

Welcome Cathi Woods



We are honored to welcome Cathi Woods to Options for Women as our Chief Executive Officer!

Cathi and her 22 year-old son, Joshua, come to OFW from Lewisville, Pennsylvania.

She has an undergrad in marketing, and was a Tanner Fellow to Harvard Business School. For the past 21 years she has served as a CEO of non-profits on a local and national level. For 19 of those years Cathi was the CEO for Pregnancy Centers. She also helped start and run the 9-11 charity, "The Todd Beamer Foundation."

Reaching women who are in an unplanned pregnancy and providing them with hope and truth is Cathi's passion in life.

She experienced first-hand what a difference one person can make in the abortion decision.

At age 21 Cathi faced her own unplanned pregnancy and chose abortion. 7 years later she faced another unplanned pregnancy and chose to carry. Because someone was there for her and met her right where she was, she experienced acceptance and unconditional love that helped her to choose life.

Cathi's passion extends beyond the clients choice for life. She is zealous about the biblical mandate for the Body of Christ to care for the orphans and the widows. She believes that we, as the body, have a responsibility to not only protect life but to come along side the clients after they

have made a heroic choice for life by providing spiritual, physical and emotional support.

Cathi is excited about working with the local churches and getting our clients "plugged in" to their congregations. She is looking forward to seeing OFW and the body of Christ work together to make a difference for men, women and children in Contra Costa County.

More Information About Cathi:
She was featured in a Christianity Today article which lead to appearances on Good Morning America and the 700 Club.

Her experiences are documented in a film entitled "Running Inside Out" which recently received a Bronze Remi in the WorldFest International Film Festival for the "Low Budget (under \$100K Budget)" category. The film has been picked up by Pure Flix pictures for distribution.

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Boundless Banquet Blessings!



I love the verse in 2 Corinthians 2:9 from the Message that says, *“God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for*

anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done.”

Wow! This verse really describes what we encountered with this banquet, anything and everything! Still the Lord was faithful and has **“poured on the blessings”** once again!

Our banquet attendance was 260. This year's financial goal was \$50,000. To date we have received \$52,191. Another \$10,785 has been pledged as monthly gifts for a grand total of \$62,976! Thank you!

There are so many people who participated in making this event such a success. We couldn't have done it without your help!

MANY THANKS TO:

- ❖ Calvary Temple Church, Larry Darty and the Facilities Team
- ❖ Greg Edwards of KFOX Radio 1100 AM
- ❖ Ralph's Catering
- ❖ 23 of the College, High School and Middle School students from Golden Hills Community Church
- ❖ Pastor Bob Roche of Greenleaves Church of God in Oakley
- ❖ Stephanie, our Ultrasound Mom
- ❖ Alana, our Client
- ❖ Auction Item Donors
- ❖ Event Volunteers
- ❖ Church Liaisons
- ❖ Wes Goble, our photographer
- ❖ Our Banquet Sponsors who helped to underwrite the cost of our event. They are: ACE Hardware Stores in Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley & Pittsburg, Hester Business Rentals, Ken & Mindy Wrzeninski, Thomas Schweickert, Inc., LTP Care Continuum, Calvary Temple Church, Torres Construction, Golden Hills Community Church, NorthCreek Church,

Ygnacio Valley Christian School, Valley Christian Church, the Counseling Offices of Dr. Theresa J. Hart, the Law Offices of Matthew Hart, Sweet Beginnings Adoptions, Petsas & Hill, CPAs, Greenleaves Church of God, and Bethany Christian Services.

Kirk Walden, our guest speaker, encouraged us to “keep fighting the good fight” for the unborn! The pro-life movement is making progress! Planned Parenthood offices are closing nation wide! We are making a difference!

Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us and supported this fundraiser. It is because of faithful friends like you that we are able to keep our doors open. It is because of you that we are able to offer truth, hope and the love of Jesus Christ to our clients. It is because of you that lives are being changed, healed and saved every day!

To God be the Glory,
René Garner, Event Coordinator

NEW Staff Email Addresses

Our Staff email addresses have changed! Please update your email address books as follows:

- ◆ Cathi Woods, Chief Financial Officer - cwoods@eastbayoptions.com
- ◆ Melanie Parker, Director of Client Services - mparker@eastbayoptions.com
- ◆ Aimee D. Harris, Nurse Manager - aharris@eastbayoptions.com
- ◆ Judy Romanoff, Office Manager - jromanoff@eastbayoptions.com
- ◆ René Garner, Event Coordinator - rgarner@eastbayoptions.com



Retreat Location Needed



Our post-abortion recovery program is a vital ministry of Options for Women. This retreat helps women who have been through the pain of abortion find healing and forgiveness.

We have several women wanting to attend a retreat; however, we need a place to accommodate them. Do you or someone you know have a house or other location we could use?

The location should be no further than one hour away from the Concord Center and accommodate up to 7 women for 3-4 days. A quiet, secluded location is preferred.

If you can help, please email Janet Lee at jlswa@pacbell.net.

"Sanctified for Life" Fundraising Banquet & Auction



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you: before you were born I sanctified you..."
Jeremiah 1:5



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Save the Date!

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 22, 2012

Walk for Life Fundraiser

Saturday, April 28, 2012

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