

November 2018

Dear Sustaining Partner,

I am **thankful** summer is behind us. In addition to the unrelenting heat, sporadic support during popular vacation months causes the past couple months to be uncomfortable. Like yours, our electric bill was in the high triple digits. So, for several reasons we are **thankful** the heat is off.

November and December are the months we discuss the budget and goals for the coming year. The Gala was successful in that we saw an increase in our monthly pledges, but because (I think) people don't fully understand this event is costly, the total collected that evening was quite low.

Thank you to all who understand that we must be able to count on these gifts coming in on a regular basis. We need your help to provide services to those in the community whose lives are being impacted by an unplanned pregnancy. If you were not able to attend the Gala, but would like to renew your current pledge, increase your pledge for the coming year, make a new pledge or send a donation please use the enclosed form or go on line and give at our website: www.pregnancyfamily.org. Click on the BIG GREEN donate button on the upper right side of the landing page and follow the prompts. Give "As needed" or designate your gift toward "Fall Fundraiser."

I am **thankful** for the over 2,800 clients (to date this year) we have been able to serve; not to mention 23 plus babies who live because of your support. We have seen several women complete the Post Abortion Study, *SaveOne* this year. One of the most moving moments of the gala program this year was Monica Sims sharing her story of struggle to recover from an abortion decision many years ago. Because of Monica's transparency, others will realize the *SaveOne* group study is a next step for them to enjoy freedom in Christ.

I am **thankful** for those who chose to volunteer and/or complete advocate training this year. It's been a rough year with many illnesses, and family emergencies, so I'm grateful for those who make their commitment to us a priority in their lives. We could not operate from day-to-day without volunteer help. I am thankful that this year to have completed and mailed three issues (so far) of our quarterly newsletter, and that our website is continually updated and being viewed by folks all around the world. I am **thankful** several new churches have come along side us as practical partners. I am grateful for pastors (and others) who send volunteers and offer me support and suggestions.

I am **thankful** to you, our donors for entrusting us with your support and for your prayers on our behalf. I am **thankful** to those who have given me good suggestions, come by to visit and especially those who prayed with me

while you were here. I am **thankful** for the team of women around the world (as far away as India and Canada) who pray for me and this ministry every day.

I am **thankful** for my family and friends who have supported me through some very dark, hard times the past years. I'm grateful for my husband of just a few months. Mike is a gift who has determined to learn why I am passionate about this ministry. We recently saw the film *Gosnell*. I'm thankful for a sensitive man whose heart was broken.

I have enjoyed a year of blessing both in my personal life and here at Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. I am **thankful** for the trust placed in me as I serve under the direction of the Board of Directors. Like you, I am **thankful** for my family, the freedom I enjoy as a U.S. citizen, and for those who serve in the Armed Forces to guard that freedom.

Know that you, our donors are prayed for each morning as we begin our day. I look forward to the coming year as we partner with other organizations to reach out in new ways to serve our community. I am **thankful** that I know no matter what- God is THE HEAD of this ministry, We will trust Him to do what's necessary to ensure we're here, open, ready to serve.

I join the Staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and clients to pray blessings on each of you as you celebrate with family and friends to count the ways in which you are **thankful**.

“The Lord bless you and keep you; and the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you-and give you peace” Numbers 6:24-26

For Life!

Lisa J Wholley
Executive Director

