Chester County
WOMEN'S SERVICES
Pregnancy Care Medical Center

"We are a Pregnancy Care Medical Center that exists to educate and empower individuals and their families to make life-affirming choices"

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### September 17, 2016: Run/Walk for Life

Mark your calendar! We will be hosting a Run/Walk for Life on Saturday, September 17 at Anson B. Nixon Park in Kennett Square. We will have t-shirts, prizes, food, and a special area with games just for the kids! Planning is still underway so check our facebook page and website for updates!

### Baby Bottle Drive

Want to see your church or business name on this list for 2016? Send an email to brenda@ccwsmedical.org.

Thank you to the churches and groups that participated in our baby bottle campaign in 2015. We received an all-time record high of $35,000—amazing!

**The following churches and groups made it happen:** Bible Evangelical Church of Kennett Square, Calvary Chapel Chester Springs, Calvary Fellowship Church, Central Baptist Church of Pomeroy, Dilworthtown Christian Preschool, East Brandywine Baptist Church, East Gate Church, Faith Alliance Church, Forks of the Brandywine Church, Gateway Church in Parkesburg, Glen Moore United Methodist Church, Goshen Baptist Church, Honeybrook Presbyterian Church, Iglesia Palabra de Vida, The Journey Church, Olive Street Presbyterian Church, Olivet United Methodist Church, Providence Church, Sandy Hill Community Church, Towerville Christian Church, Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church.

## What's New?

**Aaron Chambers** joined our Board of Directors in 2015. Aaron is a pediatrician and lives and works in Chester County.

**Louise Snyder** also joined our Board of Directors in 2015. Louise was the Program Supervisor for Bridge of Hope in Chester county for 9 years before her recent retirement.

## Good News! by Myriam Ruager

During the last few weeks of 2015, the words and wishes of HOPE, PEACE, JOY and BLESSINGS were everywhere! The year 2016 is only two weeks in and those words of encouragement are no longer fresh in the air. Planned and established goals are already broken. Why do we lose our focus and goals so easily? What happens with our resolutions and strong wishes?

Do not lose faith my friends! As human beings, we become discouraged and change our humor and emotions in seconds. It is for this reason that I want to remind us all that we must place our eyes on Him, our strong and firm foundation. The verse that God gave CCWS for 2016 is a prayer from Isaiah 33: 2. "**LORD, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress."** Yes, a prayer that we invite you to say with us. "Oh Almighty One, the All Powerful, save us!"

The words of these verses seem to be those of the righteous waiting for the Lord to deliver them, longing for His strength and remaining confident that He will save them. In order for our community to experience salvation and redemption, we must fear the Lord. Fearing Him does not mean being terrified of Him. It means recognizing and respecting Him and His authority and righteous demands, which in turn results in godly living, trusting, serving and obeying Him. God calls all people everywhere to acknowledge His righteous actions and His power.

CCWS and all who dwell with God will walk righteously, speak what is right, defend justice, and help the oppressed. The year 2016 may be starting with difficult and challenging times, but I want to encourage you. Do not live in your own strength. **Place your trust and faith on Him because "the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is He who will save us."** (Isaiah 33:22)

Trusting in Him,

Myriam Ruager

PS: In these uncertain times, will you help us share His HOPE, His PEACE, His JOY, and His BLESSINGS with other?

## Your Impact in 2015

Numbers only tell a part of the story, but each number represents a woman or man whose life your support has changed for the better!

Clients served: 490
Pregnancy tests: 303
Ultrasounds: 189
Educational classes: 681*
Lives saved from abortion: 18
Adoptions: 4
Accepted Christ: 26

*"CCWS helped me become a better person. This experience saved my life and I now dedicate my time towards helping others in any way that I can. I am really thankful for CCWS." -Becky*

Donations of knitted/crocheted blankets: 315
Donations of handmade pregnancy bags: 198

*total # of participants in each class (parenting, discipline, mentoring, Bible study)

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# Volunteer Spotlight

Michele Reber began volunteering with CCWS in the fall of 2008. After leaving her career as a sonographer, she spent many years focused on raising her two children as a stay-at-home mom. CCWS enabled Michele to continue to serve women using a skill she dearly loved and missed—sonography. "I feel good to know that I'm playing a small part in making someone's life a little better," she said, "to not only help women with their practical issues of parenting, but to also share the love of Christ with them." Michele has lived most of her life in Chester County. Her favorite Bible passage is Luke 6:27-38.

# Fun Times in 2015

September 2015 Walk for Life

Supply drives from our many friends and partners helped 490 women keep their babies clean, healthy, and warm.

In 2015, we received over 45, 000 diapers, 467 packs of baby wipes, and much more to give to families in need. Thank you!

**Interested in volunteering? We have many positions available, including administrative, outreach and event assistance, client advocates, nurses, parenting class facilitators, and sonography. Please contact tamara@ccwsmedical.org for more details or visit our website at http://www.ccwsmedicalinfo.org/volunteer.html**

# Stories of Hope: Sheila

"Sheila" came to CCWS last year in a crisis. She knew she was pregnant, and had gone to a clinic for an abortion. "**I felt really lonely,"** she said. "The father of my baby left me when he found out I was pregnant. **I didn't feel like I had a choice**." Before the procedure, she was told she was carrying twins. "At that point I just couldn't go through with it," she said, and that's when she came to CCWS. An ultrasound at our center confirmed that she was indeed expecting twins. Sheila started coming to CCWS for peer counseling. With a full time job at a local fast food chain, and three teenage children at home, she knew it wouldn't be easy. "I try the best I can, but it's really tough," she said. Sheila recommitted her life to God and has gotten involved in a local congregation. It is still hard, she admits, but she feels hopeful. **"I knew I would make it because you (CCWS) were there for me,"** she said. "Without you, I would not have gotten the support I needed, and I may not have gotten to see my babies, to hold them and love them. I can't thank you enough for all you've done for me and my family."

The twins a few weeks after birth.

The twins at one year old coming for a visit.

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