



Spring 2015

Pregnancy Resource Center

New River Valley, Inc.

The TURNING Point

by Nicole Campbell, Interim Director of Client Services



It's so real now... This is amazing. I had no idea you could see so much detail this early on.



Natalie's* boyfriend made the appointment for her. When they came in, Natalie shared, "He's more excited than I am."

Natalie shared that she and her boyfriend had been dating awhile and had definite plans together. But Natalie was scheduled to finish school in the fall and recognized she would be unable to do so if she had the baby because the baby would more than likely be born during the fall semester. She would have to push her graduation date back. She wasn't sure she could commit to having a baby now.

During the ultrasound, however, Natalie's apathy gave way when she began to focus on the screen. Natalie began crying, surprised to see how developed the baby was and that he/she could move already. Her boyfriend moved closer and held her as she sobbed, rubbing her back and taking in the realities of the ultrasound.

"It's so real now," she said, as her boyfriend held her and they stared at the screen.

As the nurse continued the ultrasound, Natalie and her boyfriend's discussion did a 180. They began to call the moving little wonder, "our baby," discussing whether they wanted a boy or a girl, pausing periodically for one or the other to comment:

"This is amazing. I had no idea you could see so much detail this early on."

"He looks kind of like a gummy bear."

"Wow, that flashing heartbeat is amazing! What a miracle."

The ultrasound is a turning point for many clients, but on that day, it was also the turning point in our clients' view of the beginning of *life* and an awed understanding of the precious child making itself known right before their eyes.

**name changed to protect client confidentiality*



Celebrating 30 Years of PRC Ministry

by Debbie Christian, CEO

We are honored to make a difference in the here and now. In addition, we love it when we hear a story from long ago. Like when I visited a church to share about the PRC, and I met a mother who referred to her teenage son. He was part of the praise band, obviously loving his role in worship. "See that young man? He's my son. He's an outcome of your ministry," she said. "He wouldn't be here if I didn't come (to the PRC) years ago." What an honor to get "the rest of the story" and to see a life full of joy!

As we celebrate our 30 years of ministry, naturally our theme for the year is "legacy" and focusing on what God has done from generation to generation. We thought you would be interested in some of the milestones of the Pregnancy Resource Center. Here's a bit of our history:

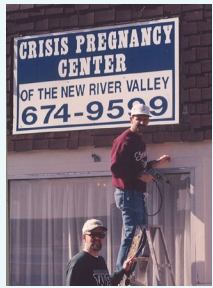


1983

A group of local individuals and pastors begin praying and planning for the creation of a life-affirming agency in the NRV.

October 1986

Crisis Pregnancy Center of the NRV opens at Marlinton Street in Blacksburg, offering self-administered pregnancy tests, pregnancy options counseling, and material goods.



January 1996 - July 2013

CPC opens a second location in Pulaski County in 1996 and operates in various locations throughout these 17 years, initially offering pregnancy tests, counseling, and material goods and later adding medical services and classes.

June 1999

CPC becomes a medical clinic, adding a medical director and nurses in order to provide nurse-administered pregnancy tests and life-affirming ultrasounds.



September 1999

Name changes to the Caring Pregnancy Center.

August 1999

First ultrasound machine purchased.

November 2000

CPC moves from Marlinton St. in Blacksburg to College St. in Christiansburg to allow for more space for offering medical services.



May 2009

Name changes to the Pregnancy Resource Center to better communicate mission and purpose.

September 2009

In order to see more at-risk clients, PRC moves from Christiansburg back to Blacksburg into our current location at 708 N. Main St., Suite 200.



February 2010

Begin offering limited STI testing.

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s



April 1985

Crisis Pregnancy Center of the New River Valley becomes incorporated.



January 1997

First CPC website goes live on the internet.

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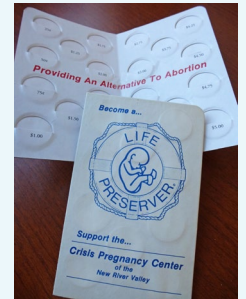
Begin the "Mother's Basics Program" (what we now call "Earn While You Learn"), our pregnancy and parenting education program that allows clients to earn material goods by taking the classes.

April 1997

The Baby Bottle Campaign gets its original start as "Coin Savers," a fundraiser in NRV churches and organizations.

May 1986

Our first fundraising banquet is held. 133 people attend.



October 2000

Our first annual Walk for Life fundraiser is held at Bisset Park.

January 2008 - September 2011

PRC operates a mobile unit to travel the five counties in the NRV.

August 2013

Radford clinic opens. PRC clinics are named Valley Women's Clinic.



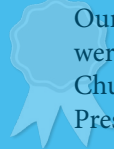



Walk for Life 2015

THANK YOU! \$32,155 RAISED FOR THE PRC MINISTRY!

 136 sponsored Walkers attended with their families, for a total of about 320.

 36 churches were represented, 24 teams total.

 Our top fundraising teams were Providence Presbyterian Church & the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Youth Group!

 Our top three Walkers were Debbie Brunk, James Trice and Sonia Fitzwater.



Thank you to all of our fundraising Walkers and those who sponsored them! Your generosity and hard work in collecting sponsorships allow us to continue providing free, life-affirming services to our clients at both of our clinics.

We had a *beautiful* day to celebrate all that God is doing in the PRC ministry by joining together to walk for **LIFE!** Thanks to the City of Radford for allowing us to use Bisset Park and to our business event sponsors: **Hodge Insurance, Jimmy John's and Carper Insurance Associates.**

A special thanks to Bryant Altizer Photography for capturing so many beautiful pictures at the Walk and to Jonathan Couch for doing the videography! Thanks to Dave and Constance Close for coordinating so many details of the event. Thanks to New Horizons Church, GraceLife Baptist Youth Group, Drapers Valley Presbyterian, VT BCM, and Riley Sixta Photography for providing the post-Walk music and family activities.

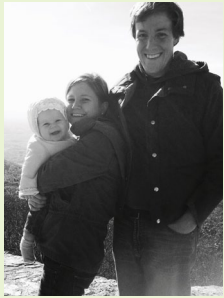
Thanks also to the businesses that provided food, drinks, and prizes for our top Walkers and top teams: Carilion Clinic of the NRV, Wades in Christiansburg, the Krogers in Blacksburg, Kroger in Christiansburg, Kroger in Fairlawn, Sweet Frog in Blacksburg and Christiansburg, Outback Steakhouse, Mellow Mushroom Pizza, NRV Superbowl, and Carol Lee Donuts.



This year, our Walkers earned added rewards for reaching certain fundraising levels, including t-shirts, water bottles, movie tickets, and the chance to win an iPad!

After the Walk, participants enjoyed live music by the Virginia Tech Baptist Collegiate Ministry band and family activities: face painting, cornhole, inflatables, relays, and a silly photo booth!

The PRC Welcomes a New Medical Director



Dr. Matthew McCarthy

Dr. Matthew McCarthy graduated from the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2012 and recently completed a residency in family practice. He grew up in Northeast Georgia and moved to Blacksburg in 2008. He and his wife Valerie have been married eight years this June, and welcomed their first child, Beatrix Adeline, in February 2014. The McCarthys attend Blacksburg Christian Fellowship.

Dr. McCarthy hopes to use his skills and profession as a tool and platform to advance the sanctity of life in the New River Valley.

Dr. McCarthy will be opening his own practice in downtown Blacksburg in July of 2015. For more information, visit: drmatthewmccarthy.com.



Dr. Ty Hopkins

Dr. McCarthy succeeds Dr. Ty Hopkins as the PRC Medical Director, who has served in this role since January 2010. Thank you, Ty, for your dedicated service to the PRC ministry!

2015 Baby Bottle Campaign

THANK YOU!

Goal: **\$45,000**
 Raised so far: **\$34,434**

Thank you to the more than 50 churches that have participated in our Baby Bottle Campaign so far! Several churches are currently participating in a Mother's Day to Father's Day campaign.

We look forward to the final results of all the churches and organizations partnering with us to *change* lives. Thanks for helping us make an impact for LIFE in the NRV!

If your church would like to get involved in the Baby Bottle Campaign, please contact the Blacksburg office at 540-552-5556 or visit PRCsupport.com.

Blessings Abound

In our last newsletter, we mentioned our need for diapers. Since then we have had three groups do diaper drives for us (RU & VT Students for Life groups and Spirit FM as part of their Mom 2 Mom Diaper Drive), totaling over 200 packages of diapers! Additionally, other groups have held baby showers, collecting diapers and other baby items for us! Thank you for your generosity to our clients!



Spirit FM



“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.”

2 Corinthians 9:8

2015 Annual Benefit **Banquet**



*Monday, November 16 &
Tuesday, November 17*

The Inn at Virginia Tech | Latham Ballroom

Seating begins at 6:00 PM | Dinner & Program 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Attendance by reservation only. No cost to attend, but there will be the opportunity to partner with the PRC through a financial gift.

Come celebrate all that God has done at the PRC in the past 30 years! This special anniversary program will feature the testimonies of past and present clients as well as our keynote speaker, Dr. John Bruchalski. We pray this event will show how God has been at work through the PRC ministry for the past three decades, using it to make an impact **from generation to generation**. The program will be the same both evenings.



Keynote Speaker, Dr. John T. Bruchalski

Dr. Bruchalski performed abortions in his OB/GYN residency. After an encounter with God, he quit performing abortions, then in 1994 founded one of the largest pro-life clinics in America, the Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax Virginia. Tepeyac is tasked with the mission of establishing an obstetrical and gynecological facility that combines the best of modern medicine with the healing presence of Jesus Christ—providing affordable healthcare to women, in particular, those with crisis pregnancies. More information is available at www.tepeyacfamilycenter.com.

Needed: Underwriters

Banquet underwriters cover the up-front cost of the event so that all gifts received at the banquet go directly to the life-saving work of the PRC ministry. If you, your business, your church or someone you know is interested in helping underwrite the cost of this event, please contact Debbie Christian at dchristian@prcnewrivervalley.com or call the Blacksburg office at 540-552-5556.

Help Us Celebrate 30 Years!

We invite you to share your PRC story or historical tidbit with us to help us know even more of what God has done in this ministry! Contact Debbie Christian by email at dchristian@prcnewrivervalley.com or call the Blacksburg office at 540-552-5556.

Psalm 102:17-18

"He will listen to the prayers of the destitute. He will not reject their pleas. Let this be recorded for future generations, so that a people not yet born will praise the Lord."

PRC News & Notes

MATCHING GIFTS: Double Your Donation...Multiply the Impact

Thinking about making a gift to the PRC? Check with your employer and community organizations you are a part of to see if they offer a matching funds program. You may be surprised...many of them do! Let us know if you need any documentation from the PRC to apply for a matching donation.

What an easy way to double the funds you give and, in turn, multiply the impact for life through the PRC ministry!

SAVE THE DATE FOR

PRC *advocate*
Annual Dinner & Training

Monday, August 17, 2015
6:30-8:00PM - Dinner Provided!
Location TBD

A PRC Advocate is the person who serves as the connection between their church and the PRC ministry. At this annual training, you'll learn what it means to represent the PRC ministry to your church and how your church can partner with the PRC in the coming year.

We would love to have one representative from each of our supporting churches present at this meeting! Current and prospective PRC Advocates, as well as pastors, are invited to attend this event. If you are interested in becoming the PRC Advocate for your church or for more information about this role, contact Debbie Christian at dchristian@prcnewrivervalley.com.

Remember that the PRC is part of the AmazonSmile Program!

Your Amazon shopping can support the PRC! To enroll, start your shopping at smile.amazon.com and choose "Pregnancy Resource Center of the New River Valley" from the list of charitable organizations. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the PRC.

AmazonSmile offers the same products, same prices, same service, all with the opportunity to support a great cause.

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Swipe your Kroger Plus card, support the PRC!

The PRC is also a charitable organization listed through the Kroger Community Reward program. To register your Kroger Plus card so that your Kroger purchases help support the PRC, go to krogercommunityrewards.com, create an account or login to an existing account, and choose Pregnancy Resource Center of the NRV from the list of charitable organizations.