



Mother to Mother BiWeekly Newsletter 5-14-2010

Linda Meyer, Executive Director

New Jersey

I am back from a short trip to New Jersey, the conference and accommodations were outstanding! Thanks to Susan Ellis Murphy, Coordinator - Regional PPD Support Services and the Southern NJ Perinatal Cooperative for inviting Diane Sanford, Jamie Bodily and I to speak at their 2010 "Breaking Down the Walls" Conference on Perinatal Mood Disorders. The attendees were a supportive audience when it was my turn to speak, I tearfully described my experiences with postpartum depression. I told them how I became involved with MtM, then described the services we provide. Thank you Susan for your hospitality and friendship! We were honored to be part of your conference team.

Welcome!

Tracy Polansky, our newest board member, is owner and President of Green Light Marketing, offering marketing and media consulting services. Tracy and her husband John, have three children, Caroline, Jack, and Annie. She has experience serving on several nonprofit boards in the St. Louis area, we look forward to Tracy sharing her knowledge and expertise with our organization and the board of directors.

Glen Becker will be taking over maintenance of our website. Glen is an IT Manager for Trans States Holdings and has an extensive background in Server Administration, Networking, and Programming. He tells us that he has a great family consisting of his beautiful wife and three kids. Glen and his wife support Mother to Mother because it helped get them (mainly her) through a tough time. We are fortunate to have Glen aboard and look forward to working with him!

Thank You!

We want to say thanks to Ann Book for her wonderful support, dedication and service to Mother to Mother over the last several years. Ann never hesitated when asked to create, add or change anything on the website. Ann is a former board member, Trivia Night emcee, and she has served on several committees and projects through the years. Ann and Dave have three children and will be welcoming a new addition to the family this month. We wish them many blessings!

Annual Spring Letter

This week we are sending out over 500 letters asking for donations. Donations are a vital to continue our work with moms struggling with emotional issues related to childbirth, remember your donation is our main source of income. We look forward to your generosity.

MOTHERS Act

It is the month of May, we celebrate moms and The MOTHERS Act! Darcy sent me this link regarding this national legislation Sen. Robert Menendez: This Year, One Extra Mother's Day Gift <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-menendez/this-year-one-extra-mother-s-day-gift-568619.html>

Angela Borisch Staples, Director of Volunteers

Congratulations to Jessica Angelette on the birth of her newest son Graham Joseph!

Thank You:

Geralyn O for your help with the baby fair at Anderson Hospital, prenatal presentation at St. Anthony's and assembling the solicitation mailing. Your fantastic help is greatly appreciated!



Volunteer Opportunities:

6/3/10 ~ 1:45pm ~ Barnes Hospital prenatal presentation

6/5/10 ~ 11am ~ Progress West prenatal presentation

Ongoing ~ Take over management and distribution of the biweekly newsletter. This opportunity takes roughly thirty minutes every other week.

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e-Script

E-scrip.com has announced the following: use your Schnucks eScrip card from April 25 - May 25 and when you purchase select Kraft Foods and Purina items, you can earn an extra 3% of the purchase price! So don't forget to use your e-scrip card with all of your purchases. Thank you!

Save the Date!

The Mother of all Trivia Nights will be **Friday, September 10th** at Kirkwood Recreation Center.

Have a great week!

Stephanie and Linda

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