



The Lifeline

Beltway 8 South

Crisis Pregnancy Center

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Provides Support Services For Women With Unplanned Pregnancies

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Those giving their time and financial aid are truly making a difference one life at a time. May God richly bless you.

The Blessing

From the Director
Jean Killough

In the first half of 2007, the Center had a total of 1,321 client visits. We are serving an average of 100 new clients per month. After counseling, ultrasounds, and prayers, 85% of those at risk to abort are choosing life. Serving those in crisis is not always easy but witnessing life change in our clients is extremely rewarding.

Mary Found Hope

Each client comes to our Center with a unique set of circumstances that cause them to be in a crisis pregnancy. Some common elements are pressures from others to abort, a fear of not being able to follow through with their future plans and concern about the reaction of their parents. Mary came to our Center under the weight of all three and was seeking information about abortion. Her boyfriend, Juan, was coercing her to abort and Mary believed if she remained pregnant he would leave. Mary is a senior in high school and active in athletics. She had worked very hard and was certain she would receive a softball scholarship. Mary and her dad were in the process of checking out colleges.

After Mary and Juan watched the video "Abortion Techniques" that provides factual information by a physician, they received counseling on parenting and adoption options. Mary also accepted the offer of a free ultrasound and scheduled an appointment. She wanted to see her baby before having the abortion. As they were leaving, the counselor showed her the blessing room and explained how she could receive material help by participating in L.E.A.P the Life Education Assistance Program. Mary began to cry and expressed fear of disappointing her parents. The counselor told Mary that she has children and would be hurt if her children did not talk to her before making the decision she had made. Mary decided to accept the brochures, "How to Tell Your Parents You are Pregnant" and "How to Really Love Your Pregnant Teen." She left without changing her mind but was now equipped with knowledge. We called her client number into a local church group who avidly pray for those pondering tough choices.

Mary was attentive during the ultrasound but remained silent. The sonographer gave her a magazine article about another high school athlete who went through a crisis pregnancy and persevered to accomplish her goals. Through all this, Mary found the courage to tell her parents, and they reassured her of their support. To Juan's disappointment, Mary chose life, and she is determined to continue the pregnancy regardless of his response. She joined L.E.A.P. and called back a couple of weeks later very excited over learning she is having a boy. Several weeks later, Mary relayed more good news. She has been assured a full scholarship in softball at one of the area colleges after the baby is born. We all share her joy because she has found hope for the future as God promises in His Word. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

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Faces of Life - Third Annual Banquet

Our Most Important Fundraiser of the Year

Friday, September 28, 2007

Silent Auction opens at 6:00 PM, Dinner and Program 7:00 to 9:15 PM
at *Grace Community Church*, 14505 Gulf Freeway, Houston, 77089



A. D. Players

will perform PARAGRAPH by Jeannette Clift George. This comedy-drama looks at loneliness, self-worth, and guilt in the light of God's Word. Funny, moving, and very real, PARAGRAPH is a contemporary story with a timeless message of hope. Help us provide hope to others like Mary in an unplanned pregnancy.

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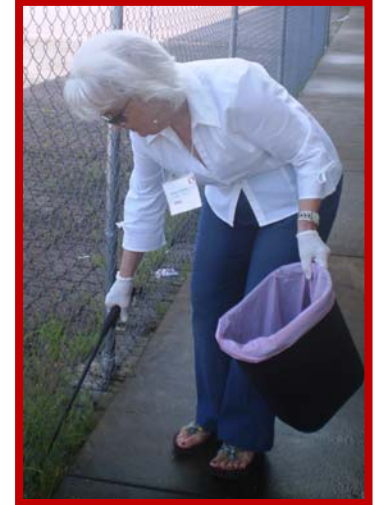
Donate a Silent Auction Item

Behind the Scenes

Over the past three and a half years, we continue to be overwhelmed by the humble servant-hearted, sent by the Lord, to serve in this ministry. The board, staff and volunteers truly work together in unity for the sole purpose of serving Christ by serving others. It takes a large number working behind the scenes to make this ministry happen. Below three of our volunteers tell what it means to work at the Center.



I came to the Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center approximately one year ago. What a blessing and joy for me! I look forward to my days to volunteer. God has brought together a wonderful staff and group of volunteers in this place. It is truly my mission field. We see lives and decisions changed as the girls hear, discuss and read the plan of salvation with our wonderful counselors and then see their baby via an ultrasound. Along with serving our clients, there are still many things that need to be done. There is filing papers, putting packages together, making copies of materials, highlighting Bible passages, answering telephones, sorting baby items, washing clothes, cleaning our parking lot and other "household chores". I am so thankful to be a part of this service to our community and provide help to so many hurting and needy young women. Thanks be to Our Father for making it all possible.



Christine Roberts
Sagmont Church

Working at the Crisis Pregnancy Center has held many surprises. I felt God's gentle nudging for several months before I finally called and expressed an interest in serving. This was a great leap out of my comfort zone, but I trusted God's leadership and jumped. I started by answering phones one evening a week but was quickly moved into an area of greater comfort, working with a computer in the back office . . . alone! So, I now sit one night a week scanning client files for archiving purposes. I feel confident in my ability to do this and feel this frees those with greater skills in counseling to be used more effectively. We all have been given talents and gifts and when we join together we become "one body" as the scriptures speak of. Not only have I experienced how God pulls a diverse group together to serve, one of my greatest joys is to come into the Center and receive hugs, hellos and other greetings. My fellow volunteers have become my prayer partners, a source of encouragement and my friends. I have found a sanctuary at the Crisis Pregnancy Center, just as those we serve.



Dorothea New
South Main Baptist Church Pasadena

***Consider being a Lifeline volunteer,
Call or email the Center
to schedule a tour.***



Kisha Smalls,
The Rock Alvin

I moved to the Houston area in 2004 and while praying, I felt God pressing on my heart that I needed to be a blessing and touch people for His glory. I asked him to open my eyes to see who and to order my steps. I had driven down Beamer several weeks while working a contract job in Sugar Land (I try to avoid highways at all costs, so instead of taking Beltway 8 to I45, I turned down Beamer to get to FM2351). Each time I drove by, the CPC sign would jump out at me. I had been trained at a center in Austin prior to coming to Houston, so I knew the Crisis Pregnancy Centers were Christian ministries, and being that I had been a teen mom, the mission of the Center is close to my heart. Each time I passed, I would say that I'm going to go inside one day and see what they're about. One day, I made good on the promise, and Jan, the Client Service Director, was more than willing to start me on the process.

After serving as a volunteer and eventually a counselor for nearly a year, I had a need for one of my grad school classes to design an informational website. At first, I had no idea where I was going to start. Then, my husband suggested the Center. From there, the website for the Center began budding. Before beginning design projects, I asked God to give me divine insight and ideas to visually communicate clients' messages. What you see at www.lifelinecpc.org is what I feel God gave to me for the Center.