



SPRING 2017



BARB STEPHENS
Operations Director

Dear WPC Family,

Wow! Are you excited to see the progress on our building?? The roof is finished, doors and windows installed, and drywall has been hung and painted. Within the next few weeks, you'll see the transformation begin on our parking lot outside while carpet and trim work are completed on the inside. These are

exciting times for WPC as we watch God bring to fruition His plans for this place.

Over the past couple years, we've learned how incredibly busy WPC is in comparison to the average suburban pregnancy center. 2016 was no exception ... we performed 1,537 positive pregnancy tests (compared to the average of 274) and more than 1,100 ultrasounds. God clearly gave the Board a vision to expand, not just for the purpose of meeting our need for additional physical space, but for so much more. One of my favorite Bible verses is Psalm 5:3 "In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly." We've been listening, seeking, watching and waiting expectantly - eagerly believing God led us into this expansion project - with full confidence that He is about to do new and wondrous things within these walls.

This is a season of growth... a season of change. Several months ago, I shared with the Board that after six years of serving as Executive Director, I felt it may be time for me to step down. I was very transparent with them - I shared that I was feeling overwhelmed, weary and ready to "not be the boss". I asked them to consider the possibility of hiring additional staff while restructuring some of the duties and responsibilities of existing staff positions in order to prevent burnout, provide much needed support and encourage excellence.

After months of praying and seeking God's direction, the Board has decided that this season of growth is indeed the right time to increase staff. They understand my desire to step away from the weight and responsibility of the Director position. But... they also know my heart for this ministry and my love for each of you and those we serve. As such, they have offered me the opportunity to stay on staff in a different capacity. Effective January 30th, I began

serving as the Operations Director of WPC. This new position will alleviate a significant portion of the administrative duties and responsibilities for the future Director (predominantly financial and donor-related functions), providing him or her the time needed to focus on more of the mission-related facets of this amazing ministry. In addition, I will continue to work directly with those who are considering making an adoption plan for their little one. I am touched and honored. My heart remains committed to this ministry. I am excited to see what God is about to do in the months ahead, and I'm so grateful to be able to remain on staff to witness it firsthand.

The Board has asked Mark Okus, who has providentially recently retired, to step in as Interim Director for a period of three to six months. With great wisdom, they have discerned the need to spend some time observing more of the day to day inner workings of the center in order to redefine job descriptions and provide existing staff with the support they need while determining whether additional staff may still be required to better serve our community. Once this is complete, the Board will begin searching for a permanent Executive Director. I want each of you to know just how dedicated our Board is to honoring God above all things as they seek His direction. Change is hard, but it's also good. After all, "To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." God is at work!



SUNDAY APRIL 16TH

Easter! Celebrate ETERNAL Life!



MONDAY APRIL 24TH

Volunteer Information Meeting (Call to register)



SUNDAY MAY 14TH

Mother's Day



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Baby Bottle Campaign Kickoff



EVERY DAY

Clients in Crisis... Please Pray!

2016 MINISTRY REPORT

We thank God for our supporters! With your help, WPC has been blessed to serve thousands of clients throughout the year – sharing the love of Jesus and giving them the information they need to CHOOSE LIFE!

WPC WAS PRIVILEGED TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES IN 2016:

- ✓ **1,934 FREE pregnancy tests with options counseling** (1,537 of these tests were positive)!
- ✓ **1,126 FREE ultrasounds**, providing a “window into the womb” to those vulnerable to abortion.
- ✓ **9 young ladies** received ongoing **adoption counseling** as they considered this option for their baby.
- ✓ **189 men and women** attended **parenting classes**, giving them a great start in their new role.
- ✓ **572 times** in a single year the **Good News of the Gospel** was shared with our clients. As a result,
- ✓ **36 prayed to receive Christ** and **10 rededicated their lives to the Lord** while here with us!
- ✓ **25 women** attended **Next Steps Bible Study** classes at the center.
- ✓ **95% of our clients** who had an ultrasound at WPC **chose LIFE for their babies**, including 59 women who once considered abortion to be their only option!
- ✓ **4,299 total client visits** provided countless opportunities to bless and serve our community!

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Contact Val or Jackie at 351-1294 to get your church or small group involved in our 2017 Baby Bottle Campaign.

Your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters add up quickly (we welcome checks and bills, too).

Giving spare change is a fun and easy way to invest in the hearts and lives of our precious moms and their babies.



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