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DEREK'S STORY

*Derek just found out that he is going to be a dad. He and *Joanne had been seeing each other for about a year and he thought things were going great. He was on the track to a great job, had an active, vibrant social life and was told by family and friends that he was "going places".

Everything was working out perfectly for him—however, a baby was not in his plans.

He came to the Centre with Joanne who had not yet finished high school. They were overwhelmed with the positive test result and said this was not what they had planned.

Joanne was scared about people finding out she was pregnant and so was Derek.

They asked for information on

abortion and what could be expected from the procedure, because for them there was "no other option".

Derek assured Joanne he would be there for her no matter what. He knew the abortion would be awful he said, but it was "something they had to do." Joanne cried several times throughout her counselling session at the PCC.

In our follow-up call to Joanne, she told us that the abortion was done and she doesn't like to think about it. She said she was grateful that we were there for her, and if she wanted to pursue post abortion counselling she would call.

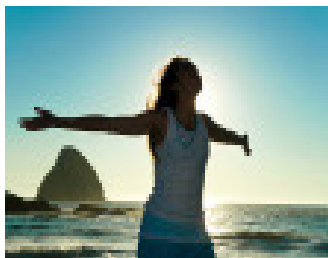
Derek now has a new girlfriend and his life is "back on track."

Our desire to speak hope into a hopeless situation motivates us to reach out to both men and women. In our experience both Derek and Joanne will one day come to an understanding of the consequences of abortion and at that moment they will need the Centre to present Christ's love to them.



*Please note that real names are not used in any client story.

THE ABORTION RECOVERY CENTRE



Last newsletter we let you know that we were developing a new website and preparing to expand our post-abortion services—including a new name.

Outreach for Life Association of Edmonton will now be operating the **Abortion Recovery Centre**.

Through this website we hope to attract individuals that are struggling

with their decision to have an abortion and meet the needs of those who have experienced abortion in the past.

Many individuals realize too late that abortion is not the "quick fix" they hoped for. Instead it brings shame, confusion, anger, broken relationships and lowered self esteem.

Through the Abortion Recovery Centre, we will offer hope, healing and closure to individuals experiencing pain from their abortion decision.

We currently provide individual sessions and are preparing to provide group sessions.

Check out our new website @ www.abortionrecovery.ca.

WAIT—IT'S AMAZING!

The various media pieces (magazines, blogs, newspaper articles, websites, etc) that address treatment for STI's (Sexually Transmitted Infections) is never ending. In these 'informative pieces', the solution to this rampant STI problem is a band aid to a gaping wound; provide more money and more accessibility to treatment and various drugs. What these pieces fail to provide, however, is a solution, a treatment for this gaping wound. In essence, they do not look to solve the actual problem, they only want to treat its symptoms.

When our culture tells teens, who are the main targeted demographic of this message, that they have no control over their emotions and hormones; and we expect them to succumb to their

sexual impulses, we must expect consequences: sometimes of devastating proportions.

Well, in case anybody's been paying attention—the safer sex message isn't working. STI's are at a pandemic proportion and it seems that society's only concern is that any and all actions—without consequences—should be the order of the day.

In order to counteract this message in our sex saturated society, we have an amazing presentation currently called **WAIT Training**. We go into the junior and senior high schools and tell students the truth about Sexually Transmitted Infections and the real definition of "sexual abstinence".

We give them solid practical

advice on remaining abstinent until marriage and scientifically proven facts about the pandemic of STI's our society is facing.

"Dynamic and informative" is what students and teachers are saying about our WAIT presentations.

The Pregnancy Care Centre, its staff and volunteers are proactive and declare the truth in order to free this generation!

Interested? Call Julie our Community Education Coordinator @ 780-424-2624.



TREASURED VOLUNTEERS

Over the last several newsletters, we have shared with you the beautiful people that volunteer here as Peer Counsellors and Helpline workers.

Michelle Kool entered our doors a little over a year ago and bluntly stated, "I don't know why I'm here, I just know God told me to come."

She listened to the different

aspects of the ministry and then registered for our volunteer training.

As a Peer Counsellor, she has an amazing way of connecting with clients and walking their journey with them. She knows how to weep and rejoice with them. We thank God for sending her.

Vicki Cadieux has been answering our HelpLine for over 10 years.

Vicki's gentle questioning often ends in callers realizing that they need to hear about their options and the support the PCC can give them.

For the past 5 years Vicki has also held very successful garage sales on behalf of the PCC. How wonderful to have such a dedicated volunteer.

Call Brandi to find out more about volunteering at the PCC.



WALK FOR LIFE 2008

It seems that those signs that sit at the entrances to the City of Edmonton really are true:

“The City of Champions!”

You remarkable and amazing people raised over **\$100,000.00** at the 2008 Walk for Life. You set a Canadian record and astonished the Pregnancy Care Centres across Canada.

Thank you for your hard work

and dedication. You have exceeded beyond what we had hoped for. Thank you that year after year you come to this event and you come with new friends and smiles on your faces.

Words really do fail in trying to express thankfulness to those who—as they state “simply do what is right.”

When challenges come we need only to remember your

faithful support to be encouraged. We know that God loves to delight us—loves to bless us and loves to astound us with His grace, mercy and provisions.



CORPORATE SPONSORS

We cannot let this newsletter go to print without acknowledging a very special group of people.

Each year there are a few brave organizations who publicly partner with us to ensure the success of the Walk for Life.

They financially sponsor the Walk and much of the Walk’s ongoing success is due to their support.

We ask that you take the time to let the following sponsors know that you appreciate their stand for Life!

If you would like to join this group of amazing businesses we’d love to have you on board. Call Norah at 780-424-2624.

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MARK IT DOWN!

October 24/08—Don't Come Event

An unusual event to say the least. An invitation that un-invites you! Look for your invitation in the mail.

Volunteer Training 2008

Do you feel God calling you to be involved in this ministry? Our Volunteer Training Seminar begins in October—2,3,16,17 from 5-9 pm and Sat, Oct 4 and 18 from 9-3 pm. Call or email Brandi to reserve your spot!
brandi@pregnancycentre.ca

Investing in the Future

United Way Contributions

Ask your employer about donating through your work, TELUS, Enbridge, ATCO Gas and others often do. Not only that, but some companies will even match your donation.

Simply have them direct it to us.

Our Charity Number Is:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Client Christmas Party!!

Last year's party was such a blessing to staff, volunteers, clients and their families that we are going to do it again this year!

What a privilege it was to celebrate our clients and the relationships we made with them. Our clients are already looking forward to the party this year.

Contact us about how you can be involved. The party will be held on November 22 at Fort Edmonton Park.

Music for Life & *Silent Auction 2009*

Help us celebrate life at the start of a new year.

Saturday, **January 24**, Doors open at 6 pm, Curtain Time 6:30 pm Sharp

Presented by: Essence of Praise

Location: City Centre Church
10233 Jasper Avenue (the old Paramount Theatre)
Parking available behind church at Central Car Park (10040 102 Street) \$3.00

Watch for your invitation!!

PCC 25th Anniversary

2009 is an exciting year for Outreach for Life Association of Edmonton. We will be celebrating 25 years of God's faithfulness to the PCC. What a gift He has given us.

Please look for upcoming events. We look forward to having you help celebrate the last 25 years and the next 25!



Thank you to the group from Harvest Vineyard, who have dedicated themselves to come once a month to pray at the Centre. **YOU ARE BLESSINGS!**

We encourage more of you to become actively involved in the prayer ministry here at the Centre.