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I'M STILL A BABY

Petra and her friend Cassie, both in junior high and attending a local church, came in together. Petra for a pregnancy test, and Cassie to support her. Both admitted they had been sexually active with more than one partner and had no knowledge of risks or consequences associated with sex other than pregnancy. Petra stated that her parents were aware she was probably going to have sex, so her mother got her birth control so she wouldn't get pregnant. Her father was not in favor of her boyfriends, but never "stuck his nose into my business." Her mother, while heavily involved with their church, did not question her relationships and left the "sex talk" to her friends and older

siblings. Now, with the possibility of being pregnant, Petra was more concerned about her parent's reaction and feared that they would think "God is punishing them by having such a bad daughter as me." In the midst of tears she stated her belief that abortion would make it better for all of them and that she could keep this secret. Upon hearing of the possible consequences and the fact that "it" was a real baby, she stated, "I'm still a baby, I can't even take care of myself, I can't have a baby yet."

Thankfully, the test was negative; but a follow-up call revealed that Petra had tested positive for an STD that "she can't get rid of." "Things did not turn out like I thought it would,

she said, "but I'm glad I talked to you that day. For once I was not alone."

Parent's talk to your children— let them know their worth and that you'll love them no matter what. Don't let them get trapped by unwise decisions.



The world's ways leads only to entrapment.

TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE



February 23, 2009 will be a historic day for the Abortion Recovery Centre. Our first group session for abortion grief recovery will occur in the evening.

We have been keenly aware that we will be moving into a territory surrounded by darkness, guilt and shame. We've

also been aware that the enemy of our souls does not desire to see individuals set free from bondage, nor to see the broken-hearted made whole.

It is our prayer that the ministry of the Abortion Recovery Centre will indeed be used by God to break the bondage and to heal

the broken hearted. It is our prayer that each part of the ministries here would be glorifying and honoring to God.

We ask for your prayer covering and we ask that you let others know that there is hope and forgiveness available through this Abortion Recovery program.

SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

We've been getting a lot of calls and emails recently inquiring about our ministry. People want to know the difference between us and the Crisis Pregnancy Centre, Birthright and the Back Porch. Rather than list the difference, let's tell you what we do. Our well trained peer counsellors help our clients look beyond their initial thought of abortion as the only answer by offering education on all options. Each option has its own set of consequences and no matter their decision, we are here to walk the journey with them. We present pre-parenting and parenting classes. We do pre-adoption and post-adoption counselling—recognizing the loss that is suffered from individuals willing to make this decision. We provide maternity clothes, baby clothes, layettes, diapers, formula, community and church referrals.

After 21 years of no abortion laws in Canada, we have recognized the need to minister to those who have chosen abortion but now find themselves conflicted and in pain by their decision. The Abortion Recovery Centre was established to set people free from shame, guilt and sorrow. In all that we do, we desire that God be glorified. We present the gospel of Christ whenever possible and let our clients know about a God who loves them so much, he died in their place and that He has a special plan for their lives that is a good one; offering them a hope filled future through Christ Jesus as Lord.

Imagine 6000 junior and senior high school students receiving our amazing WAIT Training presentation (in 2008). It's so amazing that we're getting calls to go into the High Level area! We're talking to kids about their worth and the true value of sexual abstinence—they love it!

FAITHFUL LIAISONS

We'd like to take the time to say thank you to all of you that call yourself "church liaison."

You faithfully serve as communicator to your church family about what's happening at the Pregnancy Care Centre. You are essential for the success of the Walk for Life, the Baby Bottle Campaign and Music for Life; not to mention getting the word out about volunteer training; the physical needs of the Centre and the spiritual need for prayer covering.

Some of you have come to the Centre for coffee and some we've never met face to face. Whatever the case, we are thankful to your commitment to the PCC mission, your faithfulness to the values and your dedication to serving as liaisons.

But the need continues and there are approximately 60 churches that DO NOT have a liaison in place. If you are attending a church that does not have a liaison, we need YOU!

Liaisons are not required to take our full volunteer training or commit to a significant amount of time.

From time to time, you may receive updates and information via email or snail-mail. Information such as posters, letters, Walk for Life packages and other materials to pass on to your pastors and church members.

This may be your opportunity to volunteer in a ministry that is VITAL to women and all of society.

Call Karen @ 780-424-2624
Karen@pregnancycarecentre.ca



CLIENT CHRISTMAS FUN!

Once again this year, over 100 clients attended the Christmas party held in their honor.

Clients, babies, family members, strollers and other paraphernalia were given deluxe rides courtesy of The Connelly, McKinley Coach bus.

Ft. Edmonton Park lent it's own special ambiance, while the sight of all those babies put a smile on everyone's

face.

Egge's Barn resonated with conversation, laughter and valiant attempts at singing Christmas Carols.

Client's stated their thankfulness for the care they receive in an ongoing manner at the Centre.

We all agreed that it's a tremendous pleasure to serve all the individuals that come looking for help.



WALK FOR LIFE

Hard to believe we're thinking of our annual **Walk for Life** already—but good events take a lot of planning.

This year—**June 6, 2009**—the Walk will start at the **A.C.T Centre** as the Family Centre will be undergoing renovations. Look for us at the back of the building right beside the children's playground.

Last year over \$107,000.00 was raised and some people

say that we'll never raise that much this year given the economy.

We say—our God owns the cattle on a thousand hills—and everything in between. We know that God's people are known to be even more generous during hard times and it is our prayer that this will be the case for 2009 and the Walk for Life (June 6th).

Gather your friends, family,

cell group and neighbors to participate in a most worthwhile fundraising event. Start your pledge sheets by pledging yourself first—make it a generous pledge.

How about asking one extra person to walk with you and finding one extra person to add to your pledge over and above last year?

We look forward to seeing you on **June 6, 2009!**

Steve Wagner, an apologist, figures it this way: "if the unborn is growing, it's alive. If it has human parents, it must be human. And living humans like you and I are valuable...aren't we?"

HE REIGNS - 25 YEARS!

No small feat! Not only surviving, but thriving for 25 years as a politically incorrect organization, could only happen because God is in it!

Our theme for the PCC's 25th Anniversary celebration is:
He Reigns!

We want to celebrate God's faithfulness, share the victo-

ries, the growth, new programs, client stories and a perfectly wonderful evening with you!

We'll be hosting this event on **Saturday, October 24, 2009.**

It will be held at West Edmonton Christian Assembly and we will be sending invitations out this coming summer.

The meal will be catered by Nak for Catering—and if you were at our 20th Anniversary, your mouth is probably already watering.

This event will be a celebration and fundraiser—you won't want to miss out on it.

Tickets will go on sale this summer.



We are on the web!
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WE CARE AND WE CAN HELP

We Could Use:

- Juice Boxes (lots)
- Coffee, Sugar, Coffee Mate
- Photo Copy Paper

UPCOMING EVENTS

Walk for Life

If you're looking for something to celebrate—what more could you look for—than life itself? Come celebrate 25 years of life giving and life saving ministry at this year's Walk for Life.

Where?—ACT Centre—Rundle Park—*note the building change.

When?—Saturday, June 6/09
Registration at 9:00—More than ever before, we need your help to make this event prosperous.

25th Anniversary

He Reigns!

Twenty five years of God's faithfulness to a very politically incorrect ministry and rag-tag bunch of people seeking to serve Him—that's worth celebrating.

We know you'll want to come celebrate with us. The food will be amazing, the music entertaining and the stories glorifying to God.

Call us to make sure you make our invitation list.

Mark It Down!

March 6, 13, 20 & 27—Volunteer Training

Call Brandi @ 780-424-2624 to book an interview and register for your spot!

June 6, 2009—Walk for Life

Please join us this year at the A.C.T. Centre for a fun-filled family event.

October 24, 2009—25th Anniversary

Being held at West Edmonton Christian Assembly.

May 7/09 Annual General Meeting—at Richmond Park Church. Supper starts at 6:00. **Please RSVP to our office.**

Investing in the Future United Way Contributions

A number of you have now begun donating through your work. Places such as Enbridge, TELUS and other companies allow you to specify where your donations go to.

You can easily designate your employee deductions for the United Way to our Centre, just remember they charge a fee for all your donations.

Have them direct it to us. Our charity number is:

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Service Group Projects

Thank you to: Edmonton Worship Centre who built a beautiful stroller ramp on the front of the house. Thanks to "The Project" from Millwoods Assembly who cleaned house like "spring beavers." Thanks to Wendy Thomas and her Cell group from St. Albert Alliance who painted and cleaned—beautifully. Thanks to Vanguard College and the group from McKernan Baptist Church and thanks to the group from the Dream Centre, all who did much needed work/repairs around here.



THANK YOU EVERYONE!