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Knox Distribution Committee Members  
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Dear Committee Members:

Please consider this letter our application for assistance with the ongoing program expenses of the Pregnancy Resource Center for the year 2009. Our request is for **\$12,000.** The year 2009 saw an increase in revenues from fundraising and from local churches but contributions from individuals and organizations continued to decline, down a combined 29% year-to-year. Our Baby Bottle Drive, in which individuals and groups collect spare change in baby bottles, made up some of the lost support and simultaneously made people more aware of the Center and its services. In addition, we continue to receive many in-kind donations of baby necessities for our Donations Store.

We continue to enroll new clients in our "Earn While You Learn" parenting program. We have expanded the program so that our clients can benefit from our services for a longer period of time. We also continue to update our material and replace old and outdated VHS tapes with newer DVDs. Our next goal is to expand the curriculum to include more life-skills lessons. These include topics such as budgeting, renting and maintaining a home, and nutrition for the whole family.

Our ongoing "Abstinence is the Best Choice" program reached approximately 2,500 students in Lawrence County's public schools in 2009. The program teaches the message of abstinence to 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. We continually adapt the program to present the most up-to-date information and to meet the needs of an ever-changing student population.

The Center's other ongoing programs include free pregnancy testing, crisis pregnancy counseling, and post-abortion counseling. We also offer a Bible study and a sexual integrity program. The costs associated with each of these programs include advertising and supplies.

If you have any questions regarding our application, please feel free to contact us at (724) 658-6329.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Young  
Executive Director