



Molly Nester, Co-Director  
 Kim Kurth, Co-Director  
 Kathleen Gibbons, Outreach Director  
**(614) 251-0200**

935 East Broad Street  
 Columbus, Ohio 43205  
 3273 E. Main Street  
 Columbus, Ohio 43213



360 N. Notre Dame Avenue  
 South Bend, IN 46617

[www.wccfoundation.com](http://www.wccfoundation.com)

Non-profit Organization  
 U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
 South Bend, Indiana  
 Permit No. 45



*"Women's Care Center exists to help pregnant young women choose life for their babies, have healthier babies and become better parents. During 2009, we served 14,205 women and their babies, who made 68,555 visits to our pregnancy centers."*

Ann Manion  
 Volunteer President  
 (574) 245-4979



*"Women's Care Center Foundation exists to provide operating support for the day-to-day urgent needs of the center and to build an endowment to insure the long-term viability of the center and its mission of life."*

Bobby Williams  
 Foundation Director  
 (574) 245-4978



## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Wrong Door!**  
..... page 1
- Tour of Broad Street**  
..... page 2
- Bishop pays a visit**  
..... page 3

## BECOMING "MOM"

### **A young woman decides to choose life, then what?**

The center offers many programs to help young women have healthy pregnancies, become better parents and ultimately become more self-sufficient. One of the most popular is our weekly parenting skills classes. These classes are offered four times weekly, including a new Saturday morning class for parents who work during the week.

An important emphasis is on helping young parents become role models for their children. The parents learn that time spent educating and nurturing their children will have life-long benefits. The center will soon introduce a new class just for fathers.

Amber (shown) is a regular at parenting classes. She is in her third trimester and is expecting a little girl over the Christmas holidays. Her future plans are to attend college and major in social work. She hopes to one day open a home for battered and abused women and children. Amber is excited for her baby and comes to class to learn to be the best mom she can be.



COLUMBUS WINTER 2010-2011

# CARELINE

935 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205

## WRONG DOOR!

Aja and her mother were on their way to Founder's abortion clinic, when they came to Women's Care Center by mistake. They met our counselor, Susan, who welcomed them in. Susan remembers that Aja was beautiful, looking like the model she had once been.



Susan gently explained to Aja that we aren't the abortion clinic, but we do have many free services to help in her situation. Susan also offered a free ultrasound. Aja who was really focused on having the abortion said, "I guess you can't help me then." But Aja's mother said, "We've got time. Let's listen to what they have to say."

Aja told Susan that the pregnancy was not planned and that the baby's father was no longer in the picture. She was trying to get her career on track and she just didn't see any way for a baby to fit in. During counseling Aja and her mother had time to slow down and really talk with each other. As they

talked, they realized that they could find a way to choose life. And after Aja saw her baby on our ultrasound machine, she was totally in love!

Aja came back for parenting classes and earned a crib through the Crib Club. A few months ago, Aja gave birth to a perfectly healthy baby girl. Our counselor describes Aja as being "over the moon" in love with her baby. Aja is also now becoming a firefighter. This job will give Aja lots of time at home with her baby due to the 24 hours on, 48 hours off work schedule.

***But Aja's mother said, "We've got time. Let's listen to what they have to say."***

Aja is grateful to the center and says her baby is the best thing that has happened to her. She said, "If it weren't for Women's Care Center, my baby probably wouldn't be here."



## LIFE-SAVING PICTURES

**Women's Care Center offers free ultrasounds to pregnant women on a full-time basis.** With two trained nurses on staff, a young woman can view an ultrasound every day of the week, whenever needed. This most powerful tool helps young women really bond with their babies and most often choose life!





## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT...

### ALICE TYLER AND CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

You will often find Alice Tyler as the cheerful presence at our Crib Club "store" on Broad Street. At the store, young women are able to redeem coupons for cribs, car seats, diapers and brand new baby clothing, all provided through the generosity of the Christ Child Society of Columbus. The items are earned by participating in parenting classes, healthy baby activities and other programs to improve parenting skills and self-sufficiency.

Alice was the President of Christ Child Society, when Women's Care Center first approached this group about taking responsibility for the Crib Club program. Even though they were heavily involved in many activities to clothe needy children in Columbus, Alice did not say "no". She listened and even made a trip to Fort Wayne, IN with Rose Reymann, Pat Reynolds and Kathie Rupp to see the Crib Club in action. After seeing it, they were sold.

The team returned to Columbus and set about creating the Crib Club program from the ground floor. This program is now a favorite among our Women's Care Center clients. Many times, seeing the overflowing shelves of baby items gives a young woman the hope she needs to choose life for her baby



## A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN

Jennifer came to Women's Care Center for an ultrasound the day before her scheduled abortion. She came at the suggestion of her supervisor at work who had encouraged her to get all the facts and better understand her options.



Jennifer told our counselor that she felt she had no option but abortion. She had a demanding job and a rocky relationship. She also was taking several prescription medications for asthma, allergies and other health issues and knew the meds would not be good for a baby. However, when Jennifer saw her 9 week-old baby moving on the ultrasound screen, she bonded immediately. With tears in her eyes, she chose life for her baby.

With the help of her doctor, Jennifer was able to reduce the dosage of her medications during pregnancy and still keep her own health stable. She also attended parenting classes, and continued to work with her counselor on goal setting. Jennifer earned a crib and other vital necessities from the Crib Club store.

Baby Nevaeh was born in September, a perfectly healthy little girl. Her name is "Heaven" spelled backwards. And this is just how Jennifer feels about her precious baby!



## SHORT TAKES

During the last year, over 2,500 women made 5,058 on-site visits to our two centers on Broad Street and Main Street. Visits were made for counseling, ultrasounds and follow-up care. This is a 94% increase over the previous year. On average, the Columbus centers served an average of 20 women a day!



Once a month, the Columbus Metropolitan Library comes to our center to teach a class on reading readiness. This popular program focuses on getting children started with reading at an early age. Every family who participates receives a tote bag full of brand new fun books and a little toy.

## WHAT IS WOMEN'S CARE CENTER?

Women's Care Center is the nation's largest pregnancy resource center, with 17 centers in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Last year, all Women's Care Center sites served 14,905 women who made nearly 70,000 on-site visits. In a recent study in Fort Wayne (IN), 97% of those receiving counseling and an ultrasound at the Women's Care Center chose life for their babies. The center was founded by Catholic theologian Dr. Janet E. Smith in South Bend (IN) twenty six years ago. Bishop Emeritus John M. D'Arcy of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese credits the center as "saving more lives than any other organization in the country."

If you or someone you know would like more information on Women's Care Center, please let us know.

- Please add me to your newsletter mailing list.
- I would like a tour of the Broad Street center.
- Please send me information on the different levels of giving.
- I would like to make a contribution.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Kathleen Gibbons, Women's Care Center,  
935 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205

## TOUR OF BROAD STREET

When Women's Care Center was looking for a pregnancy center near Founder's abortion clinic and proximate to downtown Columbus, we never dreamed that we would find an exquisite mansion at a bargain basement price. This beautiful home serves as the hub for our pregnancy outreach in Franklin County and has sufficient space that we will never outgrow. All classes, follow-up care and the Crib Club are housed at this very special home.



Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for underwriting a second ultrasound machine for our center on Main Street! This vital center is directly across the street from the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. Shown are Deacon Anthony Bonacci (Columbus Chapter Chaplain), Shawn Ansbro (Columbus Chapter President), Bishop Campbell, Kevin Miller (Columbus Chapter Trustee), and Gary Anderson (Columbus Diocese Pro-Life program).