

*Changing Lives,  
One Child at a Time*

February 2011



# Morning Star

Ministries of the North Penn Area, Inc.

*A New Start...in a New Direction*

## *From Our Hearts*



We are very pleased to announce that settlement has been made on our new Aftercare property! We have taken this step of faith because we feel strongly that the Lord has been leading us in this direction for many years. We are so excited about the possibilities of being able to spend more time mentoring and discipling girls, helping them become good mothers and productive members of society. The need for this continues to be confirmed for me through the overwhelming response of women in our supporting churches who want to take an active role in helping the girls through our Aftercare program.

Sometimes we get caught up in the negative aspects of our society and forget to focus on the positives. A wonderful missionary to India, Mark Buntain, often said, "Instead of cursing the darkness, let's light a candle." I have always felt that is what we are trying to do here at Morning Star. I believe that the continuation of the ministry into this Aftercare program will cast even more, much needed light into a dark world...perhaps even for generations to come.

A very special "THANK YOU" is certainly in order for those who are helping to make this new phase of Morning Star a reality:

- ◆ The Souderton Mennonite Homes division of Living Branches
- ◆ Harleysville Savings Bank
- ◆ The initial contributors to our capital campaign who made it possible to secure a short-term

mortgage and give us time to continue raising funds for our Aftercare facility

- ◆ The Morning Star Ministries Board of Directors
- ◆ Everyone's prayer support

More help is needed...if you, or others that you know, are interested in investing in the lives of the young mothers and children who will benefit from our new Aftercare home, please let us know. Enclosed you will find a sheet of paper that lays out a plan for helping us pay off the mortgage.

Also enclosed in this newsletter is a flyer announcing our Bowling for Babies Bowl-a-thon on Saturday, March 19. Please feel free to share this information with family and friends. We look forward to seeing many of you on the 19th.

Christina Floyd  
Director

## *Some Thoughts on Roe vs. Wade*



Thirty-eight years ago Roe vs. Wade was passed taking abortion from a crime to a constitutional right. All these years later it's a good time to reflect on what we were promised by abortion rights advocates and what we have actually gained.

- ◆ We were promised that it would protect children from being unwanted and abused. Instead, child abuse and child poverty is soaring, primarily because of the breakdown of the family unit.

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- ◆ We were promised that it was progress for women. Women had no meaningful rights if they did not have the right to terminate their pregnancy. Thirty-eight years later abortions are disproportionately acts of the poorest and most vulnerable women among us. This is progress?
- ◆ Promiscuity has continued to rise. Most women are settling for a meaningless act with uncommitted partners in the name of sexual freedom, thinking in the back of their mind that if they get pregnant they can always have an abortion. This is progress?
- ◆ Americans who support abortion do so reluctantly because they think that it is a necessary evil. In the long run, reversing the abortion culture begun by Roe vs. Wade will require persuading Americans that pitting mothers against their unborn child is not a good way to help either.

## *News from our House Parents*



We have been very busy since our last newsletter. We enjoyed the fall with trips to a pumpkin patch and Ott's, to see the beautiful flower displays. We celebrated Thanksgiving with a wonderful turkey dinner graciously donated by the folks at Christ Covenant Church in Harleysville. And then we kicked off the Christmas season by putting up our Christmas trees and decorating the house. Thanksgiving also brought us the first snow of the season. For Jim, Jessi and I it was the first snow we have seen in eight years and for our dog Bella, the first snow ever. We are continuing to enjoy each snowfall, even the shoveling and ice scrapping.

We had the privilege of meeting many of you at our Christmas Open House. It was so nice to meet some of the people who make this ministry possible. We met some of our youngest supporters, a great group of kids from a fifth grade Sunday School class who go all out for our annual Bowl-a-thon. We enjoyed hearing the success stories of some of our "graduates". Charley and her precious daughter Sara Jane, who is a Morning Star miracle, spent the day with us. Carolyn brought her Morning Star miracles Danika and Ianna along with their sister Nasera for

us to meet. It is wonderful to see the work that God began here continue as our babies grow into children and toddlers. Fatima and MuLail stop by often too, more reminders of God's plans and provisions. We hope to meet even more of you at our next Open House.

We had a great holiday season here at Morning Star. Jim, Jessi and I were able to spend the weekend before Christmas with our family in Massachusetts. Kasima was able to spend Christmas with her family in Philadelphia and God sent Keshia to us just a few days before Christmas. And to top off the season, we rang in the New Year with some of our church family and friends at Family Worship Center. So as you can see we had a wonderful, busy season filled with lots of fun and blessings. We would like to thank all our generous donors who made our holiday season special.

Currently, we are blessed with a full house; four beautiful young women, growing healthy babies. April has been with us since August and her daughter is due in April. She has been having some preterm contractions, so please remember her and her baby in your prayers. Kasima arrived in September and her son is due in March. Keshia was our Christmas blessing and her son is due in April. And finally, Taleka, who is our newest family member, and her baby is due in July. So we have a very busy house right now filled with lots of laughter and love. With the holidays behind us we are back on track with all our classes as our girls learn life skills, parenting, self worth and God's love. We are blessed with volunteers who work tirelessly to educate, love and care for our Morning Star moms.

Jim and I continue to thank God for bringing us to Morning Star. It is a privilege to be called of God to this precious "family". It amazes me that each time God sends someone new through the door, my heart grows bigger with love for each one. We are truly blessed. Thank you for your continued love and support; you make all the difference.

Blessings & Love,

Darlene White  
House Mom

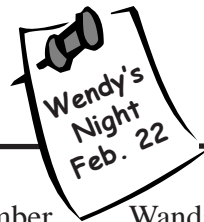
# Our Christmas Open House



On December 11, 2010 Morning Star hosted an open house. We wanted our supporters to be able to come out and see the home, meet the house parents, some of the girls, and enjoy some refreshments. It was so much fun, that we decided we will do it annually.

The highlight of the day was getting to meet the fifth grade Sunday School class from Leidy's Church in Souderton who faithfully raise money for us every year at our Bowl-a-thon. Mr. Don Nase does a great job and we were thrilled for the kids to be able to come and see where their money goes.

## Please Note



In late December, Board Member Wanda Koffel set up a 'Wendy's Night' at the Souderton Wendy's to raise some funds for Morning Star. It was a quick decision and we really only advertised it on Facebook, but we had a decent turnout with lots of fun and fellowship.

We decided to do a Wendy's Night every other month; our next one is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Souderton Wendy's. Please mark your calendars to come out for some good food, fellowship, and an opportunity to support the Morning Star maternity home. We hope to see you there.

**NOTE: You must mention Morning Star when ordering and you need to order in the dining room for us to get credit -- you can't go to the drive through.**

# Pro-Life Education: A Senior Experience



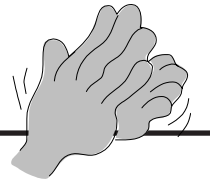
In January we had the privilege of hosting a senior from Christopher Dock High School for her Senior Experience. Kayla Benner spent the week learning about maternity homes and the pro-life community. She sat in on the classes, spoke with the founder about the history of the ministry, spent a day with the house mom, and visited another maternity home. Blessed Margaret in Ben Salem and its director, Pam Barnett, graciously allowed us to tour their facility.

I know I learned a lot and I think Kayla did too. Kayla took home a Baby-Think-It-Over doll for two days. She also got to spend some time with the girls that are currently in the program and hear a little about their lives. I'm excited that Kayla wanted to spend her week with us.



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## Many Thanks



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