

Good News

For those who make a difference

Director's View



Dear Friends,

Our three Centers continue to welcome new clients and serve those in need. Your prayers and financial support are saving lives and honoring God. Helping a mother and father in need opens their hearts to love and they learn that God has a plan for their future.

In this newsletter there is story of Hailee, a teen who needed help after her chemical abortion. Chemical abortion, known as the abortion pill or RU-486, is on the rise and more accessible than ever to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Hailee completed our PACE Program (Post Abortion Counseling & Education) and found the healing she needed - Praise God! I hope the information on chemical abortion in this newsletter will inform you and prompt you to learn more and share this information.

I'm happy to announce that our fall events are happening! Our Walk for Life is in September and the Annual Fundraising Banquet is in October. The Banquet will be hybrid, with options to join us in person or to participate virtually from home. We look forward to having you join us however you feel most comfortable.

Finally, our newly designed website is live at PCCFriends.org. There are videos to watch, as well as updates on things happening at the Center. Please share this website with your friends and family.

Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. Thank you and may God bless you.

In Him,
Chris Carmody, Executive Director

God's Mercy Abounds

Hailee was 17 years old and a senior in high school when she found out she was pregnant. She and her boyfriend were no longer together. Not sure what to do, she called to tell him about the pregnancy. "He very quickly said, 'I can take you to get an abortion. I know my mom will help us pay for it.' " She thought there must be another solution, so Hailee told her parents. They also strongly suggested she have an abortion. "There was no discussion about options. I felt kind of stuck." Hailee went to an abortion clinic and was given the abortion pill.

The next few days were spent at home, in bed and in the bathroom. "I expected some pain with cramping and bleeding, but I was not prepared for the mental trauma I experienced. I was crying alone in the bathroom with my unborn baby. I was regretting my decision and really struggling to make sense of what I had done."

Hailee went back to school, but was not the same person. "I was crying all the time. I started skipping school and taking drugs to mute the sadness I felt. I would lock myself in my room and just cry." Her mother noticed the change in her behavior and went online to look for help.

Hailee spoke with the Pregnancy Care Center about their post abortion counseling and education program. "I was hesitant to talk about my feelings, but my counselor Tammy had been through this herself. She was so comforting and really knew the pain I was carrying." Over the course of the 8-week program, Hailee began to feel lighter and less sad. "Every day the urge to lock myself in my room lessened. I felt I had people supporting me. I was able to focus in school again, get my grades back up and I graduated this past June. Looking back, I realize God was with me through it all. He never left my side."



Hailee at her graduation from high school

Tammy has been a post abortive counselor at the PCC for over 10 years. "We are seeing more and more young women who regret their chemical abortions. The difference is that this generation doesn't wait 30+ years to get help - they are looking for support right away," Tammy said.

It's through you that women's lives are changed. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

If you or someone you know is struggling from a past abortion, take the first step toward healing with an email to pace@pccnortheast.org.

Chemical Abortion: Delivered to Your Door

The enemy has a new weapon. The pro-abortion movement has been slowly switching focus from surgical abortions to chemical abortions. Chemical abortion, commonly known as RU-486, has been available for several years. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) added safety restrictions that limit access to the chemical abortion pills. These safety restrictions include the fact that this medication must be prescribed by a health care provider and dispensed at a doctor's office or health care facility. Due to Covid-19, this in-person requirement was temporarily waived, enabling the abortion pills to be mailed to women with minimal medical screening. Now, Health and Human Services (HHS) is pressuring the FDA to permanently remove these restrictions to make the chemical abortion pills more readily accessible.

An increase in the number of chemical abortions means an increase in chemical abortion-related complications. RU-486 is approved to terminate a pregnancy up to 10 weeks. Many women are not sure exactly how far along they are in their pregnancy, which is why ultrasound is used to confirm gestational age. Serious and life-threatening complications such as infection can occur if the pregnancy is further along. And since there is no doctor examination, an ectopic pregnancy (when the baby implants outside of the uterus) could go undiagnosed, being fatal for the child and mother. These risks and many others make chemical abortion pills far from 'safe' for a woman, as it is currently marketed. These are only the physical side effects. The Pregnancy Care Center has helped many women traumatized by their experience using the abortion pill. They see firsthand the loss of life at their hands and are left alone to deal with the aftermath of grief.

So what can be done? First, we can educate ourselves on what chemical abortions are and how they are becoming more common place in our state and country. There is a new educational resource available, a 5-part video series called *This is Chemical Abortion*. This docuseries was created by a group of pro-life organizations and is produced by Charlotte Pence Bond. It includes information from OB/GYNs and other medical professionals, as well as women who have taken the RU-486 pill and some who have successfully reversed their chemical abortions. Second, we can share what we have learned about this new danger with friends and family - to increase awareness and ultimately save lives. Finally, we can contact our elected representatives at the state and federal levels and share our concerns. Let's ask them to enact laws that protect vulnerable women from using these drugs, thus saving lives of countless unborn children. Let us continue to be a light in the darkness and provide a voice for the voiceless. Thank you for protecting the unborn.

Resources:

5-Part Docuseries: <http://brightenunion.com/chemical/video-series/>

Contacting State Officials: <https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Members/Senate>

Article References: <https://www.grtl.org/ru-486-safety-rules-axed/>

<https://lozierinstitute.org/the-impact-of-chemical-abortion-by-mail/>

"If you are an advocate for choice, why don't you respect the choice a woman makes when she decides she's made a mistake and chooses to try to reverse her chemical abortion? Why won't you advocate for her then?"

The truth is you are not an advocate for choice.

You are not an advocate for women.

You are an advocate for abortion."

C. Brent Boles, MD, OB/GYN



Meet Our New Arrivals



Mariette



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Oakley



Laure-Emmanuelle

Upcoming Events

Walk for Life: Saturday, September 18



Put your best foot forward to support moms and families in need at our Annual Walk for Life! This year, the 2 mile walk will be held in Haverhill and is sponsored by champions for life - the Knights of Columbus Council 202.

This family friendly fundraiser is open to all levels of fitness. Walk, jog or run the pathway around the field. Build a walk team to join you from your neighborhood, church or school. Raise \$50 and get a Respect Life t-shirt!

- Date: Saturday, September 18
- Time: 8:30AM registration, 9AM walk begins
- Location: Swasey Field in Haverhill, MA

Visit PCCFriends.org for the latest information and to download a pledge form.

Save the Date!

Annual Fundraising Dinner: Thursday, October 21

We have exciting news! This year's Annual Fundraising Banquet will be a hybrid event! We are excited to be back in person with you but will also stream the event live so our friends at home can be a part of this wonderful night.

Additional information including underwriting opportunities will be available soon. If you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive updates, please email us at events@pccnortheast.org. Thank you!



We are Hiring!

Looking for meaningful work? The Pregnancy Care Center is currently interviewing for two positions: Client Service Coordinator in Lawrence and Material Services Coordinator in Haverhill. Please see the full job descriptions on our website at www.PCCFriends.org.





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\$50: Formula & diapers for one family

\$100: Awareness through Google ads

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WHY WE GIVE MONTHLY:

"We have supported several crisis pregnancy centers over the years. It is important for us to be part of the solution in encouraging women and men who find themselves with unplanned pregnancies. It is a hard place to be by yourself. Such centers like the Pregnancy Care Center offer counselors to sit and talk over options, provide good advice and many resources. They are the hands and feet of God's love and compassion and are a much needed service in this area."

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Brown

— ❤️ — THANK YOU — ❤️ —

Hello to my friends at the PCC,

I'm sending a note to let you know we are well and show you how big Gabriel is getting! He is 9 years old and going into the 4th grade!!!! He is doing well in school - super smart. He is active in our church. He helps me create Bible study classes for the kids and helps with multimedia on Fridays. He's also quite a little gentleman!

Please share this note of love and appreciation with all the staff, volunteers and generous supporters. You all have a very special place in our hearts.

With gratitude,
Yahayra



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