



Crossroads Connection

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Crossing the Life Line

The inspiring true story of our 2012 Benefit Banquet guest speaker

Abby Johnson has always had a fierce determination to help women in need. It was this desire that both led Abby to a career with Planned Parenthood, our nation's largest abortion provider, and caused her to flee the organization and become an outspoken advocate for the pro-life movement.

Please join us in welcoming Abby Johnson as the guest speaker for our 28th Annual Benefit Banquet at the beautiful and elegant Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for each guest planning to attend. This event is the most important fundraiser of the year for Crossroads.

2011 Stats

- 2100 Client Appointments
- 280 Pregnancy Tests
- 210 Ultrasounds Performed
- 45,000 Diapers Distributed
- 350 Gospel Presentations
- \$140.90 Cost per client
- 726 Classroom Presentations

During her eight years with Planned Parenthood, Abby quickly rose through the ranks to become a clinic director. She became increasingly unsettled about what she was being asked to do. But it wasn't until she helped perform an ultrasound guided abortion procedure that Abby fully realized what she had been a part of all those years.

All of that changed in September 2009 when she left Planned Parenthood and joined the pro-life movement as a volunteer. Abby now works full time in the pro-life movement. She continues her volunteer activities, works as Chief Research Strategist for Live Action Films, works on projects with the national 40 Days for Life campaign and works on both federal and state pro-life legislation. The true life account of her experiences with Planned Parenthood are detailed in her bestselling book, "unPLANNED."



This year will be an expanded program with both a dinner and a breakfast at the Royal Park Hotel. Choose either Friday, March 2 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

or Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., whichever works best for you, but be sure to attend one or the other. The programs are expected to fill to capacity.

I would encourage you to be a table host, which means you would fill a table with nine other guests in addition to yourself. Contact Charlotte at 248-293-0070 ext. 107 regarding reservations and table hosting. All table hosts must reserve a table in advance.

from the director's desk

"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

Ephesians 5:15-17

Crossroads has been blessed with a stream of income that has remained steady for the last several years; how awesome God has been to us. We have also been blessed with an increase in the number of schools where we teach our SHARE program (Sexual Health And Relationship Education); again how awesome God is. However, because of the costs associated with this blessing of more schools, we find ourselves in need of additional funding. So, we have asked God to show us how He would help us meet this need without asking you for more and more money.

Please pray with us as we seek God's direction in this area:

Lord we pray for wisdom as we direct Crossroads. Because we know the days are evil, we pray that we will not do anything foolish, but with your guiding hand, we will understand exactly what your perfect will is.

God bless you,
tim stickel

SHARE SHARE SHARE SHARE SHARE

8600 Students Impacted in 10 School Districts

What is this program all about that seems to be the buzz at Crossroads? SHARE is the Sexual Health and Relationship Education program offered to local middle and high schools and youth groups through the prevention care Crossroads Pregnancy Center offers.

There is a buzz because the impact on students in our communities is great! In the 2010/2011 school year, Crossroads impacted 7,800 students from 10 area school districts. The program is a preventative approach to minimizing teen pregnancies, abortions and STIs (Sexually Transmitted Infections) with a basis on healthy relationships. Students are taught that abstinence from sexual activity until marriage is their best option for their physical and emotional well-being.

High School classes added a new relationship program this year, which has been met with great reviews from teachers and students alike. The message is being heard! And, making a difference in the choices students are making.

What Students Are Saying About SHARE Program:

"thank you for teaching us how to truly be "safe" during relationship."

"I enjoyed today. I decided what was healthy/unhealthy about my relationship."

"I liked this today because no one has talked about serious relationships really before."

"I loved relationship day. I have a much better understanding of actions now."

"I felt this program was very well done and very informative! I have a better understanding of sex, STI's, and relationships now. Now I know what kind of relationship I want and how to make smart choices. Thank you!"

"That I learned the real consequences of having sex and that I should wait. And I learned that a relationship that is good is more than having sex."

Middle school classes continue to have an impact. We are reaching students with material that will help them to delay sexual activity and understand that a faithful, committed, monogamous relationship in marriage is the best choice for them. Our impact after 3 days of classes continues to show amazing differences in how they are influenced and the positive outcome from receiving this material.



THANK YOU to the 3 nurses working in the high schools and 10 nurses and certified instructors working in the area middle schools. Their impact goes well beyond the classroom walls. We are sad to see Sonja Young leave the program after her many years of teaching. We offer her congratulations and God's blessings as she ventures into new areas of responsibility in the medical field. It has been amazing to see how God continues to provide in abundant measure for the doors that continue to open.

JOIN US at our upcoming Benefit Banquet for a special video presentation on the SHARE program. If you have a passion for teens and love to share truth and information that helps them to make great life choices, we need you to join this remarkable program! If you would like more information on how to bring our program to your school, contact Evelyn Van Sloten, SHARE Director, at cpcevelyn@gmail.com or 248-293-0070 ext. 102.

Growth spurts

“Fresh Talk”, our Mom’s Support Group is a group that was established over 20 years ago and exists to meet the needs of current and graduate clients of the Mom and Baby Care Program. This group is presented to clients as a “small group” help, which will serve as a complement to their monthly one-on-one counseling appointments that they receive. Our goal is that every client would be involved in the support group while part of the program. When they complete the program and are no longer coming to CPC, this group will serve as their continued care program, allowing these mothers to encounter the gospel, gain biblical wisdom, learn practical life skills, and receive help and support in parenting their children.



Mom and Baby Care Program (MBC)

Our additional building next door to our center has allowed us to accept abundantly more of the items necessary to care for the moms and babies who come monthly to Crossroads. This space has been organized by a team of dedicated volunteers, making it more efficient for the clients. We are always in need of more volunteers to sort, label, and keep the area organized. New in our building are the posters located at the end of each clothing bay. These list information and helpful hints for expectant families. They explain in detail what they will need for their new baby from clothing and accessories to nursery furnishings and car seats.

If you feel led to help with “Fresh Talk” group or our MBC Program, please contact Crossroads!



Golf “Fore” Life

Indianwood Golf and Country Club will host the 2012 Golf “Fore” Life charity outing on Monday, May 7th. Space is limited to 120 golfers. The first 72 registered golfers will be playing the old course, which is the course for the upcoming 2012 Senior U.S. Open. Tee off is at 10 a.m. Register your foursome today to ensure you receive our unforgettable golfer gift. To sponsor this event, contact Charlotte at cpccharlotte@gmail.com or 248-293-0070 ext. 107.

CPCalendar

March 2 & 3 Benefit Banquet

May 7 Golf “Fore” Life

July 19 Garden Party

September 15 Walk for Life

November 3 Prayer Breakfast

Sponsorships

All sponsorship packages are tax deductible. To be one of our pro-life sponsors, please contact Charlotte at cpccharlotte@gmail.com or 248-293-0070 ext. 107.

Event Info

All upcoming event information is available on our website in more specific detail.



Celebrating Life, An Evening at The Village Club

Our favorite summer event, *Celebrating Life*, returns on Thursday, July 19th. This event offers a variety of hors d’oeuvres and decadent desserts in a private, historical club setting, making this the premier destination for you and a guest. Tickets are \$30 person and may be purchased ahead of time online at www.crossroadspregnancy.org. Our evening will include a guest speaker, guest musician, and silent auction.

The Power of Prayer

James 5:16 (NLT) “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” The success of Crossroads Pregnancy Center is based on the prayers of God’s people. Your prayers, for us and for the women, men, and children involved in difficult situations are essential. If you wish to become involved in our prayer team or would like to submit a prayer request, please call 248-293-0070 or email crossroadspregnancycenter@gmail.com.



What if there were no non-profits in the world?

By Mark Perlick, Vice President, Board of Directors

In Matthew 26:11 Jesus told His disciples that the poor would always be with them. Some might argue whether Jesus' statement applied only to that time period or for all time, but experience certainly supports the latter understanding.

On September 13, 2011 the U.S. Census Bureau released data indicating that 15.1% (46.2 million people) are now living in poverty in the United States, the highest since 1993. Racial detail is even more alarming: approximately 27% of both Hispanics and blacks fall within the poverty guidelines. While some may question the validity of the statistical guidelines, \$22,350 per year for a family of 4 is not generous.

I'm old enough to remember when President Lyndon Johnson created a federal government "War on Poverty" initiative. Studies indicate that since 1965 the government has directed over \$16 TRILLION to the fight against poverty. In the face of that massive spending, Jesus' words still stand. Furthermore, analysis indicates that too much of this money has been misspent and worse yet, a strong case can be made that some of the government programs have created perverse incentives that have perpetuated the problems or even made them worse. Disintegration of traditional family structures among the poor has clearly paralleled this spending. Many of Crossroads clients are living examples of these problems.

Clearly the government has been unable to solve the problem, but thankfully non-profit organizations such as Crossroads and many others have been there to "stand in the gap". Americans are known around the world as being one of the most (if not the most) generous countries on earth, no doubt resulting from our Christian heritage. This generosity involves both financial contributions and volunteer efforts. Where the government has failed, non-profits have thrived and done a much better job of serving those in need.

So, why is this the case? I believe the answer is that for non-profits it's not just a job, it's not just a business, it's not just a program, but for us it's personal. As we live out our love for our Savior Jesus Christ and His admonition to "do unto others" and to "bear fruit" to those in need are served and God is glorified. These situations will always be before us, they are not a burden but rather provide an opportunity prepared in advance for us to do (Eph 2:10)!

Baby Bottles That Save Lives

This is a fun, EASY, and very effective way to truly make "Change for Life." This program has a lasting effect in the lives of women and babies giving them an opportunity to learn, to grow, and to choose life. It may seem small, but the impact is HUGE.



The program raised over \$23,000 in 2011, which was used in support of the life ministries Crossroads Pregnancy Center offers free of charge to our clients.

EASY 1-2-3 Steps for Baby Bottle Fundraiser:

- 1) Contact us anytime to order your bottles (no cost to you).
- 2) Distribute the empty baby bottles to your church congregation.
- 3) Ask participants to return filled bottles on a designated date.

Crossroads does ALL the sorting, counting, and rolling!

Our Urgent Needs

Baby Wipes
Towels and Washcloths for Infants
Gently Used Infant Clothing (size newborn-5t)
Financial Support (www.crossroadspregnancy.org)
USA First Class Forever Postage Stamps

Enfamil Powdered Formula
Car Seats
Event Sponsors and Underwriters
40 Watt Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Volunteer Counselors and Hispanic Translators

2011 Memorial Gifts

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”
Galatians 6:2 (NKJV)

In Honor of Jo Carmichael

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Portable Ultrasound

In addition to performing ultrasounds Monday - Thursdays at Crossroads, we now travel to two other centers in Oxford and Clarkston with our portable ultrasound machine that is the size of a laptop. Being able to provide clients with an ultrasound is an invaluable asset. Showing a confused mother a real live image of her baby and a beating heart makes it so much more real to her. She can no longer question if what she’s seeing is truth. It is tangible evidence of life and how precious it is. One of our sonographers recently challenged our volunteer counselors on how to effectively bring Christ in the counseling room. The most important thing we all must realize as ambassadors for Christ is to be genuine. We must truly love and care for the one that God has entrusted into our hands for that very hour. Our love for Christ and our love for the client must radiate and then we must trust God to do the rest.

Ways to effectively bring Christ in the counseling room:

Have an intimate, personal relationship with Christ

Be in God’s Word regularly

Memorize Scripture

Love others

Listen without an agenda

Have an awareness of the client’s sensitivity to God’s truth

Clearly relate that you respect their rights to their own personal beliefs

Do not be afraid to confront sin

Have a plan to present Salvation

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

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Crossroads Mission Statement: We are a non-profit, Christian organization dedicated to assisting abortion-vulnerable women and men involved in a crisis pregnancy, to choose life for their unborn children. Toward that end, we are committed to encouraging godly sexual attitudes and practices in our community.