



# Central Michigan Pregnancy Services

Fall 2010

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## A Bright Future From the Desk of Mary Barz

During the past several years, Central Michigan Pregnancy Services has experienced tremendous growth and over the past 12 months we have touched the lives of nearly 6,000 individuals through our many programs. We are in a solid position to take the next step and add more services, however, in our current building we have no place to expand. For this reason, at our most recent board meeting, our Board of Directors voted to investigate the purchase of a new Center location. With what we pay in rent we could purchase a building that will grow with our programs. The problem has been finding a location where we would remain in the middle of those we serve.

Also, after much prayer and discussion, the board has decided that we will go medical and seek the necessary funding to start providing ultrasounds to women and young girls who are struggling with the choice of abortion. As I shared at our banquet, this is a rather large endeavor and will require further financial support from our benefactors. We believe that God will speak to the hearts of those He will bring forth to help to make this possible.

We are passionate about reaching our community with truth. If you read the following statistics you may understand why:

- Every day in this country 2,300 teens become pregnant
- Of those 2,300 pregnancies, 750 are aborted
- 250 of these pregnancies end in miscarriage
- Only 1%, or 23 babies, are placed with adoptive families
- 40% of minors having an abortion report that neither of their parents knew about the abortion (AGI)

At CMPS we believe that "Knowledge + You = Empowerment" and that is why everything we do focuses on education. Undoubtedly, ultrasound will be a great tool to educate young women about their pregnancy. I want to be clear about the purpose of ultrasound. Ultrasound will not be used to coerce or misinform young women, but rather to educate and inform them. Every woman has the right to know what will be terminated when she chooses abortion. I have seen far too many young women who have said to me "if only I had known."



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## Mike Williams

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This past spring I had the privilege of sitting with one of our clients who was considering abortion while she had her ultrasound. She had tears of joy running down her cheeks as she saw her baby wave, suck his thumb and hold his hands together as if in prayer. She now has a beautiful, healthy baby boy. She had to take some time off from the university she was attending for maternity leave, but she is registered for the winter semester.

"Truth in love" is what we offered her and life is what she gave to her baby. We must never lose sight of the value of God's creation, nor the potential of a mother's love for her child. Both are beyond measure.

Blessings,  
Mary

"I am thankful for your comfort and support, and mostly, introducing me to God, during the most painful time in my life."

- Post Abortive Client

On Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> we celebrated life at our fall fundraising banquet. We welcomed 480 guests to enjoy our guest speaker, Mike Williams, to share a meal with friends, and to participate in our silent auction. It was wonderful seeing everyone enjoy themselves and "Laugh for Life" as Mike entertained us with his comedy and inspired us with his personal testimony.



We would like to especially thank our banquet sponsors who graciously underwrote the cost of our entire banquet, which raised over \$100,000. Please read carefully the names of the individuals, churches and businesses that made it possible for us to provide such a quality event for our banquet attendees. If you attended this year's Fall Fundraising Banquet as a guest and were unable to make a donation, please know it is not too late. Our banquet provides a major percentage of our annual budget, and this budget allows us to provide the many programs to our community, free of charge.

**"In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."**

*~ Philippians 4:6-7*

### SUMMER SLUMP RAFFLE WINNER

CMPS is excited to announce that Carol Walker of Mt. Pleasant is the winner of the Sony, 42", Flat Screen television which we raffled off in August. Thank you to Isabella Bank for financing this wonderful gift and also, ABC Warehouse for the special pricing. We raised \$6,735.00 through this fundraiser. We are grateful to Karen Hill, Store Manager, for providing expert service and knowledge regarding our purchase. Congratulations Carol!



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"Everyone was concerned and eager to help."

- Client

"I learned about the signs of abuse. I told everything I learned in "Willing to Wait" to my sister who is 17 and in a relationship. Thank you for teaching me this. I will remember this forever!"

- Willing to Wait Student

## We give a special thank you to our amazing volunteers!

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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 on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<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 3<sup>rd</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 9<sup>th</sup> at New Life Christian Fellowship Church located on the corner of Broomfield and Shepherd Rd. between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm or at CMPS, 312 W. Broomfield on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Newsletter set-up provided by Kim Warner. Design by Emily Earnest.

### Mark Your Calendar

Our annual Walk for Life will be held on May 14, 2011 at Island Park. More details will follow.

### New Logo!

CMPS would like to thank Greg Traviss of The Wildlife Gallery for the design of our new logo. Check out the cover of our newsletter and realize why we feel blessed to have the support of this amazing young man. As a non-profit we depend considerably on the support and creativity of our volunteers. Because of our volunteers, CMPS is more able to use your contributions to bless our community through life changing programs. Thank you Greg and The Wildlife Gallery!

### Become our Friend on Facebook

Just go to Facebook.com and put Central Michigan Pregnancy Services in the search engine. Check out pictures of our lively staff and also pictures from our Fall Fundraising Banquet!

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