

November 2014

Dear Sustaining Partner,

Thanksgiving: “A public acknowledgement or celebration of divine (God’s) goodness”

“O give thanks to The Lord, for He IS good; For His loving kindness is everlasting.” (1Chron 16:34)

Happy November! This is an opportunity to rehearse and recognize the blessings in my life.. I often include my family and friends when I think of gifts from God. Always there is great Thanksgiving for me as I serve here at Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. As I am ready to go in to my tenth year as your executive director, the blessing of being here never gets old. Here’s my current, “I’m thankful for…” list:

I’m thankful for the provision the Ultrasound machine we use as an effective tool to convince over 60 abortion-intended moms (to date this year) to carry her baby to term.

I’m thankful for the several young families who were once clients who stop in every now and then to bring us a donation as a way to “pay it forward.” It’s their hearts, not the money that blesses me.

I’m thankful for another family who often stop by for a “gramma” visit. This couple has made it through some incredibly hard circumstances, and has allowed us to be a part of their lives all along the way.

I’m thankful for over 50 volunteers who give of their time and talents to keep our doors open and our ministry effective. Praise God for their dedication and love for His precious people! This has been a rough year for everyone. Lots of loss, but still when they are able they show up to serve. YES! Thank YOU God, for them.

I’m thankful for a Board of Directors who each gives time to oversee the ministry. I greatly appreciate the desire of each one to serve Jesus through this local mission. We are Thanking God that He will add to the board according to the need.

I’m thankful for four marvelous women who work with me and who are willing to walk by faith. Each desires to know God more than she desires to have her own way. Since last year we have been able to add two paid staff. Ashley is our part time clerk. Bev, is our own ARDMS licensed, ultrasound technician. Both were hand-picked by The Lord. What an effective team He has assembled.

I'm thankful for you because you take the time to read the things God puts on my heart to share with you. Thank you for giving of yourself and your resources to sustain YOUR local mission. If not for you and others like you, there would be no stopping abortions in our community. More lives would be broken and lost which would contribute to our already high crime and poverty rate.

I'm thankful for those who take the time to write a note, send an email and stop by the office to pray with the staff and me. How grateful I am for the grace and love you extend to me!! I'm thankful for the people who serve on my personal prayer team. With them behind me, I know every step I take is bathed in prayer, and I'm encouraged. Thank you for the love you've poured out this past year. Every day I was encouraged in The Lord by your cards, letters, notes and phone calls.

I'm thankful that God has given us the opportunity to continue to minister to our former ultrasound technicians who left when their vocational school positions ended.

I'm thankful for the location where God moved our center in 2004. At the time it felt like a negative occurrence, but we see now God was strategic. I know of no other PRC in the country that is located within blocks of **two** abortion clinics.

I'm thankful for the over 3,100 clients' visits we've logged so far this year (With 2 months to go) and the 2107 who have taken Bibles, worked on a new believer's Bible study and let us pray with them. In addition, for over 35 people who have made a decision to allow God to have His way in their lives. I'm on my knees with thanksgiving for the more than 59 babies (This year to date.) who were rescued from the abortionist's instruments.

I'm thankful for the literally hundreds of *hand-made* quilts for our clients' babies, as well as the *hand-knit/crocheted* booties, hats, blankets, sweaters, etc. All are works of beautiful and unique art that blesses our clients.

I'm thankful for those who pull up in back with truckloads of baby furniture and other things for us to pass along to our precious clients and their sweet babies.

I'm thankful for many seemingly isolated events that all work together to make life easier for us: The workdays and open houses hosted by area churches. The baby bottle campaigns in churches to infuse cash for us to use to meet everyday expenses. A new table with chairs. An invitation to speak or participate in an event.

Yep! I am one blessed woman because of the kindness and grace extended to me personally, to my staff and to YOUR local mission.

Now it's your turn. How has God blessed you directly or through others? Think about it and give HIM the glory and praise. Each breath we take is a gift.

One behalf of the staff, board of directors, volunteers and yes—especially the clients I wish you a **Happy**, awe-filled **Thanksgiving** overflowing with joy for who GOD is and how HE loves **YOU!**

Blessings,

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