

# PROD

**PREGNANCY RESOURCES of DORAVILLE, Inc.**



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## ANOTHER YEAR HAS DAWNED

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### Mission Statement



**Pregnancy Resources  
of  
Doraville, Inc.**

is a Christian pro-life ministry created to empower women and their families at the time of an unplanned pregnancy to make positive and healthy choices related to sexuality and child bearing which are consistent with a reverence and respect for human life.

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*“Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.”*

*Matt. 18:14*

a member of



The New Year of 2017 has rocketed into reality! New Years Day, and Valentine’s are all in the rear view mirror. Here we are looking for shamrocks and planning for Easter. God has so wonderfully blessed His ministry, PROD, in so many ways there is not enough paper space to tell all He has been doing.

As an example, the number of clients coming recently has kept all of us on our toes looking for resources as well as translators to help us communicate. In one instance the staff and volunteers were at the office attending our Bible study class taught by Maria Hanik when a former volunteer, Sheila Zamora, who had moved away came back to Atlanta and dropped in to see if she could come back to volunteer. Oh, by the way, she is fluent in Spanish! The mom Sheila works with is from her home country and currently lives in the old apartment this volunteer had before moving away. The mom is having so much fun with Sheila that she has been bringing two other moms with her from her neighborhood!

Speaking of “keeping on our toes,” four of our volunteers took time out to go to the National Pregnancy Center Conference in Columbus, GA the first weekend in March. Pictured at left are: Linda Smarr, Gretchen Gipson, and Mary Alice Hedden [Deborah took the picture] who represented PROD. The conference, led by Rev. Andy Merritt of Edgewood Baptist Church was themed *Remaining Steadfast in the Coming Storm*. We learned that we must stay close to God who knows what is coming in order to be focused on our ministry mission and steadfast in our message to moms so as not be shaken by what is going on around us.



The annual fundraising banquet is fast approaching. All the committees are hard at work gathering items and inviting friends to come for this special event. This year is a milestone -- PROD is 10 years old and going strong. The banquet theme this year is *The Beat Goes On -- Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry!* **To those of you receiving this by email only, your invitation is on page 2.** Make plans to come celebrate with us! You will be missed if you are not in attendance.

In His Service,  
*Deborah*



**REMEMBER: DO YOUR SEARCHING AND SHOPPING ON THE WEB TO BENEFIT PROD BY USING**



## PRAISES, PRAYERS & A WISH LIST

### PRAISES

- For **Beth Toly, Susan Still, and Dunwoody Baptist Church** donating another new file cabinet
- For the return of moms to take advantage of our post partum and life skill lessons
- For the donations of infant clothes and supplies from **St. Benedict Catholic Church**.
- For the office supply donation from **St. Barnabas Anglican Church Men's Group** under the direction of **Oz Baptist**
- For **Mt. Vernon Baptist Church** adding PROD to its missions budget.
- For **Eduardo & Sheila Zamora** coming as mentors and translators for our Spanish speaking moms and dads.

### PRAYER NEEDS

- For new client mentor volunteers
- For success in planning our upcoming banquet.
- For God to touch the heart of individuals we approach to serve on our Board of Directors.
- For decisions about ministry opportunities that have come to our attention recently.



### WISH LIST

- For someone to lead in a Change-For-Life event. Call Deborah at 678-367-3052 for more information
- For someone to use their organizational skills to keep the Stork's Basket in tip top shape.
- Donations of bottled water for our moms in the summer taking *Earn While You Learn* classes.

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED....

To  
A Fundraising Dinner  
Benefiting  
Pregnancy Resources of Doraville

*"The Beat Goes On - Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry"*

Thursday, April 27, 2017  
7 o'clock in the evening

Mount Vernon Baptist Church  
850 Mount Vernon Highway  
Sandy Springs, GA 30327

There is no cost to attend      Dress is Sunday attire  
Doors open at 6:30 pm      Program begins at 7 PM

RSVP before April 17 to Deborah@prdoraville.org

When you reply, give us names of people who have  
accepted your invitation to attend.  
This is important so we have enough meals for everyone!

## SOMETHING TO PONDER



What do you see when you hold an acorn in your hand? Most of us would say it is the nut of an oak tree or maybe we would say it is a future oak tree.

Bobby Connor, author and minister, writes in his book, *Empowered by God* that God challenged him with the following reply to that question, "What do you see?" "Strange, you see only a small acorn, but I, God, see a whole forest." In that little acorn God saw a forest.--- for the joy set before Jesus, He endured the cross seeing beyond death and shame to His greatest inheritance, you and me! He gave His life so that in Him, we too might bear much fruit. When you encounter everyday ordinary things or people, look beyond the obvious and see what God sees. Being aware of that can put a new perspective on the way you treat the ordinary.

Something to ponder in your life's journey!

### SUPPORT US WHEN YOU DO YOUR SHOPPING!

Simply go to: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-8125432>

select **Pregnancy Resources of Doraville, Inc.** and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to us! You can support the life-changing, life-saving, family enhancing work of PROD every time you shop! *Thanks in advance!*

## THROUGH OUR DOORS

The doorbell at the front door rang not just once but several times. When the volunteer opened the door, [we'll call her Gloria] was standing with cell phone in hand with the following sentence translated into English: "I'm new to Doraville and I need a pregnancy test. I speak no English." With the help of Google Translate, Gloria managed to tell the volunteer her story, how she found PROD, and what help she needed.

Gloria had come from her home in South America to Miami where she had received some assistance from a pregnancy center that was affiliated with Heartbeat International. When Gloria and her husband decided to move to Atlanta, the Miami pregnancy center gave her PROD's name and address.

This is baby #1 for Gloria and she is full of questions. Like most new moms, she is very apprehensive about all that is going on with her body changes as well as what lies ahead in the birth process. As Gloria's mentor, Sheila has calmed Gloria's fears and shared with her and her friends helpful information about motherhood from a culturally relevant perspective.

Did I mention that all these latest moms to are professional women. They are teachers, nurses, and lawyers. Each comes with an incredible story of why and how they arrived in Atlanta. Some know it was God's hand that guided them here to His provision at PROD and some have that revelation to come as they learn about how God works in the affairs of men.

Please keep these and others yet to come in your prayers. Keep the staff and volunteers in your prayers, also, so that our message is His message and that our work with these ladies will possibly be the only Jesus they see.

Thanks for partnering with us over these 10 years!