

# Annual Report 2008

Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc.

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## A Message from Our Chairperson



2008 has been a year of challenges for our organization, our community and our country. As our drought continued and our economy fluctuated day by day, Teen Pregnancy Prevention felt the sting of the downturn of these economic times. We tightened our belts and looked for ways to save without sacrificing the quality programs that we have been providing for more than 20 years. It never ceases to amaze me what an incredible job the staff of TPP does for the young people of Gainesville/Hall County. Whether it is our fantastic puppet production of "Kids on the Block" that we bring to all 6<sup>th</sup> Graders throughout the county, or our "Smart Girls" program that helps teens make important decisions about their relationships, staff and volunteers of this essential organization continue to demonstrate exceptional caring and dedication to our youth. And statistics show our programs do work. Our Pregnant and Parenting Support program had the distinction last year of having a 98% high school graduation rate. Compare that to an average 75% rate of Hall County School & Gainesville City graduates and I think you will agree with me that we are helping these young women on their path to being productive members of our community.

Prevention is key to allowing our children to naturally grow into healthy, productive adults. Today's world pushes young people into adult roles long before they are ready. The media is giving non-stop messages to our children that they should drink alcohol, take drugs, and be sexually active. In supporting abstinence, as we do at TPP, we support the idea that kids need to be kids, not have kids.

As Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc. enters into its 3<sup>rd</sup> decade of service, I hope you will join me in supporting this dedicated and talented team of social workers, nurse, executive director, board of directors and volunteers, as we do our part in preventing teen pregnancy in Hall County. Georgia has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the country, and the TPP team is working hard to reduce that rate. You can support us in a variety of ways. You can participate on our board, volunteer your time or resources or be a host at our Food for Thought Tour of Kitchens next fall. One of the easiest ways to support TPP is through financial donations. Won't you help us meet our goals to reduce pregnancy among our teens?

Betty Guilfoile  
Chairperson, Board of Directors

## *Our Mission*

Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc. is committed to addressing the issue of teenage pregnancy and its prevention by providing comprehensive and age-appropriate prevention programming, counseling and support services, and community education and awareness programs.

## *Our Philosophy*

We believe that young persons must be provided with educational and ongoing support in order to have the knowledge and skills that will enable them to handle their sexuality in a responsible and healthy manner.

## 2008 Program Summaries



**Smart Girls** is an abstinence-based education group offered to all Hall County middle and high schools and Lakeview Academy. These groups meet weekly for one semester, serving 7 to 10 girls at a time. These groups provide young women with the skills needed to overcome negative peer pressure, the tools to protect themselves from those who wish to exploit them (often these young women are in relationships with men at least four years older than they) and the esteem to view their future potential accurately.

Number of Sessions: 256  
Number of Participants: 258

**Wise Guys** is an abstinence-based education group offered to all Hall County middle schools and Lakeview Academy. These groups serve approximately 8 guys per group and meet weekly for one semester. These groups provide these young men with accurate information regarding relationships and pressure about sex to assist them in their decision-making skills.

Number of Sessions: 42  
Number of Participants: 60

**Pregnant & Parenting Support & Education** groups are designed to provide support and parenting education to already pregnant and/or parenting teens. Groups meet weekly to discuss pregnancy, STD's, parenting and the importance of staying in school.

Number of Sessions: 181  
Number of Participants: 130

**Kids On The Block** is a puppet-drama offered to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Gainesville and Hall County middle schools and Lakeview Academy. KIDS is designed to help young persons begin to think about and talk about the choices and values involved in sex and teen pregnancy.

Number of Sessions: 13  
Number of Participants: 2024



**Baby Think It Over** is a 10-pound infant simulator designed to provide teens with the opportunity to address the challenges and realities of being a teen parent. Our agency currently has eleven of these dolls. This exciting & innovative program is a favorite among students.

Number of Participants: 57

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A big **Thank You** to all of our homeowners and chefs for making this another successful year!

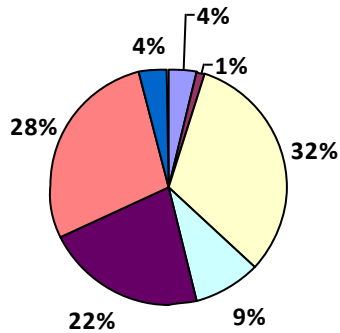


Scott Dixon, Bonnie Gibson & Beth Garman in the Waggoner's kitchen



Tim Roberts, Cindy Langman, Beth Everett & Cindy Greene in the Carter's kitchen

## Revenue 2008



- Church
- Local Civic
- United Way
- Fundraising
- Government Grants
- Foundations and Local Grants
- Individual Donations

*Thank you to our 'Kids On The Block' Volunteers!*

Judy Holcomb  
 Janie Owen  
 Susan Hosford  
 Elsie Nelson  
 Elaine Key  
 Barbara Bostwick

## Staff

Barbara Hicks, MAT, Executive Director  
 Christy Kelley, LCSW, Social Worker  
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