

Great Expectations

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The Rachel House Pregnancy
Resource Centers Newsletter

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Past drug use. Post abortive. Living in a shelter. This was all baggage Stacy brought with her when she came to Rachel House for a pregnancy test. With all these issues weighing against her, she would have an uphill battle to carry the baby full-term. To the world, it would seemingly be an easy choice to abort her child.

Instead, Stacy chose life.

God led her to Rachel House for the help she needed to carry out her decision for life. A new believer, Stacy found the encouragement and support to stay off drugs to improve her chances for a healthy baby. Rachel House came alongside her with services and referrals for help from our community partners. She received a life-affirming ultrasound, medical services, and education. With each visit, her trust in our staff increased. Rachel House became a haven of peace, comfort, and hope.

**"Thank you for being here
for her."**



One day, a frantic Stacy called the Center Manager. Difficult issues were overwhelming Stacy with anxiety. She was afraid she would turn to her old coping mechanism – drugs. Instead, she came to Rachel House. She, along with her mother, met with the Center Manager in a counseling room. They talked. They prayed. Stacy just needed a safe place to go until the anxiety left. After a second similar visit,

she knew she could weather the storm. She could continue to focus on the things that would help her to have a healthy pregnancy. She was carrying a baby girl who needed a healthy mom.

Stacy started attending a local church while she received help at Rachel House. She began to make more good decisions for herself and her baby.

"Stacy needed Rachel House," her mother told the Center Manager. "Thank you for being here for her."

As a Rachel House supporter, you helped give physical help, emotional healing and spiritual guidance to a hurting Stacy.

You provided the safe place for Stacy. You helped her build trust with staff and volunteers by giving us the opportunity to serve. In your prayer time, you prayed for Stacy's choice, for peace and for health regarding her baby, even though you did not know her name. You prayed for her baby girl before she ever even received a name.

To echo the words of Stacy's mother, "Thank you for being here for her."

We are making a difference two lives at a time. Together.

Together





Together we work to protect the unborn and together we share the love of Christ. Some of us are new friends, while others of us have been together for a long time. Today, we celebrate what we have accomplished and what we will work toward – together.

Together we have...

- Helped Rachel House grow from one ministry location to three.
- Experienced growth of under 100 girls a year to nearly 2,000 women annually.
- Watched a child whom we first saw on ultrasound grow from a baby in utero to a young adult.

Together we are...

- Focusing on reaching the millennial generation through technology and relevant services.
- Reallocating resources to expand our life affirming ultrasound ministry.
- Accomplishing the Great Commission with more intensity than ever before.

Together we will...

- Develop a prayer team of supporters who will battle the enemy in prayer.
- Expand into new areas and reach those most at risk and those who are targeted by abortion providers.
- Collaborate with like-minded co-laborers and offer truth and compassion to those we encounter.

Our love for life has brought us together, our love for the Lord holds us together and our love for each other moves us together. Together we are making a difference two lives at a time.

HIS for LIFE,

Kathy Edwards

Kathy Edwards
Executive Director

...Made a difference two lives at a time.

As 2011 draws to a close, we reflect on many successes.

- **Helped** 70% of the clients who were considering or intending to abort change their minds.
- **Shared** the Gospel over 800 times.
- **Celebrated** the birth of nearly 100 babies through onsite clinic services.
- **Partnered** with community agencies and gave over 1,200 referrals for their services.
- **Served** women from 16 counties in Missouri and Kansas.

Together we have...

...Supported Ministry Through Fellowship, Fundraising

The 7th Annual Run for a Child/Family Fun Walk drew 208 participants in October at Penguin Park. Platinum sponsors (All Systems and Antioch Bible Baptist), other sponsors, gifts in kind and participants raised \$12,000 for Rachel House.



Here, one of the teams from Moyer and Moyer Insurance, tournament gold-tee sponsor, gathers for its photo. One hundred thirty-three golfers, 27 sponsors, and many prize contributors helped raise nearly \$20,000 at our annual golf tournament in September held at Lakewood Oaks Golf Club.





Tuesday, April 10, 2012
 Muehlebach Hotel, downtown KC
Dr. Bruce Wilkinson
 National Author & Speaker



...Expand Ministry Impact at the 4th Annual Banquet

Excitement is growing as Rachel House staff and volunteers prepare for our 4th Annual Banquet. Tuesday, April 10, 2012, we will meet at the Muehlebach Hotel in Downtown Kansas City to celebrate what He has done at Rachel House and share the vision for what He will do.

The 2012 speaker is **Dr. Bruce Wilkinson**, Christian teacher and author of international bestsellers **The Prayer of Jabez**, **Secrets of the Vine**, and **The Dream Giver**. Dr. Wilkinson has been especially burdened for the pregnancy center effort nationwide.

You can help Rachel House host an exceptional, impacting banquet this year. Two ways you can help:

Underwriters – As an individual or corporate sponsor, you can help underwrite the cost of the event. This helps us increase attendance and raise more funds.

Table Hosts – You have friends, co-workers and neighbors. You know people who support the cause of life. As an individual or couple, you can serve as a table host and invite others who have the capacity to support Rachel House. As a table host, there is no cost to you and your guests.

If you are ready to help or would like to learn more, contact Rachel House Event Coordinator Gretchen Miller at gretchenmiller@rachelhouse.org or 816.875.1059.

Together we can...

...Support the Ministry through Non-Cash Gifts

Did you know that more than 90% of America's wealth is in non-cash assets? Rachel House is now able to take advantage of that fact as we announce a new partnership with iDonate, the country's leading provider of non-cash donations and liquidation services.

iDonate accepts these items for liquidation:

- vehicles
- RVs
- boats
- cell phones
- real estate
- inventory

To donate any of the above items, visit www.rachelhousefriends.com. Click on contribute, then other non-cash items. The streamlined process and details are available on our iDonate page.



If you would like to donate stocks or other investments, please call Kathy Edwards, Rachel House Executive Director, or Kristin Hammett, Director of Development, at 816.875.1059.



Tax Credits for 2011 End Soon

Your tax deductible donation may qualify for Missouri State Tax Credits. These tax credits are available on a first-filed basis for qualified gifts that clear your bank account no later than December 31, 2011. Taking advantage of this opportunity allows you to receive a tax credit for 50 percent of the amount you contribute, giving you back over half of what you gave.

Questions? Call Kathy Edwards at 816.875.1059.

We are in This
Together...

...It is Easy to Stay Up to Date with Rachel House

Here are some ways to stay connected with the Rachel House ministry:

Facebook – Go to “Friends of Rachel House” and “like” us. You will get ministry updates, life-affirming news reports and event announcements..



Monthly e-update – The Rachel House Review is sent to your e-mail monthly. Go to www.rachelhousefriends.org, then “What’s New.” Click on “Newsletter” and fill out the contact information at the bottom of the page.

Prayer Effort – We are looking for prayer partners. As we continue to go toe-to-toe with the enemy in a battle for the physical lives of babies and eternal lives of moms, we need prayer support. If you are interested in staying connected with our prayer needs, please email Executive Director Kathy Edwards at kathyedwards@rachelhouse.org.



Rachel House...
making a difference
two lives at a time.

In Her Own Words

...Prayer is the Key

Center Manager Michelle Hill

When I started serving at the Northland Center, I noticed a white board hanging on the wall listing names of girls who were abortion minded or highly abortion vulnerable.

“What an awesome idea,” I thought. I continued this process of writing the names and status of each girl who is at risk for an abortion on the board. (The board is in a place that protects the privacy and confidentiality of our clients.)

The board is a great tool. It is a constant reminder for us to pray for these girls as we continue to follow up with them.

“It is a constant reminder for us to pray for these girls...”



These are a few samples of the prayer needs on our board today. Your prayers matter as you join with us in praying for clients.

If you would like to join us in a more formal prayer effort where we share requests with you, please contact Executive Director Kathy Edwards at kathyedwards@rachelhouse.org.

As always, all client names have been changed to maintain confidentiality.

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Return Service
Requested

Prayer Board

Katie, 15, still in school, thinking about adoption. High risk for an abortion. LAU (life affirming ultrasound) scheduled.

Ellen, 18, both she and father of baby are 5 months clean from meth addiction. Both not working. No support or place to stay after baby is born. LAU being offered.

Rachel, 17, she and father are working, only been together for three months, both still in school, father is heavy drinker. She is feeling overwhelmed and is afraid of disappointing grandmother who she lives with. LAU being offered.

Joann, 19, not working, father of baby wants to abort, she wants to keep. Getting pressure to abort. Currently living with uncle, but no support system. Has LAU scheduled.