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Isaiah 43:10-11 You are my witnesses" declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am He – Before me no god was formed nor will there be one after me. I even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior."

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTARY

In the 61st chapter of Isaiah we read - the Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me.....He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives.....to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve.

Every day we are blessed to have the opportunity through the power of the Holy Spirit to do just that. Here is one such story where we were given that opportunity.

Mary visited the Beaufort Women's Center after being encouraged to do so by one of her superiors. She was in the military and had become pregnant, which resulted from someone who had sexually molested her. Feeling the effects of such an act wasn't all that Mary was dealing with. She was living here in a strange place with no family around her feeling alone and desperate.

Mary shared that she was against abortion but in this circumstance she was contemplating it. She shared her feelings, her belief in Jesus and yet her conflicting emotions to carry the baby to term. She had no idea how she would be able to raise the child at this time and admitted she found herself asking if she would be able to love this child or would she find herself resenting it because of how it was conceived.

Both the counselor and the nurse manager assured Mary that the BWC was there to listen and provide all the information she needed to make an informed decision. They told her that regardless of her decision, they wanted her to know they were there for her. They shared the "Before You Decide" pamphlet which explains the different abortion procedures and possible side effects, should that be her choice. Mary appeared enlightened after reviewing the information with her counselor. The adoption option was also discussed with her.

Mary was far enough along to offer her an ultrasound the same day (clients must be at least 6 weeks) which she elected to have. The ultrasound was able to determine that the baby was 13 weeks. After seeing the heart beating and watching the baby's movements on the screen, she became very emotional and exclaimed that this was her baby and that an abortion was no longer an option for her.

You are making life changing and eternal differences in the lives of people like Mary who feel they have nowhere to turn. Thank you for your compassion and dedication to the Beaufort Women's Center.

Our Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser is on-going throughout the year. We greatly appreciate everyone that participated in 2009 and encourage all churches in the community, groups and organizations to participate. Please call the Center for more detailed information about how you can give the gift of Life!



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Beaufort Women's Center is a non-profit, faith-based, community organization that provides pregnancy support services and education to promote and preserve life for families in Beaufort and the surrounding area.

Beaufort Women's Center celebrates 25th Anniversary at Annual fundraiser banquet - HUGE SUCCESS!!

This year the Beaufort Women's Center (BWC) celebrated 25 years of ministering to women and teens who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. The 5th annual fundraiser banquet was held at the Dataw Island Club - Carolina Ballroom on Thursday, March 18th, 2010 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Table Hosts and their guests attended at no cost due to the generosity of our underwriters. Underwriting the cost of the fundraiser banquet allows the BWC to keep 100% of all funds collected that night and the regular monthly and quarterly donations coming from the pledges received as well which resulted in over - \$30,000!!

Each year the underwriter's commitment of support underwrites the eternal results of this ministry. The Beaufort Women's Center wants to express a heartfelt thanks to the following:

2010 UNDERWRITERS Advocate

Search The Scriptures
Sally and Mike Altman
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This month - not just for a day - we want to celebrate Moms everywhere!!

Mom, you are that special person who never gives up on us, who is always there for us, who sees beyond what we are to what we will one day become.

This month we honor you. Some of us are still babies, wondering why this beautiful lady keeps smiling at us as we attempt our first step.

Some of us are children, screaming at you as we hold our skinned knee, yet knowing that somehow in a few minutes it will all be okay, because you are here.

And others of us are teenagers, struggling to figure out who we are, but knowing deep inside that because our mom is a rock of faith, one day we will make it through all of this.

And yes, some of us are "fully grown," and only just now realizing the wisdom and love that you bring to each new day. A card, a note, a kiss or a hug are simply not enough to say thank you.

Somehow, in the midst of our celebration of Mother's Day, we want to sit down with you, hold you in our arms and tell you that you are, in the truest sense of the word, a blessing.

We want you to know that during all of those times when you were tired and feeling alone—we now realize at least

part of the sacrifice you gave to be our mom. And we will forever be grateful for a mother who cared enough to love us—without conditions.

Thank you mom. Your love has helped make us into the person the Lord created us to be.

Thank You's to: THE LINK

We want to thank **The Link** for choosing the Beaufort Women's Center as their community project in February by cleaning the center from top to bottom. Thank you and God bless you. This was truly showing Christianity in action.

Dan Vaden "Extra Mile"

We want to express our appreciation to Dan Vaden for presenting the Beaufort Women's Center with a check for \$500.00 through their "Vaden Extra Mile" program. The "Vaden Extra Mile" program chooses an organization every week that they feel has gone the "extra mile" in the community.

I'd like to support your ministry. My commitment:

\$5___ \$10___ \$20___ \$50___ \$100___ Other___

Circle below:
Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly or One-time gift

___ Check Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, available) ___

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): If you are interested in donating automatically from your checking account or a credit card, please check here and we will mail this information to you. Your financial contributions are tax deductible. Beaufort Women's Center is a 501© 3 non-profit organization.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Best time to reach you _____

Email address _____

Thank You for Caring!

LET'S KEEP A WINNING TEAM GOING!

The ministry of the Beaufort Women's Center is about teamwork and counting on each other as we follow the Lord's desire for us. There are many ways to volunteer at the Beaufort Women's Center. Maybe you're not ready to counsel women in crisis but volunteer opportunities don't stop there. Here is a list of the many ways you can become a special part of our volunteer staff

Board of Directors

The Board is the spiritual covering of the Beaufort Women's Center and directly responsible for the financial and spiritual well being of the ministry. Specifically, they oversee the Executive Director and focus on the stability and direction of the ministry. Commitment: Application and interview by special request, monthly board meetings, and attendance at special events.

Counselor

Peer Counselors reach out to women with the compassion of Christ by offering practical assistance in both word and deed as a one-on-one caring helper. Specifically, counselors listen, educate, intervene with communication skills, and provide a source of physical, emotional and spiritual hope to the women and families that seek our free services. Commitment: Attend 20-hour volunteer training seminar, in-service trainings: weekly time schedule of 2 - 4 hours per week.

Parenting Instructor

Parenting Instructors provide one-on-one instruction and support to clients using the Earn-While-You-Learn curriculum. Commitment: Attend 20-hour volunteer training seminar, in-service trainings: weekly time schedule of 2 - 4 hours per week.

Post Abortion Facilitator

Trained post-abortion facilitators assist women through a healing process in the aftermath of abortion. Specifically, leading or co-leading a P.A.C.E. group (10 week Bible Study/Support Group) as a moderator to facilitate a small group. Commitment: attend 20-hour volunteer training seminar, attend abortion recovery facilitator training, lead or co-lead a P.A.C.E. (post abortion client education) group, and have the availability to lead or co-lead at least 1 group a year.

Receptionist

Receptionists answer the phone re-directing calls to proper authority, check in clients coming into the center for our services while the office is open. Specifically, receptionists provide smooth office operations by making appointments when necessary, data entry, filing, making copies, and assisting with light clerical work. Commitment: attend 20-hour volun-

teer training seminar, on-the-job training, in-service trainings: weekly time schedule of 2 - 4 hours per week.

Computer

Assisting with client data entry and special projects (fundraisers, etc.) assigned to the computer. Commitment: weekly time schedule of 4 hours per week.

Church Liaison

Church Liaisons represent the BWC to your local church body for special events, needs or concerns of the ministry. Specifically, liaisons communicate information to the parishioners in their church explaining how they can get involved with our annual Walk-for-Life, Annual Fundraiser Banquet, Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and Baby Bottle Boomerang.

Prayer Chain

Prayer Warriors are asked to pray for specific client situations or needs of the ministry as they arise; specifically they call the next person in line on the chain and pass on the requests. Commitment: availability during the day to receive and pass on requests.

Bulk Mailing

Preparing and overseeing the bulk mailings for the ministry. Commitment: available to come to the office 4 - 6 times a year to assist with collating, sorting and counting in preparation for mailing.

Special Events

Volunteers assist in the detail work of the annual events of the ministry in the area of development; specifically helping with the planning and coordinating of the Walk-For-Life, Annual Fundraiser Banquet and Baby Bottle Boomerang. Commitment: varies depending on event and time availability.

Baby Shower Hostess

Provide a "needs" list to churches interested in hosting a baby shower for the BWC. Help replenish our baby items used to create layette baskets for clients in our Earn-While-You-Learn Program.

Housekeeping

Periodically come to the center for general cleaning, as needed.

Handy-Man

General maintenance and repair services as needed.

Lunches

Provide lunch for BWC Volunteer Trainings.

Medical Volunteers

Nurses and Sonographers assist the Nurse Manager in performing medical services.

Other

We are willing to consider any gift or talent that you may have that is not listed here but may enhance the ministry!

WANT TO KNOW HOW TO PRAY FOR US?

There are many reasons to pray and unfortunately, as a whole the Christian community prays less than we should. We're not asking you to make a major commitment but how about two minutes, three times a week - adding 5 hours of prayer time for the BWC a year.

What are some ways in which we can pray specifically for the sanctity of human life? Pray for:

1. Women who may be facing a crisis pregnancy at this moment.
2. Those involved in the abortion industry, that the Lord would change their hearts and draw them to Himself.
3. For the many who volunteer at pregnancy care centers like ours, for courage, strength, and endurance to carry on.
4. For politicians on both sides of the issue, that the Lord would give pro-life politicians courage to stand tall, and that He would change the hearts of those opposed to life.
5. For those who have an abortion in their past, that the Lord would move them to call the BWC about participating in the Healing Hearts Ministry.

Thank you for praying. It's the best investment in this ministry any of us can make.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP US SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$

We are still in the process of collecting email addresses. If you would like to help us save money on postage and printing by having your newsletter sent electronically, please email me at bwc@hargray.com. You can also view our newsletter on our website at beaufortwomenscenter.com. To find out the latest happenings at BWC please visit our blog beaufortwomenscenter.blogspot.com or find us on Facebook.

Looking for a guest Speaker?

The Beaufort Women's Center would be happy to come to your church, group or organization and give a presentation on our ministry. Please call 525-0300 and ask for Donna McLean or Cassandra Deans if you are interested.

Ministry Goals

- Expand our office space to allow more room for counseling, medical services and office administration
- College satellite center and expansion of services to outlying areas
- Add marriage enrichment and fatherhood program
- Establish small peer groups offering positive reinforcement to teens and young adults regarding the issues they face today

CENTER NEEDS

Postage stamps • Gift cards to Staples, Walmart, Bi-Lo (for center needs and trainings) • Frequent Flyer Miles • Bottled Water • Toilet paper • Paper towels • Kleenex

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

IT Support • R.D.M.S (Ultra Sonographers – **much needed**)
Housekeeping (**much needed**) • Nurses (**much needed**) • Board Members • Grant Writer (**much needed**) • Event Coordinator • Church Liaisons • Hispanic Speaking volunteers (**much needed**)

DID YOU KNOW YOUR...

\$15 contribution will pay for a month of materials for our "Healing Hearts" Abortion Recovery Ministry

\$25 contribution will pay for a month of supplies for our ultrasound services

\$40 contribution will pay for a month's supply of prenatal vitamins

\$55 contribution will pay for a month's supply of pregnancy tests

\$80 contribution will pay for 1 dvd for our EWYL curriculum

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pastor's Prayer BreakfastTBD
Memorial Day (Center Closed).....May 31st
20-Hour Volunteer Training June 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th
Independence Day (Center Closed) July 5th
Labor Day (Center Closed for business)Sept 6th

10-week Healing Hearts Abortion Recovery Sept 6th – Nov 9th
20 Hour Volunteer Training.....Sept 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th
WFL November 13th
Thanksgiving (Center Closed)Nov 24th – 26th
Christmas (Center Closed).....Dec 24th

If you do not wish to receive future mailings from The BWC, please call 525-0300



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