

# CARE Connections

#### Fall 2015

ROCKINGHAM PREGNANCY CARE CENTER 424 W. KINGS HWY EDEN, NC 27288 336-623-5540 www.rpccares.com

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Rockingham Pregnancy Care Center invests in the lives of women, children, and families by establishing and promoting healthy life patterns. We offer to our community the love and compassion of Jesus Christ and His plan for sexuality, marriage, and the family.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## Save the Date



Black Tie & Blue Jeans May 7, 2016

It has been said that life is about change, sometimes painful, sometimes beautiful, but most of the time both. Over the last year the Rockingham Pregnancy Care Center (RPCC) has experienced many changes. However, one thing that has not changed is our mission ... investing in the lives of women, children, and families by establishing and promoting healthy life patterns.

We said goodbye to Lisa Powers, RN. Lisa served the center faithfully for over 12 years as the Client Services Director. She gave of herself to others by offering education and support to the expectant mother, the new mother, the babies, and the little children that came through our doors. Lisa taught them, listened to them, laughed with them, and even cried with them as they walked through their time together at RPCC. We are thankful for her service and wish her well in retirement.

We embraced the decision of Gail Evans-Jones to "re-purpose" her life. Gail has been instrumental in laying the foundation RPCC has today. She worked tirelessly from the beginning to develop the center and the programs offered to clients. Through her collaboration with community agencies and leaders, she built relationships that helped to secure our firm foundation. Gail will continue to serve among us in the capacity of Resource Development Director. This new position will enable Gail to use her best gifts for the center while giving her the flexibility she wants in semi-retirement status.

We welcomed Sharon Wingate as our new Executive Director. Sharon has been involved in several pregnancy care centers over the past 25 years. She served on the RPCC Board of Directors for eight years prior to coming on staff. Sharon believes *every life matters* and lives out this conviction in her work at the center. She is married to Dennis Wingate, pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Ridgeway. They have two married sons, Adam (Katie) and Dustin (Brittany).

We welcomed Liz Luking, RN, as our Client Services Director. Liz has been involved with the center since its inception. She has served in various positions including the Board of Directors and Teen Pregnancy Care Coordinator in Rockingham County Schools. Liz enjoys building relationships with the clients and helping them move forward in their journey toward a healthy, happy family. She is married to Dr. Scott Luking, and they have two teenage daughters, Mary and Anna.

Yes, change is inevitable. Yet with a firm foundation, strong leadership, and a community committed to "the cause," change can be a very positive force. Our commitment has not changed—only grown stronger and more focused as we press forward. We continue to be governed by a dedicated Board of Directors and supported by a group of faithful volunteers, poised to fulfill the second sentence of our mission ... to offer to our community the love and compassion of Jesus Christ and His plan for sexuality, marriage, and the family.

Please know that we truly appreciate each of you and your vital commitment to the Rockingham Pregnancy Care Center. May grace and peace fill your lives as we enter into the holiday season.



If you would like to be placed on our electronic mailing list, please send your email address to rpcc@triadbiz.rr.com.

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## **OUR STAFF**



Sharon Wingate Executive Director



Liz Luking, RN Client Services



Gail Evans-Jones Resource Development



Board, Staff & Volunteers Luncheon to Say Goodbye to Lisa Powers

If you would like to give back to the Rockingham Pregnancy Care Center through your year-end giving, please complete the form below and return it in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope. You may designate your gift in honor or memory of someone special and we will send a personal acknowledgment to those whom you designate. Gifts such as yours will help our organization as we reach out to mothers, children, and families in Rockingham County. With your help, we are making a difference.

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## We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

The definition of volunteer is simple ... to offer to do something without being forced to or without getting paid. But the economic value is far from simple. At the Rockingham Pregnancy Care Center, volunteers are the backbone of our organization. They are the voice you hear when you call our office. They are the face you see when you enter the reception area. They are the ones who clean the offices, the ones who organize the donated items, and the ones, too many to name, who help with Black Tie & Blue

Jeans, our annual fund-raising event. They are the ones who have remained consistent as we have gone through the changes over the last year. The Board of Directors and Staff would like to say *Thank You* to everyone who contributes through volunteerism at RPCC. You are precious to us!

