

## President's Note

The Pregnancy Care Centre Society of Kamloops is a non-denominational, non-profit organization which will assist women and men faced with an unplanned pregnancy.

In the absence of our president Pat Stanyer I am left with some very large shoes to fill. As you may know Pat abandons us each summer for her annual lobster feed in Prince Edward Island. Since our grand opening on May 5th, things have been moving along at a slow and steady pace – just the way we like it! We have volunteers and board members who show up regularly and help our administrator, Shirley Bosman to keep things running smoothly.

Revenue Canada has assigned us a “case worker” so that means we are much closer to getting our charitable status number. Hopefully we will have it before our first annual Fundraising dinner & dance on Friday, October 26th at Colombo Hall.

We hope to see you all at this dinner. We plan to put the FUN back in fundraising!

Many thanks and God's special blessings to all of you who are helping to make the Pregnancy Care Centre a success in our community. God knows who you are.

SHARON LUDWIG, *Vice President.*

## Baby Bottle Campaign

**Participate in a ministry that supports life itself!**

We love finding unique ways to do fundraising. We are running the Baby Bottle Campaign several times throughout 2007.

You can participate for the fall / winter campaign.

We will provide you with the empty baby bottles. The campaign is promoted in your church or group with a reminder that this is a great teaching tool for young children, teens, parents and grandparents alike. All the money collected goes directly towards the centre allowing us to operate the Centre while providing free and confidential services.

Talk to your pastor about having your church participate in this event. We are happy to speak to your church / Sunday school / women's group to answer any questions you may have.

## Mission Statement

“We desire to empower those who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy, through education, resources and support.”

## Mark your Calendars!

Attend the first annual Fundraising Gala Dinner & Dance  
Location: Colombo Hall  
(roast beef dinner)

**Date: Friday October 26, 2007**

**Speaker: Lola French**

**Band: The Blues Jumpers**  
*Blues, R & B, and Rock N' Roll*

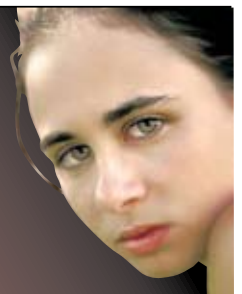
Don't miss this event, come and support the Pregnancy Care Centre and have fun!

Call the office for tickets – 376-4646

**Pregnant? – Confused?**  
**Call 250-376-4646**



<http://www.PregnancyCareKamloops.com>



With donations from local service clubs and individuals, we will soon increase our visibility with three strategically placed bus benches.



## From the desk of the administrator . . . .

It is with great excitement that I write this report. The Centre has been open for four months and we have a total of 10 volunteers who are working as peer counsellors. Because of your support we have been able to initiate a 24/7 crisis line and have received several calls from desperate women who were given hope.

Do you wonder who comes for help? Here are a few samples (names have been changed).

- Linda came into the office complete with body art, a kaleidoscope of hair colour and body piercing asking what she could do to prevent a 6 months pregnant friend from continuing with her self-destructive drug and alcohol abuse lifestyle. (Legally there is nothing that can be done – please pray for her)
- Nancy came in for a free pregnancy test, her test was negative. She has a 3 year old, and 10 month old baby.
- Lisa, a beautiful shy young married woman who is 3 months pregnant and is the victim of spousal abuse.
- Cathy, a university graduate who has found herself pregnant as the result of “date rape”. She is exploring how her life has changed – what will she do? Will she single parent, terminate her pregnancy, or place her child for adoption? These are decisions that will affect her for the rest of her life.

• Amy’s story is about divine intervention. Amy had hidden her pregnancy from family and friends for over 6 months. Naturally the family was in shock – an aunt found the Centre’s brochure on the floor in one of the local high schools and called our crisis line for help. Against the family’s wishes, Amy had decided to place the baby for adoption. She travelled 1 1/2 hours by bus to come to the centre for help. The volunteer peer counsellor had just watched a moving video by Mark Schultz, an adoptee and was able to share with Amy how she was giving the greatest gift – the gift of life to a family who desperately wanted a child. Amy had the opportunity to make a plan for her baby’s life and choose the perfect couple to raise her child. The entire family is happy with the adoption and is receiving weekly photos of the baby. God has a wonderful way of making all things good!

We have been entrusted with the awesome privilege of being that special person God has called to reach out. Please pray for the Pregnancy Care Centre.

SHIRLEY BOSMAN

## Who are the peer counsellors?

*Several of our counsellors were asked to share why they had decided to volunteer for the Pregnancy Care Centre, here are some of their responses:*

I come from a family of 10 children, and have raised my own four children. My mom became pregnant when she was only sixteen years old and I survived! My mom went on to get her BA in journalism and presently does comedy clubs. She feels she just has to speak about the things that happened when her 10 kids were growing up and everyone roars!

BARBARA GARRETT

I decided to volunteer because of observing my mother firsthand. Having had an abortion when she was young, the guilt plagued her all of her life.

NORINE FENEMORE

It has been on my heart for a long time to minister to people in crisis. I am a peer counsellor and volunteer at the centre once a week, even though I have not had any clients yet. I am excited to see what God will do in the Kamloops Pregnancy Care Centre and the lives that He has decided to touch.

HEATHER HULKA



### ***I want to be involved in the Pregnancy Care Centre of Kamloops by:***

- Becoming a member     Single Membership \$10.00     Family Membership \$15.00

### **I am interested in supporting financially:**

- One time gift** of: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (We have applied for tax deductible status, at this time we are unable to issue a receipt).

- Pre-authorized monthly gift agreement** - I authorize the *Pregnancy Care Centre Society of Kamloops* to automatically withdraw \$\_\_\_\_\_ from my financial institution on or around the 1st day of each month until further notice.

- Voided cheque attached.** Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to, and make cheque payable to, the Pregnancy Care Centre of Kamloops.

St 200 - 535 Tranquille Rd., Kamloops, BC V2B 3H5

- I do not want to receive information about the Pregnancy Care Centre of Kamloops.*

### **Centre's Needs**

DVD player,  
2 small coffee  
tables, 15 bro-  
chure holders,  
Small stereo,  
Waste paper  
baskets, Large  
artificial plants

If you can help  
with any of  
these items  
please call  
376-4646.