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To: Interested Parties

From: Karen F. Hughes, MPH   
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Subject: Notice of Availability of Funds - State Fiscal Year 2010  
July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010 Choose Life Fund

The Ohio Department of Health, Division of Family and Community Health Services (DFCHS), announces the availability of funding through the Choose Life fund. The Choose Life fund provides eligible organizations with funding for the provision of services to pregnant women within the state of Ohio planning to place their children for adoption. Created in the State Treasury pursuant to Section 3701.65 of the Ohio Revised Code (Revised Code), the Choose Life fund consists of contributions paid to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles by applicants who voluntarily elect to obtain Choose Life license plates pursuant to section 4503.81 of the Revised Code and any money returned to the fund and investment earnings. To participate, an organization must meet the definition of an "eligible organization."

Attached is an application for funding from the Choose Life fund and instructions for completion. Also included is a listing by county of funds available as of March 1, 2009. Choose Life funds collected by May 1, 2009 will be eligible for distribution. Applicants may apply for funding allocated for their county of location or from contiguous counties if no eligible organization within the county applies for funding. Interested applicants shall complete the application in accordance with the instructions and submit no later than June 1, 2009 to:

Ohio Department of Health  
Choose Life Fund  
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Choose Life funds for approved, eligible organizations shall be distributed no later than July 31, 2009.

Questions regarding the application process can be directed to Hilary Metelko at (614) 466-4718.