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Celebrating 25 years of Ministry

A Note from Beth Loughner, Chairwoman of the BFLCO Board

God has blessed us with twenty-five years of ministry. During this time, He has given us growth in the Maternity Resource Center (MRC), Teen Lock-In, Genuine Enrichment in Ministry and Service (GEMS), Billboard Ministry and several other adventures. Many women in the MRC have given their lives to Christ.

Now, we are planning for the next years to follow. Several new and exciting changes will take place. The newsletter will become more reader-friendly and include the stories you want to see about the local ministry. It will enter the cyber age by becoming electronic. But don't worry, for those without Internet access, a "real" newsletter can be mailed to you.

Next, the webpage will receive a much needed facelift. The site will be easier to navigate and give you up-to-date information on what is happening in the ministry. There will be a link to the Maternity Resource Center Facebook page. On-line donations are being researched.

We plan to be more visible to our churches, giving them opportunity to participate in our various ministries, including the Prayer Partners program. God will give the increase, but we must devote ourselves to asking God for what is needed.

We are excited about the next few years and where God will lead us. Thank you for your prayer and support during our first twenty-five.

Newsletter Changes

If you would like to keep receiving this newsletter, please let us know. You can send an email to *give@BFLCO.org* to receive the email version. Or, you can send in the form on the back page to continue receiving this newsletter through the mail. Simply mail the completed form to Baptists for Life, 3417 Palmetto St., Columbus, OH 43204.

Billboard Ministry

By: Sandy Knudson



The seventh BFLCO prolife billboard will be located close to an area high school where the message will reach students at Walnut Ridge High School in east Columbus.

Praise the Lord for \$588.50 that has been donated towards this billboard. Pray for the remaining \$361.50 to be raised by summer so the billboard location can ministries. be reserved by the fall.

Only money designated for the billboards go towards this ministry. All other money given will go towards other BFLCO

Did you know?

Providing diapers is one of the needs that brings families into the Maternity Resource Center.

The need is so great because families cannot purchase diapers with food stamps.

How about hosting a diaper drive to help meet the great need of diapers in the MRC?

Maternity Resource Center

Assisting families who have chosen life for their babies Investing in their lives for eternity By: Gina Shimer

The Maternity Resource Yet, the MOST exciting Center is in full swing. The news is that there have been center is open each Wednesday from 6:30pm to this year. Three of the four 8:00pm and on Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Since the beginning of the year there have been a large number of clients coming in weekly. The counselors have seen a total of 49 NEW clients and a total of We thank the Lord for each 82 returning clients in the first few months of 2013. Because of those who give financially and those who donate items, the MRC has been able to give away 21 large baby items which can include, strollers, pack-nplays, highchairs or bouncy *nothing* would be possible! seats.

4 salvation decisions so far decisions occurred on the same night! God is SO good and faithful to this ministry. The volunteers do an excellent job of sharing their hearts and showing the love of Christ each week. person who donates their time to make this ministry possible. Please continue to pray for the families that come in each week to receive items. God is doing great things through the MRC and without HIM



The Maternity Resource Center is on Facebook!

Like us at Facebook.com/Maternity Resource Center

Thank you!

The items given away in the Maternity Resource Center are donated by churches and people just like you. These donations keep the center stocked and provide much needed items that are given to families each week.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus – Diapers Juanita Nelson & Arlene Kimberling, Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus –Blankets

> Mandi Snead - Formula Emily – Several bags of Girls clothing

South West Grace Church, Grove City – Diapers Linworth & Memorial Baptist, Columbus – Baby Bottle Drive

John & Karen Pierce, Galloway – Baby Items Maranatha Baptist, Columbus - Blankets & Clothes

Esther Mae Baker, West Jefferson - Quilts Faith Baptist, Commercial Point - Diapers





Teen Lock-In

The Lock-In is quickly approaching. Please be praving for the guest speaker as well as the teens that will be in attendance. The event will also include a diaper drive for the Maternity Resource Center. The winning church of the diaper drive will receive extra tokens for skate zone. If your church does not attend and you want to attend please contact us!

The monthly partner program allows you to provide funds that will be used to purchase items for mothers and their children

\$15.00 a month can purchase needed items for one baby
\$25.00 a month can provide needed items for an expectant mother & her baby
\$50.00 provides furniture for babies
\$100.00 monthly meets clothing and furniture needs for an entire family
I can help with a one time donation of \$
es! I can make a difference by giving each month.
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Please make all checks payable to BFLCO and mail to Maternity Resource Center of Central Ohio 3417 Palmetto St. Columbus, OH 43204

For questions about donating clothing, blankets or other baby items contact Email - give@BFLCO.org Phone - 614-272-7038



