

# Central Michigan Pregnancy Services

Fall 2009

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## *Stand For Truth* From the Desk of Mary Barz



In our lobby hangs a framed "Commitment to Care" statement which promises our clients that we will provide the best care possible. Each staff person and volunteer is screened and trained to ensure that we will provide a safe and confidential place to offer our many services.

When a woman comes to us in a crisis pregnancy situation, we provide a compassionate, nonjudgmental atmosphere as we talk with her about her options. We believe that a woman does not choose abortion like she might choose what she is going to wear or what shoes she is going to buy. She contemplates abortion under duress because she feels trapped or perhaps pressured into thinking that an abortion is the only choice that will resolve her crises. In light of this, we promise to listen with respect and without ridicule or judgment. We also will give her accurate information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues and related concerns. We share no scary pictures or biased statements, only truth in love. We are upfront in sharing that CMPS does not provide nor do we refer for abortion, but we are committed to offering accurate information about abortion procedures and risks. Our answers to her questions will be honest and most importantly, she will be offered ongoing support in accordance to her needs.

In today's world where information comes at young adults through a variety of media, it is important that we stand for truth. We believe that through education we can empower young adults to make good choices. If you read the following statistics you will understand why we have become so passionate about our message:

- 2,300 teens become pregnant everyday
- Of that number, 750 babies are aborted everyday
- Only 1% of that number (or 23 babies) are placed for adoption
- We are seeing girls as young as 12 or 13 at CMPS
- 1 in 4 sexually active teens has one or more Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- This year there will be over 19 million new cases of STIs in our country
- Of the more than 35,000 people diagnosed with oral cancer, 25% will be linked to a STI

We must remove our politically correct muzzles and strive to educate our communities. We cannot sit back and let our children become a statistic! Every program we have at CMPS allows us to educate and inform and we believe we can make a difference. Not just because we have wonderful programs, but because when Jesus Christ is the foundation, miracles happen and lives are changed.

Together, with God, we are making a difference in this world!

Blessings,  
Mary

# 2009 Fall Fundraising Banquet: "The Unforgettable Gift"

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, CMPS hosted our eighth annual Fall Fundraising Banquet. The guest speaker, Brian Pruitt, shared an amazing testimony and made us laugh until we cried. Almost 400 guests attended and we are excited to report that we raised close to \$80,000! When you support CMPS you support the following programs we offer at no charge to our clients:

- Free pregnancy tests and options counseling
- Earn While You Learn parenting program for mothers
- Dads Matter parenting program for fathers
- Joyful Beginnings baby store
- Willing to Wait abstinence program
- HEARTS (Helping Educate Abstinent Responsible TeenS) drama team
- Post Abortive Support Services
- Community referrals

These programs are free to those we serve, but they are not

without expense. We are very grateful that in this difficult economic time you have chosen to bless others through Central Michigan Pregnancy Services. When you support CMPS, you support our mission to reach our communities with life affirming truth. You also make it possible for our Willing to Wait program and the incredible young adults in our HEARTS team to go into schools with a powerful and engaging abstinence message. You teach young mothers how to parent their children and you empower fathers to be the best dads they can be. Your gifts also bring us closer to our goal of going medical.

Will you continue to support CMPS by mailing in your support in the enclosed envelope or by contributing online at [supportlifecmps.com](http://supportlifecmps.com)? We need you, but more importantly, they need you! We are also in great need of volunteers. If you are interested in serving others through CMPS, please contact Marcie Marckel at (989) 773-0379 or [marcie@supportlifecmps.com](mailto:marcie@supportlifecmps.com).



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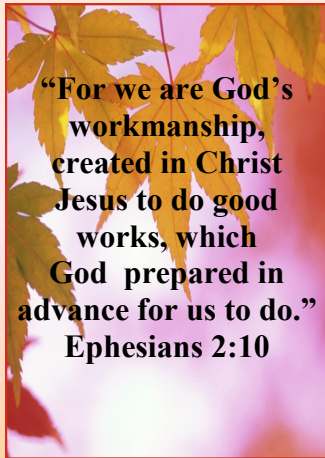
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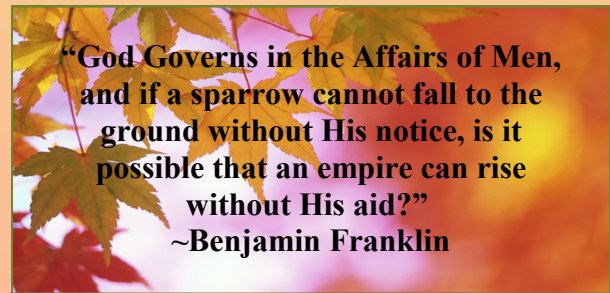
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## Thank you

We are grateful to Grace Church who raised over \$1,000 for Central Michigan Pregnancy Services during their Race 4 Reason. We are blessed by their friendship and their desire to serve our community. The race was well organized and all profits were given to three local ministries: CMPS, The Village Art Project and Campus Crusade for Christ. We look forward to working with them as we "team up" and combine our "Walk for Life" and their spring Race 4 Reason on April 17, 2010 at CMU's Indoor Athletic Complex (IAC). Thank you Grace Church for your support!



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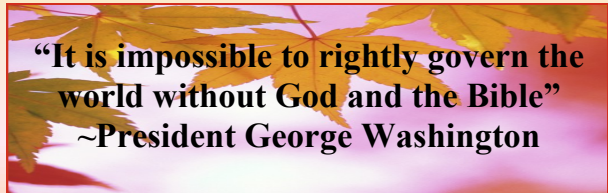
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## And the beat goes on!

**21 days after conception, a baby's heart begins to beat!**

### Christmas Cookie Sale

This year's Christmas Cookie Sale will be December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of our popular cookie trays, please be aware that orders need to be in by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. You may call CMPS at (989) 773-0379 if you would like to order cookies or pay for your order by credit card. You can also call if you would be willing to donate ingredients or help in the cookie baking process. Our holiday trays are \$20.00 and consist of 3 dozen beautiful cookies. Trays may be picked up on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at New Life Christian Fellowship Church located on the corner of Broomfield and Shepherd Rd. between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. You may also pick them up at CMPS, 312 W. Broomfield on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm - 5:00pm.



### A New Opportunity to Support CMPS

At our donor website, [supportlifecmps.com](http://supportlifecmps.com), we have added an opportunity for you to give through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). While on our home page, click the "Online Giving" tab, and you will be taken directly to the EFT form. You will be provided a chance to contribute a one time or monthly gift through your checking, savings, or credit card accounts. By giving electronically, not only do you provide blessings for our clients, you protect our environment by giving through a paperless venue. We thank Greg Traviss for maintaining our website and making this opportunity possible!

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