Reaching further CONNECTING Deeper

Official Newsletter of Chester County Connect Care

A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On May 10th, after 37 years, we officially changed our name to **Chester County Connect Care**. This name change is already showing the beauty of the Lord's design as we have been reaching more abortion-minded people than ever before. We have received more phone calls and emails from people asking for help because of our billboard. The advertising we secured for the billboard in West Chester displays six ads per slide for 3+ hours a day. Our billboard gets over 10,000 views per day, and that means we're reaching more people and their families.

God is clearly at work, connecting us with more people so we can save more children and help more families. Thanks to God and all those who support our work, we are also expanding our Coatesville center. We broke ground on an addition that will provide more physical space to better serve those who come to us.

We remain focused on expanding the effectiveness and reach of our mission so that more people can know the abundance of life in Jesus and understand how precious is the gift of life that is their preborn baby. We are expanding access to physical resources that so many people need to raise a healthy family, and we're helping them to **connect with a community of people** that can love on them and provide caring support. There are forces in this world that push against us, and try to deny the preciousness of human life, but we stand FIRMLY on the truth of Gods' Word, on the bedrock of Christ alone. HE continues to fill us with His Holy Spirit so that we are driven and determined to meet the needs of families right here in Chester County. Please continue to pray for us, and with us, so that God's reach is wider and deeper, right here in our own communities.

May God continue to bless you as you bless others,

Myriam

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What's new AT CCCC

- Don't miss out on our Summer Picnic and silent auction on August 6th! This is a free, family-friendly event for the support of our mission to preserve LIFE in our community. We will have food trucks (food for sale), fun games, and a great time with family and friends.

  (scan to register for free)

- Save the Date! You don't want to miss out on our Fall Family 5K Run Walk for Life, on **November 12th**.

- Virtual Baby Bottle Campaigns - your change will absolutely change many lives. For more information on these events, and our silent auction, please contact Christen at christen@ccconnectcare.org

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WHY WE CHANGED OUR NAME...

We live in a visually stimulated and fast-paced world. We recognize that to "reach her and her family," we need to make changes and expand our focus. **Over two years ago, we began to identify barriers to connecting with people in our community who need our help.** We began to prayerfully and intentionally consider a name change so that we make it clear that it's not only women that we must serve, but also the men in their lives. Our motive and intention is that, in everything, we seek to bring honor and glory to Jesus, while meeting the needs of our community.

- We began to see the limiting scope of who we serve by referring only to women in the name, "**Chester County Women's Services**." When it comes to unexpected pregnancies, men also need support.
- The second barrier was our logo...we found that the symbol of a rose was perceived in the community as being outdated and irrelevant. Our goal is to align who we are and the services we provide with our name and visual identity. T**hroughout our rebranding, we were sure to keep our minds and hearts open to what God wants to do in the future through this organization.** The following are our four pillars:

Prevention*

We started dreaming...what if instead of serving more like a "band-aid" in our community, we could be more proactive to help people prevent trouble? What if we could reach young people before they needed our pregnancy services? So, we are working on building PREVENTION into our model of service. Our goal is to create and implement a prevention and healthy relationships program into our existing outreach ministry.

Pregnancy Care

The next pillar we're working on is PREGNANCY CARE. We continue to provide free pregnancy tests and limited ultrasounds because we believe that when we show a life we can save a life.

Empowerment

The third pillar is EMPOWERMENT. This pillar is also already in place. We will continue to offer parents the education, resources, and support that they need to make life-affirming decisions.

Housing*

HOUSING is the fourth pillar we're working on, which is still in the planning stage. Parents often find themselves with no place to live as a result of their pregnancy, for a multitude of reasons. Our dream is that every woman facing homelessness during their pregnancy would find a stable place to live when she welcomes her baby into the world.

CLIENT TESTIMONY

Shaky and nervous, Maggie came into our Kennett Square office out of obligation, not desire. Maggie had not only made up her mind that she was not keeping her baby, **she had her abortion scheduled**. She told herself, as she walked in with her two other children "If I feel at all judged I'm leaving", but instead of feeling judged she felt accepted and **"seen"**.

While Maggie was speaking with the nurse and client advocate about the trauma she had encountered, the other staff in the office were caring for her other children. This allowed for deep and intentional conversations, ultimately allowing her to have an ultrasound and **see the life inside of her**, which immediately brought her to tears. Two weeks later she came back with her husband and told us, "As soon as I saw the baby's heartbeat, I knew I could not have an abortion."

Several months later we had the joy of meeting Maggie's beautiful son. We are humbled and privileged to have met this precious child and know that it is only through God's work through Chester County Connect Care she chose life. Your support and care help make people like Maggie make the choice for life.

ROE OVERTURNED!

"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" 1 Chronicles 16:31

For decades, advocates have worked toward the day when Roe v. Wade is no longer the law of the land, and United States law protects the most vulnerable among us. In overturning Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court has paved the way for states to make laws regulating abortion based on the values of their own citizens. We serve a God who makes the impossible possible, as evident in this ruling. Thank you Lord.

Laws don't make hearts change, and the Supreme Court ruling, and its affects, won't prevent unplanned, unexpected, and complicated pregnancies. Regardless of how the laws of our land play out, women and men will continue to face tough pregnancy decisions. That is why Chester County Connect Care (CCCC) is here. We need you, and many more like you, to pray with us, support us, and work with us to expand our reach so that we can touch many more men and women and save many more unborn children from death. Please come alongside us. Pray for God's grace, mercy, and faithfulness to gird up the thousands of churches and individual Christians who have served and will continue to serve preborn babies, care for women, mentor men, and help families flourish. We have a lot of work to do!

But the battle has intensified and is potentially at the door. One CCCC staff member said: "We are celebrating God's faithfulness; today is a historic day. Miracles happened, be encouraged! God is with us, and we pray for his protection for each of our centers." 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

Please pray with us:

- Pray for the safety and security of our three centers and our staff, volunteers, and clients.
- Pray for our local police as they serve and protect these communities.
- Pray that we remain faithful to act upon all the opportunities to serve, that come as a result of this decision!

We will redouble our efforts to care for preborn babies, their families, and vulnerable children, all while offering the love and hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we be on the frontlines of proclaiming that all people are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) and are inherently worthy of love, respect, and care. May we display with our lives that all people are precious in God's sight – for His glory!

"You are why my son is here; we love him so much. You have blessed my family and me so much."
-Maggie
(a recent client)

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Your Impact

January 2022-Present

Individual Clients Served: 1,428
Ultrasounds: 202
Spiritual Conversations: 1,599
Accepted Christ: 14
Pregnancy Tests: 190
Lives Saved from Abortion: 19
Educational Visits: 3,142

*Total number of educational visits (parenting, discipline, mentoring, Bible study, labor & delivery, etc.), including repeat client appointments.

GIVING IS EASY!

Your gift makes a difference:

- $25 Gives a family diapers for one month.
- $50 Gives a family formula for one month.
- $100 Allows a family to attend parenting classes for one month.
- $250 Provides a life-saving ultrasound.
- $500 Provides rental assistance to mothers (at risk for homelessness)
- $1,000 Sponsors a mother for the duration of her pregnancy.

Visit CCCONNECTCAREINFO.ORG/DONATE to make a life saving gift today!

REACHING FURTHER!

Please pray for us as we continue to grow in seeking how best to reach further through two new prevention initiatives.

1. Show A Life To Save A Life
2. Homeless Prevention Program

It is imperative that we teach our younger generation the importance of sexual integrity. We want to partner with you in our initiative to, "Show A Life To Save A Life." Please come & visit us! We invite you to call one of our centers and schedule a tour…for you, your church. Come and get a sense of what our clients experience in one of our centers. Come see firsthand, exactly what we do and how we approach our ministry calling. All are welcome.

Our Homeless Prevention Program is a dream inspired by the great need to help the increasing homeless population who are abortion-vulnerable. We challenge you, the church of Christ, to BE the body of Christ. Prayerfully consider coming alongside one of our young moms who chooses life. Consider hosting a young woman in need and her unborn child. Show the love of Christ by caring and loving them both. Be the family that she doesn't have. We will train and equip you to be effective in a seemingly impossible endeavor as we serve a God who makes everything possible.

For more information: www.ccconnectcareinfo.org

WHY WE VOLUNTEER.

I started to volunteer at Coatesville over seven years ago. I have been the one blessed to serve. The office's atmosphere is peaceful, and you can feel the presence of the Lord as you enter. There is a time of prayer for each client/patient and counselor. My part is small, but God's work at CCCC is ever-expanding, and I thank God for this opportunity to serve Him. -Stella

Thirty-five years ago, I walked into a Planned Parenthood feeling scared and absolutely alone. God, in His Infinite Goodness, redeemed all of the regret and loneliness I felt. Walking through this time of healing led me to write a book about the process of healing and forgiveness and to become a certified Christian Life Coach. I am a volunteer at Chester County Connect Care because I desire to bring the presence of the Lord into my time with our patients, so they know they're not alone. - Bridget

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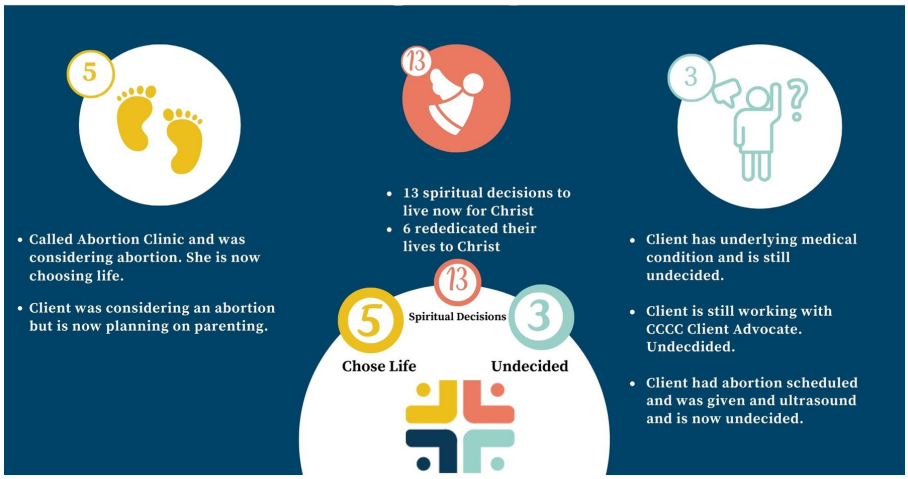
This Month's Abortion Minded Clients