

## *"Defend Rescue Deliver"*

Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos is committed to honoring God, sharing the hope we have in Jesus Christ, and affirming the sanctity of every human life in the Pocono area by giving practical help and support to abortion-vulnerable women and couples, those at risk for unplanned pregnancies, and those hurting from past abortions.

In all the years that we have had our annual fundraising banquet, never before have we had such an eye-opening speaker. Never before have we had someone come to us with such a testimony and deep history in the arena of pro-choice vs. pro-life. Never before have we been able to dig deep into our pockets and request a board certified Obstetrician/Gynecologist such as Dr. Anthony Levatino to speak at our event and tell the story of his life as he found himself performing first and second trimester abortions to "care" for women, and how one day it all came to an abrupt halt!

On May 18th guests will get to hear former abortionist Dr. Anthony Levatino share his unique perspective about why a physician who has been trained to give life would practice taking it away. The story of his conversion to pro-life has educated and motivated audiences worldwide. From selfish motives to true understanding, Dr. Levatino discusses what it was like to perform abortions, the toll it took on his family, and why abortion even for the safety of the mother is a poor choice for the lives of both mom and baby,

So as we continue to move forward with our plans to expand our center we are *also* very excited to be able to hold our event at the brand new **Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia**. Their 500+ occupancy ballroom with ceiling mounted screens will increase guest seating and visibility, and prove to be a huge benefit to the fundraising aspect of our ministry. What an opportunity we have to educate more individuals as well as increase our donor base.

Please don't miss this rare chance to see what a medical doctor has to say about what really goes on in the abortion industry. If you would like to attend our 2017 "Defend Rescue Deliver" banquet, please contact the center at 570-424-0373 or see your church representative for details.

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Dr. Tony Levatino

*"Rescue those being led away to death" Proverbs 24:11*

# FROM THE DIRECTOR

## Exciting News!!!!



I have some exciting news to share with you. Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos has enlarged its paid staff! That's right. For the first time in PRCP history, we have a Client Services Director. She is Mrs. Anna Brown and we thank God for showing her the way to PRCP and for guiding us to hire her.

You no doubt remember the times that I have told you there was a need for such a position. We see an average of 15-20 clients a week. Or rather, about a dozen of our volunteer peer counselors meet with these clients, one-on-one. These peer counselors are trained in the classroom and on the job and during continuing in-service training. Peer counselors help clients administer their pregnancy tests; inform them about all their pregnancy options, including the risks of abortion; point them to community resources which often include health care providers; offer them hope and comfort; share the gospel and pray with and for them; and facilitate a parenting program that will help them as they continue through pregnancy, childbirth and infant/toddler care. After each client session, the volunteers do some quick paperwork, write session notes and plan for the next session with that client.

The Client Services Director will now supervise this volunteer group, facilitate their training(s), oversee client and volunteer scheduling, and fill-in with counseling herself as needed. I believe that Anna is just the right person to

undertake these responsibilities. Anna herself experienced a teenage pregnancy and was for a time a single mom, putting herself through college so that she could better support her child.

She holds a Masters Degree in Education with special attention to the areas of guidance and counseling. She has worked in middle schools and colleges in those specific areas. Her experience locally at both ESU and NCC has made her familiar with the mindset and stresses of the age group most of our clients fall into. On her own time she has volunteered in helping/service ministries in the churches she has attended. She has a passion to serve others for her Lord and looks forward "to seeing mothers choose life for their unborn children" at PRCP.

I want to thank each of you for making all of this possible. The budget increase necessary to sustain a new staff member is available because of your faithful financial support. Your prayers on our behalf, and all the volunteer time, love, and material donations you generously give to us never fail to encourage us. Indeed, God is using all of us to reach our community for LIFE. Thank you!

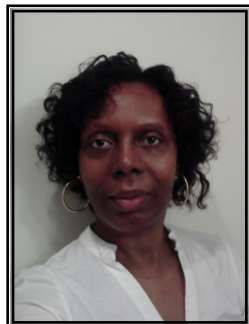
In His Service,

*Susan*

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## ANNA BROWN

Embrace!



Having lived in the Pocono area for the past 15 years, Anna has been married to her husband, Keith, for 37 years. She is the mother of four children and grandmother of six, her youngest grandson just born less than a month ago. She and Keith attend Light of the World Church where she is active in women's ministries. I know you will all soon have the opportunity to meet Anna at the Center or at our events. Please extend a warm welcome to her.

**PRC Prayer Requests**



- Our Annual Fundraising Banquet!
- Our New Client Services Director.
- Our Fatherhood Program.
- Our expansion project and growth for our center.

**Spring Baby Bottle Boomerang!**

**If your church does a “Spring” bottle drive, start collecting your change! Sunday, May 14th is the kickoff of our Spring Bottle Drive!! Bottles will be available for pick up in your local church on Mother’s Day! Bring them back filled on Father’s Day June 18th!**



**Annual Report Update**

**Total Income:** \$159,000.00

**Total Expenses:** \$144,000.00

**Income Sources**

- 17% Churches
- 8% Individuals
- 34% Banquet
- 12% Walk for Life
- 20% Baby Bottles
- 7% Year End Appeal
- 2% Misc.

**Expenses**

- 45% Programs/Cl. Services
- 28% Development
- 27% Administration

Our 2016 Annual Report published figures through October and year end financial *projections*. The figures above have been adjusted to reflect the actual 12-month income and expenditures.

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*“Defend Rescue Deliver”*

I would like to help **Defend Rescue and Deliver** by giving:

- \$500    \$250    \$200    \$100    other \_\_\_\_\_.

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**You may also make a secure on-line donation at [www.poconoprc.org](http://www.poconoprc.org)**

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Anna Brown, Client Services Director  
Amy Gary, Administrative Assistant

### **Supporting Churches**

Abundant Life Lutheran  
Berean Bible Fellowship  
Bushkill Community Church  
Calvary Bible Church  
Calvary Chapel Stroudsburg  
Cherry Valley/Poplar Valley UMC  
Christ Hamilton Lutheran  
Christian Life Assembly  
Cornerstone Community Church  
Countryside Alliance Church  
Divine Direction and Deliverance  
East Stroudsburg UMC  
Effort UMC  
Faith Alive Community Church  
First Baptist Church  
Genesis the Church

Grace UMC  
Greater Shiloh  
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox  
Innovation Church  
Life Church Poconos  
Light of the World Church  
Middlecreek Christian  
Middle Smithfield Presbyterian  
Mt. Bethel Lutheran  
Mt. Eaton Church  
Mt. Stream Baptist Church  
Neola United Methodist  
New Covenant World Outreach  
Our Lady of Victory Church  
Paradise Valley Baptist  
Pleasant Valley Assembly of God

Pleasant Valley Presbyterian  
Pocono Mt. Bible Fellowship Church  
Portland Baptist Church  
Redeeming Love Christian Center  
Reeder's UMC  
Salt of the Earth Church &  
Day Center  
St. John the Apostle Church  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran  
St. John's Evangelical Congregation  
St. Luke's Church  
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St. Peter's UMC  
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