



Pregnancy Resource Center

Winter 2014



Happy Birthday, Baby!

That was the theme of the first annual Highland Lakes Pregnancy Resource Center's Banquet/Fundraiser held on Tuesday, October 14th at *Hill Country Fellowship* in Burnet. Over 400 people attended the banquet meant to be a "celebration of life" honoring all the babies born since the center opened and the mothers who chose life for them – the theme was portrayed in colorful table decorations, precious baby pictures and a program filled with fun, uplifting music and messages of hope, help and healing.

The evening began with a fun-filled shopping experience with over 90 silent auction items from which to choose, ranging in variety from a top-notch *501 Ranch* hunting trip to gift certificates for simple, but elegant stationary.

After an invocation by Pastor Rodney McGee of *Hill Country Fellowship*, the guests were treated to a scrumptious dinner catered by *Spyke's Bar-B-Que* of Kingsland with music compliments of Bryan Duncan – recipient of four Dove Awards and a Grammy Award.

HLPRC Board Co-chair Richard Goertz then delivered a welcome address highlighting the following accomplishments since the center opened in May of 2011:

- Opening a second service office in Marble Falls.
- Receiving the donation of a second ultrasound machine.
- Receiving a grant award to promote adoption.
- Shepherding almost 100 people to accept Jesus.
- Saving baby's lives with more than 99.5% of clients choosing life.
- Touching the lives of over 2,000 babies, moms and dads.

**Join HLPRC volunteers,
staff and board members at
the Texas Rally for Life on
January 24, 2015 at the
Capitol in Austin from 1:00
pm to 3:00 pm**

Afterwards, Dolores Bacon-Whatley, the HLPRC Executive Director, addressed the audience with an operations update and an introduction of the proud parents of baby Theresa – the center's first assisted adoption. Ray and Andrea Jones of *Radiance Ministries* followed the introduction with a program of praise and worship music.

The highlight of the evening was next - the keynote address, "Everyone Deserves a Birthday", delivered by Dawn Milberger of *Gotcha Ministries of Central Texas*. Dawn is a multiple abortion attempt survivor whose plea of "we want to live" deeply touched the hearts of the audience.

Kyle McAlister of *McAlister Realty* then delivered the pledge challenge and Pastor Robert Billingslea of *Packsaddle Fellowship* in Kingsland closed the evening with the benediction.

It was truly a blessed evening filled with precious memories for all those in attendance.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

According to HLPRC board member, Joan Blalock, “We feel the banquet went extremely well considering it was our very first attempt. There were lessons learned, and those will be addressed in the banquet planning sessions for 2015. Overall, the evening was a huge success thanks to the overwhelming community support for our mission.”

The HLPRC would also like to thank the following individuals who gave their time, talents and treasures to make the banquet a reality:

- **Food** – Craig and Lynn Massey of *Spykes BBQ* in Kingsland
- **Lighting** – Paul and Patti Gosselin of *Nightszenes Landscape Lighting Professionals*
- **Decorations** - Sheila Wier
- **Silent Auction** - Joan Blalock
- **Oversight, planning, forms, programs** - Linda Brossett
- **Administration** - Jessica McRee-Grabert
- **Technical Support** - Michael Grabert

In addition to the individuals who were involved in the banquet details, there were 67 additional people and businesses who donated almost 200 individual items for the Silent Auction. These items were grouped together for a total of 93 bid items. Thanks to these donations, the Silent Auction alone contributed over \$13,000.

Also, our 2014 business sponsors paid for **all** of the banquet expenses making it possible for all of the money raised from both the banquet donations and the Silent Auction to be used for HLPRC client services. We thank the following business sponsors, not only for their support with the banquet expenses, but also for their continued unfailing support in all of the HLPRC endeavors throughout the past year.

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Banquet Memories



Last Minute Preparations



Viewing Silent Auction items



Keynote Speaker Dawn Milberger of *Gotcha Ministries of Central Texas*



Music Provided By Ray and Andrea Jones of *Radiant Ministries Community Bible Church* of San Antonio, Texas

COMMENTS:

"So many people left the banquet with passion in their hearts!"

"Amazing, fun, excellent—so awesome on so many levels."

"Food great, auction fun, birthday theme was awesome."

"Great job, phenomenal turnout..."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Now that the second center is open, **we need additional volunteers.** We especially need volunteers who speak Spanish and those who live in the Marble Falls area. There are many opportunities to volunteer such as counseling, clerical work, data entry, cleaning, special events and working with baby clothes and necessities.

Volunteer training will be held after the first of the year. New volunteers are trained and no experience is needed other than to have a heart for pregnant women, offering them a listening ear and the love of Jesus Christ. If you are interested, please call Kimberly or Dolores for information at 325-388-0354.



True Heroes

We talk about saving babies and helping women choose life. And when they do, we praise God. But what about the women who walk through our doors having already decided to carry their babies? These women are brave and courageous, knowing they may face hardships and challenges along the way. Perhaps they are single, with a low-paying or no job, and other children to care for. Despite all obstacles they still choose life for their unborn baby.

That's where the center enters the picture. These ladies know we are here to help pregnant women. They find love, acceptance, nurturing and compassion in a non-judgmental environment. We are Christ's hands and feet, shining His light of hope, forgiveness and love. The center may be the first place that values them and treats them and their babies with respect and dignity. Some women who visit the center have never been in a church or read the Bible. We may be the first people to pray with them and share God's mercy and grace.

We take this responsibility very seriously and because of that we also want to help these women with not just their spiritual needs, but also with their material and emotional needs. We offer parenting and pre-natal classes to teach them to be better parents and Bible studies to help them grow in their faith. For those women who have had an abortion, we also provide abortion recovery group sessions to help them deal with the awful shame and remorse they carry.

But these everyday heroes need more: they need tangible, physical, material items that show that we as Christians care about the whole person. As we give thanks for the abundance in our lives, let us remember those that struggle on a daily basis to provide the necessities of life to their families. In the spirit of the season, please consider a financial gift to the center or a material donation of any of the following much needed items:

Client Needs

New socks

Non-gender caps

Pacifiers

New bottles

Receiving blankets

New non-gender sleepers

Baby wipes and diapers

Baby hygiene products

Booties and hats

Diaper bags

Burp cloths

New outfits

Recurring Gifts

*The Best Gift
Ever...*



*The Gift of
Life!*

Have you ever considered pledging a monthly gift to the Center?

It is such a blessing because the consistent monthly giving allows us to build our budget on a continuous stream of gifts. It is easy to set up a recurring monthly gift. Just send us a voided check or your credit card information on the information form below and we'll do the rest.

Call Jessica at 325-388-0354 if you need any further assistance.

- Yes, I would like to sign up to support the center through a monthly draft on my account. I have enclosed a voided check for automatic withdrawal from my bank. My monthly support amount would be \$ _____.
- Yes, I would like to support the center monthly by credit card. My monthly support amount would be \$ _____. *(Please complete the credit card information section below.)*

OR

- I cannot commit to a monthly donation at this time, but would like to give a "one time gift" of \$ _____. I have enclosed a check in the amount indicated.
- I cannot commit to a monthly donation at this time, but would like to give a "one time gift" of \$ _____ through a charge to my credit card. *(Please complete the credit card information section below.)*

----- Credit Card Information For Charging Donations -----

Type of Card: Mastercard Visa Discover American Express

Name on account: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ CCV: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Email Address: _____

Comments from our Clients

“The Pregnancy Center gave me some hope and I feel at peace, something I haven’t felt in a very long time”.

“The information I received today was to always trust God”.

“I never knew how fast the baby grows in a short amount of time”.

Prayer requests from our Clients

“I pray that all my kids and family are safe and healthy”.

“God forgive me for my sins. Bless me and my family. Help me on the right path and bless the lady that assisted me today, bless her heart”.

MEMORIALS

Memorial given in memory of Kimberley Tye’s mother, Mrs. Angelyn Chaney, by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goertz



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