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### A Day to Celebrate

On June 22, PHC supporters gathered at White Hall State Historic Site for the annual Walk for Life. Thank you to everyone for coming to celebrate! Special thanks to local musician, Erik Botsford, for providing live music, to Lela Moran for face painting, and the various vendors and food trucks.



#### Safe Haven Baby Box is Now Available!

On August 13, members from the community gathered for the official blessing of the Safe Haven Baby Box at downtown Richmond Fire Station #1. Richmond became the 39th location in Kentucky and the 257th box in the nation.

Safe Haven Baby Box Founder Monica Kelsey was in attendance and spoke, as well as Richmond Mayor Robert Blythe, Fire Chief Brooks Elder, Baptist Health CEO Greg Gerard, and PHC Executive Director Sarah Roof.

"We are standing here blessing a wall to save a child's life so that we don't have to bless a box in the ground when the child dies," said Kelsey.



The Richmond box was made possibly due to a gift from an anonymous donor. Safe Haven Baby Boxes allow for the anonymous and safe surrender of a newborn infant. To learn more, visit <u>www.shbb.org</u>.



# You're Invited! Night for Life Set for November 14

The annual Night for Life fundraising dinner will return to Big Hill Christian Church on Nov. 14. In addition to a ministry update and learning PHC's vision for 2025, this year's keynote speaker will be Seth Gruber.



The son of a pregnancy resource center director, Seth was raised in the prolife movement and has been speaking publicly on behalf of unborn children since the age of 19. First gaining exposure during his college years, he founded and directed the Students for Life Club at Westmont College, a Christian liberal arts institution. While there, he

conducted educational displays on campus to challenge the institution for their refusal to take a formal position on abortion. During the summer, Seth interned with a prolife organization in Southern California, where he helped coordinate and conduct educational displays at over 10 universities and engaged with thousands of students on the topic of abortion. Upon graduation, Seth joined Life Training Institute as a pro-life speaker. He is now a nationally renowned speaker for life, the founder and president of The White Rose Resistance, and the host of the popular podcast "UnAborted." He also recently released his new book, *"The 1916 Project."* 

A compelling and passionate voice for the unborn, Seth is reaching all generations and is helping change the way that our country thinks about and responds to the evil of abortion. Join us to learn from him as well as how you can be part of PHC's vision moving forward.

Tables of 8 are \$500 and individual tickets are \$75. Tickets are limited. For ticket information, visit <u>friendsofmadisonphc.org/night-for-life</u>, scan the QR code on the right, or call 859-624-3942. JOIN US! November 14, 2024

**Big Hill** Christian Church 1150 Goggins Lane Richmond, KY

> Doors Open at 6:00pm

Program 6:30pm-8:30pm



## New Staff Join the PHC Team!



**Ashley Owen** became the new Director of Client Services in June. In her role, she oversees all parenting programs and mentors women who are pregnant or have young children.

"I enjoy working with the families here and the opportunity to encourage healthy lifestyles. I believe that we live in a world that tries to reduce the importance of our godly connection and that we need to be

deliberate in our faith," said Ashley. "When I get the chance to listen and learn with others, I am reminded of God's love for us. I go home at the end of each day, feeling motivated because I get to share truth and love with our clients - which is exactly what saved me many years ago."

Ashley and her husband, Tony, have three children. They are members of Vineyard Community Church where Tony serves as the worship pastor.

**Brooke Barrett** joined the staff in March and serves as a Client Advocate at the Berea clinic. She meets with women in the clinic, educating them, as many are facing unplanned pregnancies or considering abortion.

"I enjoy coming alongside women to offer hope and supportive resources for navigating a new pregnancy," said Brooke.



Brooke and her husband are members of River of Life Church.



Marcee Anderson previously served as a volunteer at PHC and now serves as the Community Outreach Coordinator. In this role, she connects with community partners and attends various community events.

"I love serving at PHC because I get to love and support our clients while sharing the love of Christ with the Madison County community," said Marcee.

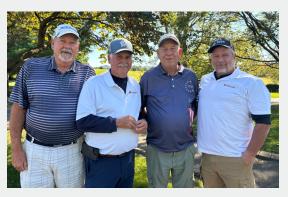
Marcee is the daughter of Jeremy and Ellen Anderson. They are members of Viney Fork Baptist Church.

### Golf Fore Life a Wonderful Success

Hurricane Helene had other plans for PHC's golf scramble, causing it to be postponed. The two-day event was held on Oct. 11 and 12 at Battlefield Golf Course with 30 teams participating. Much of the scramble's continued success is owed to Ricky Clontz and Jeff Mounts, both of whom devote countless hours planning for and assisting with the event.

Thank you to the sponsors for their support of this event. To view a complete listing, visit <u>www.</u> <u>friendsofmadisonphc.org/golf-fore-</u> <u>life</u>. We ask that you consider these businesses for your personal needs and thank them for their support for life!





### A Lasting Impact

While our parenting classes are very relational in nature, we do not often get the opportunity to connect with patients in our medical clinic in quite the same way. They come to us for an answer – or direction – and we do not always know what happens once they walk out our doors. Every now and then, we learn about the impact we are having. Allow me to share with you an encouraging story that was recently shared by a supporter on Facebook:

Talking with a young married lady today she shared her total surprise to find out she was pregnant, her second pregnancy and with twins. The unexpected pregnancy had taken her by surprise and she was so overwhelmed that she turned to the Pregnancy Help Center in Richmond and in her words, they talked her off the ledge. When she talked to her family their first response was, are you going to keep them? Thankfully the PHC gave her information, love, encouragement, and offered her a way to help with other pregnant women that made her realize how important she and the babies truly are in life. The issue was never about keeping the babies and giving birth it was simply a surprise at this time and she needed someone to talk with her and listen to her about concerns she had. I am so thankful someone or probably several at the center had the love of Jesus and the compassion to help this mother find peace in the blessings she had been given. I pray that more women who may be scared or confused find their way to a pregnancy help center and know there is encouragement and help in so many ways as they experience the greatest joy to give life to the most remarkable creation that God personally formed. As Christians we are to be pro life and protect the innocent. Support the center with monetary donation or call and ask what needs they have at this time.

Out and About with PHC



PHC was represented at City Fest at EKU on Sept. 12.



At PHC, our mission is to value and passionately affirm the gift of life. Thank you for standing with us!



Blessings, in Christ,

Sarah Roof Executive Director

Camden Alcorn taught Relationships Under Construction, our sexual risk avoidance curriculum, to students at Madison Southern High School in Berea on Oct. 3.

Thank you to the following churches/groups for allowing me to share about PHC recently:

- Eastside Community Church
- Real Life Community Church
- Silver Creek Baptist Church
- Viney Fork Baptist Church WMU