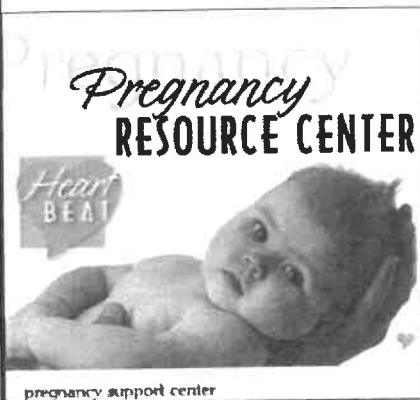




Heartbeat Headlines

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From the Director's Desk

A question: What if you were to wake up each morning and know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God had chosen you to take part in a mighty, world-changing endeavor? What would it be like to have the Creator of the entire universe put His arm around your shoulder and say, "I need you. Let's get started!"

Maybe this sounds like a fictional, fairy-tale. I get it. But we need to understand, God is calling us to mighty endeavors. He wants us to make a difference, to influence this world, to make it better. We all agree with this, right?

As we consider Heartbeat, let's think about how God views this mission. How do we fit into His desire for this world?

First, we love and serve the hurting and the wounded. We serve the unsure and the afraid. We even serve those who might see themselves as our enemies. This is just what Jesus asked us to do when He talked about loving our neighbor. Hmmmm, is this part of what God is looking for?

Second, we understand every life is created by God and He desires that each one of His created miracles be given every opportunity to live a life in the way He designed. EVERY. SINGLE. ONE.

Third, we believe faith matters to God. In different ways, we connect those we see to the God who invented faith. We do this because we want every person to find the joy of knowing God.

It isn't a stretch to say each of these three aspects of our work matter to God. In fact, each of these is God's will for a world which needs Him now more than ever.

You are doing big endeavors for this ministry when you are doing something bigger than yourselves, something which God is looking for right now. Financially you support Heartbeat and we put your funds to work for a purpose far beyond anything you can imagine. Your prayer support is crucial to our success. Your donations gives us the privilege of supplying life's necessities to our clients. Let's do this! God needs each of us to pitch in on our world-changing endeavor, right here in Perry and Juniata Counties.

It was so fun seeing many of you at Harshbarger's in July. There is a photo of our faithful supporter, Barbara Adams, in this newsletter and others that she brought with her. Thanks for your faithfulness.

The annual banquet invitation is also in this newsletter. I hope to see many of you in Mifflintown on October 18th where we will be blessed to hear State Rep. David H. Rowe. He serves the 85th District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Rowe is a strong supporter of life. Get your reservations in early for this event. And I will see you October 14th at Harshbargers.

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Surprise Donations by Tammy McCoy

Recently, Heartbeat had a wonderful surprise. We were visited by four angels from the Church of the Open Door in Evendale. Michelle Knouse had reached out to us, asking if we would accept do-



nations for the mothers and babies who come to Heartbeat. We said, of course, and on June 5th, they showed up with tons of great stuff for our clients. When I asked if they were from a specific organization, Michelle replied that the idea came from Shirley Symmerman.

Shirley is a 20-year-old college student who studies Math and hopes to become a Professor of Math someday. She definitely has a heart for community. Apparently, the Church took up a donation for Heartbeat with well over 600 diapers. As you can see from the pictures there was a lot more than just that. Along with Shirley was her sister Evie, and her mom, Lisa. Thank you to all who donated because everything will be put to good use.



Endings and Beginnings

By
Tammy McCoy



The end of summer is upon us, which is also usually the beginning of the new school year for me. This year is kind of up in the air a little. I have a new teacher at West Perry, and I am waiting to hear whether or not they will be using the program this year. I hope that they will be because I very much enjoy going into the Middle School and working with their Health teachers.

I never know until the teachers reach out and let me know what their schedules are going to look like for the new year. Especially at Juniata and East Juniata because they seem to change their schedules a lot. I plan to take the Baby Think It Over program to Newport, East Juniata, and Greenwood this year. These are computerized babies that get taken home over a weekend, and the student must take care of the infant for the time allotted. They must feed them, change them, rock them, etc. The baby keeps track of everything that is done to them and how long it takes for the student to react. It gives a very realistic portrayal of what a new mom or dad would go through, and yes, they must get up in the middle of the night with the infants as well. We also have a new item that was tried out at Greenwood at the end of last year's school year. It is a pregnancy simulator and is like an apron that fits over a student and mimics the amount of weight and discomfort a pregnant woman would feel. I received positive feedback from the teacher after using it, so I am excited to offer it to the other schools as well.

All in all, I am looking forward to another busy year working with my teachers to try and educate teenagers about their sexual health, pregnancy and healthy relationships.



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THANK YOU LETTER TO OUR DONORS

If we get caught up in today's news, we can easily find division, anger, and violence. Because we know these things draw attention, whether it be to a news app, the TV or a radio talk show.

Can you imagine a cable news telecast where the host opened with, "Goodness, it's been a great day across the country! A quick survey of all 3,141 counties tells us there was unrest today in just SEVENTEEN of these counties, which means that in 99.5% of America, we all got along well. Better yet, this trend has continued for months. It's another great day during a wonderful time to be alive."

Truth is, we probably won't see this anytime soon. Not because this hypothetical news isn't true - it is likely accurate. No, the reason is that good news, we're told, doesn't sell. Maybe good news sells, maybe not. All I know is, focusing on the good is good for the soul. Anyone knows this is true. So, some good news: While those who come in our door have needs, we're here to meet those needs. We show love to those who visit our offices.

We serve them with joy, love, and hope. We do this every day. Because of this, babies are born who might not have been. This is good news. Here is better news. Your investment in this work makes this possible. Together, we're a team which makes this world better, every day. Nope, this news probably won't make it on cable news, but it's true. And we appreciate all you do to make Heartbeat what it is today.

If we look for it, there is always bad news to be found. But good news is even easier to find. Because of you, I found good news today. Thank you for who you are and what you mean to this ministry. Just a little side note, while I was typing up this article a very good friend stopped by just to give me a hug and say she missed me....good vibes!!

Sincerely,
Susan Spriggle



Be sure to cut this out and join us
at Harshbarger's. It's always a
delicious way to help out!



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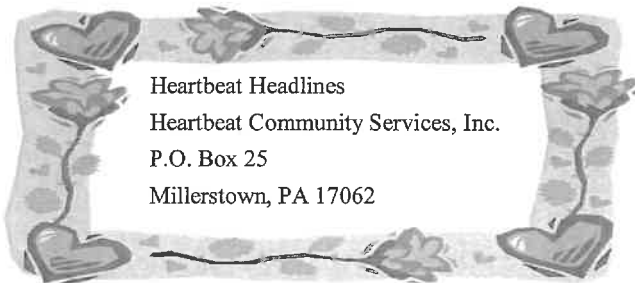


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