

# APCC Baby Bottle Drive Is Underway!

Mother's Day (May 8) through Father's Day (June 19)

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

# Hundreds Attend Banquet for Life

PIKEVILLE — Hundreds attended the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center's third annual Banquet for Life on Feb. 16 at the at East Kentucky Exposition Center.

"I am so grateful for the support shown within our community," said APCC Director Kay Hammond. "It's wonderful to look and see what an amazing event this has become over the past three years and realize what an impact we will be able to make in the lives of others."

The organization has served more than 3,500 people over the past eight years.

"The banquet allows us to help determined mothers and pregnant teenagers secure a brighter, more secure future for themselves and their babies," Hammond added.



The banquet represents a way to raise awareness within the community for the appreciation of life.

Hammond said proceeds will go toward maintaining needed programs for the center.

Among those in attendance was former Kentucky Gov. Paul E. Patton, a long-time supporter of the APCC.

"This is a wonderful event for our community," he said. "My wife Judi and I are elated to be a part of this fundraiser for Appalachia."

Banquet attendees enjoyed live music from Coaltown Dixie, a silent auction, and a meal.

### What APCC Means to Me



"I cannot begin to express how much the APCC means to me and my little ones. We came into the center today to receive much needed summer clothing. Thank you APCC for always being there for my family!"

Left, APCC client Laurie Ferrell and her babies



"I don't know what we would have done without the help of APCC. The love and care expressed by the ladies at APCC has truly made a difference in our lives."

Former APCC clients Loretta
Sword and her
granddaughter Roselina
visit often. Rosie has been
in her grandmother's care
since she was 1 year old and
they were APCC clients
before Rosie was born.

#### APCC Thanks its Board of Directors

Jimmy Blackburn

Lula Ford

Paul Potter

Jim Vanover

Linda Crum

**Cathy Justice** 

Lynette Schindler

**Richard Watson** 

### "SHE LOOKED AS IF SHE HAD BEEN CRYING."

(APCC Director Kay Hammond shared this story at the Banquet for Life.)

Last Tuesday morning I came into work early to continue preparations for the Banquet for Life. It was very quiet and I was just getting settled in with my coffee and thoughts when I heard a knock at the door. To be honest, I was a little irritated by the interruption. After all, I had so much work to do.

Our front door is completely made of glass so I could see a young lady (about 20-something) standing outside the door. She looked as if she had been crying. I invited her in and we talked for about an hour. She had just found out the day before that she was pregnant and she gave me all the reasons I have heard so many times before as to why she could not keep this baby. To make a long story short, she decided to keep the baby and become one of APCC's clients. The reason I share this story with you is because you have an investment in this life-saving decision that was made last Tuesday morning.

Because of your support, a child will live. Someone said to me the other day, "Kay, this is a wonderful ministry you have started." I replied that this is not a lone ministry. I could never established the ministry of APCC on my own. Thank you APCC board members for your vision of a pregnancy care center eight years ago. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who have worked alongside us these many years. Thank you to everyone sitting in the seats tonight who have given so freely of your money to ensure the ongoing work of APCC. Because of every one of you and the time and money you have given, APCC was there when this young lady needed answers, hope, and compassion. So know this – a life was saved at 193 Main Street, Pikeville, Ky., Feb. 9, 2016, because of the support of our churches and communities. I can hear heaven applaud!!! Stand and join in with the applause.

#### Our Mission

The Appalachian
Pregnancy Care Center
exists to affirm the
value of life by providing
a network of care to
those experiencing a
pregnancy-related crisis
and by compassionately
presenting Biblical truth
resulting in changed lives
to the glory of God.

#### Our Vision

The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center strives to provide Christ-like compassionate support to families experiencing crisis

#### Our Services

All services are FREE.

They include:

- Pregnancy Testing
- •Earn While You Learn
- •Baby/Maternity Resources
- Abstinence Education
- Abortion Recovery
- Adoption Education
- Bible Studies
- Counseling
  - ~Healthy Marriage
- ~Healthy Pregnancy
- ~Fatherhood
- ~Parenting
- Community Referrals
- •Community Presentations
- •And MUCH, MUCH MORE!

#### Our Hours

Tuesday -Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Contact Us

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Rachel McCubbin and Regena Triplett-Jones, who work with Sen. Rand Paul, were impressed with our Bundle of Joy room at the Center! They toured the facility on April 13, and reported that Sen. Paul recently reintroduced the Life at Conception Act in Congress.

#### Message from the Director

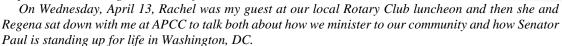
### Making New Friends Who Support Life

#### By Kay Hammond APCC Executive Director

Making new friends and networking is one of the ways that APCC ministry continues to grow, and you never know where you'll meet these new friends!

This year, during our Banquet for Life fundraiser, I had a chance to meet Rachel McCubbin, Senator Rand Paul's Deputy State Director (who attended the dinner with the senator's Field Representative, Regena Triplet-Jones).

We didn't have much time to visit during all the festivities that evening, but Rachel promised to come back soon to learn more about the impact we are making in the lives of our clients.



I was happy to learn that Senator Paul is unapologetically pro-life, and that he has recently reintroduced the Life at Conception Act. According to him, it "declares what most Americans believe and what science has long known – that human life begins at the moment of conception, and therefore, is entitled to legal protection from that point forward." What a clear, concise defense of the unborn!

It was encouraging to me to know that Senator Paul has chosen staff members who are personally pro-life and who have been active in the pregnancy care movement. They really understand what we're doing here! Rachel was a founding board member of Alpha Alternative Pregnancy Care Center in Hopkinsville, which has been up and running since 1991.

If anyone wants to contact Senator Paul's office to thank him for his support for life – or discuss any issues with his staff – you can reach Regena Triplet-Jones at 859-338-7348 or email her at regena\_jones@paul.senate.gov.



#### **APCC Welcomes New Board Member**



"In a world that does not always respect the dignity of life, APCC is a beacon of light and a great advocate for the unborn."

-Father Richard Watson

Before being assigned pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Pikeville in 2013, I was associate pastor of the Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington. Christ the King is a very active church with over 2,500 families. While in Lexington, I was active in pro-life activities. For several years, I took youth groups to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., held annually in January on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. It was always encouraging during this event to see so many young people involved in the pro-life cause. I was also involved in two organizations that provided a variety of services to women with unplanned pregnancies: Birthright of Lexington and Opportunities for Life. The bishop of Lexington appointed me as the priest representative to OFL, which sponsors a hotline in Kentucky to assist those with unplanned pregnancies. The 24/7 hotline allows women in need the opportunity to talk to someone and get the information to help them make responsible and informed decisions about their pregnancies.

When I was appointed pastor of St. Francis, a church of 110 families, I found myself in a very different place compared to Christ the King. I had grown up in a small town in Monroe County, Ky., and was excited to move to Pikeville and experience small town living again. I decided early in my move that I not only needed to be involved in my church and school, but also in the community. To that end, I joined the Pikeville/Pike County Ministerial Association. It was during my first meeting in August 2013 that I met Kay Hammond. Kay gave a presentation at the meeting that day about the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center, including her dream of having a Banquet for Life. The meeting ended and I didn't have a chance to introduce myself to Kay, so I chased her down in the parking lot and told her I had been involved in pro-life activities and that I would be willing to help her with a Banquet for Life. Thus began my association with APCC. The first Banquet for Life was in February 2014 and we just had a successful third Banquet for Life. The banquet not only raises money for the pregnancy center, but is also a great witness to our community for the sacredness of life. In 2015, I was asked to join the board of APCC, which I am very proud to serve on.

Both I and the members of St. Francis Church continue support the important ministry of the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center. We participate annually in the Baby Bottle Drive from Mother's Day to Father's Day as well as sponsor tables and make donations to the Banquet for Life.

Pope John Paul II said, "A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying." In a world that does not always respect the dignity of life, the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center is a beacon of light and a great advocate for the unborn.





APCC Tiara Potter prepares boxes to deliver baby bottles to local churches during the annual fundraiser.

# Baby Bottle Drive Beginning

The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center is meeting real needs of women and children in our communities. The gifts of our churches allow the important life-saving work of this ministry to continue without interruption.

Last year, many babies were born who, without the help of APCC, would otherwise have been aborted.

Our clients heard the gospel of Christ shared in a way which touched their hearts and led then to reconsider new life in Him.

Many adults and teens made commitments to sexual abstinence until marriage through our Abstinence Program. Children were clothed, fed and nurtured through our Earn While You Learn Program.

Your church's participation in the Baby Bottle Drive will enable us to continue to offer practical and spiritual help to those in need.

The Drive begins on Mother's Day (May 8) and lasts through Father's Day (June 19).

Bottles can be picked up anytime at the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center or we will deliver them. You can contact us at 606-433-0700.

"I want to personally thank you for the support you have always given to APCC!!!"

# Partnering with 'Hope'

Hannah's House of Paintsville is a non-profit ministry of Highland Church designed to provide pregnant women with a nurturing Christian atmosphere in a loving and supportive environment. It is a place where clients can gain the skills they need to transition back into society once their baby is born. It offers alternatives to abortion and gives hope and help to women facing unplanned pregnancies by providing practical and spiritual help to encourage and assist women to carry their babies to term.

Hannah's House provides a safe haven for pregnant women in a Christian family atmosphere.

It is located on a small, quiet acreage where women can live free of charge in a family setting during their pregnancy.

While at Hannah's House, they receive food, shelter, counseling, spiritual guidance and other types of support, including life skills training, counseling, medical care, and assistance with educational attainment and career planning.

Hannah's House is partnering with APCC to teach these women skills they need to succeed when they are on their own again. Women who stay at Hannah's House are considered to be key members of the "family" and they help with household tasks and have time for reflection and meditation.

Hannah's House of Hope sounds like the right place for you or if you know someone who may benefit from our ministry, please contact us at 606-789-6433 for more information.

Although never easy, an unexpected pregnancy can turn out to be an incredible opportunity and a wonderful life-changing experience.

# Clubs Give Back to Community

The Rotary Club of Pikeville and the American Heritage Girls ignited hope and help to the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center's clients on Wednesday, September 30.

Seventeen clients were provided new infant car seats from the Pikeville Rotary Club and diaper wipes from the American Heritage Girls.

Giving back to your community means so much to those in need.

No matter how we do it, volunteering at an event, helping a neighbor or making a monetary donation, giving back touches the lives of many people. Even the most minute good deed can change and impact the community by providing a renewed sense of hope. APCC wishes to thank the organizations for the love they have shown its clients.

American Heritage Girls is a faithbased girl scouting program that emphasizes team work, girl leadership, character development, spiritual development, and community service.

Their oath is to love God, cherish family, honor their country, and serve the community. Recently AHG Pikeville Troop collected 288 baby wipes for the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center.

The girls did an amazing job collecting the baby wipes at their churches and from friends and families. The girls said it was an honor for them and they truly enjoyed serving their communities.





## Interning at APCC is a JOY!



My name is Alexandria Yuhas and I'm attending Lindsey Wilson's School of Professional Counseling. I hope to become a licensed professional counselor and provide assistance to people in Eastern Kentucky. This is my first semester doing a practicum. I decided to do the practicum here at the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center because I wanted to better educate myself on the circumstances of unplanned pregnancies and provide assistance and support to those in need. In my time here at APCC, I've witnessed the care and support offered to each client – whether it's providing materials or simply listening to what the client has to say. This program helps many women who may not otherwise have any help or support. I'm looking forward to finishing my practicum here and the experience I will gain.

Alex Yuhas



Alli Keeys

In my short time interning at the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center, I have seen lives changed and improved because of this center. I chose to intern at APCC because they offer many services that I feel very passionate about. I believe this agency is a great place for people who are experiencing events such as unplanned pregnancies. When clients are offered such compassionate care, they get a sense of hope. In a few short weeks, I have learned what it truly takes to run a nonprofit organization and the importance of advocacy for alternatives to abortion. Fundraising requires hard work, persistence, and care in order to be successful. I have learned that all walks of life need help during a crisis and APCC serves each client with dignity. Because of this, APCC will always be very dear to me. I am currently a junior at Morehead State University, a student of their social work program. Through my experience at APCC, I hope to gain the skills to help future clients. In the years to follow, I hope to work with an adoption agency to place children in loving homes.

### Job Corps students learn character education



High school students had the unique opportunity to speak with APCC Character Education Director Christy Thacker and 40 employers, organizations and colleges at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center's career and job fair. The event is held twice a year to give the Perkins students, local high school students and community members the opportunity to meet with various employers, organizations and colleges in one location.

Thacker shared the work of the APCC and how we can help students facing an unplanned pregnancy. "The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center offers an opportunity to ensure that all students get the support and help they need to reach their full potential through our Character Education Program. We believe Schools that embrace character education become places people want to be because they bring out the best in everyone.

To make an appointment, call 606-400-0700 or email apcc@setel.com.



# Thank You For Helping APCC!





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