

# Central Michigan Pregnancy Services

*Serving Our Community for 25 Years*

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*Spring 2011*

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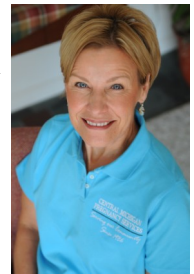
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## *A New Home for CMPS* From the Desk of Mary Barz

At our Fall Fundraising Banquet in October, we announced that we have been praying, believing that God would bless us with a building in 2011. (Matthew 21:22 "And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing you will receive"). We are very excited to announce that on March 28, 2011, we became the owners of a building at 904 East Preston! It has been amazing to see what can happen when we step aside and put our trust in God, believing that He can do immeasurably more than we can. God has truly blessed Central Michigan Pregnancy Services and we will continue to reach out to our community through our many programs in this new location.



Though we were able to pay cash for the building it is in great need of restructuring and repair. Tom Meyers of Alta Construction, along with Bill Gallaher and Scott Baker, have put together a restructuring plan that will allow us to continue with the programs that we currently have and also permit us to go medical in the very near future. We are currently working with Isabella Bank and have established a line of credit to help us with the cost of restructuring. We are in the process of recruiting volunteers to help with the different aspects of the restructuring improvements to the building. Our goal is to move into our building without a mortgage so that all funding we receive after that time will go directly into our programs.

In light of this, I would like to announce that CMPS will be starting its **Capital Campaign** to raise resources for this project, beginning April 1, 2011.

I must admit that I feel as though I am facing a giant, however, I am strengthened by the kindness and generosity of this community. As I reflect on the progress of CMPS over the past years, I see the many Goliaths we have faced and overcome through the grace of God. He has blessed me with an amazing staff, a wonderful group of volunteers, and a Board of Directors who are passionate and wise. They are my sling and stone.

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**"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing you will receive."  
~ Matthew 21:22 ~**

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I believe that with God, we can overcome the giant that lies ahead and that CMPS will march forward, providing truth and hope to those we serve.

If you are interested in helping with this amazing opportunity I would love to hear from you. There will be many opportunities for you to bless CMPS through your gifts of time, talents, and treasures. We want to provide a place for our clients to come where they will feel at peace and welcomed. Every aspect of this building must reflect the love of Christ. From the minute our guests walk through the doors of Central Michigan Pregnancy Services, we want them to feel freedom from the anxieties of the world, and understand that CMPS is a place of hope and not judgment.

Will you help us? Later this month, CMPS will be sending letters to all of our donors describing opportunities for giving, however, volunteer services for the restructuring proposal will have begun by the time you receive that letter. Please be in prayer about these opportunities and contact me at 989-773-0379 or [marybarz@supportlifecmps.com](mailto:marybarz@supportlifecmps.com) to become involved. Together, with God, we will change the world!

Blessings,  
*Mary*



"It was a very peaceful setting. I didn't feel rushed about any decisions and the appointment didn't feel rushed." ~ Client

## **We need you!**

We are seeking Christian men and women who are willing to commit to approximately 4-5 hours weekly as a volunteer.

We ask that you attend all training dates unless other arrangements are made through our Client Services Director, Marcie Marckel. To pick up a volunteer application, contact Marcie at (989) 773-0379 or at [marcie@supportlifecmps.com](mailto:marcie@supportlifecmps.com). Applications need to be submitted prior to the first training date.

CMPS will be holding a spring volunteer training on the following dates:

Monday April 25, 2011	5:30-9 pm
Tuesday April 26, 2011	3-7 pm
Friday April 29, 2011	3-7 pm
Monday May 2, 2011	5:30-9 pm
Tuesday, May 3, 2011	3-7 pm

## **EAGLE AWARD**

Marie Root was honored at the Chamber of Commerce, Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet. She received an Eagle Award for her dedication and volunteer efforts to Central Michigan Pregnancy Services and her community of Shepherd. Marie is one of our beloved Parenting Instructors and also serves on many committees and fundraisers for CMPS. We are especially grateful to Marie for the success of our Christmas Cookie sale. Marie also loves serving at the New Life Christian Fellowship Church where she and husband Jim have been members for 39 years. We are blessed to be one of the many recipients of her volunteer efforts.



## CMPS Welcomes New Board Members!

We are excited that these exceptional women have decided to be a part of our governing board as we look forward to moving into our new building and pursuing a medical module for Central Michigan Pregnancy Services.



CMPS is excited to announce the addition of Dr. Constanza Fox to our Board of Directors. Dr. Fox graduated from the Universidad De Antioquia in Columbia. She later moved to the United States to finish her residency at the University of Wisconsin. She worked in New Orleans for several years at the Ochsner Clinic as a pediatrician and later moved to Mt. Pleasant

after Hurricane Katrina in 2006. She is currently working at the Medical Arts Pediatrics, located in the Central Michigan Community Hospital. Dr. Fox loves her job and spends many of her vacations serving on medical mission teams in countries such as Haiti, Honduras, Peru, Nigeria, and Bolivia, providing medical help to those in need of assistance. Dr. Fox attends Cornerstone Church and she and husband David reside in Mt. Pleasant. They have three children.



We are also excited that Marcia Courtright has accepted our invitation to become our newest Board Member. Marcia and her husband Jerry have been married for 40 years and have owned Courtright Dental Lab for 25 years. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish and also have been members of Rejoice Prayer Group for 30 years. Two years ago, Marcia accepted

the invitation to serve on the Women's Commission for the Diocese of Saginaw. She and Jerry have two children and three grandchildren. They reside in Mt. Pleasant. Marcia told us that she has admired and supported the work of CMPS for many years and was thrilled to fill the position as our newest Board Member.



## Medical Steering Committee

I would like to introduce you to a group of individuals who have agreed to serve on our Medical Steering Committee. This committee will convene after the completion of our new building. The purpose of this committee is to ensure that CMPS is in compliance with all federal and state requirements for becoming a medical facility. They will provide strategic planning to establish a foundation for medical services and recommend a course of action to the Board of Directors. We are extremely grateful to them for agreeing to serve in this capacity.

*Mary Barz – CMPS Executive Director*

*Marcia Courtright – CMPS Board Member*

*Emily Earnest – CMPS Director of Operations*

*John Evans - Attorney*

*Dr. Constanza Fox – CMCH Pediatrician, CMPS Board Member*

*Mary Ann Müller - RN, CMCH*

*Crystal Pestel – RN, MidMichigan Health*

*Dr. Steven Podolsky – OB/GYN, CMCH*

"Very understanding. Made me feel like they care about what happens with my pregnancy." ~ Client

"I like how comfortable I felt to speak my mind." ~ Client

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## And the beat goes on!

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

### Mark Your Calendars:

#### 2011 Walk For Life

Saturday, May 14, 2011

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Visit our website for complete information about our Walk and to download a sponsor form!

[www.supportlifecmps.com](http://www.supportlifecmps.com)



Chipp-A-Waters Park

1403 W. High St.

You won't want to miss our next Fall Fundraising Banquet on *Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011* at the Comfort Inn. Doors will once again open at 5:30 for those interested in the Silent Auction preview. Our program begins at 6:30 with this year's guest speaker: comedian, ventriloquist and entertainer, Taylor Mason! Join us again to enjoy a very fun and informative evening and help us celebrate 25 years of serving our community!

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