

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves...speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:8-9

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Dear Defender of Life,

Recently, we saw a patient who was abortion-minded. After our services, she let us know that she had not changed her mind. We tried to reach her for follow-



up but we could not reach her at the number she had left us. A few weeks later, our Patient Resources Manager, Denise, happened to see her at her place of business. How we celebrated with joy when the patient told Denise that she had decided to continue her pregnancy. This patient came to us thinking her only choice was abortion. Thankfully, while she was at our clinic, she heard about other “choices.”

In the past, those who opposed ministries like ours would say about us, “Oh, those are the people who try to talk women out of abortions. They don’t provide women with **choice**.” This was a frustrating, inaccurate description but in many circles, the description stuck. Today, those people say the same thing—and it could not be more wrong. Their line of reasoning is that if we don’t provide abortion, we are somehow depriving women of their rights. Suddenly we are targeted as “anti-choice.”

But times have changed. Without question, we are the providers of choice. Should a woman want a picture of where she is in pregnancy, she comes to us for detailed information and for an ultrasound. If a couple considers adoption for their baby, we are many times their first choice. Should parenting be an option, where does a woman turn for help? Us, of course. And if a woman has been through an abortion and is suffering emotional pain and trauma, where does she turn? To the abortion clinic? Never. Instead, she comes to us—people who understand her hurt, who love her enough to listen to her and who will walk with her on her road to forgiveness and healing.

Choice, a catch-word in today’s world, has come to mean, “Abortion.” It is a shame, because choice actually means we are given options from which we can make an informed decision. And we want those options to be healthy ones.

Choice then, comes not from those who give but one answer to an unplanned pregnancy—but from us, PCC’s Women’s First Choice Medical. Here, a woman is given an opportunity to explore healthy pregnancy options such as parenting and adoption. In each case, a pregnancy is allowed to come to its intended conclusion: birth.

The truth about choice is simple: No self-respecting physician offers abortion as a healthy choice for pregnancy, just as no worthy physician offers cigarettes as a choice for the patient with high blood pressure (“Relax more—have a smoke!”). To do so is a hypocritical rationalization of the Hippocratic Oath.

So while others attempt to sway the public debate with carefully-chosen words, we truly offer choice—backing it up with practical resources to make those choices work. Choice? It’s found right here, every day.

You . . . Make the difference. Every time a mom chooses life, you are playing a role in honoring the Creator of Life. God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary tasks. Throughout scripture, we do not see God using the famous, the rich, the movers and shakers. He uses people with open hearts who choose to follow His leading. Thank you for your faithful support! Your donations help us show the love of God and share the Gospel to those who come through our doors looking for a choice.

In Him who loves us,
Darlene Barber



Thank you

for your faithful support of the Pregnancy Care Center and Women’s First Choice Medical Center.



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Life Choices

by Denise Percival, Patient Resources Manager

Those of us who are proponents of life understand the significance of life choices. Our creator made us agents of choice and His Word resonates with choice –



“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;” Deuteronomy 30:19 (NKJV)

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve....But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15 (NKJV) Make a choice - Joshua urged the people.

Choices of life and death; blessing and cursing; to serve the One True and Living God – Elohim or a man-made object all seem like choices that require no thought. Of course we will choose life, blessing and to serve the Lord – who wouldn't?

Since joining the staff of the Pregnancy Care Center of Tiftarea, I have looked women in the eyes and I have seen the struggle as they grapple with life and death choices. The beauty is I get to give them information in an effort to educate them so they will be equipped to make a life choice not just for themselves but for their posterity. For few moments they get to stop, express themselves if they choose to, get information about their situation and come to the realization that there is life beyond the seemingly wrong choices of their past.

One young lady, after visiting the center recently, said, her eyes had been opened “to so much now and later in life.” When she left the center she was undecided about whether to parent, adopt or abort, but stated that she felt she could make a better choice after her visit. **She has since chosen to parent and feels things are looking up for her. A life choice because of God being allowed to operate through the ministry of Women's First Choice.**

You see all of this is possible, yes because of God, but also because



of those who have chosen to allow Him to operate through their lives. People just like you who have chosen life and daily choose to allow Him to flow through them to offer life to others. The fact that you are reading this newsletter indicates that you have, at some point, offered some type of support to the ministry of this center. You made a choice to give monetarily, to give in prayer support, to give of your time – you made a life choice to give and because of that life is flowing through this center. One day the account will be settled and you will be amazed at the far reaching impact of your life choices.

Please continue to pray for the work that goes on here. Some we meet have arrived here because of a series of wrong choices or death choices. **Choices that bring death and destruction into their lives are often a result of them having never seen a series of life giving choices lived out in front of them.** They really do not understand that life can be full of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The concept of walking in peace is as foreign to many of them as walking the uncharted areas of a remote, uninhabited, undeveloped piece of earth. Peace and life do not mix for them. Please pray that we will be able to offer peace and will be filled with the correct actions or words to demonstrate there is peace in this life. **A true life choice leads to peace.**

Nothing is so rewarding as seeing eyes light up when a life choice is made and a fearful young woman can rest confidently in a decision she has made. It is uplifting when she realizes she does have the choice to change her direction in life and she can start choosing today. She can choose life, not only for the life she is carrying, but for herself. Thank you Pregnancy Care Center of Tiftarea family and friends for making the operation of this center possible and for choosing life, not just for yourselves, but for everyone who is making life choices through the influence of this life center.

The Future Is Looking Bright



...and we need YOU to help keep it that way!

Would you consider making a year-end donation to the Pregnancy Care Center to help us continue our work of reaching abortion-minded women in our community? Or will you lend a hand at the center by becoming one of our much

needed and highly-valued volunteers?

Whether through your financial gift or the gift of your time and abilities, how is the Lord leading you to impact this life saving ministry? The articles in this month's newsletter have described what it truly means to make a Life Choice. What life giving choice are you willing to make today to help save the generation of tomorrow?

Visit us online at <http://www.friendsofpregnancycare.com> to learn more about giving to the PCC or give us a call at 229-382-4491 to learn more about volunteering!

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