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"I am forever grateful for the Pregnancy Clinic Ministry, and my counselor, Marsha, who I first met in May 2000. This is my story: Upon the realization that I had missed my period, my heart sank at the thought that I could possibly be pregnant. I was only a 15 year old high school student. What would I do? I thought there was no possible way I could bring a child into this world and be able to meet their needs. As panic sunk in, I called my boyfriend and he drove to my house with a pregnancy test. Our hearts were racing as we awaited the results... I was indeed pregnant. Not knowing

awaited the results... I was indeed pregnant. Not knowing what to do, we researched pregnancy centers in the hopes that they could provide more information and advice on our options. That is when we found the Pregnancy Clinic. Our minds were made up when we arrived for our

appointment at the Clinic. We had decided that having an abortion was the best option. There were so many factors working against us having a baby, it just made the most sense. We met our counselor who was such a kind and caring woman, who answered every question we had with absolutely no judgment. She educated us on our potential options. At the end of our counseling session, she invited us to come back that following Wednesday for a sonogram. Even though we already had our minds set on the abortion, we agreed.

The sonogram was such an eye opening experience. There, we found out our due date and were able to listen to our baby's actual heartbeat. The moment we heard her heartbeat was truly breathtaking and completely changed our lives. But we still faced so many hardships if we chose life. (continued on pg. 3)

The Pregnancy Clinic Ministry is a faith-based, medical non-profit, serving those facing pregnancy-related and sexual health issues by offering physical, emotional, and spiritual support, and empowering them to make healthy and life-affirming decisions.

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Pamela's Post

Hopefully you have heard of and possibly seen the videos exposing Planned Parenthood's involvement in the harvesting and sale of organs from aborted babies. Some states have begun defunding Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in America, who receives half a billion of our tax dollars.



In a recent BreakPoint article, Eric Metaxas challenged Planned Parenthood:

"If there's 'nothing to see here' and nothing-out-of-the-ordinary going on , then I have a suggestion: Let us take a look... All we're doing is asking for transparency, especially since our tax dollars go to support your organization." Planned Parenthood has soundly rejected this.

The Pregnancy Clinic Ministry stands in stark contrast and I'm thankful we all have the privilege of serving in a ministry that has nothing to hide.

How ironic then that Planned Parenthood and NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) has over the years repeatedly attacked and attempted to legislate against pregnancy clinics in Maryland (and other states) to keep women from seeing their preborn babies in ultrasounds in our clinics. The most recent attack came this month with a billboard in Baltimore which partially shows our website with false claims that we are a "fake clinic"

Why? Because they know that the majority of women, in fact nearly 70% in our Pregnancy Clinics, who are counseled and see their baby on ultrasound will change their mind and choose life for their child. Similarly, we all know that often a fathers' attitude about the pregnancy can change dramatically upon seeing his preborn child on an ultrasound for the first time.

We pray regularly for those working in and for Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry. We will not stop now, but rather increase our prayer for them that the Lord will take the blinders from their eyes, and break their hearts for women and preborn babies made in the Image of God.

We will continue to forge ahead with courage in the face of these attacks, standing in the truth. Scripture is full of wisdom and counsel on attacks from Psalm 5, Psalm 27:2, and Eph 6:14: Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place.

We are committed to uncovering the gift of life in the womb and unveiling the hope of life in Christ as we offer muchneeded services to women and men. While Planned Parenthood receives half a billion dollars of public money, we serve thousands each year, nearly 30,000 to date, without any public funding, relying instead completely on the generosity of our financial partners.

Now is the time to let our light shine boldly, offering this truth spoken in love and a cool glass of water in the name of Jesus and courageously proclaiming LIFE. After all, we have nothing to hide.

Because of Him,

Jamela Balumlo CEO

But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. Jeremiah 20:11 (NIV)



Post-Abortion Bible Study

Women and men may find they experience difficulty in their lives-- even months or years post-abortion(s). You are not alone. Find out more about our in-depth and confidential Bible study designed to minister to those who have been wounded. www.pregnancyclinicministry.org/PAS

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As we highly contemplated changing our decision of having an abortion to keeping the baby, we faced many, many obstacles. Our parents disapproved of our decision, we had to figure out what we were going to do about our schooling, we had to find a place to live, we had to find jobs, and so much more in the preparation of having and raising a baby, and especially at such a young age. Through every step of the way, every obstacle we had to overcome, Marsha and the Clinic were there for us. With their support, we overcame every obstacle... even the seemingly impossible ones.



The Pablo Family advocates for Pregnancy Clinic Ministries at Babies go to Congress Spring 2015

On January 6, 2001, we gave birth to a beautiful

healthy baby girl that we named Christiana. Our parents, who initially disapproved with our decision, were overjoyed with the birth of their first granddaughter. Time stood still and everything changed once we brought Christiana into our lives. The seemingly impossible obstacles that once stood in our way somehow found paths and we felt, for the first time in our lives, that everything happens for a reason and everything was going to be okay.

Today, my husband Christian and I have been happily together for 15 years. We have both worked extremely hard balancing work and finishing school while raising a child and are currently working in our careers as an Engineer and a Paralegal. We got married in 2006 and had our second daughter, Mia, in 2009. Christiana, our oldest, is now a 13 year old honor roll student getting ready to enter high school. Christiana and Mia are, without a doubt, the joys of our lives and we could not imagine life without them.

I say that the Pregnancy Clinic helped saved my daughter's life because they opened up our eyes and gave us the knowledge, the strength and the encouragement to help us carry out our decision in keeping our baby. The Clinic guided us through each tough obstacle that a young teen faces having a baby at a young age. opened up my eyes to my own life goals, and it gave me the push I needed to fulfill them. Without their help, our daughter would not be here today. But I also say the Pregnancy Clinic helped saved my life because in deciding that I wanted to keep my daughter, The Pregnancy Clinic truly saves lives and our family is living proof."



Volunteer Training

Not sure how God might be calling you? Attend our training course with no obligation to volunteer. It offers communication tools, crisis intervention, and skills for sharing the Gospel that would benefit any believer looking to serve in our hurting world.

> Pregnancy Clinic Ministry Volunteer Training 10-week session begins Tuesday, Oct 6 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Faith Community Church, Gambrills For more information call Angela 410-431-5000 www.pregnancyclinicministry.org

Laugh for Life

A night of free family fun with stand-up comedian Paul Aldrich! Admission is free, but seating is limited, so tickets are required. Go to pregnancyclinicministry.org

For more information on these and other events, e-newsletters, baby bottle campaigns, and Praying Friends, or to partner with us, check out:

www.pregnancyclinicministry.org or Facebook.com/pregnancyclinicministry

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The Pregnancy Clinic Ministry's Walk and Run for Life is a fun, family-friendly event with a 5k timed trail run, a one-mile fun walk, great activities for kids including a moon-bounce and this year, a Toddler Trot Race for kids, and lots of prizes and giveaways.

This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and 100% of the proceeds benefit the Pregnancy Clinic Ministry and provide hope, help and healing to women facing an unplanned pregnancy, empowering them to change their minds for life.

Join us for a fantastic day running the 5k, walking the Life Trail and celebrating the lives of babies saved!

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