

Spotlight



Our spotlight focuses this month on Emilie Wagner as our counselor of the month. Emilie was a member of the 2011 spring volunteer training class and has been volunteering weekly since she completed her training.

Emilie was raised in the beautiful city of Seattle, Washington and in Madison, Wisconsin. Her family has migrated south and her parents and brothers now live in Atlanta and Nashville.

During her high school years, she volunteered at a local pregnancy center as part of a drama team that did presentations about abstinence at churches and high schools in the area. After her high school graduation, she moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina where she was a student at Wake Forest University. This is where she met Chad, who became her husband after her graduation. Her degree was in religion and elementary education. Emilie taught for five years as a first grade teacher at an arts-based elementary school until the birth of their first child. She later returned to work and directed Early Childhood Ministries at Reynolda Church, EPC in Winston-Salem.

The Wagners moved to Rome in October 2010. Chad is a Primary Care Sports Medicine physician with Harbin Orthopedics. In addition to being a stay at home mom, Emilie is pursuing her Masters of Education at Berry College.

Emilie and Chad are the proud parents of two daughters, Claire (age five) and Anna (age two) and are expecting their first son to make his appearance in February.

The Wagners are members of First Presbyterian Church where Emilie plays the keyboard with the worship team, and is also a member of the bell choir. Even though “free time” is hardly part of Emilie’s vocabulary at this time in her life, she does enjoy reading and in the past has spent time sewing and gardening.

Emilie began to develop a heart for young moms during a mission trip to Rwanda in 2005 with World Vision. She was amazed by the strength God was giving women who had so little and had experienced so much pain to raise beautiful, confident children. She knows that if God can change lives and provide hope in a place that has faced such violence and devastation, He can certainly do it here, too!

This capable young woman also trained as a life coach and had a particular interest in helping mothers of young children find joy and contentment in the early days of parenting.

When Emilie was asked to tell us why she came to the Pregnancy Center to volunteer and what she has experienced during her time here, she said: “I realize that pregnancy and parenting are challenging in any situation. I am so thankful that Chad and I are in it together! I am also aware that many women face pregnancy with few resources and little support. I can only imagine how scary that must be. For some women, it must feel like an impossible situation. It is an honor to join in the work God is doing through the Pregnancy Center to give many women support during a great time of need. So often it takes just a little information – truth spoken in love – to change a woman’s heart from desperation toward hope. What an incredible privilege it is to have opportunities to explain the dangers of abortion, the joys of adoption and parenting, and most importantly, the love of Jesus to women who really need to know!

Every time I go to the Pregnancy Center I am overwhelmed by the Kingdom work happening there, and I often feel quite inadequate to the task. Thankfully we serve a God who is powerful in our weakness. I love praying with the other volunteers at the Center. It’s a great gift to know that each woman who walks through the door is known by God, and that He is already at work, drawing her to Himself.”

We feel blessed that God has chosen to bring Emilie to the Pregnancy Center and use her and her experiences to touch the lives of our clients, as well as our staff and other volunteers. Thank you, Emilie!

SAVE THE DATE

2012 Friends for Life Banquet
Thursday, March 8

Friends Newsletter

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Dear Friend:

Greetings in Jesus' name! God has been faithful this past year to work in the lives of others through the Christian Counseling ministry and the Pregnancy Center. Without God's faithfulness through your prayer and financial support, these ministries simply would not exist. Thank you.

As we begin a new year, we look forward to God doing great things through our ministries, beginning with our 2012 Friends for Life Banquet which will be held on March 8. More details about the Banquet are included in Yvonne's article in this newsletter.

I also want to announce that the date for our 2012 Rome Leadership Prayer Breakfast is Thursday, May 3. Our speaker for this event will be Robert Reccord; you may remember that he was the speaker for our 2010 Friends for Life Banquet and was very well received. Mr. Reccord is a nationally recognized speaker and author as well as founder and president of Total Life Impact Ministries, which challenges people from all around the world to live a life that matters.

We look forward to God blessing our community through these two ministry events, and I encourage you to put them on your calendar now. You will not want to miss them.

God Bless You as you continue to minister with us.

Cordially in Christ,

JIMMY E. JORDAN, ED.S.

Director of Ministries

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We wish you a blessed New Year! Most definitely, one of our huge blessings at the Pregnancy Center is the faithful support we receive from the Rome community. We are so thankful that when we present a need, we see God working through you to provide, whether it be additional volunteers, items for the clothes closet, or financial support. We realize there are many other ways you

could choose to enjoy or invest yourselves and your resources, and we acknowledge your involvement as a true blessing.

The Pregnancy Center begins its 26th year in 2012 of serving the Rome area. I always remind myself that while I enjoy looking over statistics, each number represents a person who comes to us with her own unique circumstances and needs. I recall the client who came in early in 2011 and left here determined to terminate her pregnancy. Her volunteer counselor was unable to reach her by telephone so she maintained contact by writing notes to her during those nine months. One day last fall, I answered the phone and it was that client, calling to let us know that she had just given birth and wanted to let us know how much she appreciated her counselor maintaining contact . . . even though she, the client, never responded to those notes when she received them. Since I began writing this, a young woman who called earlier seeking help with baby clothing has come in our door. She needed a few more layette items to be fully prepared for the birth of her first daughter next month. She has been wearing the same maternity outfit during her whole pregnancy and was able to find several other items in our maternity rack that will offer her a little variety in her last month.

When we ask our clients how they heard about our center, over half of them say a friend or family member told them about us. Sometimes that friend or family member was a former client and has brought the new client to us. How encouraging it is to hear them recall how compassionate and helpful their counselor was. We are in need of additional volunteer counselors! If you want to be involved in a life changing ministry, contact us. We will train you. You need not have any counseling experience. If you have a caring heart, love the Lord, and want to help, you have the basic qualifications.

Our billboard on Shorter Avenue near Red Lobster was one of the casualties of the December 22 tornado. Look for our new billboard soon, a little farther out Shorter Avenue. We are indebted to April Howell for sharing her talents with us by designing this board.

Yvonne Miller, *Director*

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Very Important Information!

We have begun preparation for our 2012 Friends for Life Banquet on Thursday, March 8 at The Forum. Tom Glessner, JD, is our speaker. Mr. Glessner is the founder of the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), an organization committed to provide legal counsel and training for pregnancy centers. NIFLA represents more than 1,200 pregnancy centers across the country. NIFLA also helps pregnancy centers to convert their operations into licensed medical clinics and provide ultrasound for abortion-minded clients. Our Center has just begun to make plans to offer ultrasound. The program at the Banquet will focus on how this will help us reach more women who are considering abortion. We will be sharing more of this exciting information with you soon!!

A banquet sponsor form is included in this newsletter. We are offering you the opportunity to invest in life and join us in providing a valuable service to our community. Banquet sponsors participate and support our ministry by helping to underwrite the

expense of the banquet. As a sponsor you will have your name, or the name of your business, printed in our Friends for Life Banquet program as well as in our first newsletter that is sent after the banquet. Our newsletter is received in over 1,000 homes and many of our supporters like to patronize those who share their passion for life. We encourage you to invite guests to attend with you. If you are a banquet sponsor and fill a table of ten, your name will also be on a table at the event. You may sponsor a table in honor or memory of a loved one. Many Sunday School classes and churches, as well as individuals, are banquet sponsors.

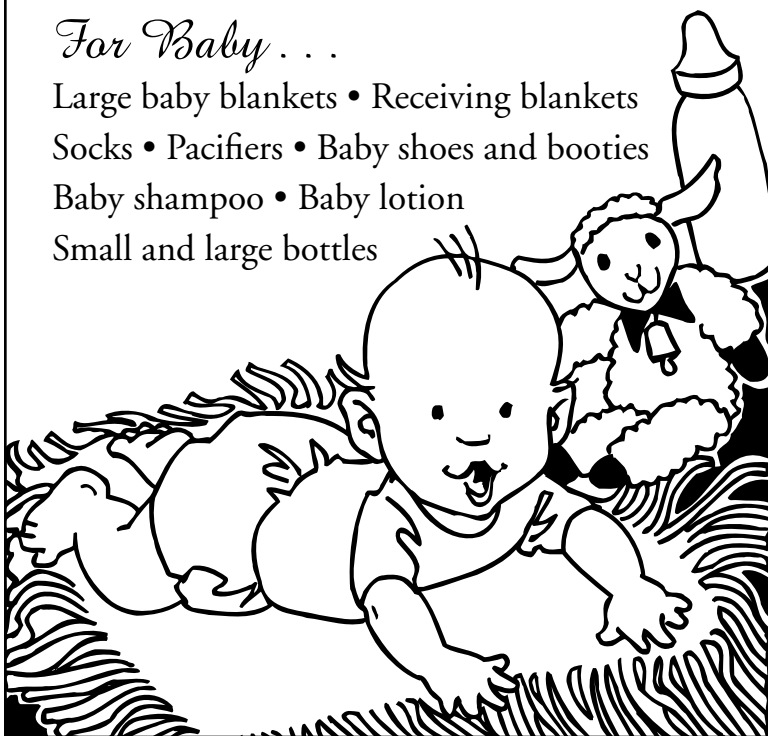
Your table will seat ten people. Two Can Do will cater our dinner. They are well known for their culinary skills! Please invite anyone who might be interested in being a part of this ministry, either through financial support, volunteering, or praying. We are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, staffed by volunteers and three part-time employees. We hope you will join us as we "celebrate life"!

Yvonne Miller, *Director*

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Socks • Pacifiers • Baby shoes and booties
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