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[www.bestoptions.org](http://www.bestoptions.org)

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## Our Call to "Press On"

The Mission Statement for the Best Options ministry reads: **"We are committed to providing clinical life saving services and empowering life changing decisions."** So, if this is our calling and we do our job well, what will success look like? How will we know when we have reached our goal? Our Vision Statement is this: **"It is the vision of Muskegon Pregnancy Services/Best Options to see the option of abortion in the Muskegon community as unthinkable due to the educational, emotional, physical, and spiritual services provided by our ministry to those facing uncertainty or crisis during pregnancy. As we serve God by being the "go to" agency for possible pregnancy, it is our vision that we will be a conduit of Christ's love and an agent of change, eternally impacting lives, one (or two) at a time."**

In 2007 338 preborn babies were aborted by Muskegon County women, 338 more women are added to the number of walking wounded in our community, 338 men are bereft of the opportunity to provide for and protect their precious offspring, and families and the community as a whole will miss out on the potential impact those children would have made. **THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE.**

Women don't make abortion decisions because they want to kill a baby – they decide on abortion because they are overwhelmed by life circumstances, or they have been blown away by broken promises and lost hope, or they have nothing and no one that is a solid place to fall. She can't see her way clear to take on another responsibility, or bring a baby into the mess she has accepted as her life. By addressing her with respect and showing her the truth that there is a baby in her womb dependent on her decision, by helping her to understand how abortion will only compound her distress, we endeavor to help that young mom save her own genetically unique, never to be replicated baby. Ultrasound puts to rest the idea that early pregnancy is a disposable blob of tissue. The beating heart of her tiny baby, the dance of life of her own living child trumps the enemy's hand again and again. **Last year 112 women who came in planning to abort chose life for their babies,** and this year we are seeing even more abortion vulnerable women.

Once the young woman decides to carry her baby we can help her address the issues that were driving her to consider abortion. We will help her examine her past decisions to determine what needs changing for success. We'll evaluate her resources and help her to find help where needed. And in the LifePlan Program she will be earning things she needs for the baby while learning what it takes to be a mom. We will build trust in these one-to-one weekly sessions and look for teachable moments to sow spiritual truths.

So we press on – in spite of financial challenges, we press on even though the current political climate threatens, we press on though the harvest is ripe and the workers are few – and we thank God that the battle is already won because He is in control. We press on in His name and by His grace.

*Priscilla Kinze, Executive Director*

## Make A Difference Holiday Community Day Sale at YOUNKERS!

From now until November 14th, MPS/Best Options is partnering with Younkers through the sale of coupon booklets, good toward store merchandise. With 100% of booklet sales benefiting the ministry, you can feel good about going shopping and great about giving back!

This valuable coupon booklet can be purchased for just \$5 each, good toward great merchandise at any Bon-Ton family of stores during the special **One Day Community Day Sale on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> store opens at 6am.**



Yes, with a donation to MPS of \$5.00, you receive a coupon book which includes a \$10 off coupon that can be used as a discount on any single purchase, and 6-20% off coupons and other special discounts.

There is no limit to the number of coupon books you may purchase so don't forget your friends, daughter, shopping partners, mother, etc. when you consider how many books to buy. Your total donation is tax deductible.

**GET YOUR COUPONS TODAY! CALL 726-2677 TO RESERVE YOU BOOKS. GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE EARLY, RECEIVE BEST PRICES, ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS, DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK ON ANY ONE ITEM YOU PURCHASE, AND BENEFIT THE MINISTRY OF MPS/BEST OPTIONS.**

**WHAT COULD BE BETTER?!**

## LifeWalk 09



What a beautiful morning!

September 19<sup>th</sup> at Reeths Puffer High School Track

Walkers beginning the Walk in prayer

We couldn't have chosen a more beautiful morning to bring our sponsor forms and donations to the high school track and join with other walkers in a Walk for Life! This year we met at Reeths Puffer H.S. and spent the morning celebrating God's gift as we garnered much needed support for the ministry.

I'm pleased to report that since the Walk we have received more support than what we reported the day of the Walk. Currently we have collected \$19,400 and have billed out just over \$790 more yet to be collected.

The Church of the Year (for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row) is Prince of Peace Catholic Church which fielded the most sponsored walkers.

The Walker with the most in pledges is Bob Nolan (\$1700.00). He received a certificate for a one night stay in a hot tub room at **The Shack Bed and Breakfast**.

The Walker (other than Bob) with the most sponsors who attended the Walk was Barb Perri (29 sponsors). She received a certificate for a massage from **Morea Chiropractic Life Center**.

**Plumb's** provided food and coffee. **Meijer's** provided water bottles.

Underwriters who covered our costs for the event were:

Country Dairy

Todd Hunt DDS (Orthodontics)

Sytsema Funeral Homes Inc.

O'Malley's Pest Control

Each year we are blessed and surprised by the business community donations of door prizes we receive. Most of the walkers that brought in sponsor support walked away with a door prize. The following businesses donated door prizes:

Outdoor/Indoor Studio Photography by Frederick J. Monroe, Pilgrim's Run Golf Club, Toast N Jams, Country Dairy, Zelenka Nurseries, Preferred Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Scrapbook 101, Steak and Egger, Sports Clips, The Station Grill, Raquet's Downtown Grill, Red Robin, Logan's, Ryke's Bakery, Carino's Italian Grill. **Please thank our underwriters and door prize donors with your business!**

## What's Been Happening

We are now into the Fall, kids are back in school, football games, dances, and other after school activities fill up their days. But some still find opportunity to create babies! Fall is often our busiest time. Our last E-News gave you the stats through July – the following are for August and September:

**Pregnancy tests:** Positive 26 Negative 23 **Total 49**

Of those who were pregnant 18 were abortion vulnerable

After their visit 3 were still planning to abort, we lost contact with 2 and the third decided to carry her baby after thinking about what she saw by ultrasound!

**Ultrasound scans:** Our nurse/sonographers did 23 ultrasound scans for this period.

**LifePlan Program:** We spent 133 advocacy hours with clients in the LifePlan Program. These are one-to-one opportunities to help clients to plan for the future – opportunities to sow into their lives as we build relationships.

**Material Services only:** 13 people came in for material needs like diapers or formula.

**We see each client visit as a divine appointment arranged by God for His purposes. And by His spirit we serve each one in His truth and love.**

## The investment of time that provides major returns

The word “investment” is a scary word in these times, but let’s not forget that, even in times of recession, we can make sound investments that pay us back dividends for the rest of our lives. When we invest our time at Best Options we do three things:

- We strengthen our own spiritual lives as we reach out to others
- We build a ministry that is saving lives and changing hearts
- We create a new, life-affirming culture in our next generation

**If you are looking for great returns on your investment of time, give Judy a call at 726-2677.** We look forward to adding you to our team of outstanding investors.



## Stock going up . . . but time to make a move?

The stock market is on quite a ride these days. Stocks hit bottom but some are coming back. If you are holding stock you want to clear from your portfolio, your best investment could be here, where a gift of appreciated stock gives you strong tax advantages. A gift of stock to this ministry is simple, and results in lives changed and lives saved. Interested? Talk to your broker or give us a call at 726-2677 (ask for Priscilla). We look forward to seeing your gift of stock become an investment that turns our culture toward life.



## Needs for Baby Layettes

Each client we work with until their baby is born is given a large laundry basket of much needed baby layette items. The basket is full of clothing and other needs that will provide for the first year of life. We are grateful to receive both new and good used items to fill the layettes. **We are most in need of crib and bassinet sheets and baby bath towels at this time.**