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# Cheryl Said

"A Night to Remember," our third annual Fundraiser, was phenomenal. The Ballroom of the restored Mayo Hotel was beautifully decorated, and lent the perfect ambience for this gala event. The room was full of CPO families, and just as many people who were completely **new** to CPO! It was exciting. The Silent Auction Room had 90 amazing baskets, and was coordinated by **Michelle Taylor**, and assembled by **Reba** and **Dara Yeksavich**. The Live Auction items (21 of them!) were mostly procured by **Greg Kittinger**, **Ben Hughes**, and **Michelle Palmer**. We were fortunate enough to secure the same wonderful auctioneer that we had the first year, and he and his ringmen were a hoot! **Michelle Taylor** and **Simone Widney** did an incredible job organizing this event, and Simone is already working on next year's gala! We hope to see YOU there! We raised a lot of money and are excited about what these resources will mean to our birth moms, parenting moms, and their little ones. We are so grateful to each one of you who were involved. We hope that you enjoy the accompanying pictures that were taken by **Brad Emmons**, of **Bradford Photography**, one of our Adoptive Dads.

Cheryl



## God Danced the Day you were Born



Elise Renee  
4-11-07  
5 lbs., 13 oz.  
19 inches

Adoptive Parents:  
Melissa and Kyle  
Birth Mom: Sarah

Kynzlee Rebekah Jene'  
4-16-07  
6 lbs., 6 oz.  
19 3/4 inches  
Adoptive Parents:  
Cindy and Marshall  
Birth Mom: Jennifer

Claire Noelle  
4-20-07  
6 lbs., 10 oz.  
18 1/2 inches  
Adoptive Parents:  
Leslie and Aaron  
Birth Parents: Crystal and  
Chris

Collin Kevin  
5-5-07  
6 lbs., 14 oz.  
19 1/2 Inches  
Adoptive Parents:  
Teri and Kip  
Birth Mom: Autumn

Trenton Matthew  
5-18-07  
10 lbs., 5 oz.  
24 inches  
Adoptive Parents:  
Valerie and Travis  
Birth Mom: Teresa

Lily Marie  
2-19-07  
5 lbs., 5 oz.  
18 inches  
Adoptive Parents:  
Michelle and Tony  
Birth Mom: Alicia

Isaac Henry  
3-1-07  
7 lbs., 14 oz.  
20 1/2 inches  
Adoptive Parents:  
Kandis and John  
Birth Mom: Amber

Noah Hayden  
3-20-07  
6 lbs., 12 oz.  
19 1/2 inches  
Adoptive Parents:  
Amanda and Hayden  
Birth Mom: Amy

Kenzia Hope  
3-28-07  
7 lbs., 11 oz.  
20 1/2 inches  
Adoptive Parents:  
Kathy and Randy  
Birth Mom: Melissa



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Michelle Taylor and I were honored to be co-chairs of 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CPO Fundraising Banquet, held on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The banquet is a great time to introduce new friends to CPO and to visit with familiar faces. But more importantly, the fundraising banquet, though only in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, has become one of the primary funding sources for CPO.

As a non-profit organization, CPO relies on the small and large donations of individuals and organizations. At the end of 2006, CPO had a shortfall of approximately \$5,000. With this knowledge, the fundraising goal of the banquet became mission critical.

Our financial goal for the banquet was to gross \$40,000. This seemed unrealistic, as it was almost double the gross of last year's banquet. I am thrilled to report the net for the banquet was just over \$45,000.

The Banquet success can be contributed to the wonderful team of diligent, hard-working volunteers who made this event 'An Evening to Remember'. We are so thankful for every person who donated an item or assembled a gift basket, made calls to secure donations, drove to collect items, hosted a table, and to every person that helped.

This year, we had several corporate sponsors who partnered with us. Celebrity Emcee, LeAnne Taylor, of Channel 6's 'Six in the Morning', and Tulsa's Charity Auctioneer, Jay Litchfield, of Grand American Auctions, amplified the interest and energy of the evening.

Paul Ross, of Paul Ross Enterprises, and his PR staff, labored for months to spread the word about the Banquet, and, more importantly, to increase public awareness of CPO and the host of services offered to women and children.

If everyone continues to give as generously as they did last year, combined with the success of the banquet, Cheryl, her Assistants, and the Board, will not have to worry about running short at the end of 2007.

Looking ahead to 2008, I am excited to see what is in store for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Crisis Pregnancy Outreach.

Simone Widney  
2008 Banquet Chair

# give back.

## **Baby & Personal Showers**

Tracie Roesslein, 520-8400, needs help with planning & refreshments

## **Transportation**

Can you drive one ½ day a month? Call Tonia Brown @ 366-2032

## **Mentors**

Mentors needed. If you are interested, call Jennifer Bauman @ 296-5426

## **Host Families**

Are you able to open your heart & home to a girl during her pregnancy? Call Jackie Potter @ 743-3845

## **Furniture/Clothes**

Furniture and household items are needed for the girls to set-up their own homes. If you have a donation, we will gladly arrange to pick it up. Also, if you can donate maternity or baby clothes, please contact Carol Sanders 371-8439

## **Financial Support**

Your financial support helps to provide such things as prescriptions, clothing, childbirth classes, counseling and dental care for our girls. Mail your tax deductible donation to CPO, P.O. Box 1113, Jenks, OK 74037.

**Jesus lives in the forgotten.  
He has taken up residence in the ignored.  
He has made a mansion amidst the ill.**

**If we want to see God, we must go among the broken and beaten, and there we will see him.**

**"And the Angels Were Silent"  
By Max Lucado**

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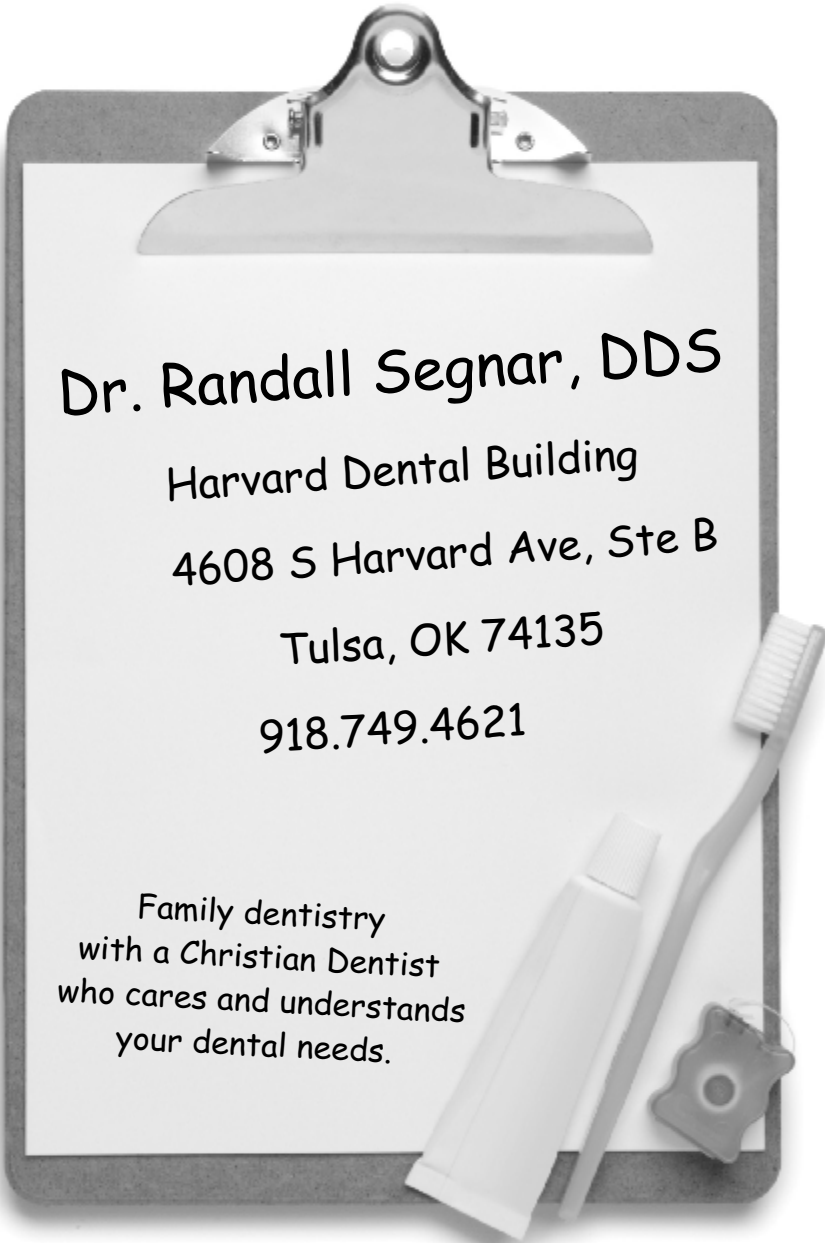
# Thank You!

I wish to thank **Michelle Taylor** for initiating and facilitating the Adoptive Family Support Group Meal Ministry for 2 years! Michelle has done a wonderful job and I have heard many families say what a blessing it has been to receive meals, when they are settling in with their babies. Michelle and Tony have newborn Lily and toddler Zoe, and Michelle is needing to scale back on her (many) activities. Thank you, Michelle!

# learn.

As many of you know, my Mom died on May 5, at almost 95. I would like to thank you for the many prayers, kind words and cards, as they meant a great deal to me. Mom was very ready to go Home, but I miss her a lot. Each time we would drive down highway 169, from Jenks to Tulsa, she would comment on how much she loved the trees and how green they were. Last year, she said that they were “greener” than ever before in her life. I believe that Mom knew that the end of her earthly life was coming to an end, and that the trees were not “greener,” but she was just savoring the majesty of God's creation. My prayer is that we would all learn to savor each moment in our lives. I hope that you will make many memories with your kiddos and extended families this summer. May your trees look “greener.” I know that many of you have wondered just where I get my strange sense of humor. I leave you with a picture that was taken of Mom last October, at my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party, when she was still in perfect health. She liked to be silly. Now you know!!





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# WHY



At the Adoptive Family Support Group recently, I shared my thoughts on why God allows those who don't want to get pregnant to conceive, and those who are dying for a baby, not to. Why God? Why did I conceive a baby at 19, when I was no where ready to be a parent? I couldn't even make good choices for myself, much less for someone else. Why God, did you later take away my ability to conceive a baby, when my heart was dying from the longing to have one? Why?

I am no theologian. I didn't grow up in a Christian family. I only started walking with the Lord, when I was 25. I don't even know the names of all the books of the Bible, like my seven-year-old does. But sometimes I think I get it. Sometimes I think God shows me. I believe that the answer is that God wants us to need each other. As women who can't give birth to our children, but have a supernatural longing for them, we need our birth mothers. As women who are in an unplanned pregnancy, we need help to make tough choices in a world where the "easy" ones are very acceptable and common.

Of course, God wants us to rely on Him. And, ultimately, He can make anything happen. But God chooses to use us to help each other. Think about that. The Creator of the universe wants to use us to fulfill His will. He wants to use us to do His work. He doesn't have to do it that way... He's the Creator of the whole universe. He chooses to do it that way. He wants to use you, adoptive moms, to help Him heal the wounds that each birth mother lives with, when she is faced with such an enormous choice as whether to give her baby life and then what kind of life. He wants to use you, birth mothers, to fill emptiness in the heart of a woman who is dying to be a mom. He allows the unplanned pregnancy... He doesn't have to. He places the longing into the woman who can't have children.... He doesn't have to. He wants to because He wants us to come together in service and sacrifice to each other. He wants us to love each other the way He loves us.

Kelly Jacobson

Assistant CPO Director and Adoptive Mom

Our Annual Birth Mother's Day Celebration was held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Christian Chapel. This year, we shortened the program, added entertainment for the children, and a catered BBQ lunch. Our local Fire Station #22 brought a fire truck for the kiddos (and adults) to climb on and enjoy. The face-painting and water slide were a big hit!!

Birth Mother's Day is a nationally recognized day, celebrated in honor of the courageous women who loved their children so much, they chose to make an adoption plan for their child.