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THE LIFE REPORT

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First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center*

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Written by Cindy Brengosz,
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Revealing the love of Jesus, by providing pregnancy and parenting support, empowering women and men to make healthy and educated decisions for their future.

One of my responsibilities as Executive Director is to keep our mission statement, as shown above, active. With the past year's stats, I can say we've been busy doing this, and with God's strength, accomplishing *much* for His Glory.

Recently I had the opportunity to serve a 16 year old* and her mother. This precious teen came to see us after discovering she was just 5 weeks pregnant. Her mom told her about First Choice PRC and called ahead to let us know her daughter and boyfriend were talking about abortion as an option.

I happened to be the only one in the office the day they arrived. I made so many discoveries in our initial conversation: Her parents were in the middle of a divorce and the client was moving in with one or the other (yet to be determined); the client's mother stated she was Pro-Life, but boyfriends parents were Pro-Choice; the client, a straight A student, has big dreams to go to college; and there is an Aunt in the family who "can't conceive" and would probably love to adopt this baby...

After much discussion, lots of questions and a complete explanation of **ALL** the options available to her, we ended our time together in prayer and many tears. The client went home to talk to boyfriend.

My opportunity here was to reveal the love of Jesus, and in this particular case, it meant talking about a very difficult decision this young lady had before her. It included me sharing some very tough information-- some of which I wouldn't even want to share with my own 17 year old daughter. Our roles at First Choice PRC though require that we educate thoroughly, with a non-judgmental view, and praying that lives are saved by allowing the client(s) to make the very best informed decision for themselves. Anything less than this would not allow them to be empowered.

We're trained for this. We have the very best spiritual guidance possible (His Word), and through daily prayer, we are prepared for every client regardless of their circumstances or choices. However, this doesn't make these visits easy.

Today, I write this to let you know, we don't always know the outcome of abortion- vulnerable clients. *We don't always see the life saved in our office.* When this occurs, **we continue to pray, and speak LIFE into the situation, because we know our God is bigger than we can see... He and He alone can stir these clients to change their hearts and minds.**

I'm asking you dear friend of First Choice PRC, as you begin to contemplate this past year and make plans for the coming New Year, **would you first pray for First Choice PRC, and second, would you consider including us in your year end giving? We are short by about \$25,000 for this current year's budget.**

Our need is great: to keep our doors open, to keep my staff and advocates educated, to supply our boutiques with material goods to bless our clients, **and most importantly continue staying on point with our mission statement- with LOVE.**

Love means we work together, whatever our role happens to be. As the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12, "*the body is not one member but many.*"

I am so thankful for the growth we've been seeing here at First Choice PRC, I'm thankful for each of you reading this, and I appreciate the many facets of the body of Christ in our communities. I'm looking forward to 2019 and experiencing *more unity* in this body, as we serve together in so many ways.

I wish each of you and your families a very blessed and Christ filled Holiday season ahead.

In His Hands-

Cindy Brengosz

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**Client story used with permission, some facts changed to protect identity*

FROM THE FRONT LINE

Written by Jen Joling, Wisconsin Rapids Center Director



Hello from the front desk of Wisconsin Rapids. I've been keeping busy scheduling 13 clients with the three advocates available in Rapids, welcoming walk-ins on a regular basis, administrative work, and maintaining the center.

As the weather has gotten cooler, two of our clients have welcomed their precious little ones into the world- so I am transitioning them from pregnancy to parenting classes. Say "hi" to Elizabeth Ann and Jayson Earl. These are the moments that are so special to me in this position.

I'm looking forward to the winter months and all of the new faces and things God has in store. *He is my rock and ever present help in this position and life.*

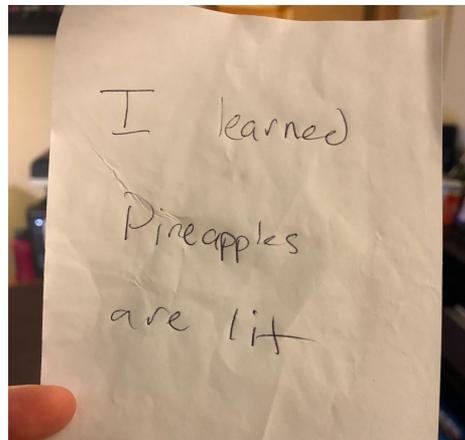
PINEAPPLES AND GOOD SEX

Written by Stephanie LaRose, SRAS, Executive Assistant

Early in the school year, Charlene and I were invited to speak about abstinence to freshmen at a local high school. Instead of focusing on the well known consequences of sex like unplanned pregnancies and STDs, we highlighted the value of waiting, and why students were worth more than "cheaped" sex.

A comparison was made between the history of the highly esteemed pineapple brought to Europe in 1493 by Christopher Columbus, and sex within the confines of a healthy, committed marriage. Pineapples, once worth \$30,000 by today's standards are highly and economically available to everybody, and worth about \$.75, in chunks from a can. Similarly, sex has been cheapened to a "no strings attached" encounter, regardless of how life-altering that event may be.

We exhorted students that they are more valuable than "chunks" and placed a strong emphasis on the "Success Sequence" that provides a path to their future free of poverty.



First Choice is looking for additional opportunities to provide free sexual risk avoidance presentations to schools and youth groups. Topics can include, but are not limited to: abstinence, the "Success Sequence," healthy relationships, and sex trafficking.

Contact Stephanie to learn more:
stephanie@firstchoiceprc.org

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

Become an Advocate!

Provide one-on-one care, education, and resources to individuals and couples in need of our services. You'll receive quality training to provide you with the skills and confidence to serve clients.

For more information, contact Stephanie:
stephanie@firstchoiceprc.org

Apply for Board membership!

Do you have limited time in your schedule but have a passion for the ministry? Consider becoming a Board Member and helping to shape the impact of the ministry in Central Wisconsin.

For more information, contact Cindy:
cindy@firstchoiceprc.org

Host a Baby Bottle Drive!

This simple process makes a BIG impact in our ministry!

1. Your church or business picks a two week time frame with a start and end date.
2. Pass out bottles on the start date to be take home and filled with coins, bills, or checks.
3. Return filled bottles by the end date!

For more information, contact Amanda:
amanda@firstchoiceprc.org

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www.firstchoiceprc.org/subscribe



ONE RED ROSE

Written by Carrie Tritz,
local friend of First Choice



In our church upon the altar,
Stands a beautiful red rose,
But its beauty is diminished
By the sadness it unfolds.
For the presence of this flower
Reminds us once again,
How abortion brings to little lives
Such an unjust and heartless end.

A little heart will cease to beat,
Two little arms will never reach,
Reach to be held, loved and treasured.
The gift of a child now lost forever.

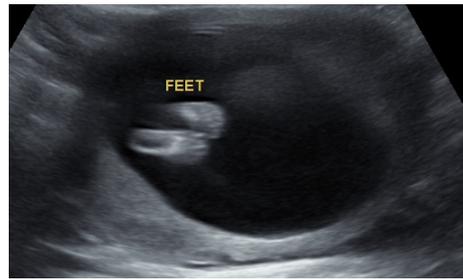
LET'S PRAY FOR THE DAY WHEN WE
CAN SAY

In our church upon the altar
Stands a beautiful white rose,
And its beauty brings a prayer of thanks
For the joy that it unfolds.
For in the symbol of this flower is a message
to be told.
God's gift of life is not for some,
It's meant for one and all.



LET ME INTRODUCE YOU

Written by Charlene Goodwin, RN, SRAS, Nurse Manager



Top photo: 16 weeks, 1 day old baby with it's
"tootsie pootsies" visible for mom and dad.
Bottom photo: 10 week, 5 day old "gummy bear"
with head, abdomen and arm and leg buds
visible.

Ultrasound services are provided at First Choice
PRC between six weeks and 24 weeks gestation.

I believe the view from my desk is the **best view ever**. There is something unique about having the job of introducing a parent to their child for the first time, showing them that the life growing inside them is a baby, *no matter how small*.

There are distinct features I'm able to point out to them that would not, could not, otherwise be seen: images of a little tongue protruding from baby's mouth; little arm and leg buds fluttering about; perhaps an image of siblings sharing uterine space. From gummy bears shaped babies, to tootsie pootsie toes, eye balls to hiccups, the ultrasound images never get old or too familiar to be anything other than amazing.

Psalm 139:13-16 says, "*For you formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.*"

How magnificent an opportunity to show a glimpse of what is going on behind a closed cervix, a glimpse of God's handiwork in the finest detail!

FROM ME TO WE

Written by Amanda Erdmann, Public Relations

I have the unique opportunity to share our vision and to connect God's people to God's work. Whether on the phone or at a community event, I have the privilege to share the love of God and our ministry with those who want to know more to dive in to the lifesaving ministry at First Choice.

This year I have worked hand in hand with churches fundraising for us through Baby Bottle Campaigns, and shared our organization with community groups such as the Rotary Club and Council of Catholic Women at Our Queen of Heaven. The opportunity to meet members of the community, and our donors has been such an incredible experience. God is moving mountain's right here in Central Wisconsin. And we, yes we- you and I- get to be a part of it.

I love sitting back and watching how God works though his people. The amazing new ways God shows us, and you, favor. I look forward to serving you in our fundraising efforts. **How can I help you partner with First Choice?** Please email me if you would like to become a life-saving partner with our ministry.

To contact Amanda, email amanda@firstchoiceprc.org

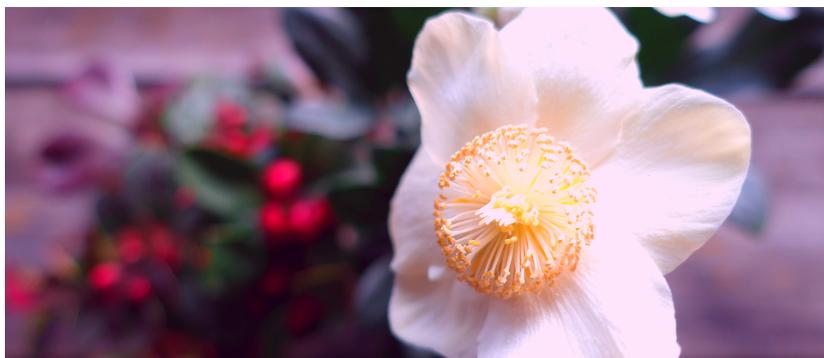
HOLIDAY WISH LIST:

Gender neutral diaper bags
Baby monitors
Infant/toddler toys
Diapers
Wipes
Nursing supplies for moms
Boppy/Brestfriend pillows
Crib and mattress
Health/Safety kits

Clothing (nb-18 months)
Tummy Butter

Office Supplies:

Card stock (110 weight, 92 bright)
Bottled water
Avery Label #5167
Avery Label #8660
#6 & #10 Envelopes



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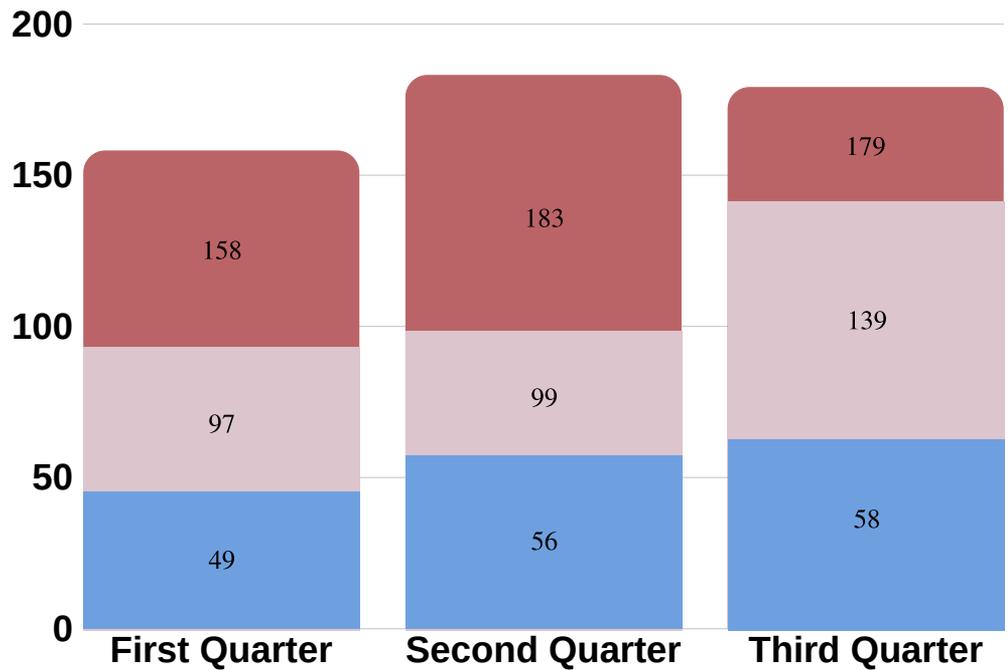
Walk for Life
Saturday, May 11th
 South Wood County Park,
 Wisconsin Rapids

Banquet of Life
Thursday, October 3rd
 SentryWorld,
 Stevens Point

Monthly Prayer
Third Tuesday of each month
 Mission Coffee House,
 Plover

2018 QUARTERLY CLIENT STATISTICS

- NUMBER OF CLIENT VISITS
- NUMBER OF HOPE CLASSES
- NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS SERVED



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