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 **Abigail Pregnancy Services**
Educate, Encourage, Empower

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From the Director's Desk

Giving With an Open Hand

One of my favorite stories in the bible is the story of the widow woman who used what little oil she had to fill up many jugs so that she can sell them to pay off her debt and save her sons from being taken as slaves (found in 2 Kings 4). She was instructed to *"Go up and down the street and borrow jugs and bowls from all your neighbors. And not just a few- all you can get. Then come home and lock the door behind you, you and your sons. Pour oil into each container, when each is full, set it aside."* (2 Kings 4:3-4, MSG).

This particular story has always struck a chord with me because this widow really needed the faith to believe that many jugs would be filled completely with just the little bit of oil she had on hand. I believe that it shows us that if we take what we already have and pour it out in faith then God will multiply it.

I bring this story up to say that this is exactly what we have been witnessing firsthand at Abigail Pregnancy Services! We may not have always had the most of everything in our Baby Boutique, but we very rarely ever let a client leave without the diapers, clothing, wipes, or formula that they needed!

If we knew a client coming in needed a special formula that we didn't have, we made sure to run and pick some up before that client arrived. Again, we may not

have always had the most of everything, but with the little we had, we always offered it with an open hand.

Lately, we have seen such an abundance in diapers, wipes, and formula! We were even blessed with the funds to purchase brand-new cribs and crib mattresses for our parenting class graduates! In addition to the increase in materials, we have also seen such an increase in new clients and client appointments which is amazing because the summer months were formerly the slower months!

God has brought an increase of clients through our doors in which we have the opportunity to minister the Gospel to them, but He has also blessed us with such an abundance of material supplies that we can share that blessing with them by offering them double what we normally have this month! He goes before us and provides just in time for what we need. I am so thankful that God is the CEO of this ministry and always helps us to take the utmost care of the clients that come through our doors.

In Christ,
Amanda Clark



Meet Our Guest Speaker

When we heard Melissa Ohden's story we knew we had to bring her in as our guest speaker for this year's Fundraising Banquet. In her

book, *You Carried Me*, Melissa shares the amazing story of how she survived an abortion and later met the birth mother who never knew that she lived.

After years of searching for her biological family and offering them forgiveness for the decision that was made to end her life, Melissa's story and her life is so much more than one of survival. It's evidence of the intergenerational impact of abortion on all of our lives. More importantly, it's a testament to the beauty of God's grace in our lives, the power of love, and

the transformational power of forgiveness and in answering God's call for your life.

Melissa has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate. In 2012 she founded the Abortion Survivors Network (ASN). She has been featured on television and radio programs including: The 700 Club, EWTN's Life on the Rock and Defending Life, Fox News, Focus on the Family, and American Family Radio. Melissa is on the board of Directors for the Vitae Foundation, a national organization which uses media to advance a culture of life. Her life and ministry is featured in the award winning pro-life documentary, *A Voice for Life*.

Fulfilling the purpose that she believes God set out for her when He saved her from the certain death of the abortion attempt, Melissa is truly a voice for the voiceless..

Abigail's Annual Fundraising Banquet

When: Monday October 15, 2018

Where: The Chapel, Sandusky, Ohio

**Time: Seating begins at 6PM,
Program and dinner at 6:30 PM**

Cost: \$15 per ticket to cover the cost of dinner

Seating is limited, adults only please

Tickets will *not* be sold at the door

TICKETS GO ON SALE AUGUST 15th at the Norwalk center or go to the Banquet link on www.friendsofabigail.com.

"I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY."

JOHN 10:10



What is Pro-Abundant Life? To us at Abigail it means that we are not just in the business of saving babies. We desire to see our clients and their children live the life that God had planned for them. An abundant life spent knowing and serving Him. A life with the assurance of eternity in Christ! We build relationships with parents that we pray will have a lasting impact that not only preserves the life of this child, but changes their whole family tree! We pray that you share this vision as we continue to celebrate LIFE everyday at Abigail Pregnancy Services.



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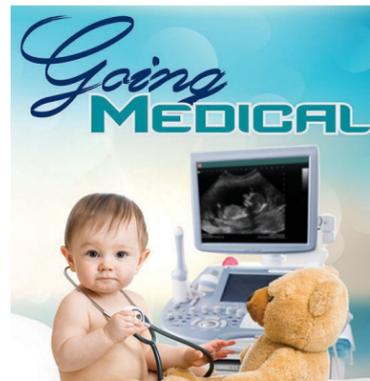
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- Physician-Verified Pregnancy Tests
- Peer Counseling for Women & Men
- Maternity and Baby Supplies
- Parenting Classes
- Referrals to Other Agencies
- Abstinence Education
- Post-Abortion Counseling
- Embrace Grace & Embrace Life Programs



UPDATE: We are excited to give you an update on our going medical process!

• We have hired our nurse manager for ultrasound! This was an important step in our process and faithful Abigail volunteer, Linda Doughty is a perfect fit. Linda is an RN who has volunteered in many capacities in the ministry since taking the Care Net training four years ago. She shares our vision for the ministry and our compassion for our clients. We are blessed to have her on board!

- We have the machine! Our portable ultrasound arrived last month to our Norwalk office.
- We have been renovating the offices that will house the ultrasound department to make it medically compliant.
- Our Executive Director and Nurse Manager are scheduled to go to South Carolina in September to attend NIFLA training for Medical Pregnancy Centers.
- We are still on target to offer limited ultrasound to our clients this fall!
- Please keep praying with us through this process. As always we are so thankful for your support!

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Client Spotlight



Mary's Story

One of the most amazing things about working at Abigail Pregnancy Services is observing God's Mighty Hand at work in the lives of our clients and their children. Such is the case of one of our long-time clients whom we'll call Mary.

Mary came to our center this past spring stating that she was pregnant with her sixth child. Her OB was concerned because she is in her forties and sent her to a specialist for further tests. An amniocentesis revealed that Mary's baby, a little boy, had Down Syndrome, and a detailed ultrasound showed that the baby had four large holes in his heart. The doctors told our client that, if she sustained the pregnancy, her baby would be born with mental and physical defects and would require heart surgery. The prognosis for this child was not good, and the specialist encouraged Mary to get an abortion. However, Mary, being a courageous woman and fierce momma who values life, disregarded her earthly doctor's advice.

Instead, Mary sought the counsel of her baby's Creator and Great Physician. We at Abigail Pregnancy Services partnered with Mary in intercession for her baby boy. During prayer, Mary shared with her peer counselor, she sensed God saying, "Let go and see what I can do. I am going to prove to you who I am. Trust Me." Mary was believing for a miracle.

Last month Mary went back to the specialist for a fetal echocardiogram to determine the cardiologist's strategy after the baby's birth. Mary shared that she had a sense of peace during the exam. She was in awe as she looked at the screen and realized that the four large holes that were so obviously visible at the last ultrasound were no longer there. She knew that God had healed her baby's heart. The doctor observed the ultrasound image for a long time before stating and confirming what Mary knew to be true, "I'm just a doctor, and yes, I believe in miracles. This baby doesn't need surgery!" the cardiologist agreed.

Please continue to pray for Mary and her unborn baby due soon. Mary's believing that God can completely heal her son, even from Down Syndrome. However, whatever God chooses to do, we are confident that this baby's Creator and Healer will give grace to Mary and bring glory to Himself. For He created this Miracle Baby's inmost being and knit him together in his mother's womb.

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully & wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalms 139: 13&14