

October 7, 2016

Dear CPC Supporter,

This year we celebrate 20 years of Hope! It is amazing to see how far we've come over the years. I want to express appreciation to our visionary founders and those who - both past and present - have served as Board members, staff members, volunteers, those who undergird this ministry financially, and our many faithful prayer warriors.

The LORD has answered several prayers over the last two years. He has provided a former OB/GYN Clinic building as our new home, a locally practicing OB/GYN, Dr. Robert DeSantis, as our medical director, the adding of new staff members including two nurses, a state of the art sonogram machine, and a \$100,000 Grant from the Asbury Foundation (to help retire a large portion of our mortgage debt). We have also been blessed through other generous and substantial donations, enabling us to broaden the scope of our ministry.

What's in a name? If you have been involved with this organization for any length of time, the initials CPC are familiar to you. Initially, this meant the Crisis Pregnancy Center; later, it became the Center for Pregnancy Choices of South Central Mississippi. Two years ago, God revealed the necessity of the CPC transitioning to become a *pregnancy medical clinic*. Out of 2,500 Pro-Life centers nationwide, over 1,500 have made the same conversion, becoming Pregnancy Medical Clinics in order to reach more abortion-minded clients. In Laurel that conversion would require the addition of an ultrasound machine, a trained technician, and STI testing unavailable before. I'm happy to report that the conversion has been complete for over a year, and we have already seen 16 babies saved from abortion!

In January of 2012, the *Resource Center for Women* in Corinth, MS changed their name to *Oasis Medical Clinic*. As a result, they saw an incredible increase in clients served. Currently they perform 6-10 pregnancy tests a day, which is nearly 2,000 tests per year. A center in Joplin, MO changed their name to *Choices Medical Clinic* and saw an 84% increase in the number of abortion-minded women coming through their doors.

As your leaders here at the CPC seek to understand who we are and how we are perceived in the community, it has become evident to us that our main reason for existing is the client who comes through the door of this clinic as well as the baby she may be carrying in her womb. So, understanding our mission really must involve consideration of how clients perceive us and that starts with our name.

In order to meet our clients where they are, we want their eyes and hearts to be drawn to the name of a place where they can find hope. Therefore, your director, clinic staff, and board members have prayerfully agreed to change the name for this ministry. In order to help accomplish our mission, we will become known as ***Choices Clinic of Laurel***.

At our annual fundraising banquet this past week, Carol Harbaugh described the vision and plan for our upcoming Awareness Campaign for *Choices Clinic of Laurel*. As we seek to become the FIRST CHOICE for young people who are facing unplanned pregnancy, you will begin to see billboards, hear radio ads, and find us on social media. Pray that God will use all of this for His glory and the saving of many lives!

This awareness campaign and ministry have been made possible by generous donations like yours. So, on behalf of your Board of Directors, I can't say THANK YOU enough!

For the King and His Kingdom



J. Macon Phillips, Chairman
Board of Directors



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