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AAA Pregnancy Resource Center

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MISSION STATEMENT

*The AAA Pregnancy
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is a Christ-centered
ministry dedicated
to the sanctity of life.
We provide resources
to promote life,
teach premarital
abstinence, and
provide counseling
for post-abortion
healing.*

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET CELEBRATE 35 YEARS WITH US!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
35th Anniversary Benefit Banquet
Thursday, October 16, 2008

St. Mary's Cultural Center
18100 Merriman Road, Livonia, MI 48152

Doors open at 6:00 pm · Dinner at 7:00 pm
No Admission Fee

*An opportunity to give a donation to
the AAA PRC ministry will be offered.*

Besides good food, fellowship and knowing
that your donations will be going to a
life-saving cause, you will be educated
on how to speak confidently to anyone
about the Pro-Life message.

Our guest speaker, *Scott Klusendorf*, is nationally known, a UCLA Graduate, has appeared on "Focus on the Family" with James Dobson, on Billy Graham's "Hour of Decision", on "American Family Radio" with Tim Wildmon, has lectured to student groups at over 70 colleges & universities, among many other projects. He authored the book, "Pro-Life 101: A Step by Step Guide to Making Your Case Persuasively" and will be available at the Banquet for a Book Signing.

We feel his message is so important that we partnered with Madonna University and Ward Church to ensure that not one person misses this opportunity to learn how to persuasively discuss the Pro-Life message. Madonna University lecture: Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 12:15 pm, at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Ward Church lecture: *Empowering the Pro-Life Church*, Friday, October 17, 2008, 9:00 am – 12:00pm with free continental breakfast, at Room C317, Parking Lot C, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. RSVP to Ward Church at 284-374-7400.

The AAA PRC Banquet is one of our three major fundraisers of the year. Considering that the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center is funded 100% by donations, your attendance and/or donation for the Banquet would be greatly appreciated! As always, your donations to the Banquet will be responsibly handled. We are an affiliate member of the (ECFA) Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability that maintains a code of ethics, accountability and reporting which is consistent with responsible Christian faith and practices. Looking forward to seeing you at the Banquet. The speaker's topic is designed for mature audiences.

WALK FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

MANY THANKS to everyone who participated or assisted in this year's Walk For Life Fundraiser held on Sunday, May 4, 2008. Participants enjoyed...



- Walking to Support Life for Babies
- Worship Music
- Prizes
- Face Painting
- Fun & Fellowship
- Healthy Exercise

Praise God that not one raindrop fell on our event even though the weatherman predicted rain. God is in charge.

We are very grateful to the many volunteers who made this a FUN, family event:

- ▶ Memorial Church of Christ ~ worship music
- ▶ Beverly Johnson of Bethel Baptist Temple ~ balloons
- ▶ Bethel Baptist Temple pastors & members ~ use of their tables
- ▶ Pastor Joe Bonno and St. Michael's Church-Canton~ canopy
- ▶ Trilogiq ~ for their muscle & price donation
- ▶ Clare Barwick ~ display bassinet and prize donations from various businesses
- ▶ Pizza Hut ~ dinner gift cards
- ▶ Glo-Golf ~ game passes
- ▶ Zap Zone ~ game passes
- ▶ Jungle Java ~ gift cards
- ▶ Pizazz Hair Salon ~ Gift Certificates (Thank you, Lisa Williams)

Again, thank you to all who sponsored us, participated in the Walk and volunteered assistance. It was a wonderful success because of YOU!

THE GIFT OF HOPE

by Pastor Joe Bonno
of St. Michael's Lutheran Church – Canton



Who doesn't like to receive a present? Most of us do (although we might shy away from the attention that receiving a gift often brings). However, an unexpected gift is often the most appreciated. I believe that every time someone walks through the door of AAA Pregnancy Resource Center that a gift is waiting for them, whether that

person is a client, volunteer, or one of our staff. That gift is *HOPE*. Hope is among the greatest gifts promoted and given through the Center, and is given in a variety of ways.

■ For our clients, hope is found in the warmth of a baby blanket or a new outfit; hope is found in the promise of a full tummy and a clean diaper; hope is found in the wisdom and love heard in a counselor's voice giving assurance and encouragement.

■ As a staff or volunteer of AAA's ministry, we are encouraged by the hope of being used by our loving Lord to reach out to lost and hurting children of all ages. We also find the gift of hope in the words of encouragement that can be heard just about any time we walk through the doors.

But with our eyes wide open, realism must accompany hope. Hope takes into account the difficulty of challenge and the darkness of trouble, and then shines light into darkness and points to goodness and grace as problems are solved.

In this hope, *Jesus becomes the unseen guest and participant* in every act and conversation at the Center as we reach out in His name. It's in the hope of Jesus that we can leave the darkness of the past and move toward the Light of promise, freedom, and grace.

So, we approach the well of salvation every day, and with joy we draw Living Water from its depth and invite and encourage one another to come and satisfy the thirst of our soul. Barbara Kingsolver (author of *The Poisonwood Bible*) said, "We must treat hope itself as a renewable resource, something we put on with our shoes every morning." *Today* is a gift from God's hand, unique and special, and filled with potential. Let's determine now to open this gift and share all the hope that it contains with as many people as we can. This gift will bring peace and joy, and it will be with us as we walk with the Lord—and to walk with the Lord is to walk *IN HOPE*.

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EARN WHILE YOU LEARN (EWYL) PROGRAM



You have been reading about this program for a while and NOW IT HAS LAUNCHED! This program includes an educational curriculum and an on-site Baby Shop.

Under the EWYL program, new parents are educated on Parenting Skills, Money Management, Sexual Health and Bible Basics. Moms (and dads) earn tokens they can “spend” on items such as clothing (sizes 0-2), diapers and formula. This unique program enhances parenting skills while providing a support system for parents. The Center’s EWYL Baby Shop is run under the direction of Janet Rozenboom, Client Services Coordinator, and many volunteers called “Shopkeepers.”

If you have any interest in volunteering for this program, please give us a call at (734) 425-8060. You will be blessed as you bless others.

Healing Hearts ♥ ♥ ♥

Are you suffering from a past abortion? Perhaps you struggle from an issue of abuse. New groups are forming for two Bible Studies offered by Healing Hearts Ministries in September 2008. Please contact Terena Lawson at (734) 495-3330 or e-mail her at terena1963@aol.com for further information. Groups are available in Berkley, Southfield, Livonia, Shelby Township and Trenton. All contacts are confidential.

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32

DONATE YOUR GARAGE SALE LEFTOVERS

Having a Garage Sale, Moving Sale or Estate Sale? Just call us and we’ll pick up the leftovers. We’re working in partnership with *It’s New 2 You Resale Store* in Westland.

We can always use baby items, but we can also pick up any other items you have. A tax deduction receipt will be provided.

A SIMPLE WAY TO HELP *In these tough financial times...*

This is an important and exciting funding partnership opportunity for AAA PRC. We have joined Preferred Toner Solutions, LLC in a long-term funding program. Here’s how it works.

For every PrecisePrint™ laser cartridge purchased by our referral network, Preferred Toner Solutions will make a donation of \$10 to AAA Pregnancy Resource Center, and not just for a limited time, but for the life of the account!

Plus, you or your company will save 30%-50% off name-brand retail prices when you make the switch to PrecisePrint. Shipping is FREE.

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SPIRITUAL CONTACT THROUGH NEW VOLUNTEERS

We are delighted and so appreciative to receive new volunteers from **Detroit Church of Christ**. Wendy Sherrill will be passing the job of Coordinator of the Metro Detroit satellites to a new group of volunteers. The exact names are still to be determined. **This role provides the means to match clients to churches.** We greatly appreciate this partnership that aides in meeting the spiritual needs of the AAA PRC clients. Thanks for Volunteering!

INCENTIVE PROGRAM BOOK REVIEW

By: Barb (AAA PRC client)

Our clients earn tokens by writing book reports. Here's one mother's musings about the following book. *Children at Risk: The Battle for the Hearts and Minds of our Kids*
By: Dr. James Dobson and Gary L. Bauer
Word Publishing, Dallas 1990, 291 pages

I would highly recommend this book to others! This book will help you understand what really goes on in the real world and how we can guide our children in the right direction.

It tells about how many women still turn to abortion instead of adoption; how abortion is legalized and about those 25 million babies killed since 1973. These babies never had a chance to live. It's very sad to think that there are so many babies being killed today and the Supreme Court legalized it.

WELCOME TO *Christine (Chris) Koss* *Our New Staff Member*

As of July 1, 2008, Christine joins the AAA PRC team as Executive Assistant to Peggy Roberts and will serve the center in its various administrative needs. She brings more than 14 years of experience in organizing and planning conferences and programs, and has a wealth of education and career background to enhance the success of our development and administrative projects.

Our prayer for Christine is:
"Christ in you, the hope of glory". Colossians 1:27

Heart For Him DONATIONS

MANY THANKS to our partners at **Heart for Him Ministry** for sponsoring a beautiful Luncheon and Diaper Drive on July 26th that benefited our Center.

Heart for Him is a community of believers touching lives in practical ways. They provide spiritual and financial support, fellowship for lasting friendships, and strive to be a living expression of our heavenly Father's heart.

Approximately 40 women in attendance listened to the guest speaker, Rev. Jesten F. Peters, present her message about **Our Role to Take Action and Pray for our Country**. We are very grateful for the overwhelming generosity of this group. We received enough diapers and wipes to carry us through the toughest two months, and also at a time when the need was great as the new Earn While You Learn Program began.

IN HONOR OF

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Sara & Chad Yarrington
in loving honor of
their son, Luke who
turned 3 years old.

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"HELP WANTED"

Our Center has an ongoing need for volunteers. If you want to do something that **really makes a difference** in many lives and gives out eternal rewards, then call our office at (734) 425-8060 to sign up for a volunteer orientation session. Currently, we need:

- Shopkeepers (Organize and assist moms with their shopping. Our current volunteers LOVE this position – They enjoy hearing moms “ooh” and “aah” over all the items they can choose.)
- EWYL Instructors (You do not need to be a teacher by trade, just have a heart to help a new mom. All materials and information are provided – You **will** enjoy this experience!)
- Counselors (If God is calling you to this role, pick up the phone...we need you!)
- Maternity Closet Organizers
- Data Entry Volunteer (3 hours per week with a 1 year commitment would make a huge impact on our current program's efficiency. Proficiency in data entry requested.)

Our volunteers are thrilled about the work they do at AAA PRC! Recently, one volunteer Shopkeeper said that she is “impressed” with the new way of handling the Center’s material goods. “It is really exciting interacting with the women” and “rewarding to hear their comments” (about the new Baby Shop). **So come on in and see what you can do.** And remember, “Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does.” Ephesians 6:7-8

GAS PARTY!

Invite your friends over and hold a Gas Party with the proceeds going to purchase gasoline cards for the clients of AAA PRC. It will be fun...just the name of this event makes you laugh! These gift cards are a huge benefit to clients attending the new classes every month here at the center.

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