



# Best options E-News

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## Links to Websites

The first link is to our client site, the second is for our corporate site, for potential donors, volunteers or more info on the ministry. Point to the site of your choice, hold down control and click to go to the site.

<http://www.bestoptions.org/>

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Your comments on our E-News are appreciated!

## Abortion will be the Rule – Without Exceptions



Experts from both sides are waking up to what we all knew already - that is without specific exclusions, forcing taxpayers to fund abortions will become the norm under the current health care plans being discussed in Congress right now. The latest admission comes from White House budget director Peter Orszag, who told Fox News Sunday that **the White House is not looking to remove abortion coverage under any government health plan being discussed in Congress.** Mr. Orszag's comments came just two days after 20 pro-life Democrats sent a letter, headed up by Pro-Life Caucus chairman Bart Stupak (D-Mich.), to the House Democratic Leadership letting them know that the signatories "cannot support any health care reform proposal unless it explicitly excludes abortion from the scope of any government-defined or subsidized health insurance plan."

With the House health care bill (H.R. 3200) getting more and more criticism from both sides of the aisle, every single vote will be important in this debate in helping to highlight the importance of the pro-life concerns in the bill. Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) has highlighted in a letter to his colleagues the public comments of officials like President Barack Obama and pro-abortion groups, excited that the new health care plan will definitely cover abortion - unless we move to stop them. **Seventy-one percent of Americans do not want to pay for abortion nor have their employers provide health care that pays for abortion, according to a November 2008 Zogby poll.** Eighty-seven percent of American adults in an April survey by The Polling Company said it is important to "make sure that healthcare professionals in America are not forced to participate in procedures and practices to which they have moral objections." Under its current form, health care legislation without specific exclusions would fund and mandate abortion coverage, trump hard won state pro-life laws and undermine healthcare workers' conscience rights.

We need to be concerned; and we need to let our legislators know of our concern. However, we will keep in mind, heart, and spirit that the battle to save the lives of unborn children and protect their mother's from the anguish of an abortion decision is best won as we meet them in the name of Christ and deliver the truth of life in love.



## A mission field? Right here. Now.

Each day they come to Best Options. They are hurting, and they are scared. And they desperately need the hope offered through the person of Jesus Christ.

We offer that hope, making this ministry not only the front-line in defense of human life,

but also **a leader in changing our culture** with the power of the gospel message.

You can join our team on the cutting edge of one of the world's leading mission endeavors with a phone call or an email. Let us know you are interested. We'll find a place for you on the mission field.

**Best Options 726-2677**

**Call Judy to volunteer**

Or e-mail your interest to [info@bestoptions.org](mailto:info@bestoptions.org)

Laundry baskets  
(1.25 bushel size)  
Crib sheets  
Bassinet sheets  
Bath towels  
Sweater sets  
Girl onesies  
Girl sleepers  
Buntings/infant  
snowsuits to  
12mos  
Maternity clothing  
Diapers all sizes

### **Items below earned through LifePlanProgram**

Baby swings  
High chairs  
Bouncy seats  
Cribs  
Bassinets  
Changing tables  
Car seats (new  
only)  
**For teaching:**  
2 DVD/VCR  
equipped TV's (do  
not have to have  
HD capability)

## Material Needs

One of the greatest concerns for our clients once they have chosen life for their babies is how to provide for them. Almost 90% of our clients will be single mothers with little help from their male counterparts and, often, no help available from family or friends. **No child should be denied life because their mother is unsure she can provide basic necessities!**

Any woman who has her pregnancy test done here is eligible for a baby layette made up of clothing and other basic needs for a child up to their first year of life. The items in our layettes are new or good used donated items. We encourage church groups and individuals to consider holding a "baby shower" for our moms and babies. Also consider donating items you find at yard sales or that your own child has outgrown. A tax deductible receipt is available for the value of your donation. At the left are the items we are currently low on or out of to complete a baby layette.

## LifeWalk '09 "Press On"

**When:** Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Registration at 8:30am we are finished by 11:00am

**Where:** Reeths Puffer High School Track in North Muskegon

**What:** Our annual "walk for life" which provides 20% of our funding. This is a celebration of life as walkers bring in donations from their sponsors and enjoy a morning of fellowship with other pro-life people as we put action behind our convictions. This is a family event with games for young children, door prizes, and refreshments.

**Why:** Because we believe that every baby deserves a chance at life and every potential mother deserves to know the truth. Because Best Options seeks to make abortion unthinkable in the Muskegon area as we become the "go to" place for possible pregnancy, providing hope and help to those who seek our services. Because, as we ask our friends and family to support us, we are living billboards for the Best Options ministry and have opportunities to witness to others about the sanctity of life.

**Who:** Individuals and families who are life-minded and want to make a difference! Teams of friends who like to walk together, small groups, youth groups, Bible Study groups, kids who need service hours for school – we invite you to get sponsors and walk with us!

**How:** Call us today at 726-2677 for a sponsor form, set an earnings goal, call your friends, co-workers, family, and neighbors etc. to sponsor you. Then come to Reeths Puffer HS on the 19<sup>th</sup> to walk with us for life! Better yet, form a team of your friends who will all get sponsors and walk with you. You will be blessed as you make an eternal and generational impact!

"Press on. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not: nothing is more common than unrewarded talent. Education alone will not: the world is full of educated failures. Persistence alone is omnipotent."

Calvin Coolidge



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Supporting the ministry through

## United Way

September is typically the month that businesses ask their employees to make a commitment to a payroll deducted donation to United Way. We regularly receive calls regarding the option to support this ministry in this way. Yes, we welcome your United Way donations! In order to direct your donation to this ministry you will need to write in **Muskegon Pregnancy Services 76539** in the "other" space on the enrollment form. United Way donations are sent to the ministry on a quarterly basis minus a 7% fee for processing. By writing in this ministry, you ensure that your donation will not go to organizations whose policies you do not support. **Thank You!**

## Make A Difference Holiday Community Day Sale at YOUNKERS!

From now until November 14th, MPS/Best Options is partnering with Younkers through the sale of coupon booklets, good toward store merchandise. With 100% of booklet sales benefiting the ministry, you can feel good about going shopping and great about giving back!

This valuable coupon booklet can be purchased for just \$5 each, good toward great merchandise at any Bon-Ton family of stores during the special **One Day Community Day Sale on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> store opens at 6am.**



Yes, with a donation to MPS of \$5.00, you receive a coupon book which includes a \$10 off coupon that can be used as a discount on any single purchase, and 6-20% off coupons and other special

discounts.

There is no limit to the number of coupon books you may purchase so don't forget your friends, daughter, shopping partners, mother, etc. when you consider how many books to buy. Your total donation is tax deductible.

**GET YOUR COUPONS TODAY! CALL 726-2677 TO RESERVE YOU BOOKS. GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE EARLY, RECEIVE BEST PRICES, ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS, DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK ON ANY ONE ITEM YOU PURCHASE, AND BENEFIT THE MINISTRY OF MPS/BEST OPTIONS.**

**WHAT COULD BE BETTER?!**

**(Coupon books will be available at the LifeWalk)**

## Now the News You Have Been Waiting For!

Our last E-News gave you the statistics halfway through June. The following is an update through the end of July.

**Pregnancy tests: 214 Positive: 123 Negative: 91**

**Ultrasound exams done: 125**

**LifePlan Program visits: 664** (representing 664 hours of one-on-one personalized ministry)

**Material Services only: 110** (diapers, formula etc.)

**Total service opportunities: 1131** (approx 161 per mo.)



We have rejoiced with **59** new mothers over the births of their precious babies. We can document **39** babies saved whose mothers intended to abort when they came into the Center. **Praise God for His truth and His plan for each of these little ones – and their mothers!**