



The Quarterly Newsletter of
Tri-City Life Center, Inc.

LIFE LINES



WINTER 2011

Director's Corner

By Lori Kregiel,
Executive Director



I would like to take this time to thank everyone who helped to give our clients a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and new facility:

- ◆ Hillcrest Alliance Church provided five families with a Thanksgiving dinner and gift card to Community Supermarket. Members were here each week in December providing free gift wrapping for our Christmas room. The church also paid for the rental truck we used when we moved.
- ◆ MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) of Sarver donated gift bags for our moms filled with lotions.
- ◆ MOPS of New Kensington held a toy drive and donated toys for our Christmas room, where the clients shopped for new or gently used toys to give to their children for Christmas.
- ◆ Minuteman Press donated 15 Thanksgiving dinners for our clients. The dinner event was held by the Burrell Rotary in November.
- ◆ St. Gertrude Catholic Church in Vandergrift, once again, provided Christmas gifts for 40 children of our clients.
- ◆ Puckety Presbyterian Church in Lower Burrell, once again, provided Christmas gifts for 15 children of our clients.
- ◆ Holy Martyrs Catholic Church in Tarentum, once again, donated diapers, wipes & formula. The diapers/wipes supply us for 6-8 months.
- ◆ North Apollo Church of God Men's Group helped us to move into our new facility on November 20th.
- ◆ First United Methodist Church in New Kensington held a baby shower for us in December and donated new clothing and diapers for our clients.
- ◆ Mary Queen of Apostles School in New Kensington, once again, donated new baby items for our clients this Christmas.
- ◆ First United Presbyterian Church in Tarentum held an Undie 😊 Sunday for us. They collected new packages of underwear for men, women and children. They also helped organize us after we moved.
- ◆ Girl Scout Troop #20134 who did a hygiene drive for our clients.

And a big "thank you" to everyone who helped us financially, including our Capital Expansion Project, through material assistance and by volunteering their time to make Tri-City Life Center what it is today. We could not have done it without you.

Spotlight on a Client



I usually tell a success story in every newsletter to let our donors know how their monetary and material support has helped a client through a difficult time in her life. In this newsletter, I would like to tell you about a 19-year-old client that we are currently helping out of her situation.

In December, a new client, who had just moved from Boston, Massachusetts, signed up for our services. She had been living in a homeless shelter there. While she was pregnant, her boyfriend punched her in the stomach in an attempt to make her miscarry. She stayed in the shelter for domestic abuse and gave birth to a healthy son.

She has now moved back to Lower Burrell and is currently staying with her mom. We are helping her find a place of her own and providing necessary items for her son.

She told me that of all the places she has lived (Boston and Detroit), no place has ever helped her like Tri-City Life Center. She is so thankful that we are here for her and her son. We will continue to help her until her situation is remedied.

Lori

A quote from a volunteer:

"I love the Christian atmosphere and helping people at Tri-City Life Center. I love people and enjoy meeting the numerous clients and working with such wonderful ladies. They became family to me."
Mary Ann



OUR WISH LIST



Cell Phones

Empty Inkjet & Laser Ink Cartridges

A New Laptop Computer

Batteries

Volunteers for our various programs

Nestle Good Start Baby Formula

Adult & Children's Clothes Hangers

Size 5 & 6 Diapers

Baby Wipes

Pull-Ups



Sexual Integrity Update

Despite many school delays and cancellations, we were able to finish presentations at Kiski High School and Burrell's Huston Middle School.

Fairs at the Pittsburgh Mills and Kiski High School are scheduled for April.

I joined approximately 400 youth and parents at the Silver Ring Thing held at Apollo-Ridge High School in January. This was an enjoyable opportunity. The students were very happy about their commitment to abstinence until marriage and the parents lent their support.

According to the Silver Ring Thing report, parents make the biggest difference in their teens attitude about sexual activity. Thirty-one percent of teens say that the most influential factor in their sexual decision-making is their parents' attitude, followed by friends at 18% and the media at 3%. Most teens (64%) believe they share the same values as their parents about sex.

We have programs to assist parents. Please call us at 724-339-9399 for more information.

Thank you for your prayers. Our Lord bless and keep you.

Valencia Yajko,
Sexual Integrity Program Coordinator

Gifts Given

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Coming With Us?

On January 24th, Tri-City Life Center had an open house at our new facility hosting 145 visitors. The food was excellent.

Comradery among groups touring the center was great and a good time was had by all. Many visitors said, "It really takes seeing this first-hand to understand what happens here." **You** don't have to wait until our spring open house; you are welcome to visit us any time, asking for a tour.

Tri-City Life Center has a vision of making this ministry the first choice for every woman facing an unplanned pregnancy in the Alle-Kiski Valley. Our goal is to have 300 faithful supporters help us advance this ministry to a new level of effectiveness. We have 68 at present.

Please refer to the ad below and ask God to guide your giving heart. There is no monthly gift too little. We appreciate your partnership in our unique and caring ministry.

We're #68; How about you?

Tri-City Life Center is in the second year of our Mission Expansion. We would love to have this ministry be the first choice for every woman in the Alle-Kiski area facing an unplanned pregnancy.

As part of the mission expansion, we have been blessed and have secured our new facility. To help meet the demand of caring for the 300 clients that we service every month, we are looking for 300 monthly supporters who will give whatever God leads. If each of us does our part, our monthly gifts—together—will strengthen Tri-City Life Center's current services and meet the needs, not only of our current clients, but also those whom we've never reached before.

We're supporters and we're Number 68. Will you join us?

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Welcome "Angels in Your Closet"

Tri-City Life Center welcomes to our facility "Angels In Your Closet", an upscale consignment shoppe. They are accepting consignments by appointment. Call 724-335-SHOP (7467).

Look for their awning and entrance on the right side of our building.

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A Pregnancy and Family Resource Center



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VOLUNTEERS HELP THEMSELVES TO BETTER HEALTH when they help others. Recent research shows a significant connection between volunteering and good health. The report shows that volunteers have greater longevity, higher functional ability, lower rates of depression and less incidence of heart disease.

A study of adults aged 65 and older found that the positive effect of volunteering on physical and mental health is due to the personal sense of accomplishment an individual gains from his or her volunteer activities.

Volunteering is also good for local youth. Colleges greatly consider the volunteer records of new applicants. As competition for acceptance increases, those who volunteer 100 hours a year (just 2 hours per week) are acknowledged favorably by colleges and universities nationwide.

Volunteer Opportunities at Tri-City Life Center

- Client Intake ___ Child Care/Playroom ___ Fundraising ___ Counseling ___
- 24-Hour Hotline ___ Life Links (church liaison) ___ Mentoring ___ Transportation ___
- Office Assistance ___ Interior Cleaning ___ Telephone Worker ___ Public Speaking ___
- Technical Support ___ Sexual Integrity ___ Organizing Clothes ___ Mailings ___
- Exterior Maintenance ___ Supply Pick-up & Delivery ___
- Social Networking Support (Facebook/Twitter) ___