

## Lifeline.

## **Crisis Pregnancy Center**

June 2013

Provides Support Services for Women with Unplanned Pregnancies

## The Truth Casts Out Lies, and Lives Are Saved

The depth of the Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center ministry can only be understood through the stories of our clients. Keeping our promise of confidentiality does not allow us to give the names of the following five clients. However, we can give you a glimpse into their crisis.

A young couple came with their 10 month old baby and told their desperate story. He had no job, and our client's family had given her a mandate to move out. They saw their only option as abortion. Our advocate explained the need for education in order for them to understand the procedure, along with its potential physical and emotional aftermath. As the client was watching "Crossroads", a video of women giving their personal testimonies about abortion, she shouted out, "I cannot abort my baby! I had no idea it had a heartbeat at three weeks." An ultrasound revealed a twelve week pre-born doing flips in her womb.

A client who felt stretched by the demands of life had gone to Planned Parenthood and was told her ultrasound revealed an unborn with a weak heartbeat. She had an abortion scheduled but came to the Center to get more insight about what she had been told. Our ultrasound showed an active pre-born of 10 weeks with a strong heartbeat, and she chose life.

A sweet smile lit the face of our client. However, she let her advocate know the smile was to cover the pain in her heart. She had left an abusive home life as a young teenager and had no family support. She had bruises from the father of the baby and knew she would be on her own for the duration of the pregnancy. She will continue to need our prayers, help in locating a safe place to live, and referrals for adoption.

The father of the baby sat outside as the mom came to tell us she was undecided about her choice concerning their unborn. Even though they were angry with one another, he agreed to come in and watch the "Father's Love Letter" video. They began to ask the client advocate questions about God and were presented the gospel. Both prayed to accept Jesus, chose life for their baby, are attending LEAP classes, and excited about their future.

A client had two previous abortions which always makes them high-risk for another. After praying to accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior, she declared, "I can't get an abortion now because I am saved."

Walking into the crisis of our clients who are making difficult choices daily is intense. Their pain is real, and our hearts break for them. We cannot solve all their problems, but we can by the power of prayer and the presence of God share the love of Jesus with them. There is always the knowledge that our actions and words may mean a life or death decision. Therefore, our greatest blessing is to witness their hopelessness turn to hopefulness.

## **CPC Family Nights Uplift Our Workers**

The desire of our hearts is to serve Christ by continuing to serve these desperate clients in crisis. With this, the Center's Staff and Volunteers are our most critical resource. Therefore, we must care for one another in the same way we care for our clients. Preventing burnout and providing a means for new volunteers to meet other members of the ministry is imperative. Once a month CPC Family Night helps promote this much needed support and unity of the body.





Food
Fun (Games, Talent Shows, Movies, etc.)
Fellowship



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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

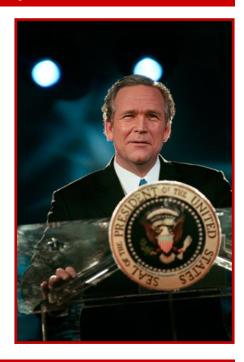
From the Director
Jean Killough

From 2004 thru May 2013,
Beltway has served 21,700
clients and support group
visits. Of the 3,620 clients
with positive tests and
At Risk to Abort",
3,086 chose life.
During this time, 1,368
individuals accepted Jesus
as Lord and Savior or
rededicated their life to Him.
Your continued prayers and
support are needed and
deeply appreciated.

## **Who Was that Mystery Guest?**

Persons continue to ask the identity of the 2013 Banquet keynote speaker. Fun and laughter filled the Venue of Grace Community Church as the evening's "Mystery Guest" was revealed at the annual "FUN"draiser. John Morgan enjoys a wonderful career as an impersonator of the U.S. President, George W. Bush. He travels around the country dazzling audiences with his wit. His laugh-out-loud anecdotes illustrate how much fun portraying "W" can be.

Underneath Morgan's presidential exterior lies a man who strives to imitate Jesus Christ. He emerges from behind the mask to share his own dramatic transformation from fear and addiction to faith and freedom. His powerful testimony of God's transforming grace reflects the hope our clients discover as staff and volunteers of the Center seek to reflect Christ as they serve them with mercy, compassion, and love.



### **Honored Guests**

We know our clients, David and Elizabeth Sparks, were financially stretched to purchase banquet tickets. It had been a real blessing to see them attending church every Sunday morning after he had worked a long night shift. When they saw the fundraiser advertisement in the bulletin, they said, "We wanted to give back because we have been helped so much."



David and Elizabeth Sparks

Elizabeth says, "After being told by many doctors that I would have difficulty conceiving, my husband and I were alarmed when I took a positive pregnancy test. We were not prepared or expecting to welcome a new baby into our family. Though we were excited, we knew our future would be much different than we had planned! A month previous we had moved into a one bedroom apartment with my husband's 3 year old son and our two dogs. We weren't sure where we would fit a new baby in such a cramped space! The day after I took the test, we went to our appointment at the Beltway 8 Crisis Pregnancy Center. We found that the staff was very warm and helpful! Our family lives very far away and it was comforting that the center had such a "family" atmosphere. During our initial visit, we learned about the classes, Bible studies and the point/credit system for earning baby items. In the months following, we attended several classes and Bible studies. The classes were very informative, fun and overall rewarding. The Bible study leader was enthusiastic, detailed, engaging and made each lesson applicable to daily life. My husband and I earned credits and put them toward several items we needed for our baby boy. The items available are of excellent quality, wide in variety and easily obtained even with a small amount of points. I am so glad that we found the Crisis Pregnancy Center. We have enjoyed every class, Bible Study and the warmth and friendship of each staff member and volunteer. We will definitely suggest the center to any of our friends and acquaintances who find themselves also expecting a blessing and in need of a helping hand!"