

DO YOU HAVE A LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENT?

We would like to form a "student group" at USCB and TCL. We need to find approximately 10 students who share our values. If you have a student attending either

one of these schools and think they would be interested in helping us form such a group, please have them contact us at 525-0300 or bwc@hargray.com. Ask for Donna.

WILL YOU HELP US SAVE \$1500.00 A QUARTER?

In an effort to reduce monthly expenses we would like to begin sending our newsletter via email to those that have email accounts, but we need

your help! We need your email address. Please email us at bwc@hargray.com, subject: Newsletter, so we can add your address to the group.

PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITES AND BE SURE TO SHARE THEM WITH OTHERS!

www.beaufortwomenscenter.com • www.lowcountryoptions.com

"CHOOSE LIFE" CAR TAGS ARE ON SALE!



You can support the Beaufort Women's Center by purchasing one of these tags. An additional \$35 will be added to the cost of your tag and taxes, and the revenue stream will be distributed by SCAPCC (South Carolina Associations of Pregnancy Care Centers) to their members, of which we belong.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Labor Day – Center Closed.....September 7th	10-week "Healing Hearts" Abortion Recovery endsNovember 9th
10-week "Healing Hearts" Abortion Recovery beginsSeptember 7th	Thanksgiving – Center Closed November 25th -27th
20-Hour Volunteer Training.....Sept 11th, 12th & 18th & 19th	Christmas – Center Closed December 24th & 25th
Walk-For-Life.....November 14th	New Years – Center Closed.....December 31st

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



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CENTER NEEDS
Projector for power point presentations
Gift cards from Wal-Mart, Bi-Lo & Staples
Frequent Flyer Miles • Enclosed cabinet with shelves

VOLUNTEER NEEDS
Bookkeeper • Grant writer • Housekeeping
Board Members • Event Coordinator
R.D.M.S.'s or certified Sonographers • Nurses

BECOME A CHURCH LIAISON!
As a Church Liaison, your primary job is to bring the needs and events of the Beaufort Women's Center to your congregation. This means informing your church about our fundraisers such as the Walk-For-Life, annual banquet, baby bottle campaigns, Sanctity of Life Sunday (held each January) and informing your fellow worshippers about opportunities to volunteer.



Beaufort Women's Center

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WE LOVE THEM FIRST. THEN THE DOOR IS OPEN . . .

Some ask about our ministry, "Why don't you tell these girls to stop getting themselves in this situation? Can't you just sit them down when they have that test and tell them they are living in sin?"

To see a powerful picture of what this ministry is about, John 4—this moment with the Samaritan woman—is a perfect snapshot. Our message is not one of condemnation, but is one of hope and joy as we offer living water.

That would be easy wouldn't it? We could set everyone straight—in a hurry. But it would not be effective, and it might not even be Biblical.

We are not here to avoid the truth—Jesus certainly did not—but when presented in love, truth unlocks the door of freedom.

If we take a look at the Samaritan woman in John 4, we see Jesus approach her much differently. Instead of pointing to her shortcomings, Jesus first offered her living water, which only He could offer. She was amazed, and she wanted to hear more from this man.

So when a woman comes to us, we are reminded that while her choices may have put her in a difficult situation, she is not the first. A woman went to a well in Samaria, suffering from a string of poor choices.

Only then, after reaching out to her need, did Jesus ask her to call her husband. We know the story: she had no husband, though she had been a wife to five different men. She—like many we see—was in the midst of yet another dead-end relationship, this time living with a man outside of marriage.

Jesus could have condemned, and He could have sent her on her way, teaching us all a lesson of "righteousness." But without condemning, He offered her living water, a gift that brings life.

Yet instead of condemning, Jesus actually complimented her for telling the truth about her failed past. What could have been a terribly humiliating moment turned into a life-changing encounter.

She chose life. And if we keep reading in John 4, we find that others followed her. At her darkest hour, Jesus showed up. And a life was changed forever. This is a story worth emulating and at the Beaufort Women's Center we seek to see this story come true again and again.

DID YOU KNOW?

It is estimated that as of the end of March 2008, 84,000 babies have potentially been saved through OUP (Option Ultrasound Program) clinics, of which we are a part, by offering a combination of ultrasound and counseling services.

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.

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Lifeline A publication of the Beaufort Women's Center

As Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Beaufort Women's Center, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help. Without your ongoing support, we would not exist, and neither would scores of boys and girls, each created in the image of God.

I also want to thank our volunteers that have given so generously of their time – the one thing that once spent can never be recovered – for the hours spent counseling, preparing, and doing the routine administration that needs to be done in order for us to function.

Like every 501c3, this has been a tough couple of years for us. Our donations are off about 40%, and every month it seems we get a notice that one of our long time donors has to take a break in their giving. We understand. We have never been flush with cash, but these times are teaching us to examine everything we do to see if there is a more efficient, more economical way to do it. We take the stewardship of your donations very seriously.

In the face of the decline in giving, our expenses have increased with the addition of the ultra sound machine and required staffing. This was to be expected, and we budgeted for it, but the economy has taken a toll on our supporters. We had a supporter that

wanted to and did cover our rent for over a year. They had to stop in the face of health issues. Paying the rent has been a huge, unforeseen burden.

These are our needs: first and foremost are your fervent prayers. As the Psalmist wrote, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain that build it." Above everything else, we need, we covet, the covering of your prayers.

Second, we need cash. Your dollars donated translate into lives and souls saved - a pretty good Kingdom investment.

Finally - we need volunteers. We need experienced board members and volunteers for administration and counseling. We have a training class coming up in September. Please call us, we will be glad to meet with you and give you a tour of the Center.

This is your Beaufort Women's Center. On your behalf we are saving lives today and souls for eternity. We need you to step up, especially in these tough times.

Thanks for your prayerful consideration.

Scott Bingham

IN TWO HOURS WE COULD CHANGE THE WORLD

Quite an audacious headline up there, isn't it? Can we really change the world in just two hours? Or is this just another catchy slogan to try to rope you into something?

Let me put my cards on the table: I am trying to rope you into something, but I also believe that you can make a major difference in our ministry.

Coming up this fall—on November 14th—we're looking forward to our Annual Walk for Life. As you may know, this event is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. We count on these funds to strengthen this ministry and further reach out to the women we see. With a strong Walk, we look forward to touching more lives with our message—so that ultimately, more will be transformed by the love of Jesus Christ. And perhaps, more lives will be saved.

Many of you may have participated in our Walk in the past after learning about it through your church. We will have information ready for our participating churches to share with their members around the first of October.

However, for those that may not be a member of a local church or whose

church hasn't participated in the past, we will have sponsor forms available at the Center the first or second week in September.

You may be asking yourself what will two hours do for this effort. A lot! We invite you to stop by and pickup one of our Walk-For-Life pledge forms. All you'll need to do is fill out the form and begin by sponsoring yourself. That takes five minutes at the most. Not too difficult, is it?

Next, why not call up a few friends or family members—just a few—and let them know about what you are doing. Just tell them, "Hey, I'm walking in this fundraiser for the Beaufort Women's Center. It's a Christian pregnancy care ministry that assists women and families in unplanned pregnancies, sharing the love of Christ and offering life-giving options. Will you sponsor me with a one-time pledge?" From there, you can go over the amounts on the form, or think up one of your own.

Okay, that's two steps and about 30 minutes or so.

Third, why not post your sponsor form at your work or have it on your desk? It's

simple, and you don't have to say a word unless asked. Again, we're only talking about 15 minutes at the most.

So far, you've only spent an hour of your time. And my guess is, you might get close to—or even go well over—the average sponsorship of \$200.

Fourth and finally, come walk with us on November 14th or walk on your own. All you have to do is turn in your sponsor form and we'll do the rest. There is no collecting on your part—no hassles.

If you've ever wanted to give some of your time, or give to this ministry financially—this is the perfect opportunity. Like I said, we're only talking about a couple of hours and the impact of those two hours could be enormous when we look at the future of this ministry.

Why not walk with us this year? You could change a life—and save one too.

Remember, if you don't have a regular church or if your church hasn't participated in the past, we'd love to get you and your church involved. Please call 525-0300 for more information.

SIGN-UP FOR VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Care Net 20-hour volunteer training includes: Important background information on a wide range of subjects like the biblical basis for the sanctity of life, fetal development, and abortion; interactive skill-oriented peer counseling exercises and, teaching that is firmly grounded upon the Word of God

Women facing unplanned pregnancies are not strangers. They are your neighbors, your classmates, even those sitting in the pews next to you. They are rich and they are poor. They can be any age and any race. They have the same dreams, hopes, and cares as we all do. All too often women are forced to deal with the fear and trauma of an unplanned pregnancy alone. You can change that! Volunteering at the Beaufort Women's Center for just a few hours a month could make a difference for a woman choosing between life and death.



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE WORK OF CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTERS!

"Hope. It is something that every person looks for in life. But for young women facing an unplanned pregnancy, 'alone' is what is mostly felt. Care Net offers hope to millions of women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy, giving practical help and support."

Rebecca St. James, Christian Artist

"Care Net empowers women to make a right choice."

Joni Eareckson Tada, Author

Training will be held at Community Bible Church two consecutive weekends on Friday evenings from 6-9 and Saturdays 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. The dates are September 11th and 12th and again on September 18th and 19th. There is a minimal cost of \$30 to cover the expense of your personal training manual, meals and supplies. Please call the Beaufort Women's Center at 525-0300 by September 7th to sign up.

HEALING HEARTS ABORTION RECOVERY

Healing Hearts abortion recovery, a 10-week biblically based program, will meet every Monday night from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm beginning September 7th. This study provides hope for women who are struggling with the painful issues related to their abortion experience(s). Call 525-0300 today and let the healing begin. Space is limited. All calls are confidential. Ask for Donna or Susanne.

"Care Net is an encouragement to me. I have had the wonderful privilege of knowing their work for years."

Cal Thomas, Syndicated Columnist

"I say Amen to the entire Care Net family. I want to commend you. I want to congratulate you, to encourage you and to exalt the name of Christ for the wonderful work you are accomplishing."

Alveda King, Niece of Dr. Martin Luther King

"Christ calls us to love our neighbor. This especially includes the abandoned women and children of our nation's cities. I urge every pastor to consider joining with Care Net in working with their local pregnancy center to offer Christ's love to those who need it most."

Dr. Tony Evans, Senior Pastor, Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship

BABY SHOWERS

St. Peter's "Respect Life" Committee • St. Helena's Episcopal Church - St. Francis Chapter • Port Royal Baptist Church Sea Island Presbyterian – Women's Auxiliary

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Grace Coastal Church • Tidal Creek Fellowship Grays Hill Baptist • St. Helena Baptist

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

We'd like to extend our deepest thanks to the many churches and organizations that held a baby shower for the Beaufort Women's Center, and to those that have hosted a Baby Bottle Boomerang so far this year.

HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE YET?

We understand how things get set aside amidst all of the mail and a seemingly endless list of "To Do's." Perhaps throughout the year—when these newsletters are dropped on your desk—you thought, "I need to make sure and give something this year." Yet here we are in August and—for whatever reason—it just hasn't happened.

That's okay. We've all been there. And yet, now is a perfect time to give that gift. We want to finish strong in 2009—but we also have some dreams for 2010. A gift given today will assist us in both of those areas, because what we don't use for a strong finish this year will go towards building for 2010. It's a win-win situation. So as you consider year-end giving, thank you in advance for thinking of us.

I'd like to support your ministry. My commitment:
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Thank You for Caring!