

CPC *Newsline*

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Jillian's Choice

It's been several years since Jillian called to make an appointment for a pregnancy test. We met after normal business hours because of her schedule.

Later that evening when I met with her, she said her home test was positive. The test at our office showed the same positive result. Jillian was scared; she couldn't have a baby right now. She'd split with the baby's father. He'd become possessive and emotionally abusive. He wanted her to have an abortion. If she didn't, he threatened to take the baby from her. He'd make her life miserable.

That night, Jillian and I talked into the late evening. She cried, she was getting older, she wanted a baby, but not under these circumstances. "Jillian, circumstances change," I said. "But would circumstances change enough that it'd be safe for me to have my baby?" she asked. I assured her that I'd help her with all the resources of the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

She left that night, with a new hope and a new determination. She'd have this baby and no one would bully her into an abortion.

For the next several months, Jillian and I met every week. She was now certain that she and the baby would be safe.

During her 6th month of pregnancy she asked if I'd be her birth coach! Of course I would! And in June, I got the call that she was ready to go to the hospital. Six hours and twenty minutes later Nathan was born. I was able to hold him and welcome him into the world. It was one of the most memorable moments of my life!

When Nathan was 4 months old I helped Jillian move across the country where she would be surrounded by her excited and supportive family and friends. Helping Jillian pack up and make the arrangements to move was a bittersweet experience.

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I knew she was going to be safe and supported but I was going to miss seeing Nathan grow up to be the fine man I knew he'd be.

Jillian and I kept in touch. She was doing great. She'd found a good job and had her own cozy apartment. Life was good.

Six months later I got a card with a message that read, "I wanted you to see this! Love Jillian" Inside the card was a picture of Nathan taking his first step all by himself.

More pictures were to follow. They marked the achievements of mother and son; a baseball trophy, music and drama recitals, academic awards.

Then one day Jillian called. And I asked her, how was she? How is Nathan doing? "Fine." She told me. All was well with her and Nathan. Then a moment of silence. "Debbie, without your help, and care, I might have been bullied into something I didn't want to do. That was never my choice." No Jillian, I thought, it wasn't ever what you wanted to choose.

The reality is that every day women abort not because it is their choice, but because it's what a boyfriend, a husband or a parent who doesn't want to be embarrassed or inconvenienced wants. Yes, we talk a lot about choice, but what it really comes down to is that the phrase "It's a woman's choice" is really a lie. Most women if given the support they need will choose life.

Every day, with the help of the many people who support the Unionville CPC we are able to change the hearts and minds of women.

From our hearts, we thank each and every one of you who support and love the women and babies who seek help here at the Unionville, Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Thank you Lisa and Company!!

For the last several years Lisa Nolan has overseen many different jobs here at the CPC, some behind the scenes and some very public. She has worn many hats. I would like to list but a few and thank her publicly for all the ways she has blessed the CPC.

Lisa has overseen all the different phases of our baby bottle drive with the assistance of her wonderful husband Steve, and her 3 boys; Caleb, Dan and Josh. WOW!! A huge undertaking. Lisa, Steve, Dan, Caleb and Josh, we are forever grateful for your contribution. You have been a gift and a blessing.

Lisa has also been editor as well as contributor for our newsletter and has gotten the newsletter out to all of you with the very capable help of her "boys", Steve, Josh, Caleb and Dan.

Additionally, Lisa has been a wise and gracious sounding board for me personally. Lisa, you have always given me wise and gracious counsel. You are precious.

Steve, you have been a wonderful resource. Your computer knowledge and very generous gift of time have been indispensable. I so appreciate all the patient time you gave. Especially when I called early morning with pressing computer questions.

Caleb, Josh and Dan; you are the most amazing guys!! The time and energy that you gave to the CPC to help with the baby bottle drive, getting the newsletter and Christmas cards out were a wonderful gift.

To all of the Nolan family, we at the CPC would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all your years of service.

A Message from the Director's Desk

Did you know that Crisis Pregnancy Center of Unionville will be 26 years old this May?! How exciting it has been to have played a part in the saving of almost 1250 babies!!! Praise God!! With your help, we have been able to offer moms and their babies the help and hope they need to change their lives. In fact, with your help we were able to meet the needs of almost 500 individuals last year!

With the failing economy, we have been called upon more than ever to assist moms who have few resources for their babies, as well as helping women who may not know that there is another "choice". There is the choice for life and we see that miracle here every day!

The tragedies in Chile and Haiti have devastated the lives of hundreds of thousands. But Americans are generous and kind people. They have consistently opened their wallets to offer help and hope for those in need.

But now, the CPC is facing its own emergency. We too have suffered due to the failing economy.

We are now in urgent need of your financial support. We are asking you to please prayerfully consider helping us with your donation today.

I thank you in advance.

Faithfully,

Debbie Laws, Director

The 2009 Baby Bottle Drive A Success!!

Do you know the scripture where Jesus fed the 5,000 (not including the women and children) with one loaf of bread and two fish...and they still had 12 baskets remaining after everyone ate until they were full? That's how I'm feeling about this Baby Bottle Drive! In spite of the difficult economic times we are in, God's people have been very generous. The baby bottles poured in and just when I'd think we are finished for the year, the Lord would bring in more.

As always we're extremely grateful to our participating churches and church contacts. Without the Body of Christ the Baby Bottle Boomerang program simply wouldn't work. In addition to the churches who bless the CPC year after year with hosting a drive, we're so happy and excited to share that one new fellowship joined their number!

The 2009 drive included 13 churches with a wide variety of denominations. They are as follows:

Bethany Lutheran Brethren Church, East Hartland; **Bethel Christian Church**, Newington; **Bethel Christian Church**, Bristol; **Bakerville Methodist**, New Hartford; **Collinsville Congregational**, Collinsville; **Covenant Presbyterian**, Simsbury; **Faith Bible Church**, Winsted; **Immanuel Lutheran**, Bristol; **Praise Christian Fellowship**, Pleasant Valley; **St. Mary's RC Church**, Unionville; **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**, New Hartford; **Valley Brook Community Church**, Granby and **North Canton Methodist Church**, North Canton.

Thank You

A heart-felt thank you to Farmington Saving Bank in Burlington for making this year's Baby Bottle Boomerang so much easier and the return faster! This was the first year that we've had assistance with the coin-counting and it made all the difference to us! You truly are community banking at its BEST!

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CPC is looking for people to fill several volunteer positions. For more information please call the CPC at 860.673.7397

Services Available: 24 Hour Hotline, Facts About Abortion, Baby and Maternity items, Newsletters and more!

Current total of babies helped by the *Unionville* Crisis Pregnancy Center



1242 and counting!

The Crisis Pregnancy Center Needs:

- ◇ New Cribs and Mattresses
- ◇ Size Newborn Baby Clothing
- ◇ Baby Bottle Boomerang Churches
- ◇ Your Prayers!
- ◇ Regular Financial Support
- ◇ Volunteers!

Meeting these basic needs can make all the difference for Life! Please contact the Center if you can provide any of these important items. *Thank you!*

The CPC offers post-abortive stress healing. All services are free of charge and completely confidential.
Call: 860-673-7397



2010 Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Please consider blessing The Crisis Pregnancy Center by arranging for your church to participate in this year's Baby Bottle Drive fundraiser. We run it from Mother's Day to Father's Day, and it's very simple.

We need your help. You can be a part of this vital ministry, help women to choose Life for their unborn, as well as raise community awareness about the services offered at the CPC.

Without the love, prayers and financial support from our participating churches, we wouldn't be able to continue.

For more information please call the CPC at (860) 673-7397 or e-mail Debbie @ DLawsCPCUville@aol.com

We would **LOVE** to hear from you!



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