

A New SEASON

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Karen Worland, Director

The seasons of life take us so many places. Often times, it is to the unexpected. As the air grows warmer, and the trees and flowers bud and blossom in our atmosphere, the seasons are also changing at Pregnancy Choices.

Seasons changing are a beautiful thing. A new season may not come when or how we expect it to, but God has a way of making every season beautiful and fruitful.

My season as the Director of Pregnancy Choices has come to an end. I love the center and feel incredibly blessed to have had this opportunity. I love the heart and mission of Pregnancy Choices. I love the way God reveals himself through the staff, volunteers, donors, prayer warriors, and clients. I love being used by Him, and what He has taught me through working here.

I have worked or volunteered at Pregnancy Centers for over 10 years, and at Pregnancy Choices in some capacity for around 8 years. I have seen such growth and goodness occur. I have watched this center start out as a resource center, and grow into a medical center offering pregnancy testing and ultrasound, and now offering STI testing and widened education services. I have seen babies literally SAVED from an enemy who is REAL and working diligently to speak death! I have seen lost mothers, longing for hope and help, come to know Jesus Christ as their SAVIOR! And then, got to watch that ONE choice change everything about their despair and hopelessness, as He brings them true LIFE! I have seen young people dedicate themselves to take a stand for abstinence until marriage. Knowing that they are worth more than the world communicated to them. That they are a precious creation of our Lord, and He has given them a beautiful gift to cherish and protect in their sexuality. I have seen miracles take place! When mothers and fathers are told that this baby isn't going to make it, or this child is going to be born with severe birth defects, and then GOD SHOWS UP, and WHOLENESS comes forth in a new beautiful life that HE HAS PURPOSED!

My list could go on and on. I feel like I have only begun to scratch the surface of all He has done and is doing through the center. And I am so excited for this new season. I can't wait to hear of all He does next! We have hired a new director, Brittney Albright. She will be highlighted in next quarter's newsletter! God has burdened her heart for this place, for this time, for HIS PURPOSE! So though, I am saddened to leave when I allow my human flesh to creep up, my spirit is overjoyed for all that is to come for Pregnancy Choices during this new season!

Thank you for allowing me to be part of the journey! Blessings and Thanks to a wonderful family of supporters! You guys are truly fabulous! All my love! And continued prayers .

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= EPHESIANS 2:10

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2017 BANQUET UPDATE

Michelle Brown,
Banquet Coordinator



On March 9th, we were blessed to host our 9th annual fundraising banquet. Together with 235 people, we celebrated the work of Pregnancy Choices. After a wonderful meal provide by Cedar Hill Catering, Levi Shields opened our event with

music. Mike Long shared the importance of speaking to young people about their value and how abstinence plays a role in their value. This needs to be done in a way that embraces, equips and empowers them to make this choice for themselves. But I believe the greatest part of the evening was the update from our director, Karen Worland. She shared with us how through the work Pregnancy Choices is doing, lives are being changed! Our client testimonies are evidence of that. Karen also shared the stories of 2 adoptions that are happening due to the love and compassion clients felt at the center. Finally, she shared the amazing redeeming love of Christ as one of our clients was baptized after attending classes at Pregnancy Choices. We are so grateful to the many people who helped in any way with this event. I would especially like to thank the students who took time from their busy schedules to volunteer to serve the meal. This was the most successful year we have had to date raising over \$69,000. This is our main fundraiser of the year and it is because of our faithful donors that we are able to do the work that Christ has set before us.

BANQUET CLIENT TESTIMONIES



This mom has a beautiful, smart, and **HEALTHY** little girl. When she was pregnant doctors told her that there was a high chance of her baby having down-syndrome. We prayed over this Mom and her little one, believing God for a miracle. God showed Himself faithful and

baby is healthy and thriving. We continue to support and help this family however we can. Mom is now a full time employee as a CNA, to help provide for her and her daughter.



This sweet Mom came to us with an incredible amount of stress, and extremely difficult circumstances going on in her life. We were able to establish a relationship with her, and invite her to know Jesus.

She has, not only committed her life to Him, but has also found a church home, and has now been baptized. She continues to come to Pregnancy Choices for bible study and encouragement. It has been awesome to see how God is working in her life, and how He continues to grow her and increase her faith.

Getting to Know our Banquet Speaker, Mike Long

Mike Long is one of the most sought after speakers for Pro-Life banquets and fundraisers due to his enthusiastic message and record-breaking appeal. One of the pioneers of the abstinence education movement, Mike has woven his thirty years of speaking on sexual purity into one of the most unique messages of prevention and restoration on the issue of abortion.

Mike and his family are originally from Raleigh/

Durham, NC and currently reside in Atlanta, GA. After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Mike served as a legislative assistant for the late US Senator Jesse Helms. He then became a teacher in the Durham Public Schools. His teaching career led to the development of his nationally acclaimed videotape series "Everyone Is NOT Doing It," one of the most persuasive abstinence education programs currently used in over 5000 school systems throughout the world.

His message is simple: The #1 goal of PRC ministries is to help young women who have made a wrong choice in their lives, not make another one called abortion. PRCs are very successful in achieving that goal, but when they do, the question should arise, "Do we want to see that young woman back a year from now?" The answer is no and that is why Mike's message is so appealing. Not only are PRC ministries saving the lives of the unborn, they are also saving the lives of young women (and men) who grace their doors through a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ!

Mike is an accomplished author of 2 books, *Teenagers: Everyone Is NOT Doing It* and *Parents: Everyone Is NOT Doing It* published by Jameson Books. These books compliment his video series and are highly recommended by national leaders. Mike holds a Masters degree in Christian School Administration from Southeastern Theological Seminary and is recognized as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America. He is also the recipient of the Eagle Award for his outstanding inspiration and concern for America's Youth.



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