



## ELIMINATING THE “NEED” FOR ABORTION

### Why?

It takes more than offering a free pregnancy test (which can be purchased at any local drug store and used at home) to attract the clients we at IC<sup>3</sup> want to reach. Statistics have shown that the typical non-medical Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) that hands out literature and offers counseling is not effectively competing with abortion providers.

A clinic staffed with a professional Medical team providing high quality medical care can effectively market to those women who might consider abortion their only option. Such clinics are desperately needed and filling that need is the IC<sup>3</sup> mission.

#### Our Mission

To eliminate the option for abortion through effectively serving the pregnant at-risk woman by turning her fear of the present into confidence in her future.

### Projected

#### Programs and Services

- Pregnancy Testing
- STD Testing
- Christ Centered Counseling
- Obstetrical Ultrasound
- Information: Abortion Procedures, Risks, and Side Effects
- STD Risk Assessment
- Referrals for OB Care, Social Services, Adoption Services
- Early Prenatal Care
- Abstinence Education Program For Middle and High School
- Certified Adoption Liaisons
- Post Abortion Counseling

### Progress Report

by Brad Sherman, IC<sup>3</sup> Chairman

More than twenty years ago, I was privileged to serve on a steering committee that started a pro-life Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) in the Iowa City Community. Today, I find myself involved once again in the establishment of a similar type of pro-life ministry. That new ministry is the Informed Choice of Iowa Corporation (IC<sup>3</sup>). (see the “Why?” sidebar on the left)

We have made good progress since our last newsletter but there is still plenty to do. Here is an overview.

#### IC<sup>3</sup> Has A Building!

IC<sup>3</sup> has secured a wonderful facility at 817 South Gilbert Street in Iowa City. We have signed a lease with an option to buy and are busy preparing for the remodel. Several contractors have volunteered to donate their time and expertise to complete the necessary work and to them we say a heartfelt “Thank you”. As the work progresses, we’ll be posting other needs or services on our website and we hope you’ll check back often for ways you can help.

#### Donations

Thanks to your generosity, a significant portion of the funds for remodeling, 5 months of rent, and other supplies have already been pledged!

#### Staff

We are truly being blessed with highly qualified personnel.

- Medical Director: Lisa Van Hofwegan, MD has volunteered to serve as our Medical Director.
- Director of Patient Resources: Rebekah Trotter
- Clinic Director: We have an MD who has applied for this position. This individual wants to return to the medical profession after raising her family and sees IC<sup>3</sup> as a perfect fit.
- Director of Medical Services: We are speaking with a highly qualified Sonographer to fill this position.

#### Training

In March, we brought in Craig Chase, from the Medical Advancement Division of NIFLA (National Institute of Family & Life Advocates) to lead a two-day training session with our Board of Directors. Rebekah Trotter attended NIFLA’s Director Track Training in Atlanta earlier this year and we are hoping to send new personnel to NIFLA training in July. Please pray that these trainings work out. (see [www.nifla.org](http://www.nifla.org))

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As of March 2008, Focus on the Family has gathered statistical research of over 411,838 women from its Option Ultrasound™ Program on the benefit of ultrasound. Reported statistics reveal that **91%** of women who are considering abortion decide to carry their babies to term after receiving a combination of counseling and ultrasound at Pregnancy Medical Clinics. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.heartlink.org/directors/A000000535.cfm>

### **IC<sup>3</sup> Board of Directors**

**Brad Sherman**

**Rachel Owen**

**Tom Cannon**

**Bob Sinclair**

**Terry Ducharme**

### **Needs:**

- **An individual who is gifted in fund raising**
- **Volunteers to serve in the clinic when it opens:** Receptionist, Counselors, Administrative Help (see web site for more details)
- **Volunteers with construction skills for remodeling.**
- **Financial Support: Now Is The Time To Act.**  
Go to our web site and see our Sponsor-a-Day Program

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### **Providential Connection!**

Along the lines of training, I also have an amazing providential development to report. I was in Wichita recently helping my daughter Hilah and her husband Brent move. Brent is a recent graduate of the University of Iowa Medical School and is doing his residency in Wichita. While there, I had the opportunity to meet one of the other residents whose wife volunteers at a clinic like the one we are working to establish. As a further coincidence, Dr. Stringfield, who is overseeing Brent's hospital residency program, is the Medical Director and Chairman of the Board of the clinic! Dr. Stringfield arranged a tour of the facility and I was extremely impressed.

Choices Medical Clinic is a professional and efficient operation that sees over 100 women per month. They have been open for nine years and have recently decided to help establish similar clinics in other locations. The staff there has offered to help us in any way they can! We plan to have our staff and board members visit there as soon as possible and see what develops. God is Good! (see [www.choicesmc.org](http://www.choicesmc.org))

Most things change over time but one thing remains constant...the immeasurable value of life. Thus the battle to save the lives of babies continues. Therefore, as you muse over this edition of our newsletter, please prayerfully consider how you might be a part of establishing this important work. The time to act is now. Your generous support is appreciated!



Our Building at 817 South Gilbert St.

### **Appreciation to Shawn Zierke!**

Shawn Zierke has resigned from IC<sup>3</sup>. We want to express our gratitude for her amazing energy and hard work in bringing IC<sup>3</sup> to this point and honor her for her dedication to the pro-life cause.