



# Heartbeat

*HeartReach*  
Pregnancy Center

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## Embracing Parenthood

In our February newsletter we mentioned the new program that we were starting in April called Embracing Parenthood. We would like to give you an update on how it is going.

God truly blessed and brought in several new Mentor Mom's & Dad's who have been working with the clients. It has been a tremendous blessing thus far and the Mentors have expressed great joy in sharing the love of Christ through parenting education.

We have had many positive responses to the changing of our program to Embracing Parenthood.

Here are just a few of the many comments of what our clients liked best about the program:

Thank you for helping my mommy & daddy through your parenting classes.



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## Walk for Life 2008

The 2008 Walk for Life was by far our most successful walk ever. We had such a beautiful sunny day with lots of walkers, (some runners too) and plenty of fun fellowship. The food was delicious and the kids enjoyed some fun games and face painting.

God truly blessed us this year with the wonderful weather but also financially.

Thanks to you, our wonderful supporters, we raised \$25,000.00, Praise God!

Many churches were well represented this year but Glacier View Bible Church did it again and won top honors for the most walkers. Congratulations! They also are the church that comes the farthest to participate.

The Staff and Board of Directors for HPC thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support of this "life affirming" ministry.

God bless you  
Christy Pinkerton

And we are confident that He hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases Him. And since we know He hears us when we make our requests, we also know that He will give us what we ask for.

1 John 5:14-15



# Walk for LIFE 2008 Sponsors & Prize Winners

We would like to say thank you  
to the many sponsors who made this year a great success.

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**Prize Winners**

*1-10 Years*

1st Place-Psalm McKinnis  
2nd Place-Angela Kincaid  
3rd Place-Wynn McKinnis  
4th Place-Brayden Parrent

*11-14 Years*

1st Place-Kenton McKinnis  
2nd Place-Merrily Kincaid  
3rd Place-Karess Buehner  
4th Place-Tiffany Gerwig

*15-18 Years*

1st Place-Micah McKinnis  
2nd Place-Caleb Hein  
3rd Place-Katrina Knowlton  
4th Place-Yetta Hein

*19 +*

1st Place-Tracee Jacobs  
2nd Place-Saundra Hutchins  
3rd Place-Robin Spencer  
4th Place-Robin Dunham

## Want a unique way to give? Come fly with us!

For those who like to give creatively, consider your sky miles – which could send us to a conference where we may glean an idea that could impact this ministry for years to come.

If you have extra frequent flier points built up, why not give Christy a call at 373-3456. She can let you know what we have upcoming and how you can help get us where we need to go to build the future of HeartReach Pregnancy Center.





## Walk for Life 2008



# Thank you!





*Let's Talk Healthy Relationships*  
*is pleased to present*

## *'Connected Families'*

Helping Teens  
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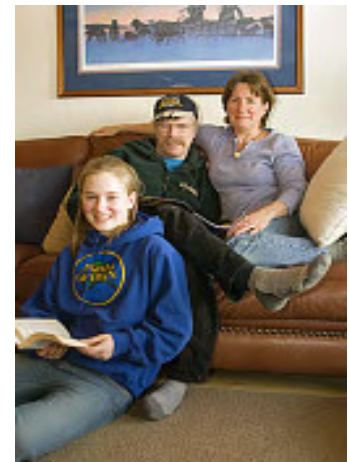
*Current trends in today's youth and  
10 specific steps you can take to  
protect your teen's  
health and future by  
empowering them to  
make the healthiest choices.*



**AT&T Sports Center**  
**Tuesday, July 22 @ 7:00 pm**



*Let's Talk Healthy  
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serves all over Alaska  
with abstinence  
educational services that equip,  
empower and  
encourage youth to embrace  
life style choices that eliminate  
risk.*



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## We love them first.

## Then the door is open . . .

**S**ome ask about our ministry, “Why don’t you tell these girls to stop getting themselves in this situation?” “Can’t you just sit them down when they have that test and tell them they are living in sin?”

That would be easy wouldn’t it? We could set everyone straight—in a hurry. But it would not be effective, and it might not even be Biblical.

If we take a look at the Samaritan woman in John 4, we see Jesus approach her much differently. Instead of pointing to her shortcomings, Jesus first offered her living water, which only He could offer. She was amazed, and she wanted to hear more from this man.

Only then, after reaching out to her need, did Jesus ask her to call her husband. We know the story: she had no husband, though she had been a wife to five different men. She—like many we see—was in the midst of yet another dead-end relationship, this time living with a man outside of marriage.

Yet instead of condemning, Jesus actually *complimented* her for telling the truth about her failed past. What could have been a terribly humiliating moment turned into a life-changing encounter.

To see a powerful picture of what this ministry is about, John 4—this moment with the Samaritan woman—is a perfect snapshot. Our message is not one of condemnation, but is one of hope and joy as we offer living water.

We are not here to avoid the truth—Jesus certainly did not—but when presented in love, truth unlocks the door of freedom.

So when a woman comes to us, we are reminded that while her choices may have put her in a difficult situation, she is not the first. A woman went to a well in Samaria, suffering from a string of poor choices.

Jesus could have condemned, and He could have sent her on her way, teaching us all a lesson of “righteousness.” But without condemning, He offered her living water, a gift that brings life.

She chose life. And if we keep reading in John 4, we find that others followed her. At her darkest hour, Jesus showed up. And a life was changed forever. This is a story worth emulating and at HeartReach Pregnancy Center we seek to see this story come true again and again.



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- How caring and loving they are and how they show the love of God
- I can learn about things I'm interested in and get help when needed
- Giving information to new parents
- The prayer afterwards
- Making me feel welcome and my needs are met
- That they care so much about my son and I
- The personal attention
- Having someone to talk to
- They actually listen and if you have questions they get answered
- I have received more help here in one day then with either of my other children
- Offering of education to the family

**We want to give God the glory for the success.** It is only through His guidance that we have been able to make a change to offer parenting education through this new program.

One area that we know we are asking God to provide for, is that of a Russian speaking Mentor. We have many clients that we reach but we realize communication would be better with someone that speaks the language. If you or someone you know speaks Russian, is a follower of Christ, and would be willing to volunteer a couple of days a month please let us know. We know that God has already provided the plans for our need and I ask that you join us in prayer as we seek His wisdom.

## **We can use new supporters. Will you stick your neck out for us?**



At HeartReach Pregnancy Center, we realize that our efforts to grow and reach more women and families with the love of Christ is partly dependent on new people who choose to support us financially.

If you haven't made a financial donation to us lately, would you consider a gift today? Regardless of the size, we're thankful for every person who joins with us in sticking their necks out in support of children!

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