

# PROD

**PREGNANCY RESOURCES of DORAVILLE, Inc.**



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## WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM FATHERS' DAY

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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*

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**W**hy did God choose to relate to us as our heavenly FATHER? He could have pictured Himself for us as our heavenly Mentor, or heavenly Big Brother or heavenly Friend. Instead he chose to communicate to us that He is our Heavenly *Father*.

What are the characteristics of a father that He wanted us to also see in Him?

- \* A father protects his family from harm. Little children know that early on and even brag about it: “If you do that [to me], my daddy will get you for it!”
- \* A father provides for his family. Traditionally, the father has been considered the main breadwinner.
- \* A father gives his name to his children.
- \* A father lives out before his children what a godly life looks like.
- \* A father offers security just by his very presence: the security of boundaries, responsibility, accountability. Is it mere coincidence that 70 % of long-term prison inmates grew up fatherless? That a girl is three times as likely to have an out-of-wedlock pregnancy when there is no father present?

I'm sure you can readily see the parallels to our Heavenly Father.

- \* He protects us. “He orders His angels to protect you wherever you go.” (Psalms 91:11)
- \* He provides for us, supplying all our needs “according to His riches in glory” (Philippians 4:19)
- \* He gives us His name. Calling us “children of God” (Romans 8:16)
- \* He sent Jesus to live out before us how we should live. “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14)
- \* He offers security in the form of His Word to live by and holds us accountable for doing so.

As we honor our earthly fathers this month on Father's Day, let us not forget to be eternally grateful to our Heavenly Father for being our Abba Father.

In His Service, *Deborah*

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## PRAISES, PRAYERS & A WISH LIST

### PRAISES

- For **Mt. Vernon Baptist Church** for their hospitality in hosting our recent fundraising banquet.
- For the return of moms to take advantage of our post partum and life skill lessons
- For **Kristin Thompson of Insuperity** for help with our newsletter
- For committed Board members who always give PROD their best.
- For the opening of **Mercy Care** in Chamblee to help with the medical needs of our community and Christian doctors like **Gabriel Onofre** on staff there.

### PRAYER NEEDS

- For new client mentor volunteers
- For healing of one of our volunteer's grandchild
- For safe summer vacations for staff and volunteers
- For decisions about ministry opportunities that are being made known to our board.
- For patience in waiting for God's direction in the growth of PROD.
- For the planning of a retreat to give vision to our staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and Board of Influence members.



### WISH LIST

- For someone to lead a Change-For-Life event or Paper Shower. 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.

## SOMETHING TO PONDER



**Father's Day is not easy for those men who have lost a child to abortion.**

"Fathers & mothers of aborted children...struggle with how to grieve the loss of a person who disappeared from their lives."

(Banning, M.Div.)

"There is a myth in society that says men don't care....that men are untouched by the experience.. My experience of having listened to men's stories over the years is that the scenarios are much more complicated." (a post abortion counselor)

**But if you give Him the broken pieces, God can make all things new.**

"The Lord says: Cease your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall lose its reward.

There is hope for your future." Jeremiah 31:16-17

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalms 34: 18



### 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 call came into our voice mail after hours one evening. The mature voice sounded as if in a panic. She was looking for a place for some students visiting her church to learn about the Christian answer to abortion. After a bit of explanation about the students, it was agreed that they would come to PROD early the next morning.

It was such a pleasure to meet these well behaved and interested young men and women who were on a mission trip to Atlanta from out of state. Their mission experiences had taken them around Atlanta to senior living homes, refugee communities, soup kitchens, and a prayer vigil at an abortion clinic. Then they came to PROD to learn that there are options other than abortion for an unplanned pregnancy.

They were full of questions that were well thought out and not the usual silliness some students exhibit. After about an hour we said our good-byes. They bussed off to another adventure and I went back to my office excited in the knowledge that at least some of the next generation had heard the news that God loves life and He holds us accountable for that knowledge:

*I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore, choose life that both you and your children may live.* Deut. 30:19

## 4/27 Banquet Was a Hit!

It was the best banquet we have ever had! The food was delicious, the speakers were enlightening and inspirational, the music was glorious and the fellowship was grand. Know that you were missed!

Room was full of attendees



Paula Kinard, Keynote



Rev. Aaron Menikoff



Rev. Bryan Pillsbury