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Dear Friends for Life,

Have you ever wondered why someone would ever consider having an abortion? The thought to end the life of a baby doesn't just start to germinate when there's a surprise positive on a pregnancy test. There's an entire foundation of belief that's already in place well before that moment of crisis. So the battle for life is much bigger than just working through the crisis. It's life encompassing.

We've realized that in order to really make an impact on our community and stop the cycle of abortion, we must look beyond abortion and have a much broader vision for reaching the community. On a daily basis, we see the poor decisions people make – and continue to make. The patterns of having children with people they don't know, living together and having children out of wedlock, making poor financial decisions, and living for the next party are all examples of patterns that lead to crisis pregnancies and ultimately destroy their lives.

By the time they come into the center, the habits of bad decisions are so engrained it's hard to break the cycle. But if we can help stop this cycle of bad decisions, we will see abortions end

and life change come to the people of Pickens County. There's so much hardship, depression, and poverty that we have ample work to do.

So the North Georgia Pregnancy and Family Resource Center has enlarged its vision and we want to share with you how this is going to help us serve the community in a more targeted way. This enlarged vision brings a laser beam focus to activities we're already doing on a daily basis. It also helps us reach the community with these activities more efficiently.

Each function allows the Center to reach out to people in every stage of life. We can reach children, teens, young marrieds and singles, and even grandparents (who play an important role

As you may know, the center has four basic functions.

PREGNANCY SERVICES

- Free pregnancy tests
- Options counseling
- First trimester ultrasounds
- Childbirth Classes
- The Diaper Bag and Mommy Store
- The Earn While You Learn Program

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

- Earn While You Learn Program
- Fatherhood classes
- Court approved parenting classes
- Family and life skills classes
- Community assistance referrals
- Abortion recovery counseling

ANGEL BABIES STORE

- Baby clothes, shoes, baby items, books, toys, pack and plays, cribs, etc.
- For those in our program and also open to the public for cash sales
- Gently used baby clothes (0-3T)
- Tax deductible donations welcomed

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Speakers bureau available for speaking to churches, civic groups, schools, etc.
- Open house at the center quarterly
- Loving Well – Sexual integrity outreach program to youth, parents, youth leaders
- Annual fundraiser banquet in October

in the lives of their children and grandchildren).

So we have decided to brand and formally develop each area to maximize their potential to reach people in the community. This will bring greater recognition to the Center and allow us to know exactly how to minister to each person we come into contact with each day. It will also help us identify how to best use the gifts of the many volunteers who come through our doors. Most importantly, it's going to allow us to meet the needs of a lot more people and have a much stronger impact on the community.

As we develop these areas, we hope that you will spread the word about our ministry. We also hope you'll consider how you can increase your participation in this ministry. This truly is life-changing work.

We have the opportunity to pray with each client and family member and share the good news of the Gospel of Christ. As we share truth with our families, we trust the Lord to work in their hearts so that they too might become followers of Christ. Relationship building is the key to opportunities to show the love of Christ to each one. We also encourage them to become

involved in a local church so that they might grow in their walk with the Lord and build new friendships with others.

We realize that only the Lord can help us stop cycles of bad decisions and sinful behaviors. We believe that this ministry can be instrumental in pointing others to truth and hope. Thank you so much for your continued support in so many ways. Your prayers and financial contributions make all the difference!

If you are interested in volunteering or serving the center, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Love and Blessings,



Executive Director

P.S. Please like us on Facebook and visit our website. Our facebook page has a link that connects you to the article in the Pickens Progress February 15th edition, where you can read about our most recent "Loving Well" event at Pickens High School.