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Check out our NEW web site!

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We've been making improvements to the website and have added a page specifically for our Bridges to Parenthood Program that is updated monthly.

There is also a “directions” page where you can Google map the Center directly from the page for accurate directions from anywhere! You can even view this Newsletter and the archived newsletters from previous months!

Tell people about us & send them to the web site!





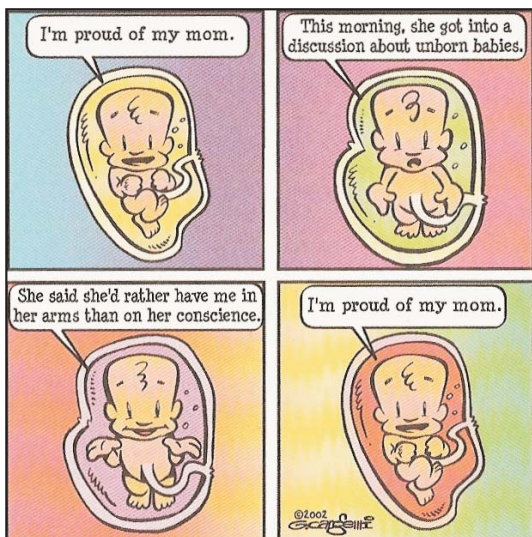
Director's Corner



A Change of Mind!

A cardiologist is not a person with whom one argues...about anything! When mine asked me what I did for a living and whether it was stressful, I told him... and he was not impressed, maybe even a little condescending. To him, abortion was a solution to a "problem" and that was that. He had a thirteen year old son who was difficult enough to make the prospect of having a baby not particularly attractive to him, but as fate would have it, his wife became pregnant. "No problem, it's up to her," he said and because he was a good man, he really thought he was doing her a favor by giving her the power to decide, alone, the destiny of their child. She chose to keep the baby.

I saw my cardiologists last month. He did not even ask me how I was doing before he blurted out, "I have changed my mind about abortion!" "I'm against it, completely against it, a hundred percent against it! It's wrong, wrong, wrong." I was not about to argue, he was beaming! He is not a young man but he looked years younger that day. I asked him what changed his mind...."Oh, she is so beautiful," he said. "So delightful, I could spend my life just looking at her. She brings so much joy, so much happiness to our family, even our son is a different person. He helps his mother, goes for bottles and diapers and swears he will protect her with his life." But my kind doctor grew silent and I met his eyes. I could read in them the wave of dread that had come over him, when he thought of what could have been. "She could have never existed," he murmured. "I did not care, I did not know. She could have died because I did not realize that she was, from the very moment of her existence, the unbelievably amazing creature God had knitted in her mother's womb." At that moment, all the love, the pride, the happiness he could have missed seemed to crush him. I knew at that moment it was up to us to keep on fighting, and win the war, one baby at a time, to make these babies "real" and "alive" in their parents minds and hearts before it is too late. Most people are good...they just don't understand.



~Suzanne



Celebrate Life

- Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
- Life is beauty, admire it.
- Life is bliss, taste it.
- Life is a dream, realize it.
- Life is a challenge, meet it.
- Life is a duty, complete it.
- Life is a game, play it.
- Life is a promise, fulfill it.
- Life is sorrow, overcome it.
- Life is a song, sing it.
- Life is a struggle, accept it.
- Life is a tragedy, confront it.
- Life is an adventure, dare it.
- Life is luck, make it.
- Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
- Life is life, fight for it.

-Mother Theresa



Mother's Day Roses

We will be selling rose bouquets in support of the Center again this year for Mother's Day. Churches can pre-order bouquets before April 30th by calling 245-8587.

In the News



North Carolina Program Pays Girls a Dollar a Day Not to Get Pregnant

Excerpts from a FOX NEWS report
by Joshua Rhett Miller

The College Bound Sisters program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro aims to keep 12 to 18 year old girls in school, baby free. Girls in the program attend 90 minute meetings every week at which they receive lessons in abstinence --and they receive \$7 every week they do not get pregnant. The money is deposited into a fund that's collectible when they enroll in college.

There are opponents to the program that say paying a girl to do what she should be doing anyway sends the wrong message but even those against the program acknowledge that creative ways are needed to address the challenging social issue of teen pregnancy. The nation's teen birth rate, after declining for 14 years, has increased over the last two years and in 2009 stood at 7.2 pregnancies per 1,000 teenage girls. The cost associated with teen pregnancies exceeds \$9 billion annually. With those figures in mind, paying girls \$365 a year to stay childless seems like a modest investment.

Upcoming Bridges to Parenthood Schedule



Bridges to Parenthood is quickly becoming one of our fastest growing programs here at the Center. (See the update below) Here is the upcoming schedule...If you know any mummies-to-be tell them about the valuable classes we provide free of charge every month!

April 21st	3-5pm	Breastfeeding
May 19th	3-5pm	Potty Training & Nutrition
June 17th	3-5pm	Baby Shower for all our moms!
July 21st	2-5pm	Water Safety & Carseat Safety (\$20 to purchase a new Carseat!)

Bi-monthly Labor & Delivery Classes

April 28th	1-3pm	Early Labor
May 5th	1-3pm	Active Labor
May 12th	1-3pm	Delivery

All classes are open to mommy & her coach and dads are always welcome at the Bridges to Parenthood classes as well! Call Marcia at 951-245-8587 to sign-up or e-mail bridges@evprc.org.

Bridges to Parenthood Update

Our Bridges to Parenthood program is growing by feet...and hands! In fact, we nearly had an actual delivery at our last class! In December we finished the year off right with a very successful Baby Shower. Moms-to-be went home with gifts for their babies and a little something special for themselves. The program is headed by counselor Marcia Neill, RN and her helpers Tangi & Christi, both counselors. This year Marcia has added Labor & Delivery classes every other month which can cost up to \$300 at the hospital. Because of our dedicated counselors we are able to provide these valuable learning experiences free of charge to our clients. We just finished a carseat safety class this month where 10 clients were able to purchase a new carseat (\$100-\$150 value) for \$20. We are planning another baby shower in June. If you would like to participate, we are collecting gifts for our moms to be like bath products, lotion, hair accessories, nursing pads---anything to pamper the ladies a little bit. Donations can be brought to the Center until June 7th.

Blessed by our Donors!

As you may know, The Center survives solely on the generosity of our donors. With economic times as they are, we have needed to become creative in our efforts to meet the needs of our clients. Thankfully we have a few groups who have partnered with us on a fairly regular basis. We have been blessed this year by a few of these dedicated groups!

In January we were given a Baby Shower by the Ladies Guild at St. Vincent Ferrer Church (an annual event that provides a large number of the diapers we give away each year!). A group of women from Lakehills Community Church made beautiful diaper bags for us and filled them with "newborn" necessities like diapers, wipes, lotion and a little receiving blanket (see pictures below) Another group is making layette sets for us to give to our expectant mommies. Many times a gift like this, to a woman who hasn't decided whether to give life to her unborn child, makes all the difference! We have also been blessed by A Foundation for Kids directed by Mark Chow. They have provided us with new clothes and cribs, etc. every month since October 2009! What a blessing this has been for our Bridges moms.

We are looking for people willing to make cloth diapers and provide them along with sets of plastic pants and diaper pins. This will allow us to give our clients a necessity that can be reused! If you are able to provide these items please contact Suzanne at 951-245-8587. A BIG Thank You to all our awesome donors! We couldn't do it without you!



When they say...

Reproductive freedom is fundamental to women's rights.

We say...

Agreed. And the time to exercise reproductive freedom is when you are deciding whether or not to get pregnant. Once you are pregnant, you are not deciding whether to have a baby or not, you are only deciding whether to kill it or not. Our goal is to create a world where women will never climb to equality over the dead bodies of their children. What about equal rights for unborn women?

