

# Options Resource Center

for  
Pregnancy and Sexual Health  
Education and Counseling, Inc.

## June Post-It!

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

**Office Hours:**  
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11am to 9pm

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### Message From the Director

Rev. Rebecca Reed, PhD

As Apostle Paul penned in his first letter to the Thessalonians (I Thess 1:2-3), I would like to take this opportunity to convey to all of you who in any way support this Ministry, “I always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in my prayers. I continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” Thank you!

### Walk for LIFE Update!

It was good! Although the morning met us with a chilly drizzle, that early dreariness could not stand up to the enthusiasm that bounded into Cedar Creek Park—the drizzle fled just as the walk began! This year’s decision to change the walk from Saturday to Sunday turned out to be an excellent idea.

Everyone found something they enjoyed. We had a hot dog stand, live music, children’s games, good fellowship and, of course, the walking. The walkers had great fun on the track—and at the hot dog stand! We’ll be sure to include the picnic lunch and the children’s activities again next year since they added so much to the festivities.

A number of churches were represented, including some who took part for the first time. One first-time participant, the First Baptist Church of Monongahela, showed up wearing red t-shirts with the slogan: “I’ve Chosen HIS Option: Everlasting LIFE!” Those red shirts had a great message and added a splash of color to the walk. Thank you First Baptist—please, come again!

When everything was all tallied up, the **Bible Alliance Church of West Newton** did another stand-out job and secured first place with the most walkers and the highest monetary collection. They get to keep the trophy for another year and **Pastor Frank Todaro** received a gift certificate for his excellent motivating ability. Thank you, Bible Alliance!!!

We had individual high achievers, too! **Emaly Welty** of New Hope AofG and **Bill Rinkhoff** of Pricedale Union Church brought in over \$500 each and each received a gift certificate for their own stand-out job.

And now, **drum roll please!** Our grand total of contributions for this year’s Walk for LIFE was **\$9,935.00**. **To all who prayed, sponsored, walked or volunteered at the event: Options and the babies, THANK YOU!!**



## One-Way Riders

A Ride for Life was sponsored by the Christian Motorcycle Association's One-Way Riders of the MonValley on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our Director, Rebecca Reed, rode and reports that the day was beautiful—perfect for riding. We hear that the spaghetti dinner that followed was pretty good, too!

The Riders pulled together and raised an awesome amount of money for our ministry. The amount raised from that event (Another drum roll, please!) was **\$1,266.00!** **We are so grateful for your time and effort on our behalf. THANK YOU!!! You have made a difference for LIFE!**

## Banquet of Blessings

Options was greatly blessed by the Grace United Methodist Church of Coal Center this May when they included baby gifts to benefit our 'closets' as part of their Mother-Daughter Banquet.

Our Client Services Coordinator, Sherry Sabatasso, was their guest speaker for the banquet—which made us doubly blessed. Her message for the women who attended the banquet was from God's heart and is excerpted on page 3.

When Sherry returned to Options, her heart and arms were full. She commented afterwards that, "It was such a blessing. The fellowship was warm, the food was wonderful, and those centerpieces were just beautiful. The support we received from them was awesome!"

**Thank you** to the women of the Grace United Methodist Church for your time, effort and generosity. We are grateful for your love and support.

## Volunteer Corner



## Showers of Blessings

Good food, fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all at The Church in Sutersville this April as they held their Third Annual Baby Shower to benefit our babies and their parents. This year's theme was "Children's Books."

Sherry was invited to attend and shared a few words on what's been happening here at the Center. When she returned to the Center and filled us in on the festivities, she said, "I have such a good time there. I look forward to this every year and am always so blessed."

**We are grateful** to the ladies of The Church at Sutersville for their faithfulness, the wonderful gifts for our closets, and the monetary donation. **Thank you for your shower of blessings!**

For those church groups who would like to have a baby shower to stock our closets, please call or email Sherry. The shower can be at your church or here at Options. If you have it here, we will supply the cake, coffee and tea.

Sherry's email:

[famresources@verizon.net](mailto:famresources@verizon.net)



## Closet Needs

The following are our most needed items:

These **New** items are needed to include in our gift bags: Bibs, newborn onesies, boy's receiving blankets, newborn sleepers or gowns.

The following items can be new **or** gently used:

Girls: Summer clothes sizes: newborn to 4T.

Boys: Summer clothes sizes: 12 mos to 4T.

## Acts of Computer Kindness!

A special **THANK YOU** goes out to computer whiz, Guy Patten, who has given of his time and expertise to drag us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Guy, we'd still be in 1990 without you!

Whoop hoo and Praise the Lord! Our volunteer corps is growing! We have recently completed the training of two new parenting mentors and will be training three more this month. That means we will be able to have three EWYL sessions going on at one time. We have also had new clerical, general helps, and phone support volunteers start this spring.

We extend a warm welcome to all of our new volunteers and heartfelt gratitude for each and every person who has given time and effort to serve the Lord at Options. **You make us able to touch lives in Jesus' Name. Thank you!**

If you know of someone who would like to serve the Lord with us here at Options, please encourage them to give us a call. The harvest is ripe and we need many more laborers.

Note: The list of "Fellow Laborers" on the back of this Post-It! will be updated for the next issue. If your name has been left out or misspelled, please let Sherry or Debby know.

## 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.

## Prayer Requests

We ask that you pray for us to hear God clearly and to follow Him closely; that we have wisdom and discernment and favor. We ask you to pray for an increase in our finances and for additional volunteers—both male and female. We need volunteers for clerical support, general helps, lay counselors and parenting mentors. Thank you for standing with us; we covet your prayers.

## God Chose Life

Sherry Sabatasso

As I was getting ready for this banquet, I thought about the moms that are here—moms

who chose life. If it were not for you, we would not be enjoying this banquet together.

God chose life, too, when He carefully planned us before we were even born. If you have a Bible turn with me to Psalm 139: 13-18 and let's look at how God thinks of the unborn.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would out-number the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you. Psalm 139: 13-18 NLT

These Scriptures tell us how much we are loved by God and how unique He has made each one of us. God is the Alpha and the Omega; the beginning and the end. He promises to be with us from the beginning of our life to the end when we meet Him face to face.

Excerpt from message given at GUM C Banquet, May, 2009.

## Upcoming Events

**August 8<sup>th</sup>:** Concert in the Park. Options will have a booth, please come and visit us.

**October 15<sup>th</sup>.** Options Gala Banquet at The Willow Room in Rostraver. Our guest speaker will be Washington County commissioner, Diana Irely. Please save the date!

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



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Resources  
to the  
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In Jesus' Name*



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