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Together for Life



Walk 4Life
Miami Valley Women's Center

MAY 18, 2019
NEW LOCATION!
220 N. PATTERSON BLVD.
DAYTON, OH 45402

NEW TIME!
REGISTRATION 1:00 PM
WALK PROGRAM 1:50 PM



FIFTH THIRD FIELD



Local Churches Partner with Us to Recognize Sanctity of Human Life

According to Roland Warren, President of CareNet, "The church is God's instrument to stand in the gap for the most vulnerable in our society, including those in the womb." *We praise God for 73 local churches* who have partnered with us to recognize the Sanctity of Human Life by requesting speakers or brochures. We could not accomplish our mission without the faithful support of the local church!

Did you know that center tours, MVWC speakers, and brochures are available year round? For more information or to make a request, contact Jenny Shoup at 937-298-9998, Ext. 1111, or jenny.shoup@womenscenter.org.

Adopt-A-Family Outreach Made an Eternal Difference

Generous sponsors blessed **83 client families** this past Christmas! Client advocates shared the Gospel and prayed about life concerns with each client. Praise the Lord that **2 clients received the gift of salvation, 5 rededicated their lives to Christ, and 17 signed up for our Discipleship program!** One client said, "I know no other way to give thanks than through Christ, for you made it possible for us to enjoy more of the holidays knowing someone is out there thinking about us too." Thank you to all of our Adopt-A-Family sponsors for your tangible expression of Christ's unconditional love.

Join us as we ALL come *Together for Life!* NEW Location! NEW Time!

In 2017, 2,339 unborn lives ended in Montgomery County (OH Department of Health, 2017). The Miami Valley Women's Center strategic goal is to become the best-known resource with the highest quality services and information for women, men, and students who are facing a pregnancy decision. In fact, last year, **8 out of 10 clients chose life!** Will you help us become the solution to abortion in the Dayton area?

This year, we seek to raise \$185,000 through the Walk 4 Life. Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV) exhorts us: "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...encouraging one another." Let's encourage each other by joining ALL *Together for Life* on **May 18 at Fifth Third Field, the home of the Dayton Dragons!** Registration begins at 1:00 pm and the Walk Program at 1:50. **Become a Sponsored Walker or sponsor a walker! Get started today!**

Pick a Goal!

- \$1,000** Provides **8 cribs** and earns a Life Saver Dinner Club membership!
- \$500** Provides **6 car seats** and earns a special prize!
- \$300** Provides **12 cans of formula or 12 boxes of diapers** and earns a Walk 4 Life t-shirt (Reach \$300 before the Walk and claim your t-shirt! Call Jenny at 937-298-9998, Ext. 1111)

Go to miamivalleywomenscenter.org and click *Learn More* under the Walk 4 Life icon on the home page for details and fundraising tools: sample letters, sponsor forms, and FundEasy (an online page you can personalize to raise funds fast by email and social media), or to sponsor a walker on *FundEasy*. *Together, we can save lives!*

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Mark Your Calendars!! MVWC Game Night with the Dayton Dragons!

Friday, July 26, 7:00 pm

\$12 per ticket includes a Dragons cap, and \$6 goes back to the MVWC! Watch your mail and email for more details.



2019 Volunteer Training June 28-29 & October 18-19

Training is held Fridays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, and Saturdays, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, at 2345 W. Stroop Rd. in Dayton.

Applications are available at miamivalleywomenscenter.org. (Applications due *three weeks prior to training.*)

To RSVP, call Karen Morningstar at 937-298-9998, Ext. 1108.



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A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over the last several weeks, I've read a variety of reactions to New York's recent abortion law. As Executive Director for Miami Valley Women's Center, I'm thankful for responses that encourage support of a local pregnancy center - *pray for them, write a check for their operating budget, give material resources, or volunteer*. We could not serve clients in the Dayton community if not for our prayer warriors, financial supporters, volunteers, and staff. The battle for the unborn is fierce, and we are on the front lines. **Thank you for what you do** to support our mission and to stand in the gap for those without a voice.

If your church is looking for a way to respond to abortion, Care Net has developed a practical tool that equips the church to offer help and discipleship to women and men facing pregnancy decisions. Care Net is an affiliate for Pregnancy Resource Centers, and their research found that 4 in 10 women were regularly attending church at the time of their abortion. **This sobering statistic makes us sit up in the pew, but Care Net provides a solution!**

Making Life Disciples is a 6-session, DVD-based program that will train a church member or leader to provide compassion, hope, help, and discipleship to women and men who are in the church and considering abortion. Check out www.makinglifedisciples.com for video resources, practical tips for implementation, and cost for an online individual course or DVD program. We pray God will guide and equip you as you seek Him for responding to the crisis of abortion in our country.

Serving the unborn with you,
Tiffany Seifman
Executive Director

"I am no longer enslaved in that invisible prison"

In 1998, I was a stay-at-home mom and active in our church. I considered myself a Christian, but felt empty and knew I did not have the abundant life God said we could have! Then, my pastor shared about the MVWC, and I went on a tour of the center. In the ultrasound room, we heard about an abortion-minded couple, and upon seeing his unborn baby, the father exclaimed, "How could I abort my beautiful baby boy?" I began sobbing and left the room embarrassed and confused. You see, in 1987 I was in college and got pregnant. After the initial shock, I scheduled an abortion. Before the procedure I asked a counselor if there was a baby in me and she said, "No, it's just a blob of tissue. It's no big deal." In the recovery room, I couldn't understand why so many girls were crying. My heart had turned to stone.



Jenny Shoup

*At the MVWC, I became a client of the Abortion Recovery Ministry where I learned I was fearfully and wonderfully made. Then I realized if God loves me that much, surely He loved my unborn baby that much, too! I felt how my abortion broke His heart, and my heart broke! When I finally grieved what I had done, it allowed Him to heal me and turn my heart of stone to a heart of flesh. I named my baby Samuel because God heard my cry, and I wanted to dedicate him to the Lord. God's promises in Jeremiah 29:11 and Romans 8:28 came to fruition in my life. **He used my unborn baby's life, although short, to save mine!** But I needed to learn what love looked like.*

*The refining process came in 2015 after I began working as the Development Director. My 17-year-old daughter, who had sworn to abstinence, got pregnant. Through her repentant tears, I gave her a big hug and said, "You have a choice to kick and condemn yourself, or you can embrace this life. I choose to embrace this life!" I wasn't sure if a baby shower condoned the sin, but the story of the prodigal son reminded me that God runs toward us in our sin. He doesn't make us pay a price because He already paid it! Christ wouldn't deny a celebration of His creation, so we had a baby shower! Danielle's boyfriend, Walker, accepted Christ. They both took the parenting classes and earned baby bucks to purchase much-needed items at the Baby Boutique. They got married, and Walker leads a Bible study and Danielle is an AWANA leader! **Because my pastor shared about the MVWC, I am no longer enslaved in that invisible prison, and God changed the course of my life, Danielle's life, Walker's life, and ultimately future generations.** I am blessed to serve Him through the ministry that ministered to us.*

MVWC Programs Reach Students Across the Greater Miami Valley

GIFT (Giving Insight, Friendship, and Truth) is an in-school mentoring program for middle-school girls that helps them set and achieve personal goals, reinforce values, and build character. **GIFT** is in 8 schools with 11 groups so far this school year.

STARS is an after-school mentoring program for 6th-grade girls. Cedarville University students serve as small-group leaders and guide girls to develop the qualities of Self-respect, Truth, Accountability, Responsibility, and Success. **STARS** is offered in 3 middle schools.

Geared to 8th-grade boys, the key focus of **TEAM**, Teens Excited About Manhood, is helping boys realize that the decisions they make today can affect their futures in positive and negative ways. 2 **TEAM** groups meet at Weisenborn Middle School.

WWF (Worth Waiting For) is an interactive classroom presentation focusing on healthy relationships, unplanned pregnancy, STDs, and sexual activity, designed to give students the motivation and tools to choose sexual abstinence until marriage. **WWF** is currently being presented in 18 schools and 1 church.

In 2017, one-third of the women who had abortions in Ohio were 20-24 years old, so our Campus Outreach is vital! **Equip 4 Life** is a student-led organization at Wright State University. Their mission includes educating university students where to send a friend with pregnancy concerns and equipping pregnant students to continue their pregnancy, take advantage of MVWC parenting programs, and stay in school. Campus Outreach is in 5 campuses. **Here's one response from this year's Equip 4 Life Valentine's Day Rose Giveaway:** *"I got one last year. I know you give the roses to everyone, but I felt singled out and special when I got mine because a week later I found out I was pregnant. I still have the rose actually. I was terrified when I found out but **I kept my baby, and I'm so glad I did!** I'm still in school and going to finish."*



Hannah

*Through the MOMs program and with the help of my mentor, I believe I have grown as a mother, as a woman, and as a vessel of God's light and love. I enjoyed many of the eye-opening videos and learned the most from "Essential Newborn Care." It is not only me I should be looking after but also the life of my precious blessing, my child! I really enjoyed the end of each session when my mentor would pray for me and recap any areas of growth we had talked about. **Thank you, Miami Valley Women's Center, for the acceptance, assistance, and love through this new journey in my life. You have given me more support than I could have even known to ask for.***

Student Responses to Abstinence Education:

"I am saving sex for marriage!"
"Why isn't anyone telling us this stuff?"

Needs:

- 5 Samsung Galaxy Tablets 10.1"
- 2 volunteers to co-present with **Worth Waiting For**
- Snack donations for **STARS**
- Male **TEAM** volunteers to lead groups

For more information about the above needs, contact the Development Department at 937-298-9998, Ext. 1111, or jeni.newman@womenscenter.org.

Prayer Requests:

- **TEAM** classroom access to present video and online resource content
- More students at Wright State to join **Equip 4 Life**
- Courageous, Christ-like students to speak out and affirm the message of abstinence and purity

"You gave me more support than I could have even known to ask for"