

WHO

Women Have Options supports reproductive choice for all women

Winter 2010

Thanks to All Who Helped Make Our Fall Event a Success!



At the Women Have Options Fall Event, attendees were treated to a delicious mead tasting and enjoyed a thought-provoking talk given by Rabbi Howard Apothaker.

What kind of wine goes with reproductive justice? Mead, of course—it's the drink of the gods! On October 28, friends and supporters of Women Have Options attended a fall fundraising event at Gresso's in Columbus and were given the opportunity to sample a wide variety of different meads, all produced locally by the Brothers Drake Meadery. The evening also included a speaker from the Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice: Rabbi Howard Apothaker of Temple Beth Shalom in New Albany delivered remarks about the moral dignity of reproductive choice and its foundation in Judaism.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended the event and contributed to its success, including Cathy Levy of the Ohio RCRC, Evelyn Van Til and the Brothers Drake Meadery, and the friendly, professional staff at Gresso's. We appreciate your support for our cause!

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Striking Down Barriers to Abortion Access!

This past April, abortion funds located around the country participated in the National Abortion Access Bowl-a-Thon, sponsored by the National Network of Abortion Funds (NNAF). Twenty funds, including Women Have Options, held bowl-a-thons to raise money and help make reproductive rights a reality for women who can't afford to pay for an abortion. With an easy-to-use online fundraising tool, each fund, team, and individual participant could set goals, solicit donations, and track their progress on a personalized webpage. In April, participants gathered to bowl, have fun, and celebrate each other's success in helping women.

This year's bowl-a-thon was a tremendous accomplishment for both NNAF and Women Have Options. The national fundraising goal was set at \$125,000, but together the participating funds surpassed that and, in the end, raised a total of \$180,374. Women Have Options—hosting a bowl-a-thon for the first time—set a fundraising goal of \$6,000 and exceeded it, raising an amazing \$9,050!

We are already beginning to plan for next year's bowl-a-thon, which will be held in April 2011 and promises to be even bigger and better than the last. The national goal is to raise a quarter of a million dollars, and Women Have Options alone aims to raise \$12,000. Of course, we need your help to make our next bowl-a-thon a great success, so start thinking now about fundraising strategies and potential team members!

Introducing the WHO/O Student Rep

We are pleased to announce that Talis Pennell, a sophomore at Denison University, has become the first student representative to serve on the board of Women Have Options. Welcome, Talis!



Did you see the Women Have Options table at the Short North Gallery Hops in October and November? Despite the rain and cold, we had a blast handing out goody bags and raising awareness of our organization within the larger community.

Making a Recurring Donation Is Easy and Convenient

Some of our donors find that the easiest way to give is to schedule a recurring online donation. They simply choose the amount that they are comfortable contributing on a regular basis, and the funds are automatically withdrawn—there's no need to worry about forgetting to make your donation! Here are two sites you can use to make recurring donations to WHO/O.

Network for Good



- Go to www.womenhaveoptions.org and click on the "Network for Good" button at the top of the page. This will take you directly to WHO/O's page on the Network for Good website. Click on the "Donate Now" button.
- On the next page, enter the amount you would like to contribute, and under "Donation Preferences," you can choose to make a recurring donation deducted monthly, quarterly, or annually.

Facebook



- Log in to Facebook and search for "causes" to find the Facebook Causes application. On the application's homepage, enter "women have options" in the search field to find the WHO/O cause page.
- On our cause page, click the "Donate" button, and then select the amount you would like to give. Recurring donations will be deducted on a monthly basis.

Give a Beautiful Gift in Support of WHO/O

With the winter holiday season upon us, you are undoubtedly trying to come up with thoughtful gift ideas, and we encourage you to consider making a donation to Women Have Options on behalf of a friend or family member. In fact, we are excited to introduce a very special pro-choice gift option: If you make a minimum \$25 donation to WHO/O, we will send you a handmade greeting card that has on its front an image of an original piece of artwork ("Red Pathway") by the renowned and talented local artist, Karin Dahl. Each image is signed by Ms. Dahl, who has generously donated the use of this piece to WHO/O. Though it would make an excellent holiday gift, the card is blank

inside and is not seasonal; it can be given to any recipient you choose and can be used for any occasion. The greeting card also includes a small insert that reads, "A donation has been made on your behalf to Women Have Options." This insert may be enclosed with the card to let the recipient know that you have made your donation in his or her name. (The card is meant to be given as a gift for the recipient's own use.)

Please use the form below to make your donation and request your greeting card(s). If you have any questions about these cards, please send us an e-mail at womenhaveoptions@gmail.com.

Please complete this form and send it along with your donation to: **Women Have Options, PO Box 5, Granville, OH, 43023.** We will mail the greeting card(s) to you as soon as possible; please allow a few days for processing. Thank you for your generous support of Women Have Options!

Number of cards _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-mail _____

Making a Difference in the Lives of Ohio Women

Below are brief profiles of some of the women who recently received financial assistance from Women Have Options. The information is provided by the various clinics to whom we allocate our funds. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all of the women we have helped, but the following descriptions represent some of the common circumstances in which women who need abortions often find themselves.

- * A victim of sexual abuse who is currently living in a women's protective shelter.
- * A woman who narrowly survived the birth of her previous child and would have been jeopardizing her health if she had carried another pregnancy to term.
- * A woman who was laid off from her job and is trying to support her two children while attending college.
- * A single mother who is supporting her child in addition to her two younger siblings on only one income.
- * A woman whose family staged an intervention to try to stop her from having an abortion and refused to help with childcare or provide any financial assistance.
- * A woman who is living in a homeless shelter and whose partner left her when he found out she was pregnant. She was taking birth control pills, but they failed when she was put on antibiotics.

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Please join us in our commitment to women's lives and futures. Your tax-deductible contribution enables women in our community to get help when they need it. Any amount is appreciated! Please send your contribution to:

Women Have Options, PO Box 5, Granville, OH 43023

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

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- I would like to help with special events.
- I would like to help with the newsletter.
- Add my friend's name and address to your mailing list: _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

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