

PROD

PREGNANCY RESOURCES of DORAVILLE, Inc.



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HOW WELL DO YOU JUGGLE?

Mission Statement



**Pregnancy Resources
of
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is a Christian pro-life ministry created to empower women and their families at the time of an unplanned pregnancy to make positive and healthy choices related to sexuality and child bearing which are consistent with a reverence and respect for human life.

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“Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.”
Matt. 18:14

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Have you ever been to the circus to see the jugglers at work? One of my favorite juggling acts is that of someone trying to keep plates spinning on top of sticks. The very good jugglers can keep a dozen or more plates whirling away simultaneously. Then comes the exciting point in the act when one or more plates seem to slow down and just about fall off the stick, but the juggler rescues them in the nick of time. You have just observed what a day in the life of PROD has been like for the past several weeks. In addition to the normal appointments at the office, there have been group classes with many more moms and babies coming and going.

Let me tell you about some of the group classes being held this year. First are the four sessions of Kindermusik Mother-Infant Bonding playdates in February, March, April, & May. Taught by **Jane Hendrix**, a Kindermusik instructor and director of Dunwoody School for the Arts programs at Dunwoody Baptist Church, these classes equip mothers to interact with their babies through music, and to teach Bible truths via the song lyrics. Take a look at the “Through Our Doors” column in this newsletter to learn more about the happenings at the first class. There are 9 moms and their infants registered for the next three classes.

The next class scheduled for March 17 is the First Aid for Infants and Toddlers. Taught by **Libby Reser, BSN, RN**, a pediatric nurse in the community, this class is for moms who want to be prepared to help their child in the event of an accident in the home or while at play. This is a chance for our moms additionally to be taught infant CPR which we hope they will never have to use, but just in case it becomes necessary, they will have basic knowledge of what to do. There are 11 moms and 2 spouses currently registered to attend.

The third class scheduled for April 18 is entitled Your Money Defined. It is a class for learning to manage your financial resources. Taught by **Ashley Brown**, a CPA and recently returned missionary to Indonesia, this class will shed some light on stretching and managing financial resources in a family regardless of the size of your income. These practical techniques will help our moms learn to create a budget and stick to it! There are currently 8 registered for this class.

Now you see why we feel like jugglers! Our plates are spinning right now and we want to keep them going strong. Each mom/student receives an average of \$10 in resource materials from each class she attends. Funds are being accepted to assist in acquiring needed teaching materials for the instructors of each of our classes. What a joy it would be for you to make a practical difference in the life of a new mom and her family. Send your donation in any amount to the post office box listed in this newsletter or if you get the hard copy, use the envelope provided and we will gratefully thank you for your generosity.

In His Service, *Deborah*

PRAISES, PRAYERS & A WISH LIST

PRAISES

- For successful board member recruitment
- Jane Hendrix teaching Kindermusik classes
- Libby Reser teaching First Aid to our moms
- Ashley Brown teaching Financial Responsibility
- *Change for Life* campaigns at **First Baptist of Doraville, Redeemer Baptist Church, and St. Ann's Circle of All Saints Catholic Church**
- Successful Sanctity of Human Life presentations at **Redeemer Baptist Church and St. Barnabas Anglican Church**

PRAYER NEEDS

- Volunteers to be bold in presenting the Gospel
- A client hospitalized for pre-term labor
- Preparations for a new group class later in the year teaching the basics of how to get a job



WISH LIST

- A Paper Shower for the office & a coordinator
- Someone familiar with social networking venues to coordinate and work with our board in getting PROD known through these venues.
- Cases of bottled water for our moms attending classes in the office through the summer
- New infant car seats to be earned by moms in the *Earn While You Learn [EWYL]* car seat safety class
- A Change for Life campaign coordinator

It is not uncommon for us to be asked, "What does the long-term future look like for this work?" It's an important question, and while I don't have every answer, I do see two broad-brush pictures.

- ◆ I see our ministry—through new initiatives and increased awareness—becoming the first phone call for those in our area concerned about an unplanned pregnancy.
- ◆ Additionally, I see PROD becoming so influential in the lives of our clients—both old and new—that they no longer see ending a pregnancy as a viable option.

In 2010 we made strides in each of these areas and in 2011, we're going to make even greater strides.

I appreciate your partnership of prayers and finances in this work. We've got some great days ahead, and I look forward to sharing each one with you.

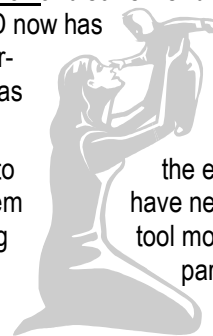
Looking Ahead In 2011

THROUGH OUR DOORS

Sometimes the clients who come through our doors do so with great anticipation of having a problem solved, a need met, someone to talk with, or, as in recent days, just to have *fun*.

Through the auspices of The Dunwoody School of the Arts at Dunwoody Baptist Church and **Jane Hendrix**, the Director & Kindermusik instructor, PROD now has the opportunity to offer bonding through Kinder- musik workshops to our clients. February 24 was the first of four workshops and the response was exceptional.

Our clients came into hesitancy. Many of them has had music as a child rearing life. Jane quickly oh, the laughter and from the meeting room. It was awesome!



the experience with a bit of have never thought of having tool mostly because none of them part of their normal day-to-day changed their mindset and infant "singing" that came

Frowns turned into smiles. Silence coming into the room turned into humming as they departed the building. Toddlers made friends with other toddlers and even with other mothers [seems like some laps were softer than others.] Mothers became friends across ethnic divides and even found out that they lived close to each other and could share a ride for the next class.

We cannot wait for the second class in March to see what else is learned through music that can be used for a lifetime.

Volunteer Corner

A couple of weeks ago volunteer **Rebecca Ziegler** opened the office and listened to the overnight phone messages. She was surprised to learn that the client [we'll call her Beth] she was supposed to meet that morning had been admitted to a local hospital for preterm labor.

Rebecca began putting together a plan to meet Beth in the hospital and continue her *Earn While You Learn* lessons. In her own words, Rebecca explains what motivated her to take this action.

"Beth comes from another country where family and community are huge components of her culture. She has only been in the Atlanta area about a year and so does not have much of either, apart from her fiancé. I hope to be a bit of 'home' for her and to do for her what I would want someone to do for me if I were on bed rest in a hospital for weeks on end."

Rebecca truly understands what help is needed since she will welcome an addition to her family this summer. Thanks for being sensitive to God's call to be a servant "to the least of these."

