with hating myself. I didn't know what to do with my pain and sorrow, so I drank. My drinking led to failed relationships, loss of jobs, friends, a DUI and more but I had to protect myself from that pain, especially, if the memory of the abortion crept in.

I had to face the memory again when I found out I was pregnant at the age of 24. This time, I decided to have my baby. I couldn't bear the thought of going through another abortion. Shortly after having my daughter, I started drinking again. The pain from my past was still too much. I reached a breaking point. I knew I was spiritually, mentally, and emotionally bankrupt. I walked into Alcoholics Anonymous and asked for help. My life was getting better, one day at a time.

I began working through the steps of AA with my sponsor, but I never felt I received healing for my deepest regret. My healing began after I

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placed a note in a baby bottle from Pregnancy Resources' Change for Life campaign. Although I wanted to help other women, *Jesus wanted to heal me, and help me first.* Pregnancy Resources reached out to me.

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What I found out most of all: I never knew I could trust anyone, especially Him, with this. Knowing He loves me and that I can trust Him with the deepest regret of my entire life was absolutely astonishing to me.

I am overwhelmed with His goodness. Today, I am over 9 years sober, have a wonderful husband and a beautiful 22-year old daughter. I ask the Lord daily to use my testimony of His marvelous grace to reach women who are facing a decision of whether or not to have their baby. I partner with Pregnancy Resources and two other women in a quilt ministry called "Message in a Bottle" to help women chose life. I also reach out to women who need healing from their decisions and tell them about Pregnancy Resources.

I cannot express the gratitude for the healing I have received through Forgiven and Set Free. This has been one of the most powerful experiences of my life! *Thank you, Heavenly Father, and thank you Pregnancy Resources!*

Post Abortive? Call 309-797-3636 and ask for Pam if you would like to talk with someone or to be part of a Forgiven and Set Free study.



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From the Heart

~Susan Skoglund, Executive Director

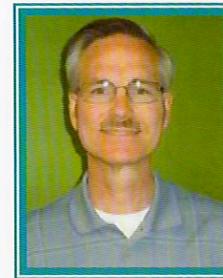
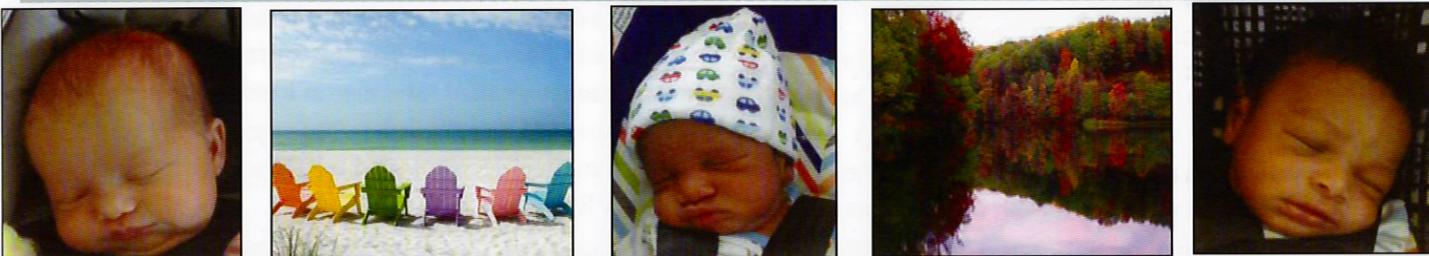
The Old Testament prophet Elisha is described as “the man of God” in the book of II Kings; he had the powerful ability to see God’s hand when others could not. In the story of the Aramean plot to capture Elisha, we read Elisha knew exactly what the king of Aram was planning, without being anywhere near him (II Kings 6:12). And, when the king sent an army after Elisha, this man of God could see God’s army protecting him (II Kings 6:16-17). A powerful moment in this story is when Elisha prays that his servant might see too. When the servant, who could only see the army arrayed against them, has his eyes opened by God, “he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha”- in the supernatural realm! Turning from fear, the servant gained strength, knowing God’s army was “more than those who are with them [the enemy].”

At Pregnancy Resources, part of our calling is to see what our clients and patients cannot, and when a woman comes in our door full of fear, **part of our mission is to help her see God is still present and available. And when God shows up, there are always more with us than against us!** We want her to envision that while the present circumstances may seem daunting, God has the supernatural ability to re-write her story. An unexpected pregnancy is not the end of her book of hope, but the beginning of a new chapter involving a new life. Adoption could be part of her new story. Parenting and marriage could be a part of her new story. The emphasis however, is always on “new.” “New” takes place when we see from God’s perspective. **Thanks to people like you who care,** our doors are open to meet their physical needs as well as to offer hope for God to meet their spiritual needs. Thank you for caring!

On another note- God is miraculously opening doors for us to move from our current Moline location into one on one level, with adequate parking, super visibility, and with a climate controlled garage that fits our Hope Van’s needs. We’ve been praying for exactly this! Your partnership is needed more than ever as well as prayers for selling the current building and all that this entails!

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

These are just a few babies born this summer because you care to partner with us to offer life and life abundant!



Volunteer Spotlight

24/7 DAD

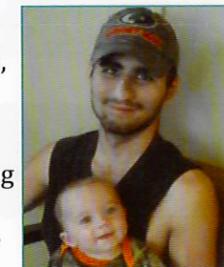
~Mike Cummings, Moline Volunteer

My experience as an instructor for 24/7 Dad’s Class is a gift from God because it has given me a channel through which I can

minister to men in need. For most men, it isn’t always clear to them what that need is until they begin learning about manhood “God’s way” in our 24/7 Dad class. I say ‘manhood’ because many men don’t realize they lack the proper knowledge of what manhood was meant to be. They grew up in a family that either didn’t have a dad or, their dad was not a good role model. Without a good role model, boys will not learn how a man is supposed to function as a leader, communicator, provider, father, and soul-mate for his wife.

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The first thing the men learn is the five characteristics of a 24/7 Dad: 1) Self-awareness, 2) Caring for self, 3) Fathering skills, 4) Parenting skills, and 5) Relationship skills. It’s amazing to observe their facial expressions change during the class when they begin hearing what every young man wants to hear: there is hope for your future. I must be honest, some of the men don’t respond very well. They haven’t been trained to listen to wise counsel. It’s possible that all their lives they have seen the wrong images and were surrounded by the pain of despair or they were frightened by inappropriate anger in the home.



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instructed have responded positively, and by God’s grace, a handful of them have listened (some nervously) as I shared the good news of Jesus.

I must say though, some of the best times have been when the men were watching the film “Courageous.” I have seen the faces of every man who has watched that

movie, and not one of them blew it off as a “time-filler.” There is always a short time of silence when the movie ends, and they are thinking deeply about what message they had just witnessed. They saw men of courage, men who experienced the tragedy of the highest level, men who weren’t satisfied with mediocre lives that left them empty. They observed men that

discovered what it took to be honorable and responsible husbands. The actors in that film portrayed men who “resolved” that real manhood begins when men humble themselves before God and follow His original purpose for them. One of the best things that our students learn while experiencing “Courageous” is that proper fatherhood becomes a natural outflow of that resolve.

We who teach men here at Pregnancy Resources cannot do this without the help of the Holy Spirit, therefore we need your faithful prayer support.

~Pray also that more men accept their responsibility as Dads and come to our classes.~



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The Silver Ring Thing - Save the Date!

Hallelujah! We won this event in a drawing at our annual Care Net Conference! This event costs \$2,500.00 to bring to the community. It’s a fantastic nationally acclaimed purity event for teens and pre-teens with music and more —action packed and challenging for them as well.

So Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas—Help us spread the word!

We will also need LOTS of volunteers to help and host homes for the young people and leaders who put on the Silver Ring Thing. Call Trisha at 563-386-3737 or email Trisha@qcpregnancy.org if you can help .

Help Wanted!

Moline needs a dedicated, long term, cleaning volunteer beginning ASAP
Approximately 3 hours of service every other week
Please call Pam @ 309-797-3636

