

Pregnancy Resource Center  
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA



# MARCH

NEWSLETTER



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**BABIES  
SAVED  
YTD!**

From our Executive Director,

*Nicole Shanks*



“Watch to see where God is working and join Him in His work.”

-Henry Blackaby

God is moving and working in many ways at PRC. He is stirring in hearts of men and women across SW Florida to join our team as volunteers. He has led the right people to apply for staffing positions and complete our team. And, he has opened doors to move into a larger clinic space in Fort Myers!

We are in final negotiations for a clinic space. This clinic will accommodate for growth and allow space for an education center and baby boutique. The PRC will still be located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from Planned Parenthood, as we are just moving across the parking lot sometime in May. This will allow staff and advocates to better accomplish the second half of our mission statement to “...present eternal truth”. So often, it takes time to build relationships with people in the Earn While You Learn Program, which opens the opportunity to share Christ and help them grow in their faith. Now we will have a wonderful education space to accommodate this program.

Currently, we have needed to close our clinic one day a week to allow space and time for advocates to meet with EWYL patients. The small space and availability have limited our impact and prevented this program from flourishing at this location.

The timing of this clinic space is perfect as our MENtor program is gaining momentum and God is bringing male advocates to serve the men that walk through the PRC doors. Please pray as this program continues to be developed.

All glory, honor, and praise to God for the wonderful work HE is doing!

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

# BREAKFAST WITH LIFE CHAMPIONS

## FEATURING **ALVEDA KING**

Praise God! We had a packed house at our recent Breakfast with Life Champions. Alveda King and Nicole Shanks discussed current Pro-Life topics. She was humble, funny, gracious, and full of the Spirit. Dr. King even led our group in a few songs including, "How Great Thou Art" and "This Little Light of Mine". All glory to God!! Thank you to all of our supporters, church partners, staff, advocates, MENtors, and prayer warriors! We couldn't do what we do without you!



Can we share something that happened after the Breakfast with Life Champions that was pretty awesome?! Nicole Shanks, Alveda King, and her assistant were preparing to leave for the airport after our Breakfast. They had some extra time before their plane departed. Alveda requested that they drive by one of our PRC clinics because she wanted to pray for our patients, advocates, and staff! Nicole happily agreed so they took a little detour on the way to the Fort Myers airport to stop by our North (Fort Myers) Clinic. Alveda prayed for the Pregnancy Resource Center right there in Nicole's car in the PRC parking lot! Isn't that wonderful? God bless her and may God continue to bless the Pregnancy Resource Center!! Prayer is powerful!

# Lives are Saved and Transformed at PRC PRAISE GOD!

from the desk of Kim Buchanan  
PRC's Education Manager



Recently, an abortion-minded patient and the father of the baby visited one of our clinics. The patient revealed to her Advocate that she was very fearful to tell her parents about her pregnancy. While our advocate was meeting with the patient, one of our MENTors greeted the father of the baby who was waiting in the lobby. Our MENTor discovered that the father of the baby wanted to keep the baby.

The Advocate prayed and shared the Gospel with her patient and the patient was less determined to have an abortion. Both the Advocate and MENTor walked the couple down to our Education Center. They shared how PRC could help them with regards to resources, but even more, learn about having a child. They both seemed calmer and almost happy when they left. Soon after that the couple began attending classes at the Education Center, where they not only learned about her First Trimester, nutrition and other subjects, they were given a book about "The Story of God's Love for You".

After a few visits to Education, the couple found out they would be moving out of the area. This was very bittersweet for both the couple and their Advocate and MENTor, as bonds had quickly been formed. During their time with PRC, the truth of the Word of God was introduced to this couple and on the last visit before moving away, the couple trusted Jesus as their Savior! Even though this couple has left the care of PRC their hearts have not! Their advocate was just sent a picture of their latest ultrasound. They will continue to stay in touch with one another!

We are happy to report that this is not only a changed mind for Life, but two transformed hearts for eternity! Praise the Lord!!

## We LOVE our volunteers!



"I love serving in this wonderful ministry that values LIFE!"

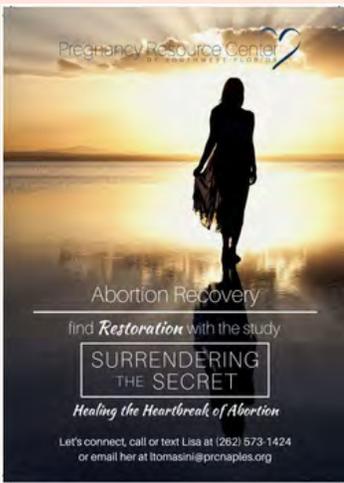
- Lorelei Meyer heard about the Pregnancy Resource Center at a local church one Sunday and felt led to start volunteering at PRC!

- Since November 2021, she has faithfully served every week at our administrative office and we are so thankful!



Thank you to the Breckenridge Community group for all the baby blankets they made for us! These sweet ladies dropped off their beautiful, handmade blankets to our PRC Naples Clinic this morning. We appreciate them and will gladly pass on these blankets to our patients that choose LIFE!!

*"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13*



## Meet Lisa Tomasini, PRC's Restoration Coach



My name is Lisa Tomasini and I have recently become a Restoration Coach for The Pregnancy Resource Center. My role is to facilitate an 8-week Bible Study, Surrender the Secret, healing the heartbreak of abortion. Surrender The Secret is a journey to reveal the secrets, uncover the lies, heal the trauma and shine the light of the Gospel into the dark and hidden places.

Abortion has taken the lives of 63 million babies in the US since Roe vs Wade in 1973, impacting 1 in 4 women. Abortion is sold to women as a quick fix, an easy out, a solution to a “problem” pregnancy, when in fact it has lasting effects. A Finish study revealed at least one-third of women experience symptoms such as depression, fear of infertility, abnormal eating behaviors, decreased self-esteem, nightmares, guilt and regret.

With my own abortion story, I had to ask myself, “Whom do I protect by holding on to the secrets of my abortion?” As I hid in secrecy, I covered up the lie that abortion doesn’t hurt women. I aligned with the enemy of my soul and perpetuated societies belief that women are unaffected by the abortion choice. Through my own experience with Surrender the Secret, I identified the wounds of my abortion. The father of lies targets arrows that infect the mind with false beliefs. The lies are repeated, “I am not enough”, “I am an imposter”, I can’t let anyone know, what will they think of me”. False beliefs turn to agreement with the enemy and a distorted self emerges, and life becomes substandard.

This Restoration Ministry shines the Light of the Gospel into the dark places of the heart, allowing Jesus and the Spirit of God to penetrate and heal – completely! Jesus’ death was for our complete restoration and full expression of our identity in Him and to usher God’s people into the abundant life Jesus promised.

‘A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect —life in its fullness until you overflow! (John 10:10 TPT)

Today, a holy longing has been awakened within to stand with the Pro-Life Movement. “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon us...He has anointed us to bring good news...He has sent us to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.” Is 61

# Day of Remembrance for the Unborn

Thank you to Action for Life for hosting the Day of Remembrance for the Unborn. What an inspiring and uplifting ceremony! The Pregnancy Resource Center remembers. Many local Pro-Life leaders and supporters were present this morning in remembrance of the 63 million babies who have lost their life to abortion since 1973.



Pastor John Anderson



Dr. Trandem  
PRC's Medical Director



Lisa Tomasini, Laura Ross,  
and Jamie Petty



WE REMEMBER.



Steve Boozer—PRC MENTor—recently attended Care Net's FIRST PRO-LIFE MEN'S CONFERENCE in Texas. Steve said it was phenomenal!! Thank you, Steve. We can't wait to hear all about it!

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## Baby Photo Shoot

These are our sweet moms (and dads!) who chose Life for their baby and attended our "Earn While You Learn" education classes. Aren't they precious?! We love each and every one!

Thank you Bobbilee Tanner Photography for taking these beautiful pictures!





## Florida New 15-Week Abortion Ban

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

The Lord hears our prayers to end abortion, evidenced most recently by the Florida House of Representatives and Senate both passing the bill making most abortions after 15 weeks in Florida illegal. Governor DeSantis is scheduled to sign this bill into law, which is planned to take effect July 1, 2022. The only exceptions the bill allows include allowing abortion when there is “serious risk” to the pregnant person or a fatal fetal abnormality is found, both of which will require two physicians to sign off approving the abortion. Currently Florida allows abortions to be completed up to 24 weeks gestation.

Although this is not a complete ban on abortion at all gestational ages, this is a huge step in the right direction and opens the door for continued incremental reduction of abortion until we are able to completely outlaw abortion. Abortion directly opposes the Hippocratic oath that all physicians take promising to, “Do no harm.” Abortion not only takes the very life of the unborn child, but it harms the mother and father involved in the procedure. Abortion causes a proven 81% increased risk of chronic mental health disorders in women, a 40% increased risk of breast cancer, a 36% increased risk of future preterm birth, and the risk of infertility, infection, and permanent uterine damage. Abortion is not women’s healthcare.

In fact, in my career of treating tens of thousands of women, I have found that women are not weak and needing abortion as an “out”, but, instead, are strong, capable, and wanting to carry their pregnancies when offered the support that they need. PRC is offering gold-stand integrative healthcare that incorporates our patient’s physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs, helping them to choose what is healthiest for themselves and their babies: Life! Thank you for your support and partnership in this powerful ministry!



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