



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 2007, the Center had 1,043 new client visits. 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. We praise and give glory to God for the work of His ministry.

One Tiny Life Saved

Our Center closed the week after Christmas to give our staff and volunteers a much deserved rest. On the day we returned, the phone rang constantly until early afternoon. One was a man seeking an abortion for his girl friend. They had both firmly decided that this was their only option. We offered our consultation services covering abortion information, and they agreed to an appointment the next day.

When they arrived, both were downcast and determined to abort. Their counselor presented them with literature and a video explaining the different types of abortions and the associated risks. This did not deter them, but they agreed to accept the free ultrasound. The pregnancy was extremely early. They could hear the heartbeat but little was visible. The image appeared to have little impact but as the father of the baby was leaving the room, he picked up the tiniest of fetal development models. He asked the sonographer if this resembled their baby. She responded, "Almost". They agreed to a follow-up ultrasound and their counselor left the room to schedule the appointment. Upon returning, she was asked what other services the Center offered if they decided to change their mind and carry the child.



With great delight, they were told about the L.E.A.P classes and shown the blessing room. They began to laugh as they picked out items they would like for their baby. From the time they called, prayers were lifted up on their behalf and the Lord in His mercy answered. At a recent visit, they expressed great anticipation when talking about their baby. With knowledge, this couple made a wise choice without the aftermath of regret that abortion often brings. They are now looking forward to their baby with great joy.

**Sanctity of Human Life
Open House and World's Largest Baby Shower**

During the month of January, pastors deliver forceful messages declaring God's perspective for the life of the unborn. In conjunction, Centers held a two day open house for supporters and potential volunteers. We are extremely appreciative for each visit as well as the financial and baby item donations. This Sanctity of Human Life celebration gives us opportunity to declare that every life is precious.



Behind the Scenes – Youth in Service Days

Late on a Wednesday afternoon in 2006, an associate pastor from a local church called. His message for the high school teens that evening was to be from Exodus 20, "Thou shall not kill". He requested a tour of the Center for these young men and a presentation about the services we provide. This was out of my comfort zone since our primary clientele is women. However, I knew God was providing an opportunity to educate that I could not refuse. I immediately turned to prayer, seeking the Lord's guidance as to what and how to present the materials. Instantly, I knew in my spirit that I was to show the ultrasound video as part of the presentation. It reveals a window into the womb providing indisputable evidence of a baby. Now admittedly, I argued a little with God explaining all the reasons this would not be a good idea for teenage boys. The Lord did not budge leaving no choice but to obey.

The tour and information about sexual pressures, sexual integrity, abortion and STDs were well received with great attention. Then, with reservation, I pushed "play" on the DVD. Within a few minutes they began to exclaim to one another, "Look, there's a foot!", "Do you see the hand?", "Is that the heart beating?", etc. At the end, I opened the session for questions. One young man asked, "Ms. Killough, What do you want us to do?" Without engaging the brain I responded, "Put me out of business." I further explained, "We often think of ourselves as being on the front line, however, in reality you are the ones who are there every day. You are there when someone is considering becoming sexually active. You are there when someone is suffering from the consequences of a bad choice. Now you are equipped with information to help both—in preventing a mistake and in pointing them to help at our Center." They left that evening with new ideas and convictions concerning the unborn. Two weeks later, the pastor's wife sent word back that these young men were still talking about the ultrasound video. It was obvious that God had impacted them for life.

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Following that, I could not get these young men and their comments out of my thoughts. As a result, a plan began to unfold. With all the behind-the-scene volunteer support hours needed along with a real desire to educate our teens to be laborers for the cause, God was showing me how to incorporate the two. At the same time, a volunteer stepped forward with a willingness to coordinate Saturday youth in-service days. We wrote a quick reference guide with detailed instructions and check lists for the various tasks. Local youth pastors were contacted, and a pilot program was launched. We were all incredibly amazed at the success. The youth came, not only eager to serve with humble hearts, but they performed every task with excellence and joy. What has impressed me most is seeing multiple raised hands volunteering for the job of cleaning the toilets! Besides bathrooms, students do our in-depth cleaning, mark Bibles, put together parenting gift bags, assemble bath tubs and baby bag layettes, sort and hang maternity clothes, make copies, put together Medicaid packets, take inventory of baby items and literature, and whatever else may be needed at that time. When a group comes for work day, we receive 60 to 80 man hours. This equates to one volunteer working a four hour shift each week for 15 to 20 weeks. In 2007, we reaped the benefit of 480 hours. This is equivalent to two regular volunteers for an entire year! The youth, in turn, learn more about the "for life" ministry and receive literature and tools to further the cause.

This is a win-win opportunity. As well as the center receiving valuable volunteer hours for much needed tasks, we are also able to promote abstinence and abortion prevention at the same time. Having teens involved at the center first-hand further solidifies their convictions concerning God's view of life and the unborn. It impacts their lives in countless ways that will carry them into adulthood. Our deepest appreciation to the leaders and youth of Faith Community, Fellowship Bible, First Baptist Pearland, Grace Community and Baybrook Baptist, for making this pilot program a huge success.



Service to the abortion-minded and vulnerable will always remain our highest priority. However, we will hold onto the hope that our youth will be encouraged to take the message of sexual integrity and life back to the front lines and that, one day, they will put us out of business.

**If your youth group is interested in participating,
please call and let us schedule a Saturday in-service day.**