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~Turning the "Dreadful D's" Around~

November and December should be the two months out of the year to feel extra joy, thankfulness, generosity and love towards others, peace and tranquility. Unfortunately, for a lot of the population it is quite the opposite. The season can be over taken by the "Dreadful D's", which include: despair, depression, discouragement, feeling despondent and dejected.

Imagine if you will, an unplanned pregnancy at this time of year, and the feeling of hopelessness that might come with it. This is one of the reasons The Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley is here, to help turn an unplanned pregnancy into the blessing that God intends for the unborn child. We want women and men to know that it is not "the end of the world", and that God has a plan for each and every one of us.

Our desire is to offer hope to replace despair, confidence to replace discouragement, love to replace feeling despondent, and acceptance to replace feeling dejected. God's truth for anyone is: "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

If you know anyone that is in need of our services, please send them our way. Our compassionate mentors are here to help in any way they can to alleviate the "Dreadful D's" during this Holiday Season.

We pray that our supporters have a very safe and blessed Christmas.

A New Way To Donate!

Our faithful supporters can now donate to the Pregnancy Center by using the Fred Meyer Rewards Card! This is called "Community Rewards" ~ How does it work, you ask? Simply go on-line and link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card with "The Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley" Non-profit Corporation. Just log into your on-line account. If you don't have Internet access, you probably have a friend or family member that does. Now, whenever you use your Rewards Card at Fred Meyer, you will be helping the Pregnancy Center earn donations from the store. It's that easy! And, it doesn't take away from the points you earn towards Fred Fuel discounts! We welcome you to join us in this new adventure of donating.



Center Prayer Requests

- ◇ Community awareness of the services we offer
- ◇ Funding for monthly operational expenses (rent, power, phone, office supplies)
- ◇ Additional helpers
- ◇ A volunteer to do a monthly thorough cleaning of the center
- ◇ God's wisdom for the Staff and Board members
- ◇ Safe holidays for everyone! ☺

God Is So Faithful!!

What can I say? It should never be a surprise when God shows up and blesses a fundraiser. He showed up in a mighty way at the Pie and Praise held on November 14th!

The total raised on behalf of the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley was close to \$5000.00! This blessing will allow the center to continue operating, pay the upcoming annual bills, and continue to be a light in the Illinois Valley.

A personal "shout out" to the following people, without whom we could not have had such a successful fundraiser: Pastor Sonny Moore, Carlos Gutierrez, Jim Lewin, Dolly Newton, Louise Evans, Mariah Griess, Yvonne Alvarez, Cindy Moore, Annetta Scott, the Worship Teams from Assembly of God Church and Bridgeview Community Church, the pie bakers, and everyone who bid on pies ~ including the "shock and awe" bids!

THANK YOU from the Board Members, Staff and Volunteers! May God truly bless all of you for your generosity and loving support!

~ Beth Funk-Director

Center Supply Needs

- ❖ Coffee ~ Regular and Instant; hot chocolate; powdered non-dairy creamer; cases of water
- ❖ Size 5 diapers (popular size right now) ☺
- ❖ Diaper bags
- ❖ Hypo-allergenic baby wipes
- ❖ Bathroom tissue and paper towels
- ❖ New and gently used baby clothes, jackets, and maternity clothes



Honor the Sanctity of Human Life ~ Sunday, January 17th, 2016

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