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From the Desk of Mary Barz



As I begin my fourth year at CMPS, I am amazed and thankful that God has placed me here. I am a work in progress as I become more cognizant of our role in meeting the needs of our community. At CMPS our primary functions are to educate our community with truth, to provide hope to the hopeless, and to meet the needs of those who come to us for our services. As I continue my work, I become more fully aware of the value of human life at all stages of development. From the delicate human being created at conception to the frail and elderly person in the wheel chair, God's purpose for each life is significant and worth protecting. I am relieved to understand that it is not my responsibility to decide who will live in this world and who will leave. I am also relieved to know that at CMPS, the burden of judgment is not upon our shoulders. We are here to educate and support young women and men with difficult or unplanned pregnancies and to help heal those living with the regret of past abortion(s). We desire to provide the love of Christ to every individual we assist, regardless of beliefs, and leave the role of judging to a higher and omnipotent God.

When we screen and train our volunteers we are careful to look for and to inspire an attitude of grace in each potential volunteer. I am extremely proud of the women and men who have committed to serve others through CMPS and feel inspired by those who allow God to work through them. I recognize the sacrifice of each servant and I am grateful that they have chosen to bless others through CMPS.

On February 20th at the Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet, we celebrated as one of our volunteers received the Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award for her volunteer service to CMPS and her community. Lucile Prout has served CMPS for over 23 years. She has served on our Board of Directors, as a bookkeeper and currently works as a receptionist every Wednesday morning. She is reliable, committed and loved by all who work with her. She is never judgmental and loves the girls who walk through our door. At 83 years of age, she is unfailing in performance and commitment. We congratulate her upon receiving this honor and are grateful that she has chosen CMPS to be the recipient of her gifts and talents.

I wish I had the time and space to tell you about each and every volunteer at CMPS. There are peer counselors, parenting instructors, receptionists and workers in the baby store. They bake thousands of cookies, work at events, create websites, and format and fold newsletters at CMPS. They are the heart of CMPS and their commitment to serve is valued. Our volunteers are the reason your financial support inspire lives to change. CMPS could not exist without them and we are blessed to have such incredible people serving at Central Michigan Pregnancy Services.

Blessings,

Mary

Thank You!



Thank You Cookie Volunteers!

In December 2009, volunteers from 6 area churches participated in our annual Christmas Cookie bake sale. It was an incredible task that required long hours and a lot of work. However, after the flour settled, they baked over 16,000 cookies! We would like to thank every cookie baker and every person who donated ingredients. Because of their efforts, we raised \$9,869.00 for CMPS! Thank you cookie bakers and a special thank you to the churches that supported our efforts.

Thank you to our dedicated Cookie Committee and friends. They are:

Kim Warner-Chairperson, Grace Church
Nancy Barnes and Diane Fussman-St. Joseph the Worker
Judi Bohlman-First Church of the Nazarene
Janet Larrance-Sacred Heart Parish
Kim McBryde-Mt. Pleasant Community Church
Stephanie Papenfus and Sarah Scoby-First Baptist
Marie Root-New Life Christian Fellowship



Late Night Fun!



Future Cookie Bakers!



“Don't tell God how big your problem is, tell your problem how big your God is.” ~Author unknown

United Way Donations

We would like to thank all donors who choose to support CMPS through the United Way. Unfortunately, we do not know who many of you are! Please know that if you do not check the box on your form that gives the United Way permission to share your name with us, your support will come to us identified as “anonymous giver.” We are grateful to those of you who support us and would like to personally thank you for your support. You may call the United Way office and let them know if you desire to have your name mentioned on the giving statement.

Check out our websites!

Greg Traviss of Wildlife Galleries, has put his talents to work on reinventing our website! We are amazed at his talent and creativity. When you go to our donor website, www.supportlifecmps.com, it only takes a click of a mouse to learn about our Fall Fundraising Banquet, the Walk for Life and other events. You can also find out about the services we provide, our newsletter, and contact information. He has even added the new option of donating online! Greg has arranged all the information we gave him into a concise and orderly design. He has also updated and recreated our client website at www.pregnancycmps.com. Check it out! He did an outstanding job!

Thank you Greg and Wildlife Galleries for providing our new websites!

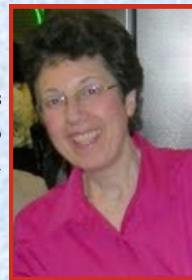
CMPS Welcomes New Board Member

CMPS is excited to introduce you to our newest Board Member, Renee Papelian. Renee is currently serving as the Director of Professional Education within the College of Education and Human Services at Central Michigan University. Renee is a former teacher having spent 23 years teaching middle school in a nearby district. Her passion is to see the best in those around her and to encourage the next generation.

Renee attends The Potter's House Family Worship Center and was the Worship & Arts Director for 23 years before stepping down and passing the baton in December 2009. Her love of music is still at the forefront of her life and she is thankful for the opportunity to lead the music at

her church on select occasions. Renee is also involved in a traveling music group that leads worship at retreats and conventions.

When Renee attended the CMPS banquet two years ago, a prompting was placed in her heart regarding CMPS. The excellence and sincere hearts she witnessed that evening to help women and men in a time of crisis made a huge impression upon her. When she was approached at the 2009 Banquet to serve as a Board Member, her response was an immediate yes! Renee views serving on the board of CMPS as a privilege and joy and CMPS is grateful that she has chosen to serve on our Board.



“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.” ~Ephesians 6:1

Willing to Wait

Our Willing to Wait abstinence program is in its third year of reaching students in area schools. Our instructor, Shari Evans, does an amazing job of engaging student with lessons that are designed to inspire critical thinking regarding relevant issues teens are facing. Following are quotes taken from an area Junior High School.

Student Quotes:

“When I was younger, I was raped and abused so I thought I had to keep having sex to feel good. She (Shari) showed me I can change. I'm not the person with a problem. It was not my fault.”

(I learned) **“That you don't have to have sex to make a relationship strong.”**

“I have decided to wait. Shari has convinced me!”

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“I have decided to wait because I know the legal, physical and emotional consequences of sex.”

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(I learned) “How to have a healthy relationship and to have real love.”

Willing to Wait is a wonderful program that has impacted many lives around our community. Though our programs are free to those we serve, they are not without expense. Please consider supporting CMPS in order that we may enlarge our territory and continue our life changing programs. Together, with God, we can change the world!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lucile Prout for being a recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award. We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to CMPS.



Mark Your Calendars!

And plan to attend the 2010 Fall Fundraising Banquet on October 21 at the Comfort Inn. Mike Williams, a national Christian Comedian, will be our featured speaker. We hope to see you there!

....serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ~Galatians 5:13, 14

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

Walk For Life PARTNERING WITH Race For Reason



This year CMPS' Walk for Life will partner with Grace Church's Race 4 Reason as we work to strengthen local families and support global compassion efforts. The events will take place on Saturday, April 17 at the CMU Indoor Athletic Complex. Registration opens at 8:00. Participants in either event are able to support CMPS. To register for the Walk for Life, go to our

website at www.supportlifecmps.com and download a sponsorship form or call us at (989)773-0379 and we will mail one to you. To support CMPS through the Race for a Reason, go to www.lovemp.org/R4R and select CMPS in the online registration form. This will direct your entire registration fee to CMPS. Pre-register online by April 4th for a discounted rate. For those interested in the Walk for Life, you may ask friends and relatives to sponsor you or you can sponsor yourself and participate in this exciting event. Walk for Life activities take place from 9:00 until 11:00 and you may walk at any point during that time. The Race 4 Reason activities are as follows:

8:00 a.m. Race-Day Registration Opens
9:00 a.m. 15k and CMPS Walking begins

9:15 a.m. Bike Criterium
10:00 a.m. 5k and 1mi. Fun Run
11:00 a.m. Tot Trot on the IAC indoor track with CMPS families

11:15 a.m. Food/Results and Times
11:30 a.m. Awards Ceremony
12:00 p.m. Event is officially over

The Tot Trot is free of charge and is intended to give budding runners (8 and under) a chance to show off their running skills while we cheer them on. Children wanting to race in the Tot Trot will need to register through Grace Church.



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