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Crisis Pregnancy Center

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The Blessing

From the Director

At the end of the third quarter 2005, we recorded 961 client visits. During this same period in 2006, we have logged 1681. These visits include: pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, LEAP classes, Bible studies and blessing credit redemption. The incredible blessing of serving Jesus by serving others humbles us.

Consider being a Lifeline volunteer.

Call or email the Center to schedule a tour.

When We See No Hope

When we see no hope, God changes hearts. There were two couples that left our center determined to abort.

One came in search of an abortion clinic. The boyfriend restricted the information presented by the counselor as the client wept. Although they accepted a free ultrasound, he glanced at the monitor but she could not bear to look. They saw abortion as their only option. Our nurse manager stared at the monitor with one thought; "I can't stop looking because I might be the last person on earth to see this baby alive." When they left, tears were in the eyes of everyone there that day. They held out little hope for the 15-week-old unborn child but called for prayers. This mother, father and child remained heavy on everyone's heart for two months. To our amazement and delight, they returned to tell of their change of heart and decision to carry They reported that even though they were convinced to abort, they just could not follow through with it. We return to praise and thank the Lord for His divine intervention.



Nurse Manager, Bette Robertson

The second couple came with pressures to abort. The client told of her mother having several abortions. Even though her mother struggles with problems that are often associated with women experiencing post-abortion syndrome, she was coercing her daughter to abort. After receiving counseling, the father of the baby was leaning toward choosing life but the young expectant mom was unwavering. As she viewed the baby's beautiful profile image on the ultrasound, the sheet that was covering her shook from nervousness. On her exit interview she stated that seeing her baby was the best part of the visit. However, she was still resolved to abort. The center staff held out little hope for the 9-week-old unborn child but called for prayers. Two weeks later they returned to tell us that even though the client's mother had an abortion scheduled for the upcoming weekend, they are now like-minded and standing firm in their choice for life. Our hearts jumped with joy as we provided next step information. They joined the L.E.A.P. (Life Education Assistance Program) and attended Bible study that same evening. Their sorrow has turned to gladness as they now eagerly anticipate the birth of their baby. It is exciting to witness this answer to prayer.

Pressures to Abort

Many young women come to us telling of pressures they are under to abort. These often come from the fathers of the babies who do not want to be held accountable or accept responsibility for supporting their children. However, we hear numerous ultimatums from parents of expectant mothers. Some threats include being thrown out of the house if they refuse to abort. Instead of these parents standing by their daughters with words of encouragement, they are often more concerned about what others might think and say. Generally, they are looking for a quick fix instead of considering the long-term ramifications on their child's mental and physical health. The impact of pressured abortions is addressed in the following excerpts from an article titled "Effects of Birth and Abortion on Teens" in the Texas Right to Life e-newsletter, dated October 31, 2006.

About 25 percent of the approximate 1.2 million abortions reported annually are committed on girls younger than 20 years old. These young ladies need extra care and attention when facing unintended pregnancies. A nationally representative study published in the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* revealed that adolescent girls who abort are five times more likely to seek subsequent help for psychological and emotional problems compared to their peers who carry unwanted pregnancies to term.

Previous studies have found that adolescent girls who undergo abortions may experience difficulties coping after an abortion, possibly because they are more likely to be pressured into unwanted abortions or to undergo abortions later in their pregnancies. According to Dr. Priscilla Coleman, a research psychologist at Bowling Green State University who conducted this study, "When women feel forced into abortion by others or by life circumstances, negative post-abortion outcomes become more common."

Therefore if you know of a young lady facing an unplanned pregnancy, please refer her to a Crisis Pregnancy Center. She will receive the extra care she needs to help her resist pressures, make an informed choice and understand her legal right to say "No" to abortion.





As a young ministry, one of our greatest challenges has been to cover costs. Therefore, we have been totally dependant upon the faithfulness of God to touch hearts for His cause. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every church, individual and business that has partnered with us to make the work of this ministry possible through **Regular Contributions, Fundraisers, In-kind Gifts** and **Item Donations**. Your love for life is evidenced by your willingness to share.



Since fundraising does not come naturally to us, we appreciate the ways the Lord has made it possible for us to have fun raising funds. The **Macy's Charity Day** was a tremendous example of how many had fun selling coupons and shopping for the cause. Our gratitude goes to both sellers and purchasers for a great success.



Throughout 2006, several congregations have participated in our **Baby Bottle Change for Life** collection. From the youngest to the oldest, we hear stories of families having fun filling their bottles. Our warmest appreciation goes to the following for your contributions: Bay Area Christian Church, Bay Area Community Church, Clear Lake Church of the Nazarene, Fellowship Bible Church, First Baptist Church of Pearland, Grace Community Church and New Beginnings Family Church.



Sponsors and players at the **First Annual Faces of Life Golf Tournament** in October took "having fun raising funds" literally. They did great at both. Our deepest appreciation goes to Board Member Eddie Richards for chairing the committee and bringing all things together for a terrific event. We would like to give recognition to the following sponsors and a special thanks to ALL for the fun and funds.















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