

# **CARE** Connections

## **SUMMER 2017**

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### **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.

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# Black Tie & Blue Jeans

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of Rockingham Pregnancy



Care Center, I want to thank those who supported the fifteenth annual Black Tie & Blue Jeans event held May 6, 2017. With the many acts of selfless and generous giving, the event raised over \$50,000. The proceeds from this event help make it possible for us to continue investing in the lives of women, children, and families in our community. We are humbled by the confidence you place in us as we reach out to those in need.

We were especially privileged this year to have a personal testimony from one of our very first clients. Through her tears, Nicole shared how she came to the center over

14 years ago as a victim of domestic violence and pregnant with twins. She shared how she developed a relationship with the staff of the pregnancy center as they met her needs and loved her back to good health, both emotionally and physically. As Nicole said, "The pregnancy care center is not just a place to receive things for your babies but also a place to help you regain self-esteem, a place where you feel like you belong, and a place that lets you know that you are someone special."



Nicole Maxwell

The mission that started over 15 years ago holds true today. The staff and volunteers strive to love and accept each and every person that comes through our doors. We

continue to provide education and support as we offer them a hand up rather than a hand out. All our services are free and confidential. The only criteria a client must meet is (1) be pregnant or (2) have a child under 12 months of age.

But it is so much more! The pregnancy care center is a safe place. It is a place to learn, to ask questions, to feel accepted, or even to shed a tear if that is what is needed. Our program ends when the child reaches twelve months of age but the relationship continues for as long as the client wishes. Recently, a mother and her 4-year-old daughter came by our office to say hello and show us how much she had grown. We feel like we have made a difference, and we are grateful to have had the opportunity.

In the first quarter of 2017, we saw a 65% increase in new clients as compared to the same quarter in 2016. This data tells us there is still a great need and helps us understand why your support is so important. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your provision through financial donations and material resources. We could not do it without you!

Gratefully,

Sharon Wingate Executive Director



We are honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the di'lishi "fro yo'self into our community®" program. At di'lishi, they believe that investing in the community is a part of their social responsibility and it is something they enjoy doing! Their giveback program allows them to spotlight 501c3s by contributing financially to the local needs of organizations in each community in a way that engages the customer base without asking them to give extra money beyond their individual purchases.



With each purchase, a customer receives a small spoon which is used to vote. *Every voting spoon placed in our box will help us receive a bigger donation at the end of the voting period*. This program is a fun and interactive way for our supporters to come and enjoy a di'lishi frozen treat while helping the pregnancy center earn a free contribution.

So...go by di'lishi in Eden and have a frozen treat...then vote for the Rockingham Pregnancy Care Center by placing your voting spoon in our box. The voting will continue through the month of August. Remember—every spoon counts!

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#### Black Tie & Blue Jeans















#### Volunteers are Priceless to Us

Always smiling and willing to lend a hand! Those are the words that best describe Vickie Martin who is in our volunteer spotlight.

Originally from Ohio, Vickie moved to Eden in 1978. She became a volunteer at the pregnancy center in 2009. Vickie has served in many capacities including receptionist, sorting baby clothes, running errands, and Black Tie & Blue Jeans, our annual fundraiser. At the present time, when no one is around, she slips in and cleans our offices. What a blessing to walk into a clean office on Monday morning!

Vickie has a true servant's heart. In addition to working full -time and volunteering at the pregnancy center, she participates in a Guardian Ad Litem program and Eden Saturday Church School. She is active at Fellowship Baptist Church in Eden where she serves as a Sunday School teacher and Awana leader. She has served in the Christian Women's Club and as a DUI Court Monitor with Mother's Against Drunk Drivers.

Vickie stays busy but finds time to enjoy reading, cooking, church activities, and travel. Thank you Vickie for sharing your love with us. We appreciate you!

> Volunteers are love in motion! ~Author Unknown



What can YOU do to create a BIG difference? What can your spare change accomplish? It doesn't take much to make a big difference.

By filling a Changelope<sup>TM</sup>, you are helping fulfill our mission of investing in the lives of women, children, and families by establishing and promoting healthy life patterns. Money raised will support the life-changing work of

meeting the physical and spiritual needs of those who come through the doors of the Rockingham Pregnancy Care Center.

We depend on individuals, churches, and businesses as we reach out to those who need us most. Will you partner with us in this way to save lives?

It is really quite simple. Just take a Changelope™, follow the assembly instructions, fill it with change, bills, or checks and return it to the center. If you are unable to deliver your collection in person, please call our office and we will arrange to have it picked up.

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