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As part of Read Across America Week, the students at Blast Christian Academy participated in the Baby Bottle Blessings and raised more than \$2000!



It's that time again! PHC's largest fundraiser is the Baby Bottle Blessings, which provides essential funding for the services we offer. Most churches distribute bottles on Mothers' Day and then collect them on Father's Day (though it can be done at any time). PHC volunteers will be contacting churches in mid-April to coordinate distribution. If your church would like to participate, please contact us at 859-624-3942.



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## DIY Abortion: A Brave New World

*"She doesn't want to leave her house."* The words struck me as I was reminded once again of what we are up against. I was on a monthly review call with the agency we use to market to abortion-determined women. As we studied what women are searching, the top searches leading them to make a call to schedule with us are "abortion services" and "abortion pill."

Even with *Roe v. Wade* overturned, abortion is still available in about 75% of the country. Organizations like Planned Parenthood are working harder than ever, focusing specifically on expanding access to the abortion pill. They know the client and how to reach her because their business depends on it! Because the FDA has made the abortion pill easy to obtain, women often do not even have to go to a clinic. We recently saw one young woman who was waiting for her mail-order abortion pills to arrive from Europe.

Further research made me stumble upon the resource from where she had ordered her pills. For only **\$105**, the pills could be shipped here to Kentucky, thus ending the life of her baby with very little, if any, medical supervision.

### Mail order abortion pills and DIY abortions are here. She doesn't even have to leave her house.

Because so many women are seeking abortion pills to end their pregnancy, we know it is an area where we at PHC must be educated and have options available. As we look ahead, we are hoping to begin offering **telehealth** services to build relationships with women BEFORE they come in. In addition, a service we are prayerfully looking to offer is **Abortion Pill Reversal**. This can be done if the woman has only consumed the first medication and is about **50% effective** in saving the life of the baby. Our nurses will be attending a training in April to learn more.

I plead with you not to rest in the fact that abortions are (currently) illegal in Kentucky. Women are still seeking abortions. Women are still in crisis. We need your partnership to be able to continue to reach them and to offer the help and hope they so desperately need, so that they are empowered to **CHOOSE LIFE!**



Blessings, in Christ,

Sarah Roof  
Executive Director

**DID YOU KNOW?**

More than half of abortions are obtained through the abortion pill.

### WHAT IS THE ABORTION PILL?

The abortion pill can be taken up to 10 weeks gestation. Ending a pregnancy with an abortion pill involves taking two medications. Mifepristone stops the pregnancy from growing. Misoprostol is taken up to 48 hours later, causing cramping and bleeding, expelling the baby from the uterus.



# Reflection on the Day of Life Celebration

PHC hosted the Day of Life event on January 22, the 50th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision. Community members gathered on the lawn of the Madison County Courthouse to pray for our community, state, and nation. Congressman Andy Barr and Kentucky Right to Life Association President Addia Wuchner were in attendance and gave state and national updates regarding the sanctity of life, encouraging attendees to keep fighting on behalf of the unborn. Local community leaders, legislators, and pastors also spoke and prayed.



## Abortions remain illegal in Kentucky



Attorney General Daniel Cameron toured PHC on February 2

In a much-anticipated decision, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled on February 16 that a lower court wrongfully stopped the enforcement of the state's two laws that protect the unborn. This decision allows for abortion to remain illegal in Kentucky, resulting in between 2000-3000 abortions that would have typically occurred to no longer be happening in the state.

Justice Debra Hembree Lambert asserted in her opinion that the circuit court *"abused its discretion by granting abortion provider's motion for a temporary injunction."*

*"Since the U.S. Supreme Court overruled Roe v. Wade last June, we have vigorously defended Kentucky's Human Life Protection Act and Heartbeat Law,"* Attorney General Daniel Cameron said in a statement. *"We are very pleased that Kentucky's high court has allowed these laws to remain in effect while the case proceeds in circuit court."*

## WE ARE HIRING!

PHC is growing and expanding our services. We have the following part-time opportunities available:

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH ASSOCIATE:** This individual will oversee the planning and implementation of outreach strategies, be responsible for connecting people in the broader community to the mission and services of PHC, and cultivate relationships with individuals, businesses, and other community partners/agencies.

**SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION COORDINATOR & TEAM MEMBERS:** These individuals will network with local schools and youth groups and teach an abstinence-based curriculum to students.

To express interest and receive more detailed job descriptions, email [sroof@madisonphc.org](mailto:sroof@madisonphc.org).

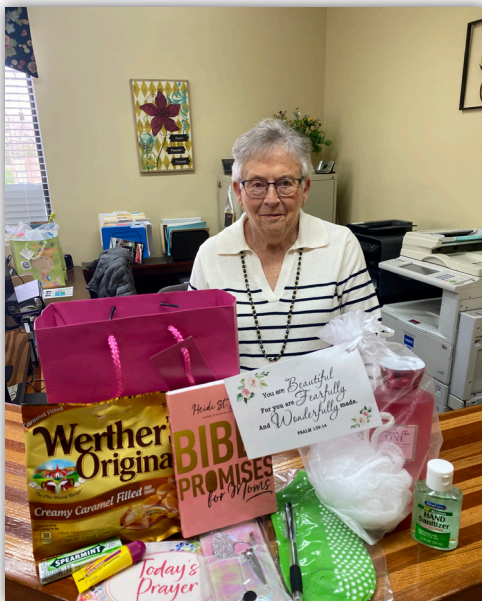


Executive Director Sarah Roof shares with students at Madison Central High School about the services of PHC and the importance of making healthy sexual and relationship decisions.



## Mission Opportunity

Do you have a women's group or small group looking for a mission activity? PHC has been giving gift bags to our women after they receive an ultrasound, and we need more groups willing to donate gift bags or materials to put in them. The project has been performed the last few months by PHC volunteers Sue Cox and Linda Price, along with their women's groups at Rosedale Baptist Church and First Baptist Church. However, we want to make this opportunity available to more groups. If your group would like to **ADOPT A MONTH**, please email [help@madisonphc.org](mailto:help@madisonphc.org). (Note: Between 5-10 gift bags are typically needed per month. Items pictured are ideas of what has been given in the past.)



## Volunteer Spotlight: Marcee Anderson

Marcee joined PHC as a volunteer in February. As a homeschool high school student, she wanted ways to serve in her community.



She is always willing to do whatever is asked of her, including helping at the front desk, cleaning, sorting through donations, and organizing the baby boutique.

*"I became interested in PHC when I came to volunteer with my youth group. I wanted to serve my community and learn more about how PHC works. Since volunteering here, I've learned valuable lessons and skills as well as hands-on experience. I have been blessed to be able to see first-hand the benefit it is to Madison County! It is so amazing to see God use our counselors to touch the lives of our clients! One of my favorite things to do is to work in the baby boutique and organize the clothes. I am so blessed to be a part of such an amazing ministry!"*

Marcee and her family are members at Viney Fork Baptist Church.

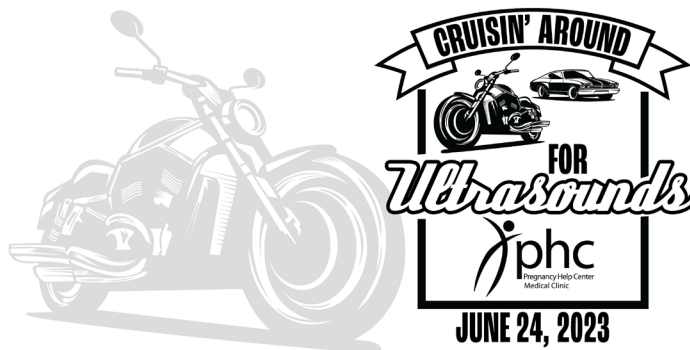
## A new two-in-one event on June 24

Make plans to join PHC on June 24 at White Hall Park for the first annual Walk for Life and Cruisin' Around for Ultrasounds.

*"We picked June 24 because it is the one-year anniversary of the Dobbs decision that paved the way for abortion to be illegal in Kentucky,"* said PHC Executive Director Sarah Roof. *"We felt this was a good reason to celebrate and offer a fun event for the whole family."*

Motorcycle or car riders will have five stops throughout Madison County before concluding at White Hall Park.

Once there, they will join community members who have gathered for the Walk for Life, an event for the whole family! This event will include bounce houses, food trucks, Kona Ice, and live music. (Note: The Walk for Life is both an outreach and fundraising event; however, you are not required to walk or form a team. Participants who raise more than \$100 will receive a free t-shirt.) For more details about the Walk for Life, scan the QR code.



*Details are still being finalized, but if you are a motorcycle rider or car enthusiast, you can pre-register by emailing [sroof@madisonphc.org](mailto:sroof@madisonphc.org).*



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