

May 2017

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InControl: Teaching Authentic Love

As another year of the *In Control* program comes to a close, we can't help but marvel at what a gift it has been to speak to students all over Cincinnati about authentic love and sexual integrity. During the 2016-2017 school year, we had the great privilege of speaking at 35 schools! Most of our weeks were spent teaching grade school students (from 5th grade to 8th grade), but we also spent time at high schools such as Elder, Seton, Mercy, McAuley, LaSalle, and Badin. By the end of the school year, we'll have taught close to 2,900 students this year alone!

The curriculum has evolved since the program's creation almost 20 years ago, but the heart of it remains the same. With each school we visit, we do our best to remind the students that they are created in the image and likeness of God — a God who loves freely, totally, faithfully, and fruitfully. It is this type of love that they so deeply crave, and it is this type of love that God has in store for them. How do they obtain this authentic

love? By practicing the virtue of chastity!

Chastity consists of using the great gift of our sexuality well. From the small commitments (like listening to clean music and speaking purely) to the big commitments (like saving sex for marriage and saying no to pornography), we do our best to meet the students where they're at and empower them to courageously live this virtue out in their everyday life.

Sadly, our society has set a very low bar for our youth, especially in the realm of their sexuality. "Have whatever you want, experience as much pleasure as possible, and don't worry about the consequences!" is the battle cry of our oversexualized culture. But we know that this doesn't lead to happiness or fulfillment, and our children deserve to be told that. At the end of a long week teaching freshman boys at Elder, one young man approached us after class to shake our hands and say a simple, but sincere, thank you. Growing up in a



world that has told him that pornography and one night stands are normal, we could see that he was grateful to hear that *he is made for more*. It's moments like this that remind us how incredibly important our work is. We're not convincing these students of anything — we're stirring up a desire for love that's always been in their hearts.



Annual Luncheon a Big Success!

Our sincere thanks to all those who helped our Annual Luncheon be a record-setting success, raising more than \$18,000 to benefit PCW's many programs.

Nearly 500 guests enjoyed the

food, fun and festivities at The Farm...we're grateful for each and every one!

The Luncheon will return to The Farm on Saturday, March 10th, 2018.

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PCW Undertakes Strategic Planning

Pregnancy Center West has undertaken a Strategic Planning process this year, with a Committee of the Board representing a diverse set of perspectives, skills and insights.

The goal of the Strategic Planning initiative is to ensure that PCW’s resources are appropriately and effectively targeted to fulfilling the Vision and Mission of the

organization, as we seek to provide education for pro-life alternatives to abortion.

“This is an important effort to ensure that we remain faithful to our Mission and effective stewards of the resources entrusted to our care,” stated Nicole Santaella, Executive Director.

After several sessions, the Strategic Planning

Committee is making good progress, having established a Vision Statement for PCW:

“Every individual in our target community at risk of or facing an unintended pregnancy chooses life for their children and for themselves.”

Stay tuned...more to come as we elaborate on goals, strategies and tactics.

Golf Outing Scheduled for September 15th

The annual Golf Outing will return to the beautiful Pebble Creek Golf Course again this year, as we invite all the golfers (and wannabees) to join us on Friday, September 15th, 2017.

This year’s Golf Outing is being chaired by Board member Roger Glandorf,

who brings his particular talents, skills and love of golf to the event.

“I’m excited about this year’s outing,” stated Roger Glandorf, PCW Board member. “Pebble Creek has been a terrific partner with us for this event, and we’re encouraged that we’ll have a wonderful outing.”

Individual golfers for the PCW Golf Outing are \$130, with Foursome and Sponsorship opportunities available. Includes golf fees, lunch, dinner, a \$10,000 hole-in-one opportunity, snacks, drinks and more!

Please call 513-244-5700 to secure your spot/team!

Meet: Bill Schinkal, Development Director

Please help us welcome our newest staff member. Bill Schinkal joined PCW as Development Director on March 1st, Ash Wednesday.

Bill will lend his talents to benefit the marketing and fundraising for PCW, as we seek to advance our Mission into the future.

“I’m delighted to join this

dedicated, life-affirming team who consistently seek to put others first,” stated Bill Schinkal, Development Director.

Bill was previously Communications Manager at The Salvation Army, and prior to that, Marketing Director for a chain of Christian bookstores.

Bill looks forward to engaging with donors, supporters and volunteers who make PCW’s Mission possible every day.

Bill and his wife Terri are ardently pro-life, and life-long west siders. They reside in Miami Heights.



Adoption: Always the Loving Choice

Helping guide an expectant mother to choose life for her baby is the most rewarding outcome we can hope to have as we journey with our clients. In some cases, the option that can make the most sense is adoption. Recently, we were blessed to work with a client, we'll call her Debbie, a teenager with one young child and another on the way: "I came into the pregnancy center just to see what kind of programs or resources they might provide, but after a couple visits, it became much more!"

Lisa Smith, PCW's Board President and long-serving client advocate, began to meet regularly with Debbie and talked with her about her options. Lisa helped Debbie consider the various adoption options, considering the pros and

cons of each, and helped Debbie overcome her fear and concerns about the adoption choice. "Lisa and I began to talk about adoption, and I quickly set my mind on that idea. The moment the idea (adoption) was brought up



to me...I knew it was the right choice," Debbie shared.

Lisa was able to connect Debbie with Adoption Professionals, our partner for adoption-minded clients. But Lisa didn't stop there. She continued to meet regularly with Debbie, and went with her to meet with Sheryl at Adoption Professionals. "Lisa was there for me every step of

the way," continued Debbie, "...but she didn't have to, she wanted to!" Indeed, Lisa continued to walk this journey with Debbie throughout her pregnancy, even being present in the delivery room at the hospital, along with the eager adoptive parents, to welcome this precious new life into the world.

"It was a tremendously rewarding experience to be present to Debbie through her journey," stated Lisa. "I'm grateful that God put Debbie in my life, and that I was able to show her a loving option that ensures her newborn will be a blessing to another family." As Lisa and Debbie continue in their friendship, we're all grateful that Debbie made the loving choice, and that we have such caring volunteers and partners that support life.



BABY ITEMS NEEDED!

If you'd like to help us serve the young mothers and families that visit our Center every day, please consider these needs:

- Diapers size 4, 5, & 6
- Jars of baby food
- Baby cereal
- Clothes & Socks up to 5T
- Baby shampoo, wash and lotion
- Towels & wash cloths
- Baby bottles
- Pacifiers
- Baby Toys



Musicals Benefit PCW — More Great Shows are Coming!

- ♦ **"Damn Yankees"** — Tuesday, May 23, 2017 @ The Incline Theater
- ♦ **"The Miracle Worker"** — Wednesday, September 6, 2017 @ Covedale Theater
- ♦ **"Annie"** — Wednesday, November 29, 2017 @ Covedale Theater

Tickets for each show are only \$20 each, with HALF of the proceeds benefitting PCW. To purchase tickets: visit www.pc-west.org and go to the Events Calendar, e-mail pcwest@fuse.net, or call 513-244-5700.

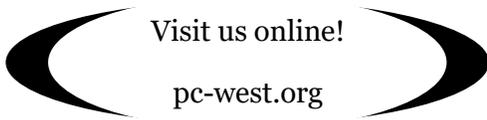


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Annual Banquet is August 17th, 2017!

Pregnancy Center West will return to St. Antoninus for its Annual Fundraising Banquet, to be held **Thursday, August 17, 2017.**

The theme of this year's Banquet is "**Renewed Hope**," reflecting the impact we have on the lives of those we serve in each program, as well as our aspiration to change our culture for Life!

Featured speaker will be **Dr. Janet Smith, Ph.D.**, acclaimed speaker



and author, best known for "Contraception, Why Not."

Tickets for the Banquet remain at \$50 per person, with several levels of sponsorship available. **Please visit www.pc-west.org, go to the Events Calendar (August) to register online, e-mail pcwest@fuse.net, or call 513-244-5700.**

We're eager to hear from you and get you signed up for this year's Banquet. Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE!
PCW's 2017 Fundraising Banquet is Thursday, August 17th, 2017

*With your support, we're able to provide **Renewed Hope** to women and families in need.*

SECURE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!