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Pregnancy Resource Center
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA



From our Executive Director,

Nicole Shanks



It is such an honor to join the Pregnancy Resource Center as the new Executive Director. Thank you for your faithful prayers this past year as you waited on the Lord's perfect timing to reveal his perfect plan. "...the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16.

Coming alongside a ministry with such a strong foundation and dedicated group of people committed to the mission of preventing abortion and presenting eternal truth is a privilege and a blessing. The dedication of each of you, from volunteers and staff members to the board of directors is reflective of hearts pursuing Kingdom work.

The journey the Lord has led my family on, to bring us to Naples, is one only the Lord could orchestrate. For the past 22 years we have lived in the Seattle, WA area where my husband and I raised our two kids Olivia (16) and Nathan (11). My husband worked as a police officer, and I was a labor and delivery nurse. I also spent many years as an ob/gyn triage nurse in clinics and in 2010, launched a very successful childbirth business called Prepare the Nest. I loved growing and running the business, but I always felt like there was something more.

It is an incredible privilege to step into this role and one I can only do with the help of God. I was recently sharing with some of the team how God was impressing the word 'abide' on my heart. John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." I love God's reminder that we need Him to accomplish anything of worth.

Please join me in praying for God's leading in all that he has for the next season at the Pregnancy Resource Center. Ephesians 3:20, "Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or imagine according to the power that works in us." I am filled with excitement and hopeful expectation for all the Lord has planned!

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!



Do you ever wonder what happens to our patients at the Pregnancy Resource Center after they Choose Life and complete our 15-month Education classes with their personal advocate??

One of our goals at the Pregnancy Resource Center is to bridge or connect these new moms to local churches and church families. Recently, we did just that for this beautiful and courageous new mom who loves the Lord and her precious baby girl.

Last month, there was a Baby Dedication for this child of God at Buckingham Baptist Church, their new church family. This wonderful new mom wrote the below text and gave us permission to share:

“I would like to say a special thank you to my PRC Advocate, her family and the rest of the PRC staff and volunteers who all have shown my baby and I a lot support these last months. My baby dedication meant a lot to me because I know my child is a special gift and miracle from God. God has a purpose for her life! Baby J. and I would like to also give a big thank you to my new church family at Buckingham Baptist Church. All of them pray, cry and celebrate with me, reminding baby and I daily of Jesus’ love for us.

God Bless you all, R. and J.”

CELEBRATE!

PRC's North Clinic opened one year ago in Fort Myers... a half mile from Planned Parenthood. Many babies have been saved and lives have been transformed at our North Clinic. Here's to many more lives changed!! Happy 1 year Anniversary!!!



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to this sweet and brave new mom!! Some of you may recognize her from our Blooms and Babies luncheon in April where she gave her testimony. Today, she graduated (with her beautiful baby girl) out of PRC's Earn While You Learn program available to moms who Choose Life! Here she is with her faithful advocate, Susan. Praise God!

Praise to Share!



Praise God! A few weeks ago, these parents-to-be, who attend PRC's Earn While You Learn classes, went "shopping" at our Baby Boutique in Naples! Just in time, their bundle of joy arrived this week!! Mom and baby are doing well. PRC would like to say a special thank you to all of our church partners and individual donors who make these gifts possible. You are such a blessing!!



Did you hear?



The Pregnancy Resource Center is blessed with some of the most compassionate and loving nurses! Recently, April and Maddie traveled to Columbus, Ohio for ultrasound training with Heartbeat International. They are expanding their skills so they can give the best care to our patients in the clinics. All for His glory!!

Meet Advocate, Yvonne Fisher!



Yvonne was born in the Fenlands NE of London, England. She, and her husband Dr. Roy Fisher first came to the US as newly weds to be on staff of the Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville, KY. During this year, they both fell in love with America but returned, as agreed, to the Kent coast of England for Roy to be a Sr. Pastor and there, they started their family. The Lord has since moved them to FBC Apopka, FL; where their third child was born. FBC Scottsdale, AZ. FBC Donelson in Nashville, TN. and lastly as the Pastoral Care Pastor at FBC Naples, (now retired). Yvonne became an RN in England, followed by Midwifery and then District Nursing. In the states, she has spent 14 years working in Pediatrics in Nashville, but she has come full circle after also being a Pastor's wife for 56 years teaching, leading conferences, counseling, raising their 3 children Rachel, Mark, and Stephen, and pouring into their 7 grandchildren.

She is now back in the same field she started in: helping bring babies into the world. Although Yvonne is not on staff or volunteering as a nurse, as an advocate, she is none the less caring for mothers and babies in the clinic and through our educational system. It is a thrill for her to not only see women in crisis turn to Christ, but also choose life for their babies and become wives and mothers who, not only love their husbands and children but also love the Lord! Through the 15 months she gets to walk alongside them, she earns the privilege to pour into them what God has taught her, plus the blessing of seeing them bridged into a church. Not all patients choose life for themselves or their babies, but God has called us to be faithful. He brings the success and change.

We love you, Ms. Yvonne! Thank you for serving as an advocate at the Pregnancy Resource Center!



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Walk 4 Life & Fun Fest

Saturday, December 4th, 2021

8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Golden Gate Community Park

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Naples, FL 34116

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Registration begins at 8:00AM, the Walk at 9:00AM, and our Fun Fest is immediately after. There will be games for the kids, food trucks, a DJ, photo booth, raffle prizes and much more!



For more information:

supportprc.org/walk-4-life-fun-fest

Because Every Life Matters



Medical Risks of Abortion Part 2

Dr. Karysse Trandem, PRC Medical Director and Ob/Gyn Physician

Abortion is not women's healthcare. In fact, we know clearly now through extensive well-performed national and international medical research studies that abortion harms women in significant ways. Last month in our newsletter I discussed that women who have just one abortion have a 40% increased risk of developing breast cancer and a 36% increased risk of having a preterm birth in the future. In addition to these risks of abortion, I'd like to highlight the following two risks.

PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

A large compilation of studies from 1995-2009 showed a woman who has had an abortion has an 81% increased risk of significant life-changing mental health problems. Increased mental health problems include: depression, anger, sadness, guilt, shame, feeling of worthlessness, post-traumatic stress disorder, eating disorders, sexual dysfunction, trouble sleeping, alcohol and drug abuse, child neglect/abuse, and 7 times more likely to commit suicide.

Compared with women who had unintended pregnancies and carried them to full-term, women who chose abortion were over 50% more likely to have significant negative mental health outcomes, proving that even in cases of traumatic situations leading to pregnancy, carrying the pregnancy is protective to the maternal psyche.

UTERINE DAMAGE

Not only can the cervix be damaged during abortion, but there is an increased risk of internal uterine permanent scarring preventing future pregnancy, infection, damage to the fallopian tubes causing sterility, significant blood loss and hemorrhage, future risk of miscarriage, and difficulty becoming pregnant again.

Because of these scientifically proven medical risks to women undergoing an abortion, I let our patients know that I do not recommend abortion for them, and we are here to support their best health at PRC. We each have an important role to play in ending abortion in our community beginning with our prayers for abortion to end, our vocal support of every pregnancy, and prayers for women who feel like abortion is their only option to find PRC and Jesus during their time with us. Your support of PRC is so valuable in Jesus' Name. God bless you!



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