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## CAROL'S CORNER



When we consider what the Pregnancy Help Center, and others like us, are up against, sometimes the odds seem staggering.

Let's think about it: Planned Parenthood (PP)

is America's #1 abortion provider and has millions of dollars available. For instance, the 2003-2004 fiscal year was one where Planned Parenthood had \$306.2 million in clinic income, which was only slightly more than its \$265.2 million in government dollars (our tax dollars!). In addition, private donations accounted for another \$191 million. Add another \$47 million from other sources and we're looking at a group that brought in \$810 million that year. After claiming expenses of \$774.8 million which included performing 244,628 abortions and providing 774,482 "emergency contraception" kits. In the end, PP (a non-profit organization), made a profit of \$35.2 million.

Against a giant like that, and all of the independent abortion clinics across America, it is easy to lose heart. How do we compete with those overwhelming financial numbers? The simple reply would be, "Why not?"

Instead of becoming discouraged, we should find out what we can offer and go forward. Let's start by praying, always a good idea! Next, let's offer our time as a volunteer. If you can find the time, you can

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## CHRISTINA'S STORY

Hello, my name is Christina Rios and I'd like to tell you about my relationship with the Pregnancy Help Center. I've been coming to the Center ever since I got pregnant with my daughter Viviana, who is now 11 years old. I have 3 more kids and another on the way.

The Pregnancy Help Center has been there for me when I needed someone to help direct me in making the right decisions. They also helped with the supply of diapers, clothes and other baby essentials which I couldn't afford at the time.

One person in particular at the Center, who helped me in so many ways, is Mary Jo. She listens and takes things I say with consideration. She has never judged me or looked at me like I was a "nobody".

This baby I am expecting now was a total surprise to me. I didn't want to keep it, and was considering abortion. I didn't think I would make it and didn't think I could afford another kid. I told Mary Jo what I was considering doing (the abortion). She told me it was possible to make it with one more, and that the Center would help. I thought and thought about that, and she was right! I will now have my fifth child.

Thank you, Mary Jo and the Pregnancy Help Center, for being there for me.

*Editor's note: The Center gave Christina a beautiful crib that had been donated to us. This is the first time she has had a crib for any of her babies.*



## NOTICE OUR NEW LOOK?

Pregnancy Help Center Board Member Margie Luxford recently wrote and received a grant from the Thomas and Bebette Coleman Foundation. Funds from this grant are being used to upgrade our quarterly newsletter LIFELINES,

and to create both a new website and up-to-date brochures. We thank the Foundation for their generosity in helping the Center market its presence.

We hope that you, the readers, enjoy our new two-color look!



## PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN: SHUTTING DOWN PLANNED PARENTHOOD

by Jim Sedlak, vice president of American Life League

*Originally appeared in Celebrate Life, May-June 2006, condensed for length*

It was 15 years ago and I was on a speaking trip in Illinois. As part of the activities, we were on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood (PP) facility in Springfield. As we handed out literature, a 16-year-old girl came out of PP. ...She assured us she wasn't pregnant and wasn't there to discuss abortion. She told us she was there to pick up her birth control pills.... She told us that lots of teens got their pills from PP and that the organization allowed them to obtain the pills on credit for up to three months. After that, you had to pay up or you couldn't get any more pills. As she turned to walk away, she said, "Oh, by the way, the code name is Heather." We (asked her), "What is a code name?" "Well," she said, "when a young girl goes in to PP for the first time, they ask you if you want your parents to know. If you say no, they tell you the code name. When PP needs to get in touch with you, they have a young staff person call your home and ask for you. If someone asks your name, or if you are not home, they say that Heather is calling. That's your signal to get in touch with PP."

(One of my volunteers) told how she lived on a rural farm. PP would call her, using the local code name, and tell her what night

they would be coming to drop her pills in the family mailbox. They would expect her to have the money in the mailbox ahead of time and she had to pick up the pills from the mailbox before her parents went to check on the mail the next morning.

For years, we have seen PP advertising "confidential services" for minors. The revelations about code names gave us a clear perspective of how aggressively PP goes after our children.

...PP says its number one goal is the celebration of sex. But is PP talking about marital sex? ...PP is not only pushing sex, it is making a great deal of money from those people who are engaged in, perhaps even addicted to, sexual activity. PP receives taxpayer money to teach its sex education programs. ...PP sells abortion at a profit. It has also been documented that some PP abortion businesses rent space to companies that harvest body parts from aborted babies, thereby making even more money on the very children terminated in their own facilities.

...PP backs up its push for minors to accept a sexual lifestyle with products designed to be attractive to kids, products

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## LIFELINES

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### Mission Statement

The Pregnancy Help Center of San Gabriel Valley exists to create a safe, confidential, loving and caring haven in which sound alternatives to abortion may be provided to women experiencing a crisis pregnancy, in the hopes that they will make a sound decision for themselves and their child; to provide practical services related to a woman's pregnancy, childrearing, and relationships; to exemplify and promote sanctity of life principles in the community through education.

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## *In Memorium*

*Kathleen Malcolm,  
longtime supporter of the  
Pregnancy Help Center,  
passed away  
December 11, 2005.  
May she rest in peace.*

**PP FEARS  
ONE THING —  
PARENTS...**

## SUMMER IS HERE!

As we head into summer, kids are out of school and for many of us, life slows down a bit. It is now when kids, having more time on their hands, create for themselves situations that will have long-term consequences. Sometimes these situations happen because normally good kids get bored, lose their focus and fall into a trap of complacency, thinking "it won't happen to me". We need to be here for these girls, and their boyfriends, all summer long. And thanks to all of you, we will be. The enclosed envelope is enclosed for your gift. You can have an impact on the lives of those we see...all summer long.



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change a life. Third, we can give financially. Every single gift brings us closer to leveling the playing field.

When we at the Pregnancy Help Center say that we're on a mission, we can say that ours is not impossible by any means. Our mission is to become the first choice for women in our area facing an unplanned pregnancy. With your gift, we are going to get there. If you haven't had a chance to give recently, now is the perfect time. We're on a mission, and we invite you to join us in the quest.

## VITAL STATISTICS

February to April 2006

Clients served	576
New Clients	187
Abortion-minded or undecided	40
Ultrasounds performed	22
Turn Arounds	17

## REGARDING PROPOSITION 73

Volunteers at the Pregnancy Help Center have diligently gathered signatures to put Prop. 73, the Parent's Right to Know initiative, on the California November ballot. By May 12, proponents of that initiative had turned in over 1 million signatures, qualifying it for the ballot.

This proposition would require a doctor to notify at least one parent of an under-18-year-old girl before performing an abortion on the girl.

Since Propositions 81 and 82 were the numbers of propositions on the June 2006 primary election, and Jessica's Law and four other initiatives have already qualified for November, Parent's Right to Know should be assigned a number somewhere in the upper 80s or low 90s.

In the November 2005 election, Planned Parenthood and its allies outspent the "Yes on 73" forces 10 to 1. This time, the Parent's Right to Know forces are counting on a wider base of donors and volunteers to come close to matching the pro abortion forces.



## WILL YOU HELP THIS SUMMER?

by Francisco Aguayo, Former PHC President

By the time you read this, Spring will have ended and Summer will have just begun. Vacation and all kinds of outdoor activities will occupy a great deal of the coming months. The kids are home and that generally means distractions galore.

Summer is on of the most difficult times of the year for the Pregnancy Help Center because the need for our services remains constant and/or increases while our resources decrease.

Summer does not signal a vacation for crisis pregnancies or for women and children in need. Women continue to come to us throughout the summer months looking for encouragement and a helping hand.

We desperately want to be there for them, but we simply cannot do it without your help. Your prayers, donations and volunteerism keep us going from day to day. BELIEVE IT!

Please, as you enjoy the Summer months ahead, don't forget the work of the Pregnancy Help Center.

Please take a moment or two out of your schedule to pray for this ministry, and consider helping us this Summer with a generous contribution toward the resource crunch just around the corner....

*Portion reprinted from the Summer 1993 issue of Lifelines. It is just as true today as it was then.*

## WE THANK OUR DONORS:

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If your name has been inadvertently left off this list, we apologize.  
(This list runs through June 30, 2006.)

## OUR DONORS KEEP ON GIVING AND GIVING



*(left) Corinne Delgado of St. Dorothy's Church, Glendora, presents checks representing proceeds from a Valentine's Day Dance to Carol Melvin, Administrator of the Pregnancy Help Center.*

*(right) Lois Johnson of St. Therese Church in Alhambra delivers part of the Crib Project collections from that parish. Lois is a long-time Auxiliary member and HelpLine listener.*



*(left) Regular donations come from Sacred Heart Church in Covina. Pictured are Ted and Wanda Wiggins, donating items to Center Director Carol Melvin.*



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“The intrinsic evil of the crime of abortion,  
which attacks human life at its beginning,  
is also an aggression against society itself.”  
Pope Benedict XVI

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like the condom lollipop and condom keychains. In addition, PP pushes books like *It's Perfectly Normal*, a book about sexual activity aimed at children ages 10 and up. It features illustrations of naked adults who range in age, race, shape and size. Apparently the desired effect is to strip away a child's innocence. ...The book's "Decisions" section then introduces children to so-called birth control methods and abortion. ...PP has also been hawking the sexual message on the internet at its website for minors: [www.Teenwire.com](http://www.Teenwire.com). Just a few minutes of surfing this site and you will see that PP is indisputably after your children.

In all this, there is a profound piece of good news: PP fears one thing—parents. PP executives and facility workers don't want parents involved. The organization fights every parental involvement law put forth in states across the nation. It fights against adding parental notification to the nation's "family planning" programs. It even refuses to give government officials access to the medical

records of minors. The government wants this access because there seems to be ample evidence that PP is not reporting the statutory rape of girls by older men. But PP is fighting in court not to reveal this potentially damaging information.

With PP aggressively targeting our children, it's time for all parents and grandparents to act.... Parents need to be involved in their children's lives. ...If you want to protect your children, tell them that they are expected to remain chaste. Tell them every day if necessary. ...You will be amazed at how this will affect your children. And if they ever get a call from someone you don't know, make sure the caller isn't from PP and using a "code name". E-mail this article from the web site [www.CLMagazine.org](http://www.CLMagazine.org).