

# Options Resource Center

for

*Pregnancy and Sexual Health*

*Education and Counseling, Inc.*

## August Post-It!

A bi-monthly mini-newsletter designed to keep you posted on Center news, ministry, activities, prayer needs and victories.

**Office Hours:**  
Tuesday and Thursday  
11am to 9pm

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### *Message From the Director*

Rev. Rebecca Reed, PhD

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER—UNITED. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.  
II Corinthians 1:3-5.

### CELEBRATION ALERT!!!

## *Gala Banquet*

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Great fun is closer than you think! Last year's event had it all: great food, great fellowship,

great information, great music—and all to glorify our Great God—as we raised funds to continue the work of this ministry for LIFE! Plans are well underway for this year's event. Our Gala will return to the beautiful Willow Room in Rostraver where we expect the same wonderful accommodations and delicious food. Our guest speaker this year will be **Diana Irely**, Washington County commissioner.

Although this is Options largest fundraiser of the year, more will happen on October 15<sup>th</sup> than fundraising. You will be dining with those who support life as you enjoy inspiring music, informative speakers, edifying conversation—and did I mention great food?!

Just a note on funds: Since our only cost for having this event at The Willow Room is the cost of the meals (which is covered in advance by underwriters), all of the donations/pledges made during the Gala go to the work of the ministry.

If you are interested in being an **Underwriter** to cover the costs of the meals or a **Table Host** to invite individuals to sit at your table, please give us a call at 724-258-7277. (Description of underwriters and table hosts on p. 2)

Please mark your calendar for October 15<sup>th</sup> and join us at The Willow Room for an awesome, life-enhancing, evening. We're hoping to see you at the table!

## Volunteer Corner

This month, we asked our volunteers to share their thoughts and feelings about being an Options Volunteer. We were blessed by what they had to say and are delighted to share their comments with you – it's their corner, after all.

**From Ronda Engstrom.** We need to look in our communities and see where there is a need in a God-centered ministry. Sometimes, it is easy to know where and to what God is calling you.

I knew about Options Resource Center (then known as the Ark Family Resource Center) before beginning volunteer training. Knowing its mission to reach those facing crisis pregnancies with the love of Christ and hearing of the need, I answered His call to serve Him in this ministry.

Today I am a Parenting Mentor and have the opportunity to touch the lives of moms, dads, and their little ones. I am thankful that God led me to be a part of this ministry, and I am excited to see how He will continue to use me and Options in the lives of the families who seek guidance here.

**From Ann Lorenzi.** Volunteering at Options not only provides me the opportunity to touch the lives of those in need, but it also touches the need in my heart to follow God's will to love and care for one another.

**From Sherry, Volunteer Coordinator.** As these volunteers shared their hearts with us, they revealed exactly why we do what we do here at Options. As our volunteers serve God lives are changed, and He is glorified. THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who are a part of us, unto Him.

## Closet Needs

We have quite a list this month!

The following **NEW** items are needed for the gift bags we give to expectant parents:

Disposable diapers: newborn & size 6  
pacifiers, bottle brushes, wash cloths

Unisex: Socks, hats, booties, newborn onesies, bibs, baby toys, blankets & sleepers

Boys: Socks, hats, bibs, newborn onesies, sleepers

Girls: Booties, newborn onesies, sleepers

The following can be new or gently used:

Girls: Fall/Winter clothes sizes: 6 months to 12 months and 3T and 4T. Pajamas: 2T to 4T.

Boys: Fall/Winter clothes sizes: Newborn to 4T. Pajamas: 2T to 4T.

## Center Wish List!

Dryer and DVD player.

## Board Members Needed

We need mature Christians who are willing to give of their time, prayer and expertise as members of our Board of Directors. It is a challenging, but extremely rewarding, way to serve the Lord. Those who are interested, please contact Mary at 724-258-7277 for a copy of the job description and an application.

## Sherry to Australia, Sort of...

Sherry has traveled near and far to tell folks about the Love of God, the preciousness of life, and Options Resource Center—but her recent visit to Vacation Bible School at the **Gospel Alliance Church** in Charleroi landed her in Australia! Sort of...

Options was blessed to be chosen as Gospel Alliance's VBS mission project, and our Sherry spoke to the children during their opening exercises on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Since the theme for this year's VBS was: "Boomerang Express: It all comes back to Jesus," Australia was the setting—and Sherry became a world traveler just by going to Charleroi!

Sherry told the children about the protection a mother kangaroo's pouch provides for her baby—and the protection that God the Father provides for them. The kangaroo analogy really hit the mark with the children—there in Australia. ☺

Sherry said, "The children were such a delight, seeing them want to learn about Jesus as they "traveled" to Australia. It is awesome that through the giving of these children other children will receive great blessings. It truly does all come back to Jesus!"

The mission project offering collected during the Vacation Bible School was \$600.00! To Grace Alliance Church—and the children of your VBS—THANK YOU for your generosity towards us as we travel together for Jesus!

## Prayer Requests

Please pray that Options continues to hear the heart of God for this ministry. Pray for the success of our Gala Banquet—the planning, the guests, the food, the speaker... Most importantly, pray that we glorify God in all of our ways. Thank you so much for standing with us in prayer.

## Underwriters and Table Hosts: We want YOU!

Listed below is some more detail on underwriters and table hosts.

Underwriters: Underwriters are so important! Options is charged for only the cost of the meals to hold our gala at The Willow Room. By providing the cost of our guests' dinners, the underwriters enable all of the donations and pledges given during the gala to go directly to the ministry. The cost of underwriting a full table of 10 people is \$250.00.

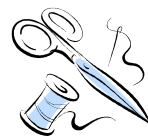
Table Hosts: Another group of very important people! A table sits ten people—to fill a table a table host would need to invite nine other people to share their table. Table hosts do not have any financial obligation—they only invite those who they think might be willing to invest in the ministry on a monthly or one time basis.

For more information, please call Options at 724-258-7277. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## Baby Blanket Surprise!

What a wonderful treat—we've just heard from a reliable source that the **Sewing Sisters** of the **First Baptist Church** of Monongahela will be gifting us with 18 handmade baby blankets.

Just in time for the cooler weather! THANK YOU Sewing Sisters!! The babies will be warmed by your love.



**Remember—October 15, 2009 at  
The Willow Room in Rostraver!!!**

