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Pregnancy Resource Center



From our Executive Director,

Nicole Shanks



Ephesians 2:10. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

In my first 12 weeks at PRC, I have had the opportunity to get to know many of our volunteers, and staff. What has become apparent very quickly, is that each of these team members wakes up with clarity and conviction that God has put them here on purpose to bring light, life and hope to women and men that walk through our doors. During devotions one morning, I was reading in Matthew 25: 4-21 about the parable of talents. PRC is filled with people who have taken their talents and their gifts to use them and make a difference in women (and men's) lives. Some volunteers have been here for years while others are brand new and will be meeting patients for the first time. I admire their willingness to be used by God and to rely on their training as well as the holy spirit to guide and direct them as they meet with women in crisis.

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

-Leo Buscaglia

I've also had the opportunity to begin meeting some of our faithful donors as well as churches that support our mission. It is a wonderful representation how the body of Christ works together toward a common goal to prevent abortion and present eternal truth. As I held some of the babies during the photo shoot on Oct. 26th, it truly put everything into perspective, why we do, what we do, every day. It was so encouraging to meet the brave women that chose life for their baby and hear their transformational stories.

And on Nov.7th, I traveled to Colorado Springs to attend a wonderful conference hosted by Save the Storks where I had the opportunity to meet 30 other PRC executive directors from around the nation. The training was invaluable and better equips me to serve the staff and patients

A quote I came across recently said, "Waking up with a sense of purpose, is an incredible alarm clock". I couldn't agree more.

In Christ,
Nicole Shanks

THANK YOU, CORKSCREW SHORES!

A group from Corkscrew Shores community in Estero invited the Pregnancy Resource Center's Education Manager, Nurse Manager and Manager of Development to join them and share more about PRC's ministry.

These ladies graciously offered to host a baby shower for our PRC Baby Boutique next month.

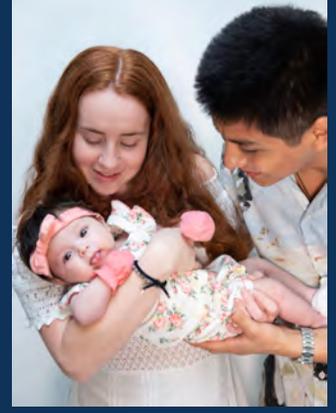
Thank you!! Some are planning to come tour our Naples Clinic and Baby Boutique. Others are interesting in joining our advocate and prayer warrior teams!! Praise God!

If your church or community group would like more information about getting involved with PRC, please contact Laura Ross at lross@prcnaples.org for more information.



All for His glory!! ♥

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The Pregnancy Resource Center recently offered a free BABY photo shoot for the moms and dads who Chose Life in our "Earn While You Learn" program! Nicole Shanks loved holding these precious babies.

Thank you to Bobbilee Tanner Photography for offering her services as a gift to PRC!

Meet Nurse Manager, April Lueder



Hi, my name is April Lueder and I am the Pregnancy Resource Center's Nurse Manager. I have been a nurse for 24 years with a background in OB, pediatrics, and anesthesia. I am originally from the Chicago area until I relocated to Estero 3 years ago with my husband, who is an RN in the ER, along with our 2 young adult daughters. I grew up in a Pro-Life Christian home. Our church was always involved in the local pregnancy centers and local Walk for Life events, so I was aware of pregnancy centers for most of my life.

Just a month or so after moving to Florida, I attended a Ladies Bible Study at Summit Church where they had PRC volunteer cards on the table. I thought this would be a great way to meet people, volunteer, and to help women in crisis pregnancies choose life which is something I have always wanted to do. Even though I was a nurse, I started out as a volunteer advocate as I intended to leave nursing behind. After being an advocate for a few months, seeing one of my patients choose life, walked through our education program with them and their baby's birth, the talk of volunteering as a nurse came up again. I had some resistance as I thought I was leaving nursing behind, but God had other plans... After seeking where God wanted me, I became a volunteer nurse which progressed to part-time nurse position and currently full-time job as Nurse Manager of both the Naples and Ft. Myers Clinics.

With lots of prayer and God's leading, I was recently trained in sonography. Sonography is not something a nurse learns, and it seemed a little overwhelming, so it was definitely a leap of faith for me. Knowing this was God's plan, I was obedient and had faith that He would equip. He has been faithful!

Using all my training to share biblical truth, educate women on parenting, adoption, the risks of abortion, STI's, providing abortion pill reversals and now being able to introduce a mom to her baby via ultrasound has been a tremendous blessing. Some days are sorrowful, but the moms who choose life and choose Christ make the hard days worth it. It has been a joy serving with the Pregnancy Resource Center the past 3 years while using and expanding my God-given skills as Nurse Manager.



Praise God!! The Pregnancy Resource Center was invited to several different churches recently to tell everyone the wonderful things God is doing in our ministry! We had PRC representatives speaking on stage, sharing personal testimonies, meeting new supporters and enlisting advocates and prayer warriors in Lee and Collier Counties.

Thank you to Summit Church, Rise Christian Church and Riverside Church for the warm invitations! What a blessing it was to share what the Lord is doing at PRC! Amazing!!

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24



Nicole Shanks, our Executive Director, and Dr. Karysse Trandem, our Medical Director, just spent the last few days at a Pro-Life conference hosted by Save the Storks in Colorado. Dr. Trandem was a speaker addressing how PRC's around the nation can become Whole Health Care Centers. God is so good!



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For more information:

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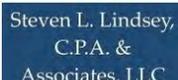
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U.S. Supreme Court to Consider Dismantling Roe v. Wade December 1
Dr. Karysse Trandem, PRC Ob/Gyn Physician & Medical Director

On Thursday, September 30, 2021, the US House of Representatives Chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform held a hearing to examine the "threat to abortion rights and access posed by extreme anti-choice state governments and a Supreme Court that is hostile to reproductive rights." Witnesses brought in to testify stated that Pregnancy Resource Centers exist to mislead women, they don't have medical professionals, and they should all be shut down. At PRC, we know that these statements are completely false, and, in fact, I work hard to maintain the highest standard of medical care and treatment for each of our patients utilizing our amazing medical staff. I had the opportunity this month to speak at a conference of PRC Executive Directors from around the county helping them to build the most robust medical PRCs our country has ever seen.

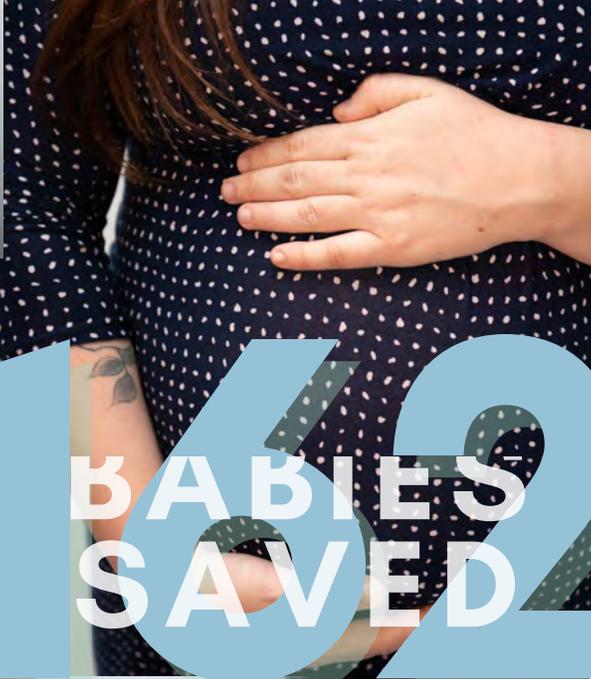
U.S. Supreme Court oral hearings are scheduled to begin on December 1, 2021 for Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization dealing with the constitutionality of a 2018 Mississippi state law that banned abortion operations after the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. Governor Phil Bryant signed the bill into law, saying, "I am committed to making Mississippi the safest place in America for an unborn child, and this bill will help us achieve that goal." He further stated on signing that, "We'll probably be sued here in about a half hour, and that'll be fine with me. It is worth fighting over."

Within a day of passage, the sole remaining abortion clinic in the state, Jackson Women's Health Organization, sued the state challenging the constitutionality of the bill. The Circuit Court agreed the law was unconstitutional and, in their opinion, wrote, "If we prove a ban on abortion after 15 weeks is unconstitutional, then it follows that a ban on abortion at an earlier stage of pregnancy is also unconstitutional". Thus, this Dobbs case was sent to the U.S. Supreme Court and now plays a vital role in the question of the legality of abortion based on the case now being limited to the single question: "Whether all pre-viable bans on abortions are allowed." If they vote that it is legal for states to outlaw pre-viable abortions, this would be the beginning of dismantling Roe v. Wade and returning to a nation where the unborn are protected and abortion is illegal.

The Supreme Court ruled in the landmark 1973 decision of Roe v. Wade that most state laws that sought to limit abortions in the period prior to 24 weeks, before the fetus was generally considered viable (where it could survive outside of the womb), were unconstitutional as they violated a woman's right to privacy, though this right was not absolute and must be balanced with other considerations the state may have.

Since then, conservative states have attempted to pass other laws to restrict abortion within the context of Roe v. Wade, generally on reassessment of when fetal viability begins as to restrict abortions earlier than the Roe v. Wade standard of 24 weeks. Most of these have been struck down as being, "overly restrictive against women's rights." At least 22 states with Republican leadership had passed or were in the process of passing strong pro-life bills in May 2021 when the Dobbs case was agreed to be heard by the Supreme Court, with the intent that these bills would serve as legal vehicles to bring a challenge to Roe v. Wade to the Supreme Court. Most of these laws that have been passed have been prevented from enforcement by courts but would become effective should Roe v. Wade be overturned.

Please join us in prayer for the Supreme Court Justices to agree that all pre-viable abortions can be outlawed. Also, thank you for praying that our PRC, and all PRCs across the nation, continue to uphold the highest standards of medical care and treatment in Jesus' Name!



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