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Quarterly News & Updates - January 2023

Our Mission: "To engage and empower women and men considering abortion to choose life for their child, and healing, and abundant life for themselves in Christ"



From the Desk of the Executive Director

Looking back on 2022 and ahead in 2023:

As I look back on 2022 at the Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices, I think of the perseverance of the staff and volunteers, the many clients that we have helped, the babies that were born because we provided the emotional and material support to enable the mothers (and fathers) to choose life for their unborn babies.

I also think of the selection of the location in Quincy for after abortion healing and the grand opening celebration of the Springwater Center in Quincy to enable us to help more women and men heal from the pain of past abortions.

With all of the conflict before and after the overturning of Roe v. Wade, we have still been able to provide our essential services.

What Satan meant for evil, God used for good:

The formation of the Life Alliance Coalition made up of a few of the pregnancy resource centers in Massachusetts, the Mass. Citizens for Life and the Mass. Family Institute is an example of this. This coalition emerged due to the attacks on the pregnancy resource centers and will continue to operate as a force to promote a culture of life in the Commonwealth. We hope this group will expand to include more and more life affirming organizations. If you belong to or know of a life affirming organization that would be a good fit for this group, please contact me.

As I look ahead in 2023, I think of the 24-hour prayer vigil that we coordinated at Lion of Judah Church and the memorial there for the 750,000+ babies that have been aborted in Massachusetts since Roe v Wade was passed in 1973. I also think of the many churches that celebrated Sanctity of Human Life Sunday on January 22nd .

We have strategic planning goals to bring ultrasounds on site to the Boston location and to expand to open a full-service center in another location as well. We also plan to provide men's services once again at the center under Pastor Tim Robinson.

When I see the many clients that continue to come in to our centers and hear how thankful they are that our centers were here for them, it makes everything worthwhile.

It is such a privilege to be a part of all that God is doing at the Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices. We are so thankful to you, our donors, and to our volunteers and prayer warriors. Your partnership makes this life-saving work possible!

May God richly bless you all!

Diane O'Toole, Executive Director

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Mary's Story

When I came to the center I felt lost. A woman whom I had met, told me about BCPC. I was single, had no family, and needed prenatal care. I was really low because of all that I had gone through.

Mary Needed Help And Support

I couldn't believe how loving and kind everyone was when I first visited the center. Your center offered me a number of referrals that really helped to change my outlook on life. I received so many baby shower gifts which was unexpected. I didn't have anything for my baby. The women were also so loving.

I actually feel happy again now that I know my baby is healthy and going to be okay. I also have an ob/gyn doctor that I am seeing regularly. I wasn't sure before but somehow I just know things are going to work out. I feel happy again.

Thank you for all of the help you have given me and my baby!



Christmas Blessings

A very special thank you to Beacon Community Church in Belmont and Sacred Heart Church in East Boston for donating the many Christmas gifts for the BCPC clients and their children!

Our Dear Friend in Christ,

My faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ grows the more I observe how active His Spirit is in the growth and accomplishments made toward the mission of BCPC. With truth and grace, we strive to empower women and men to choose life for their child, and healing and abundant life for themselves in Christ. We constantly pray for His wisdom and provision to best accomplish His will.

Reflecting on 2022, we felt the Lord's protection and strength while we faced the challenges and hostility inherent in faithfully following Him in this world, "Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will reveal to us later." Rom 8:18, while, at the same time, He provided many



blessings of growth.

Our biggest step in faith, and we believe obedience, last year was the opening of a second center, Springwater, dedicated to providing hope and healing to those carrying the guilt and shame of past abortion involvement. Another blessing has been the solidification of our men's ministry located in our Boston center. We pray for further flourishing under the leadership of our experienced pastoral counselor for men.

One lesson God reminded me of this past year was that His timing is not our timing. In last September's newsletter I wrote that our first podcast episode would be released in 30 – 60 days. We are now about 60 days beyond that timing, and all that I can say now is we are about 120 days closer than we were at that time. Stay tuned. [Listen to our trailer for "For Dear Life" here.](#) We know His timing is perfect, as we feel it has been with Springwater, two years earlier than our plans. And then there's onsite ultrasound... With all else going on, Diane continues to persevere to one day securing onsite ultrasound services for our clients, as we patiently pray and prepare for God's perfect timing. For 2023 we have prayerfully made plans that include an emphasis on increasing awareness of who we are and the services we offer, in Boston, and in Quincy, to reach more future clients currently struggling to make life giving decisions.

In a recent study, Care Net, our national affiliate, found that 4 in 10 women were regularly attending church at the time of their abortion. To eventually make abortion unthinkable, God's people, through the leadership of the local church, needs to continue to lead the way in this spiritual battle of good vs evil. At BCPC, we envision a church culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ and empowered to choose life. As a Christian, para-church ministry, we have the program to help you do this. Currently, we are in the process of conducting a small group study, developed by Care Net, for churches to help them develop "[Life Disciples](#)" within their church. We have a vision that every church in the Boston Metro area be equipped to establish a team to walk alongside women and men facing pregnancy decisions and to build a unified, holistic, kingdom response to abortion.

We ask for your prayer support as we seek God's grace and wisdom in pursuing His will for BCPC. May He help us spread awareness of His truth in love.

We praise Him for bringing you, generously giving financial means to provide the many services now available to our clients. We praise Him for bringing a staff that is inspired by their love of Jesus to work to protect life from conception to natural death. And we thank Him for continuing to provide dedicated volunteers willing to give of their time for His kingdom's glory.

Blessings for 2023!

Larry Davis, Board Chair
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Springwater after abortion healing Center update

Springwater has now been open for 4 months! We are currently running an after abortion healing bible study and meeting individually with women. A common struggle women have is in the area of forgiveness, but as one of our after abortion group

participants recently stated, "I am only on page four of the study but already feel my heart understanding that I am forgiven and set free. God is amazing!"

That is why I feel so blessed to be a part of God's redemptive work.

Important Upcoming Dates for Springwater:

Upcoming Food for Thought Group
(For women/men who may not know the Lord)
Fridays, February 24 – April 28

Forgiven & Set Free Bible Study Group
Tuesdays, 12:30 pm – 2 pm, Feb 28 – May 23

3 day overnight Healing Retreat – June 2023

For more information, please contact Sara Loy at:
sloy@bostonpregnancychoices.org or 617-302-4372

PRAYER EVENT:

The Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices, following the leading of the Holy Spirit, helped facilitate a 24-hour Sanctity of Human Life prayer vigil that was held at Congregation Lion of Judah Church in Boston on January 20 and 21, 2023.



This prayer vigil was held in conjunction with the many other Sanctity of Human Life events that took place in January across the nation. Highlights from the prayer gathering include:

- A memorial service that honored the lives of the more than 750,000 children that have been aborted in the state of MA since 1973
- A special in-person bilingual (Spanish and English) prayer, praise, and worship service focused on the sanctity of life
- State- wide and out of state participation on Zoom during the whole 24 hours
- In person self-guided meditation tours through four prayer stations that displayed presentations about the impact of abortion and the forgiveness found in Christ
- Collaboration with Open Door Baptist Church which held a five-hour prayer vigil at their church on Saturday in conjunction with the 24-hour prayer event
- 11 hours of prayer on Zoom lead by prayer leaders from across the state
- Powerful personal testimonies given by Diane O'Toole, Executive Director of BCPC, and Sara Loy, Director of Springwater
- In person personal ministry to women and couples struggling with past pregnancy issues on Friday night and Saturday



MEET OUR FAITHFUL VOLUNTEER, Gail McClymonds!

Gail started volunteering at what was then Daybreak, Inc. in the mid-1980's, shortly after the organization was formed. Gail originally was trained as a mentor to young mothers. She then went on to man the 24 hour hot-line. She also came in to organize at the center. In addition, Gail has thrown a baby shower for clients and worked in the center's baby boutique. Gail can always be counted on to help with whatever project is needed. It is only with the help of volunteers and donors such as Gail that we can provide the free and crucial services that we do.

Check out the Trailer for the Boston Center for
Pregnancy Choices
New Upcoming Podcast 'For Dear Life':

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2059253/11414975>



LINK TO THE LION OF JUDAH PRAYER TV

Pastor Brandt Gillespie interviews
Diane O'Toole and Meredith Wood.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Congregationlionofjudah/videos/1479306082601831/>



Current Volunteer Needs:

- Monday Receptionist, Boston
- Flourish Mentors
(especially bi-lingual)
- Mother's in training on-line remote facilitator
- Social Media Help
- Graphic Design Help - remote
- Cleaning Help
- Drivers to drop-off material resources

If you have any of the skills above and would like to assist BCPC on a very part-time basis, we would love to hear from you!



Please contact Lana Daniels,
Volunteer Coordinator at:
ldaniels@bostonpregnancychoices.org

Seeking BCPC Board Members!

Would you or someone you know like to be more involved in Pro-Life ministry?

Qualifications:

- The Commitment to the Ministry here at BCPC
- The Love of Christ
- Willingness to attend a monthly Zoom Board meeting

Interested candidates please contact Larry Davis, Board Chair at:
ldavis@bostonpregnancychoices.org



SAVE THE DATE:

May 4th - Annual Gala - A Birthday Celebration!

**Trinitarian Congregational Church, Wayland, MA
6:00 p.m.**

Check us out on social media:



www.Daybreaklifepartners.org



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