



MPS/Best Options E-News

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Just friends is just fine...

You receive our E-News so I know you know something about Muskegon Pregnancy Services/Best Options. But do you really *know* us?

More important, do we know *you*?

Our ministry exists to reach out to those who come in our door to whom we offer hope, help and positive options. The core of this however, is building relationships with those we see. When we create a relationship built on trust with our client, true ministry is possible.

The same dynamic exists for all of us who are a part of this ministry. As we bond together to create a powerful entity that is changing lives and saving lives, we realize that it is *relationship* that is most important. God created mankind in His image, and He is relational. As staff and volunteers in ministry we build relationships with each other. As advocates for our precious clients we build relationships - some that last long after the birth of the baby.

Some people might say that funding is important, and it is. Resources are needed to do everything to which we are called. And, we need people, that's true. Without staffing, both paid and volunteer, we're never going to touch lives or make an eternal impact.

Because God is the head of this ministry however, relationships are more important than anything else. Throughout the New Testament we see disciples praying together, sharing together and working together. Their strength is in the Lord and they are united in their belief and mission. So are we.

If we look closely at the lives of those early Christians we find that they didn't invite people into their growing family of believers based on what a person could give or offer. Instead, they invited *anyone* who wanted to follow Jesus Christ.

In a sense, we're doing the same thing here. We don't invite you to be a friend of this ministry based on your abilities or resources. Instead, we invite *anyone* with a heart to change lives - and our culture, to join in this calling.

If you decide you want to know Muskegon Pregnancy Services/Best Options better, it is a simple process. Just drop me an email at priscilla@bestoptions.org and I will get in touch with you. Let's start a relationship, a friendship. Let me show you around, let's talk. Let's both look at this ministry and see how we can make it better, even more effective. I want to know your heart for this ministry, your dreams for this ministry, and perhaps - if you want to tell me - why this ministry is important to you. This isn't about what you have to give or what you can do for us; it's about who you are and why you are motivated to see our culture turn toward life.

The truth is, we want to build a relationship without strings that allows *you* to explore God's plan for you here. Ask questions; share your thoughts. Just drop me an email or give me a call at 726-2677 and we'll visit. That's how strong, life-changing relationships start, and I can't wait to begin.

Priscilla Hinze, Executive Director

LifeWalk 2010 - "Eternal Treasures"

Saturday, September 25th was a day of great blessing for this ministry. That morning was our annual LifeWalk celebration. Walkers came to Reeths Puffer High School with donations from their friends, family and co-workers and they put action to their pro-life convictions as they walked together around the track! As of this writing we have collected 93% of the money pledged for a total of **\$19796.35**. If we collect the \$1415.00 still owed we will more than make our budget of \$21,000!

Sponsored walkers (92 of them) were able to enter their names in a drawing for door prizes. Over a third of them received prizes donated by local businesses.

Plan on joining us next year to make a difference for life!

Walker with the most sponsors: Aileen Newald (59 sponsors \$1040.00)

Walker with the most in donations: The Len Lawrence Family (\$3265.00)

Church of the Year: Prince of Peace Catholic Church (29 sponsored walkers)

Underwriters (covered cost of the Walk):

Country Dairy

Martin J. Nolan Insurance Agency

Dr. Todd & Anna Hunt

Door Prize Donors:

Pax Teacum Law Firm, Alison Lucas, Atty. - \$100 gift card to Menard's

Frederick J. Monroe Outdoor/Indoor Photography - 5 \$50 gift certificates

Double JJ Gold Rush Indoor Waterpark - 5 passes for 2 people

Toast and Jams - 20 \$10 gift certificates

Pilgrim's Run Golf Club - 18 hole round of golf for 2

Morea Chiropractic Wellness Center - 1 hour massage (worth \$50)

Preferred Chrysler Dodge Jeep - 5 gift certificates for oil changes

Jamie Oosterhart Jewelry - 4 handmade jewelry packages

Country Dairy - \$25 gift certificate

Sam's Club - \$25 gift card

Dimensions Hair Salon (Whitehall) - 1 Cut, shampoo and style

Sport Clips - 1 hair cut and styling products, 1 hair cut certificate

Red Robin Restaurant - 2 \$10 gift certificates

Steak N Egger Restaurant - 2 \$10 gift certificates

Golden Corral Buffet - Certificate for 2 buffets

Asian Buffet - Certificate for 2 buffets

Red Tomato Pizza Buffet - Certificate for a buffet

The Station Grill - \$10 gift certificate

Raquet's Downtown Grill - \$5 gift certificate

Ryke's Bakery - \$5 gift certificate

Food provided by: Plumb's

Bottled water donated by: Absopure Water Co.

Sound equipment provided by: Meyer Music

And we are grateful to [Reeths Puffer High School](#) for the use of their track and equipment.

The following churches had participating sponsored walkers:

Prince of Peace Catholic Church - 29

Bethel Baptist of Fruitport - 5

Berean Church - 4

Bethel Baptist of Muskegon - 3

Bridge Bible Church - 5

Calvary Baptist - 1

Calvin Christian Reformed - 1

Evangelical Covenant Church of Whitehall - 1

Ferry Memorial Reformed Church - 1

Forest Park Covenant Church - 3

Friendship Wesleyan Church - 2

Life Change Church - 3

Mona Shores Baptist Church - 2

Oak Crest Church of God - 6

Trinity Baptist Church - 5

White Lake Wesleyan Church - 2

Trinity Lutheran Church - 1

Olivet Evangelical Free Church - 1

Orchard View Congregational Church - 1

Sheridan Drive Baptist Church - 1

Spring Lake Wesleyan Church - 4

St. James Catholic Church - 3

St. James Lutheran Church - 3

St. Mark's Lutheran Church - 1

St. Thomas Catholic Church - 2

If your church isn't noted, next year would be an opportunity to challenge a team of walkers to represent your church body by stepping out for life! Imagine how we could impact the community if every church was represented. A BIG thank you to everyone who played a part in this year's successful LifeWalk!



Make A Difference Holiday Community Day Sale at YOUNKERS!

From now until November 13th, MPS/Best Options is partnering with Younkens 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 13th store opens at 6am.**

Better than ever! The Community Day booklet is filled with even better bonus offers, longer Early Bird hours and a \$10 off coupon with minimal exclusions!

Take advantage of:

- **\$10 off** (you buy the booklet for \$5 and get \$10!)
- **30% off early bird coupon**
- **six additional savings coupons**
- **exclusive Community Day Bonus offers**
- **3 amazing web-exclusive offers**

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?!



A Message from a new volunteer

MPS is special to me because it is a place of love, peace, and family. It is a resting spot for lonely girls and women, and a family of volunteers that God has brought together. The Center is surrounded by a hedge of protection from the enemy, and it burns his butt Monday through Thursday!

Never before have I felt such a connection to so many Christian gals all under one roof. I can't even begin to count all the blessings I have received (and hopefully given) from interacting with staff and clients in the few short months I have volunteered there.

With Christ working through me, I am able to minister to any who comes in, and miracles truly take place. Most clients may need baby items or education, maybe just a listening ear, but one thing they all have in common is their hunger for love and respect. They receive that and a whole lot more at MPS.

I love the sweet yellow house on Peck Street, the staff members (the mice not so much☺) and all the clients that come through our doors. We truly are one big family - God's family.

Vikki Beth Schultz, trained Advocate



Statistics through September

The following are our statistics for the first 3 quarters of year 2010:

Total client visits: 1385

Pregnancy tests: 305 Positive: 157 Negative: 148

Ultrasound scans: 163

Life Plan Program visits: 821 (one hour one-to-one ministry)

Material Services only: 146 (diapers, formula, baby layettes)

Post Abortion healing: 17

Percent of unmarried clients: 89%

New Clients under age 15: 136

Age 15-19: 137

Age 20-24: 105

Age 25-29: 42

Age 30-45: 55

62% claim no religious faith

38% claim Christ as personal savior

Babies saved in first 9 months of 2010: 65!

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord;

Praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6

