

## PCC, CPC, PRC, PHC WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT

Carolyn's Place took part in a survey of pregnancy centers across the United States. The survey was comprised of the 1,969 pregnancy centers who are affiliated with one of the three major pregnancy resource networks: Care Net, Heartbeat International and National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA). For reference, Carolyn's Place is an affiliate of Heartbeat International. This spring, the Family Research Council compiled the data and issued a report entitled, "A Passion to Serve." (<http://downloads.frc.org/EF/EF12A47.pdf>)

Whether they are called Crisis Pregnancy, Pregnancy Resource, Pregnancy Help or Pregnancy Care Centers, these organizations fill an important need by offering abortion alternatives to women (and men) facing an unexpected pregnancy. In 2010, these Centers served over 2.3 million people. The assistance was offered in the form of pregnancy testing, abstinence education, options counseling, child birth and parenting classes, community outreach programs and post abortion counseling. A conservative estimate of community cost savings for these services during 2010 is over \$100 million.



The first "modern" pregnancy center began in California in 1968. By 1971 a number of similar groups came together and formed Alternatives to Abortion. It was the first U.S. association of non-profits dedicated to saving as many lives as possible from abortion. This association later became Heartbeat International, and serves as one of the three "umbrella" groups along with Care Net and the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA). These groups provide training, legal counsel, and prayer support for community-based Pregnancy Centers throughout the country.

Pregnancy Centers could not do their life saving work without the help of volunteers. It is estimated that Centers utilize the services of over 70,000 volunteers nationally. Here at Carolyn's Place, our volunteers staff the crisis line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They also help present our programs that distribute medically based health information in local schools; meet with and mentor clients; perform clerical duties; keep the Center clean and welcoming, and provide much needed prayer support.

The main focus of Pregnancy Centers, and certainly our main focus at Carolyn's Place, is to educate women who are looking for help with a pregnancy decision. Each day in the United States, Pregnancy Centers assist an average of 6,500 Americans, female, male, pre-teen, teen and adult, with pregnancy-related and sexuality concerns. We assist women, men, and their unborn children. We counsel couples. We offer free and confidential care. Compassionate, trained staff, listen and learn about each client as an individual. Each client receives accurate information on all pregnancy options to empower her, and/or him, to make an informed decision. We can connect them with the necessary referrals within our Center and within the community. We help create a vision for their future by reconnecting them with their inherent worth, and the inestimable value of the child the woman is carrying. We let them know that we will walk beside him or her in this journey.

While the main focus is the same at all Pregnancy Care Centers, each Center takes on its own charism. Carolyn's Place not only educates the clients that come in our door, but we have developed educational programs to serve as a proactive source in the community. We provide programs to youth in our grammar schools, high schools and colleges - both public and private-parishes, and local organizations. In essence, we are based on Benjamin Franklin's expression: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

### *Mission Statement*

**"Love one another"  
(John 13:34)**

*Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center is a ministry committed to empowering individuals, through education, comfort, and assistance, to make life choices related to their sexuality and child-bearing consistent with the sanctity of human life.*

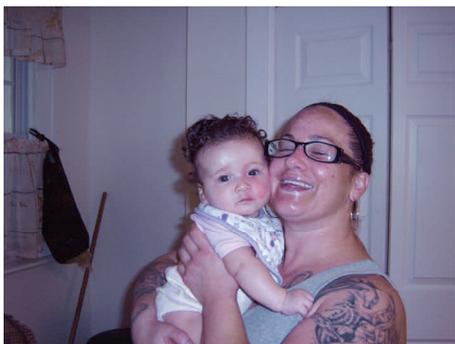
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Our awareness programs provide information on respect, responsibility, abstinence/chastity, making healthy life choices, STD facts, and each individual being a special gift.

As a whole, Pregnancy Centers have relationships with many community agencies. Carolyn's Place has precisely this kind of relationship. Many of our child birth prep and parenting classes are full, thanks to local obstetricians who send their patients to us. A number of teens come to our Center because they have been referred by a school counselor. This relationship has grown into a two-way street where not only are people sent to us, but now we are invited to them to speak to a larger audience and have a greater impact on the youth in our community. This shows an established trust in Carolyn's Place. We truly empower individuals, aid families, and strengthen communities

*"Newborn life is also served by centers of assistance and homes or centers where new life receives welcome. Thanks to the work of such centers, many unmarried mothers and couples in difficulty discover new hope and find assistance and support in overcoming hardship and the fear of accepting a newly conceived life or life that has just come into the world."*

*-Blessed John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae*



### **"TWEENS TAKE CHARGE" A new and innovative program for middle school aged girls**

In response to the increasing number of teen pregnancies in the Waterbury area as well as the rapid increase in teen STDs, Carolyn's Place has developed a proactive approach to help with this increasing "epidemic," called "Tweens Take Charge." This abstinence based program provides the tools to empower these middle school aged girls to make healthy life choices through discussions on topics such as self-respect, choices and consequences, setting your boundaries, and self control.

Our curriculum has been vetted by the Health and Physical Education Supervisor of Waterbury public schools and other public school administrators. This program has become a PAL program. PAL helps recruit participants from their members, while Carolyn's Place provides the qualified instructor, the materials, and our Center for the sessions. The program runs for eight weeks and each session is one hour and 15 minutes in length. There are many fun activities, refreshments and prizes for attendance and participation.

**We are taking registrations for the next program to begin in the fall. For more information  
Call us at 203 597-9050**

### **COME ENJOY THE K of C BBQ**

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 6-8 PM  
Knights of Columbus Hall 165 Main St. ,  
Seymour, CT (above Strand Theater)



The Knights of Columbus #53 are holding their annual BBQ Charity Dinner to benefit Carolyn's Place. Come feast on pulled pork, ribs, BBQ chicken, and fixins

Adults \$10 Kids \$5

Enter a raffle for Apple iPad, 2 Tickets: Red Sox vs. Yankees,

Custom made jewelry

More info call Alex @ 203 641-6697

### **DONATE ONLINE**



We are happy to announce that we will now be accepting online donations. Our online donations will be processed by the company Our Sunday Visitor (OSV). After much research and consideration we chose OSV because they are a faith-based organization that promotes and supports our pro-life values. Contributions can be made through our website by both electronic check and credit card. You may also choose to contribute through a one time quick account or by setting up an account that can be used regularly.

Thank you for your support!

# 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE

On November 4, 1991, the birth of a beautiful baby, Carolyn Marie, led to the birth of a ministry. Carolyn Marie will be celebrating her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday this year and on her exact birthday, we at Carolyn's Place, will be celebrating our 20th anniversary. At this special event we will be celebrating courage, choices, love, support, and LIFE.

In honor of our anniversary, we have some exciting events planned. We will be bringing back and honoring the ten founding members of our ministry. We are also delighted to honor retired Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin, who as the Archbishop of Hartford in 1991, supported and encouraged our formation. Our third honoree will be Hartford's WTIC radio show host, Jim Vicevich. We will also be entertained by soft jazz music from Gomez and Sadlon and former WATR talk show host, Ed Flynn as our esteemed emcee.



This year we are planning on holding a silent auction during the dinner event, with many exciting and valuable items and services. So come ready to enjoy an evening of fine dining, fun entertainment and great company!

## Five ways you can help with our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration:

More details available by calling our business office at 203 597-9080 or returning the form below

1. Plan on joining us on November 4th for the big event. More information and invitations will be sent in September.
2. Join our anniversary planning committee.
3. Become a business/corporate/individual sponsor to help support the event and our ministry. Sponsorship levels are \$250, \$500, \$1000, and \$2000.
4. Purchase an ad in our dinner program booklet: 1/4 page \$50, 1/2 Page \$80, full page \$150
5. At our anniversary Annual Dinner celebration we are planning a silent auction. We are looking for donations of items for the auction, particularly items with a higher value, such as a weekend getaway, dinner for two, Kindle/Nook or other hi-tech equipment, tickets for a sporting event, providing a service, or making a theme basket.

*Please call us at 203 597-9080 or complete this form and return in the enclosed envelope*



PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH MORE INFORMATION.

I may be interested in helping with the anniversary celebration in the following way:

Joining the planning committee

Purchasing an ad in the program booklet

Becoming a sponsor

Donating an item for the silent auction

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

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## WESTOVER COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Five senior girls from **Westover School in Middlebury, CT** spent their Community Service Day helping at Carolyn's Place. They weeded and spruced up our yard and then moved indoors where they washed windows and organized some of our baby clothes. They did a great job, and even had the chance at the end to view a brief DVD of an ultrasound of a baby growing in the womb. Thank You!

## OLMC Youth Group Drive

Thank you to the **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Youth Group in Waterbury** who sponsored a diaper drive for Carolyn's Place. This group of teens put out an appeal to the parish to "make a difference" and donate diapers and wipes to our ministry. Thank you to the Youth Group, the coordinator Deacon Nick Diorio, and all those who donated. We are truly grateful for your support.

## MEN'S CLUB SELECTS CAROLYN'S PLACE

Once again the **St. Teresa Men's Club in Woodbury** showed their support for life and for our ministry by selecting Carolyn's Place as a worthy organization to receive a donation of \$250. Thank you so much!

## ADK EPSILON HELPS OUT

Thank you to the Waterbury Chapter of **Alpha Delta Kappa Epsilon**, an international honorary organization for women educators, for their donation of diapers. They are greatly appreciated and much needed for the moms who complete our parenting classes. THANKS SO MUCH!

## PLENTY OF UPS AND DOWNS

We are so grateful to the Suzanne family members, Alexandra, Zach, and Nate, for giving up some of their spring vacation to help at Carolyn's Place. They used their youth and energy to make multiple trips up and down stairs between our second and third floors, to rotate our fall/winter clothes with our spring/summer clothes. This was a huge help! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

## THANK YOU TO MORE MEMBERSHIP DONORS

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Baudinet - Protector level

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sullivan - Patron level

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Perugini - Guardian level

## OPEN A NEW WINDOW...OPEN A NEW DOOR

We would like to extend a special thank you to **Mr. Charles Tooth** for all the help he has provided to us over the years. Most recently, Charlie donated and replaced our front storm door with a beautiful new door that matches the windows which Charlie replaced for us a couple of years ago. He has also helped us with some problems we had with our locks. Thanks Charlie for always finding the time to share your skills and talents with us.

## SPECIAL GIFTS

**The Kindergarten Class at St. John the Evangelist School in Watertown** made fleece blankets to donate to Carolyn's Place. The young children listened to Carolyn's Place education volunteer, Mrs. Susan Danielowski, read them *Angel in the Water* and tell them that each person is a special gift from God. The students then helped to make the blankets to be shared with some of our clients. This was their special way of helping babies. What a super job! Thanks so much!

## PILING UP

Thank you to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Harwinton** for the diaper drive they held for us. The parish collected an outstanding amount of diapers! This will be a great help for us to distribute to our clients over the next few months.



THANKS SO MUCH!

## A GENEROUS PARISH

Many thanks to the parishioners at **St. Francis Xavier Parish in New Milford** for the many diapers they donated. We are grateful to Deacon and Mrs. Roland Miller for coordinating this collection. Thanks for your generosity.

# YOU

## BOOMERANGS ARE OUR LIFE LINE

Once again we have been blessed by many parishes and organizations that keep our ministry going by hosting Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraisers. The Boomerang event is our largest form of fundraising, providing us with one quarter of all our donations. We are truly grateful to everyone who participates in these worthwhile fundraisers.

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Thank you to the students at **St. John the Evangelist School in Watertown** for hosting their third full school Baby Bottle Boomerang. This year, they raised \$1,143.24. The students do an amazing job each year. We would like to give a special thank you to Julia Danielowski for organizing the event, Mrs. Susan Charbonneau for serving as the faculty liaison, and to the principal, Mr. John Petto, for allowing the school to host this event in support of our ministry. We hope you all have a wonderful summer vacation. THANKS!

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**St. Aloysius Parish in Plantsville** held their sixth Boomerang this year raising \$5,711.19! Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners, the parish has raised over \$42,000 since beginning sponsoring Boomerangs for Carolyn's Place. We are extremely grateful to the pastor, Fr. Kevin Dillon, the event coordinator, and all of the supporters. You have truly blessed our ministry with your outstanding generosity. Thank you!

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We are grateful to the **Sophomore Class at Westover School in Middlebury** for sponsoring their first Baby Bottle Boomerang. Under the leadership of sophomore, Lauren Danielowski, the class raised \$337.12.

In addition to holding such a successful Boomerang, the **Westover Women's Initiative Club** took up a collection of toiletry items for both adults and babies which they donated to us.

These items will be used in our personal needs bags that we distribute to our moms and babies.

Thank you so much for all your support.

This year, **St. Thomas Parish in Thomaston** held their first Boomerang for Carolyn's Place. They raised a phenomenal \$4,097.42! We are grateful to the pastor, Fr. Robert Grant, for allowing the parish to host this fundraiser and to the coordinator, Ms. Maryann Drillon, for all her hard work organizing the event. We are most grateful to all of the parishioners for their generous support. THANKS SO MUCH!

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**Sacred Heart—Sagrado Corazon Parish in Waterbury** hosted a Baby Bottle Boomerang for Carolyn's Place, for the first time this lent. It was organized by parishioner and Carolyn's Place Board Director, Raul Santiago, and raised an amazing \$2,745.14, to date. We offer our sincere thanks to Raul, the pastor, Fr. Carlos Zapata, and all of the parishioners for their overwhelming support. Thank you!

### IF YOUR PARISH OR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:

- Purchase, or borrow from us, a sufficient number of baby bottles for your parish or organization.
- Distribute a baby bottle to anyone interested in participating.
- Ask them to fill the bottle with spare change.
- Have everyone return the filled bottle at the end of a specified time period. (Usually about 3 to 4 weeks.)
- Total the donations, and send one check to Carolyn's Place, Inc.
- Return borrowed bottles to Carolyn's Place, or save your purchased bottles and reuse for a future boomerang.

For more information call our BBB coordinator

Wes Wensek at 203 266-4282

## HEART TO HEART

In conjunction with a talk that our director, Ellen Cavallo, gave to the **Heart to Heart Ministry from St. Thomas Church in Thomaston**, the members donated baby items and money for us to use for our clients. Thank you very much for your gifts.

## From Ellen's Desk

*It is therapeutic to laugh. These are some responses from second grade children about WHY GOD MADE MOM.*

### What kind of a little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

### Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says my mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

### If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes in the back of her head.

### What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she is already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.

### What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Moms don't do spare time.



## A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Father, it is Your Commandment that we should honor our fathers;

Hear the prayers we offer You for them.

Grant them many years on earth and keep them in health of mind and body.

Bless their word and all they do.

Give them back a hundred-fold whatever they have done for us.

Inspire them with Your love and help them to fulfill Your holy law.

One day, may we be their comfort and support,

So that having enjoyed their affection on earth

We may have the joy of being with them forever in Your home in Heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen. Have a happy and blessed Father's Day.

*The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be at Carolyn's Place Center on July 24, 25 & 26. Come have some quiet time of prayer and reflection before our Blessed Mother. For more details call us at 203 597-9050*



## Movie Review

### A MUST SEE...

## “OCTOBER BABY”



Hannah, a 19-year-old college student (Rachel Hendrix) discovers that her many longstanding health problems come of having been delivered prematurely, at 24 weeks, because of a failed abortion. Hannah seems less upset by the abortion news than by the fact that her parents never told her she was adopted. Hannah sets out on a journey to learn the truth about her life.

“October Baby” captures the audiences’ attention from the start and keeps them interested all the way through this troubling story. The storyline is not as predictable as you might think it would be, and that enhances the entertainment value. This pro life story is told in a way that is not preachy but merely the canvas on which the story is told. It makes its point but it does this through the story and not through long monologues about abortion and its possible consequences. (<http://www.opposingviews.com/i/entertainment/movie-review-october-baby>)

In her review for Baptist Press, Joni Hannigan wrote "No doubt the movie sends strong messages about the beauty of life, the importance of each life ~ but it's not preachy. It doesn't need to be. It's pro-life, but October Baby is also about choices. It's about the choice to save a life. It's about the choice to adopt a child. It's about the choice to raise a child. It's about the choice to forgive. It's about the choice to forgive others. It's about the choice to forgive one's self."

The generous filmmakers of “October Baby” are donating 10 percent of the movie profits to the *Every Life is Beautiful Fund*. This fund will distribute the filmmakers’ contribution from this powerful movie to front-line organizations that help women through untimely pregnancies. (*Heartbeat International*)



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