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Top: Rachel Hamilton, Big Sandy Community & Technical College; Center: Tiffany Burkett, Prestonsburg High School; Bottom (L-R): Eva Combs, University of Pikeville; Olivia Thacker, University of Pikeville; Amelia Brooke Kiser, University of Pikeville

Backpacks and Diaper Bags

APCC Encourages Teen Moms to Continue Education

"Teen moms can dare to dream just like everyone else and in the same way they were dreaming before they became pregnant," stated Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center Director Kay Hammond.

Just because you have a baby does not mean you cannot go back to school. We would like to honor our mothers who pick up their backpacks and diaper bags and go to school. These ladies are proof you can move forward in life and achieve your goals.

APPC salutes you!









All About Us

The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center provides a much-needed pregnancy counseling service to our region.

Our center is located at 193 Main Street in Pikeville and was established to offer services and support for women, teens and families facing the uncertainty of unplanned pregnancies. By making help and services available to those who need it, coupled with a sense of care and compassion, the center aims to offer a viable alternative to abortion.

This year's "Baby Bottle Brigade" was extremely successful. Thanks to the many contributions from churches, organizations, businesses and individuals, the drive yielded approximately \$47,000 to be used by the center for many of its monthly expenses and other activities conducted for our clients.

To date, the center has served 500 clients, from nine counties and three states, and has had over 120 babies born under the blanket of APCC.

Kindness and Unselfish Love

Kay Hammond Executive Director



Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center is a community organization helping mothers with crisis pregnancies and offering alternatives to abortion. I believe that our ministry is on the cutting edge of effectiveness for Christ's Kingdom. In the last five years over 500 women have heard a message of physical life for their babies and eternal life through Christ.

A few years ago, one of our clients came to APCC when she was entering her second month of pregnancy. It was through this visit that her pregnancy was confirmed. She was fifteen years old at the time. Her mother was having a very difficult time dealing with the situation, so one of our volunteer counselors worked with the mother and another with the young girl until the baby was born. Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center volunteers got to see her family accept this new bundle of joy into their home.

In May we received an invitation to this young lady's high school graduation and a picture of her in cap and gown. Also enclosed was a card and note from the girl's mother. It read, "Thanks so much for your kindness and unselfish love. You were there when we needed you. We don't even know each other very well but I do know that if there were more people like you in this world it would be filled with love. And people who "give" always get something in return." God Bless You!

Someone asked me the other day," Kay where do you receive your funds to operate the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center?" I replied" God's people and they have never let us down". I can think of so many of you that give to our center so unselfishly, again thank you for your support of APCC and for being a part of our ministry. God Bless you!

APCC Offers Fatherhood Program

The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center announces its new "Fatherhood Program 101 Initiative" for any father or father-to-be, wishing to learn more about being a dad in today's world. This practical (Earn While You Learn) program addresses the excitement, fears, frustration and concerns that almost every father encounters in parenting.

Fathers and fathers-to-be will meet one-on-one with a trained male client advocate. exploring the various roles of fatherhood and parenting. Participants will gain awareness, understanding and practical knowledge about the different roles of a man within the family. These roles include: protecting the family, being the leader of the home and guiding one's family with love and grace. With each visit, fathers and fathers-tobe earn "baby bucks" which can be used to purchase baby items from the center's Bundle of Joy Room.

APCC Executive Director Kay Hammond, stated, "Fathers who participate in the program have the potential to break the mold of past negative experiences and work toward success at being a dad." Carolyn Hall, VISTA volunteer and coordinator of the program added, "Interested



Above (L-R): Beau Bowling, a participant in the Fatherhood Program and Dana King, Director of Guest Relations at PMC. Below: Josh Huffman is serving as a mentor to the Fatherhood Program.

fathers and fathers-to-be are welcome to take advantage of the center's fatherhood program even if the mother of their child is not a client at the center. Hammond stressed that all services are free and confidential!

Several fathers attended the October 19 Fatherhood Program kick-off at APCC. Dana King, Director of Guest Relations at Pikeville Medical Center, presented a program explaining life skills and volunteer opportunities for men at PMC that could better enable them to find employment. Josh Huffman, who is joining APCC's mentoring program for fathers, spoke of his own family dynamics. Josh has assumed the "fatherhood role" within his home. He hopes to encourage young men to step up to the plate and be the fa-



thers that God intended them to be.

Refreshments were served and plans for future meetings were made. APCC encourages other fatherhood mentors to help with the program. Please contact the center at 606-433-0700 for more information.

New Curriculum Aids in Developing Parenting Skills

East Kentucky Child Care Coalition of Pike County awarded a mini grant to the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center for the "Earn While You Learn Parenting Program Curriculum". This program provides young mothers and fathers the opportunity to earn baby clothes, furniture, maternity clothing, diapers, and other necessities while learning fundamental parenting skills.

The "Earn While You Learn Program" is nationally acclaimed and provides essential information to promote healthy pregnancies by providing parents with the knowledge, skills and resources for successful parenting. The knowledge and skills will help break the cycle of abuse and neglect. This program will provide to children the opportunity to grow up in a safe and healthy environment that is conducive to learning. Having already served over 500 clients and their families, the "Earn While You Learn Program" will have an impact on numerous parents and their children in Pike and surrounding counties.

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Ground broken on Scholar House of Central Appalachia

The Scholar House of Central Appalachia is one step closer to being a reality. The rural concept won an achievement award from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Everyone involved in the project was well represented at a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, Oct. 29.

The Scholar House of Central Appalachia will provide decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing through the new construction of 48 multifamily housing units and an onsite childcare facility.

Along with the housing units will be a 15,000-plus square foot Childhood Early Education Center, which will also house the academic center's offices, a computer/media lab, children's library and multipurpose/classroom space.

The Scholar House will be funded through the Kentucky Housing Corporation and will be 48 units in phase I and cost \$11 million.

Pike County Judge-Executive Wayne T. Rutherford called the Scholar House a result of partnership and teamwork.

"We have everyone working together and this is what happens," he said. "We are blessed to have this in our community."

University of Pikeville President Paul Patton heard about the Scholar House from University of Louisville President James Ramsey, who served in Patton's administration during his time as Kentucky's 59th Governor. Patton, realizing the benefits of the Scholar House, urged community leaders to step up and get the planning of the project under way.



Members of the Scholar House of Central Appalachia Board of Directors, along with officials from the Kentucky Housing Corporation and Marian Development, joined in the ceremonial groundbreaking for the Scholar House of Central Appalachia on Monday, Oct. 29. Pictured, from left, is Randy Roberts from Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Randy Johnson from Pikeville Medical Center, Sherry Riddle from the Pikeville YMCA, Minta Chaney from the City of Pikeville, Gaye Newsome, Executive Director of the Pike County Housing Authority, Jeanne Robinson of the Pike County Government, Carol Napier, Pike County Community Services Coordinator, Pike County Judge-Executive Wayne T. Rutherford, University of Pikeville Vice President and chair of the Scholar House board James Hurley, Pikeville City Manager Donovan Blackburn, Kentucky Housing Corporation CEO Rick McQuady, Jake Brown of Marian Development, Scholar House Board vice chair and Executive Director of the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center Kay Hammond and Philip Elswick of Summit Engineering.

Kay Hammond, vice chair of the Scholar House board and executive director of the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center, opened the ceremony and thanked the county government, the City of Pikeville, the University of Pikeville and Big Sandy Community and Technical College for making the Scholar House possible.

Pikeville City Manager Donovan Blackburn said he visited a Scholar House and got to sit down with a nursing student.

"These are kids who aren't looking for a handout, they are looking for a leg up," Blackburn said. "This is the work of government."

Blackburn added that the vision of the City of Pikeville Commissioners is evident in this project, as is the vision of all entities involved.

Scholar House Board Chair and University of Pikeville Vice President James Hurley said the goal of any Scholar House is to end the cycle of poverty. "This may very well be the most important endeavor we embark on to end the grip poverty has on our young people," he said. "Two schools in central Appalachia are among the top 10 percent in teenage pregnancy rates. This is an opportunity for those people."

Jake Brown, of Marian Development Group, spoke about the uniqueness of the Scholar House of Central Appalachia.

"This is the fifth Scholar House (Marian Development) has built," Brown told the crowd, "and the first of hopefully many more in this part of the state. This will be a tremendous asset to this area."

Brown echoed what every speaker at the ceremony said, which is this is not a housing project, but an education project with a housing component.

"In 2005, we had 10 people in this program," Brown said. "In 2012, we have 1,800 people in this program."

Brown said there has been 81 degrees earned, many of them master's degrees, and in the six years since its inception, all 20 kids who have grown up in a Scholar House have received either full or partial college scholarships.

Rick McQuady, CEO of the Kentucky Housing Corporation, said there is a Scholar House in Louisville, Lexington, Paducah, Bowling Green and soon to be one in Pikeville.

"This is a great use of the limited resources we have," McQuady said. "This Scholar House is an integral part of the University of Pikeville and the region as a whole."

The Scholar House will be on property located on the corner of Auxier and Saad avenues. A portion of this two-acre plot was obtained through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

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Childhood Sweethearts Earn While They Learn

The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center's "Earn While You Learn Program" allows expectant mothers and fathers to earn baby clothes, diapers, baby furniture and equipment, maternity clothes and other necessities while learning to be a good parent. The program pairs the young female or male client with an advocate. Baby Bucks earned from the sessions can be spent in the Bundle of Joy Room. This program makes a positive impact on the lives of clients and a lifelong impact on their children.

Ashley and Dalelano, child-hood sweethearts, have been clients at APCC since they first became pregnant. They have known each other since childhood, as their parents were neighbors and friends. The couple was married six years ago when Ashley was a senior in high school. They walk three miles a day to Hardees where they both are employed.

The "Earn While You Learn Program" brings structure, plans and goals to couples awaiting the birth of



Ashley and Dalelano

their child. The couple's first baby, Darius, was born on October 12, 2012. Dalelano stated, "The center helped us with what to expect during our pregnancy." "Thanks to APCC, the nursery was ready when we brought Darius home," stated Ashley.

"The pregnancy center's "Earn While You Learn Program" allows us to provide for physical needs, yet requires our clients "earn" what they purchase," stated Director Kay Hammond.

This curriculum educates parents so they are better prepared for the big event. Counselors at the center are so proud of this young couple for their dedication and hard work

"They come to APCC straight from work and never miss an appointment," said Hammond.

APCC Hosts 5th Annual Golf Tournament

Twenty-two teams, consisting of 88 eager golfers, teed off at the Elk Run Golf Course on September 15, 2012, following opening remarks by Tournament Chairman Harold Ray and APCC Director Kay Hammond. The scramble was held as a fundraiser for the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center in Pikeville.

Trophies, golf balls and other prizes were awarded to the top players and teams. First place winners were Jim Abshire, Mike Webb, Chris Brown, and Bryan Johnson. Second place winners were Dave Hammond, Phillip Birchfield, David Lester, and Tom Hartsock. Ranking third place were Bryan Fleming, Darrell Slone, Johnny Denison and Roger Smith. All golfers received a "tee" bag containing various items. Prizes donated by local businesses and individuals were also given to participants.

A delicious lunch was prepared by men of the Pikeville Free Will Baptist Church. Drinks were donated by Coca-Cola and Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. Signs were made by Kay Keathley of Custom Signs. Graphic design for event publications and artwork for shirts were created by Teresa Smith. APCC volunteers registered golfers and assisted throughout the day.

American Coal Company provided the special "Hole-in-One" Ten Thousand Dollars give away. No one was able to sink the hole-in-one, but that did not dampen the spirits of the players.

In addition to Chairman Ray, the 5th Annual Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center Tournament committee consisted of Jim Patton, Eugene Blackburn, David and Judy Lester, Bob Finch, Ronny West, Dave Pacific, Jone Goodman, Christy Thacker,



Teresa Smith, volun-Vista teers Carolyn Hall, Brenda Smith, and Kay Hammond. Special thanks are extended to all tournament sponsors. Also, thanks to Jim Patton

and Elk Run Golf Course staff for help in making the tournament a success.



1st Place team was J&M Monitoring (L-R): Bryan Johnson, Harold Ray, Jim Patton, Mike Webb, and Chris Brown

2nd Place was team was Faith Baptist of Myra (L-R): Phillip Birchfield, Dave Hammond, Harold Ray, David Lester and Tom Hartsock

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Bikers RIDE for LIFE

The first-ever Ride for Life was a success. The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center fundraiser attracted 80 riders and 49 bikes from throughout Kentucky and Surrounding states.

"I was so thrilled for our first ride," APCC Director Kay Hammond said. "I was amazed. When you start something like this for the first time, it's like having a party and you don't know who is going to attend. You wonder if anybody will show. When those 50 bikers started riding in, I almost cried."

The event raised more than \$1,700 for the pregnancy center. The 90-mile ride began at Harley-Davidson of Pikeville, traveled to Carr Fork Lake and Pippa Passes, and returned to Pikeville via Rt. 80. APCC volunteer Judy Lester reported that the ride attracted riders from as far away as Winchester and several counties in West Virginia. Bikers from throughout eastern Kentucky participated, including the Defiers club of Pikeville, which escorted the ride, the Country Riders of Pikeville and several Christian Motorcyclist Association groups from Johnson, Floyd and Letcher counties. Faith Baptist Church of Myra also provided 14 riders.

"We plan to make this an annual ride," Lester said. "We've set aside the second Sunday in August, 2013 for the next ride." Lester commended the participants, the volunteers and the businesses that helped make the ride a success. She has volunteered at the center since it opened in 2007, helping APCC provide guidance, educational



information and resources to more than 450 clients and 1,000 residents from Pike, Floyd, Letcher and surrounding eastern Kentucky counties and Williamson, W.Va.

"This ride got the word out about the center to a lot of people who never came in contact with us before, and the guys and the girls who rode with us were so generous," Lester said. "Anytime you donate or take part in a fundraiser for the center, you're helping a child."

Charlotte Wright of Virgie was one of those generous donors. She won \$115 in a raffle drawing during the ride and donated it back to the center. The ride was planned by Lester and committee members Jimmy Kinney, Melissa Little, Mike Johnson, Terry Rogers, Charles Castle, Christy Thacker, Glenda Rhea, Mark Grimm, Heather Burchfield, Stephanie Frazier, Bart Frasure, Stanley Little Ir. and other Defiers club members and Kathy Stumbo.





Bottom (L-R): Jimmy Kinney, Melissa Little, Glenda Rhea and Dave Hammond.

Teresa Smith provided graphic design for event publicity and t-shirts. West Virginia resident Charles Runyon also assisted by recruiting riders from West Virginia.

Breakfast was provided by Kellogg's and lunch was provided by Pig in a Poke, Pepsi, Food City and Randy Johnson, a representative of the Little Debbie Company. The event was also sponsored by Melanie Horton Law Firm, Speedy Cash, and Dream House Furnishings, Sen. Ray Jones and the Jones-Hickman Law Office, Rep. Leslie Combs, Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, the Remember Me Gift Shop, the Landmark Inn, Wal-Mart and other local businesses. David Hammond of Faith Baptist Church of Myra provided an inspirational sermon prior to the ride.

For more information about APCC, call 606-433-0700 or visit www.appalchianpregnancycare.com.

APCC Benefits from AmeriCorps

The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center has benefited from the services of AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer Brenda Smith, who became an official AmeriCorps volunteer in July. Smith is working to expand the services that APCC offers to the community by searching for funding to initiate new programs and to support existing ones. She is also promoting APCC'S existing media/networking outreach. "By the end of my term of service, I plan to have processes in place which include fundraising events, major campaigns and long-term plans for the sustainability of the organization," Smith said.



"Brenda has joined us in helping mothers and families in this life-giving ministry." said Kay Hammond, APCC Director. "She has worked extensively to support new service opportunities for the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center and the Big Sandy Area. Smith's dedication will ensure that this work continues to touch lives in Pike County and surrounding areas," stated Hammond.

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AP#CC A WORD FROM THE BOARD

Children and the Kingdom of God

"Break my heart for

what breaks yours"

~Hillsong United,

Hosanna lyrics

By Cathy Justice APCC Board Chairman

We know that, without any doubt, God has a heart for children, In Luke 18:16, Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Nothing could be more clear than the exalted position occupied by children in God's kingdom. Children are a gift from God. Psalm 127:3. They do not come about by happenstance; rather, they come as the creation of God.

And God creates his children in the womb. Scripture tell us that He "..knit me together in my mother's womb." "All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Psalm 130:13, 16. God knows his children before they are ever born in the human sense of the word.

At Christmas, the time we celebrate the anniversary of Jesus Christ's birth, we are reminded that when

God brought forth His plan of salvation, He did so, first and foremost, in the form of a baby, a baby that grows into a child and ultimately adulthood, it being God's plan for us to not forget that Jesus, the Son of God, was, like us, a child

So, God has provided us with ample guideposts to direct us to the inescapable conclusion that children, being of immense importance to God, must likewise be of immense importance to us. Our goal as human beings should be to strive for Christlikeness, to be as much like Christ as humanly possible, knowing that

perfection, though not obtainable, may be pursued.



Cathy Justice

We are called by God to feel the same affinity to children as He does. If children are important to God, and they are, then they must be important to us. Children are God's way of preserving the family, of building generation after generation. And we are to raise them in His Work. "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." – 3 John4. Children act as God's couriers, bringing love to us.

We, in turn, have a duty to raise children who both

love God and desire to follow in His footsteps. At APCC, we work to instill this in every girl and woman with

whom we come into contact with. We know that there are no accidental nor unwanted pregnancies, only unplanned pregnancies.

God loved little children, and so must we. We must have a heart for each and every child, both born and unborn, because God has told us that is His will. Each child is God's creation, a separate little miracle, a sign that God wants the world to go on. To be like Christ, we, too, must recognize and honor the sanctity of all human life.

Eastern Kentucky SONrise and APCC Touching Lives

By Linda Otterback

Eastern KY SONrise, MSC, KBC, NAMB (North American Mission Board)

The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center in Pikeville, Ky., is a phenomenal faith based ministry reaching into several areas of Eastern Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia. Many women from the surrounding areas are being helped with important decisions about not only their lives, but those of their unborn child.

Eastern KY SONrise is a ministry that has worked for twelve years serving the communities and has known the director, Kay Hammond, and many of the volunteer ladies who



Linda Otterback

work so diligently with the clients. We have seen them work and heard stories of how they relate to the young women who are searching for answers at a time in their lives when help is not always available.

The love shown at APCC is so genuine and full of God's grace and forgiveness. It is truly remarkable to see a young girl or



Members of Eastern KY SONrise Above (L-R): Margie McKinney and Brenda Hall, Below (L-R): Linda Booth and her daughter Angela



women of age come to the center and change her mind about the birth of her child. It is even more precious to hear the "after" story of how they have grown to love the child and accepted Jesus Christ as having the answers to life and the future.

The prayers and help of many have made the pregnancy center a safe haven for so many ladies and a place to talk and not be threatened. They fill a spirit of unconditional love when entering the facility and can trust the workers to give them truth and support.

May God continue to bless this awesome ministry and grant His best to those who enter.

APCC Appreciates our Churches that Provide Monthly Financial Assistance!

Aflex Baptist Church, Bridge of Hope Christian Ministries, Cornerstone Christian Church, Faith Baptist Church of Myra, Forest Hills First Baptist Church, Highland Church of Christ, Jubilee Christian Assembly, Little Paint First Church of God, Marrowbone Missionary Baptist Church, Mayflower Unity Baptist Church, McVeigh Baptist Church, Sidney Missionary Baptist Church and Virgie Baptist Church

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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 Christlike compassionate
support to families
experiencing crisis
pregnancies.

Our Services

All Services are FREE

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

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Friday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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What the Center Means to Me

APCC Gave Me Hope

When Kay asked me to write about the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center and what it has meant to me as a client, the first thought that came to me was HOPE! Before receiving help from APCC, my life was hopeless.

I had heard about the center through a friend. I was 17, experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and had no support from the father of my baby and little support from my family. The first day I walked into the center, I experienced hope. The program they pro-

vided led me in the direction I needed to follow during my pregnancy. The counselors at APCC really drilled into my head that I needed to go to school. Even though I was embarrassed, I kept attending school. Thank God I did, because I have signed up for the Scholar House to be opened next year. My daughter and I can live there while I attend college.

Before I came to APCC, I had never made a profession of faith. However, after the counselors shared what God could do in my life, I realized I needed a Savior and I am now a child of God.

I am so thankful we have a ministry like this in our area that reaches out to hurting girls and makes a difference in their lives and the lives of their children. Thank you Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center for caring about my baby and me.

This story was written by a client of APCC who wishes to remain anonymous.



Above (L-R): Josh and April VanHoose in coordination with Blessed Beyond Measure hosted a family fitness event at Bob Amos Park in Pikeville.

> Right: Several young participants received medals for their fitness achievements.

Fit Physique co-hosts Family Fitness Challenge

Fit Physique, under the direction of Josh and April Van Hoose in coordination with Blessed Beyond Measure, conducted the "First Annual Family Fitness" event at the Bob Amos Park in Pikeville. The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center benefitted from fifty percent of the proceeds. The remaining fifty percent benefitted the family of Nick Samples, a six year old boy diagnosed with Burkitt's Leukemia.

The event was a true test of fitness. Contestants received awards for first to fifth place in each event, as well as a chance for "Over-Challenge Champion". Events included: box jumps, shuttle runs, push-ups, vertical jump and an obstacle course.

"APCC is grateful to Josh, April and Blessed Beyond Measure for reaching out to our center so that we may continue to reach more mothers. The support they offered through their generosity will ensure that more babies will experience the childhood that God intended", commented APCC Director Kay Hammond.

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other opportunities to serve)



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2012 Baby Bottle Drive TOP 10 CHURCHES

- 1 Pikeville Free Will Baptist Church
- 2 Pikeville First Baptist Church
- 3 Pikeville United Methodist Church
- 4 Canada Free Will Baptist Church
- 5 South East Kentucky Right to Life
- 6 Cornerstone Christian Church
- 7 Pikeville First Christian Church
- 8 Marrowbone Missionary Baptist Church
- 9 Mountain View Church of Christ
- 10 Belfry First Baptist Church

Cheerful Givers

The Bible teaches us that God created each human life for a purpose. For this reason, life at every stage has immeasurable value and beauty. Fay Ray Leslie's donation to the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center demonstrates this truth for the most vulnerable. Kay Hammond, Director of APCC said, "Without people like Fay the center would cease to exist. Her giving makes



L-R: Fay Ray Leslie, Kay Hammond and Eleanor Runyon

a positive difference in the lives of our clients and their babies."

Because of Fay Ray Leslie's generous donation, her friend Eleanor Runyon also presented a check to the pregnancy center. Kay Hammond said, "I thank God for each and every person that opens their heart and their wallet to offer help and hope for those in need at APCC."