

HEARTBEAT

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Letter from the Director

Support your local Pregnancy Center & Clinic...

We have been here for almost 20 years—that must mean something. ... to incur the cost, at the end of the day, for taking care of a sick child for 18 years or the rest of his/her life, when we could have prevented that by assisting him/her from the get go in the womb is what we are about. We take the mothers from the first 16 weeks of pregnancy, basically free of charge, then transition them to other affordable sites where we have working relationships (state clinic, Clinica de la Mama, and OB clinics). These local clinics provide special rates for the clients to enable them to have choices for continued healthcare. The churches need to understand that we are fulfilling a major role in the healthcare crisis that is evident in our country today, therefore, we entreat them to help us in our mission within the community even as they have outreach missions overseas.

We have 22 free services—some of which are offered through the community—that impact the client. For instance, we are a designated organization from which women can get free car seat vouchers. PCCLC does not purchase the car seats, they are obtained through a program called Safe Kids. We try to provide cribs when

You are invited to attend...

Pregnancy Center & Clinic of the Low Country's Annual "Celebration of Life" Auction/Dinner

Honorary Chair, Bishop Robert Guglielmo

Saturday, September 11th, 2010

6:00–11:00 p.m.

Sea Pines Country Club

Black Tie Optional • Cheryl Christine, Pianist • Sonny Huntley, Auctioneer

Tickets: \$95 • Live & Silent Auctions • Tables of 8-10

WE ARE SEEKING ITEMS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

VACATIONS/GETAWAYS

GOLF PACKAGES

SPA / BEAUTY TREATMENTS

CERTIFICATES FOR SERVICES/RESTAURANTS

GIFTS AND HOME FURNISHINGS (unused please)

CLOTHING / ACCESSORIES (unused please)

YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ITEMS AND YOUR PATRONAGE OF THE EVENT IS APPRECIATED!
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL US AT 689-2222.

OUR BEST EVER ANNUAL FUNdraiser

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 11, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at SEA PINES COUNTRYCLUB.**

This year we anticipate greater participation and more auction items than ever! Exciting LIVE and SILENT auctions include: restaurant certificates, family trips, Christmas gifts — MORE! See our website

www.pregnancycenterhhi.org for more information. Or, call 689-2222 to find out how to be a sponsor, purchase a table, or for solicitation/donation of items.

We want to say "thank you" in advance to everyone for your participation in making this evening a success! We look forward to seeing you and your table of friends!

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

March

Roseanne Eisenstark

April

Becky Zak

May

Catherine Kilkeary

June

NancyLee Landi

Director's Letter

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we can, because we cannot afford to buy them. In this regard, we are at the mercy of our friends. The community is wonderful to us. We are given baby showers through which we receive much needed items such as diapers, bassinets and baby furniture/equipment. We give out car seat vouchers, layette sets which include new and gently used items. These are provided for every baby born through the center whose mother attends our meetings. We have two monthly support meetings through the courtesy of North Island Baptist Church because that facility can host the mothers and their children. We also now have a mobile unit out in Jasper County which goes out to four different sites every week. The clinic provides the same services as in Hilton Head. We have been fortunate to receive grant monies to have a professional work with prenatal clients off island, offering prenatal classes, counseling, newborn care skills and much more. We give every mother who attends our clinic (on and off island) free prenatal vitamins.

All of these things are costly, however, it is through local foundation grants, the community and some churches, that we are able to accomplish our goals 20 years later, while increasing our services almost every year.

We began as a basic facility offering only pregnancy testing, counseling, TCL, clothing, etc., to become a center now offering prenatal care. We have evolved through the years and want everyone to know that we are wisely using their monies. We also offer presentations to community groups on Abstinence/STI's – talks which have not been utilized more recently. This is because parents do not seem to understand that the information given to their children in certain places is not geared towards perfecting the message of sexual abstinence until marriage. No, it is instead to put them on contraception because of the assumption that kids are not going to listen, so why not just keep them "protected." An analogy would be to teach our children how to put out the fires which may start if they toast marshmallows in the house. That is, just in case they do this, the house won't burn down. The bottom line would be to tell them YOU CANNOT TOAST

MARSHMALLOWS ON AN OPEN PIT IN THE HOUSE! We tell our kids to wear a condom, when they may have natural flaws and may fail up to 30% of the time! In essence, 30 out of 100 people can get pregnant in a year of usage, especially teens. We do not advocate the use of condoms. If I told you that 30% of the time the airlines from which you just bought your ticket experiences plane crashes, of course you are not going to buy the ticket. We approach sexuality from a **G o d l y s t a n d p o i n t .**

We offer testing for two STI's (gonorrhea and Chlamydia). One in four Americans, aged 11/12 and older, have an STI; many times it is incurable, such as HPV (human papilloma virus) which in certain cases causes genital warts. So what does the general public say? They say... give them a vaccine. Well the vaccine only covers 70% of HPV infections. So what about the other 30% not covered? The vaccine is so new we don't know whether we actually have to give one, two, or three shots—although three are advocated. There are potential adverse reactions, yet we advocate giving this to 9 year olds! What are we saying to our children? We are sending them out with the wrong

message because there is no protection except sexual abstinence until marriage with an **uninfected partner.** You better know that that person is uninfected. The problem with STI's is that they can affect the unborn child. It's not only about the woman and the man, it is about passing it on to the child in pregnancy or childbirth. We are, therefore, trying to change the culture by working with other groups to teach our children that the only safe sex is sexual abstinence until marriage. We need to educate in the school system, youth groups, wherever people want to get the correct information.

We have many services which include classes in English for people who don't speak English. We don't discriminate because we are a Christian ministry. We don't care from whence they come, just that at the end of the day, we produce healthy American citizens and mothers.

We do counsel clients about their options to parent or to place for adoption—generally, Open Adoption in which they choose the adoptive parents. Women also have the right to abortion since 1973. What we do is get them to understand the ramifications of all of their choices. Parenting and adoption are choices every one, including the unborn, can live with!

Birdies for Charity donors credited with entry into the BE A SAINT Golf Scramble

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NEW LOCATION for 2010 “Be A Saint” Charity Golf Scramble!

The new venue is the Pete Dye designed Hampton Hall Golf Club.

Join us on **Monday, October 25th** for the Low Country’s best value golf fundraiser.

Entry fee covers golf, carts, breakfast, golf apparel gift, on-course snacks and refreshments, contests, prizes, BBQ buffet, complimentary beer and wine, \$10,000 hole-in-one contest and mulligans.

Eighty percent (80%) of the

field will win another round of golf at Low Country courses!

Field limited to 120. Fifty are already signed up!

Entry Form will be mailed to past participants in late August.

New players may request a form from:

Lane Ehmke at 671-2180 or hhislim@gmail.com or the Pregnancy Center at pcchhi@hargray.com.

Ladies...

A reminder that there is a women’s only flight at the ‘Be A Saint’ golf fundraiser.

Now, you have a great chance of winning one of the event’s many golf package prizes. Plan a “ladies day out” and enjoy our friendly scramble format, BBQ buffet and many prizes *while helping a Mom and her new life get off to a healthy start.*

For Sale: Hole-in-One and Golf Contest sponsorships. One price promotes your business or organization at our golf fundraiser and in our newsletter plus your \$\$ supports our free prenatal services. Contact Lane Ehmke 671-2180 or hhislim@gmail.com for complete details.

Great Supporters = another Birdies for Charity success story

Thanks to our wonderful supporters, our 2010 Birdies for Charity campaign was another success. Donors, large and small, helped us exceed our pledge goal of \$20,000 – which will qualify us for the maximum dollar match from the Heritage Classic Foundation.

Final payment results and matching fund amounts are not yet available. But, we say “THANK YOU” both to those who made Birdies for Charity pledges and to the Heritage Classic Foundation.

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- The churches that participated in the Baby Bottle Blessings Fundraiser – St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, Island Lutheran and May River Baptist, along with the Connections women’s group at First Baptist
- To ALL faithful supporters for monthly/quarterly donations
- For Baby showers (to restock our layettes) given by Holy Family Ladies Guild, Women of St. Gregory, and First Baptist Women’s Connections group
- For wonderful handcrafted quilts with creative designs/colors from individuals and clubs
- To all Knights of Columbus councils for ongoing fundraising efforts to provide monies for an ultrasound for our Mobile clinic
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- To Bob Watkins of Adonai’s Carpet Cleaning for keeping our carpets looking good
- To all of our wonderful VOLUNTEERS – What would we do without you! God bless you, so do we!

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Other _____ monthly/quarterly.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

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