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**Hours:**

Monday- Friday  
8:00am-4:30pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 18, 2006**

**Legacy for Life Invitational**

Golf Event and Power Walk  
Lake of the Woods Golf Course,  
Golf registration 1:00 p.m.,  
Walk registration 4:00 p.m.

**July 11, 2006**

**Information Meeting**

Fredericksburg Office, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Pond Tour by CDR Landscape**

Proceeds to Benefit Bethany Christian Services  
TBA

## Director's Report

It is hard to believe that four months in 2006 have already passed. So much has happened already for which we thank the Lord. Our nurses have performed more than 50 ultrasound examinations and we have seen, in the first four months of 2006, as many clients as we saw in all of 2005. God continues to send us women (and their partners) who are hurting because of past decisions. We count it a great privilege to offer them the hope of the Gospel as we talk with them about their current circumstances.

A recent editorial in the Free Lance Star (April 9, 2006) stated that "Pregnancy rates for Fredericksburg girls between the ages of 10 and 19 are more than double the state average...The Virginia Department of Health calculates that there are 64.5 pregnancies per 1000 girls within that range in the city." This happens to be more than double the rate in the state over all. Is the ministry of **Bethany Pregnancy Center** necessary in Fredericksburg? We believe the statistics show that we have a vital role to play in this community and we are looking for additional ways to address the needs of our community.

Here are some comments made by several of our recent patients as they viewed the ultrasound of their unborn children. One birth father who was encouraging abortion said, "Wow, pretty cool!" Another mother who was considering abortion said, "This made the baby real to me." Another stated, "This is helping me make my decision (not to abort)". Finally, a couple who had gone through an abortion with their first pregnancy, made the following statement with tears in their eyes, "I love you already."

God is giving us innumerable opportunities to minister to "the least of these". We initially thought we would

see about five or six ultrasound clients a month. We are seeing at least that many every week and the referrals keep coming. Please keep **Bethany** and all of our staff in prayer. It is easy to be discouraged when we see people every day who are pursuing an unwholesome lifestyle. Pray that we will rejoice in the opportunities God gives us to share truth with people who may not hear this message anywhere else.

*Joan Richwine, Director*

### "Legacy for Life Invitational"

The date for our first ever, golf and walk event is fast approaching. Please consider how you might be involved. Do you enjoy golfing and have a passion for Bethany? Please consider inviting your friends to sponsor you in this fund raising event. Maybe you don't enjoy golfing but you like to walk. On May 18, 2006 you can have the opportunity to walk nine holes on Lake of the Woods golf course. Your ticket to participate is encouraging your family and friends to support you financially as you walk for Bethany.

Interested golfers, please contact Mary Hicks at 540-786-6973 ([crazymom500@adelphia.net](mailto:crazymom500@adelphia.net)) or Joan Richwine at 540-373-5165.

Interested walkers, please contact Colleen Geyer at 540-752-2960 or e-mail her at [vageyers@aol.com](mailto:vageyers@aol.com).

It is very important that we hear from you as soon as possible as we finalize plans for this event.

Remember, all donations are tax deductible and will help to continue the ministry of **Bethany Pregnancy Center**.

Continue to pray for good weather as we golf and walk. We hope we will see you there!

## Welcome

The next time you visit the **Bethany** office please say hello and welcome to Teri Sasser. Teri joined Bethany's staff on May 1, 2006. She will be working with **Bethany** through the Americorps program for at least one year. During this time, Teri will be developing a life skills program which will allow us to have ongoing contact with our clients. We are hoping through this program to have continued opportunities to have an impact for good in the lives of our patients/clients and their children.

Teri is married to Tim and has two children and one precious granddaughter. In addition to her time at **Bethany**, she is also a student at Germanna studying psychology.

## WISH LIST

### Bethany needs

Shelving and plastic tubs to hold maternity clothing and larger sized children's clothing (up to size 4). Storehouse Ministries has offered us space to store these items (as well as new car seats, good cribs, baby bath tubs, etc.) for the use of our clients.

New copy machine (and someone to take away the old one which does not work).

Color laser printer.

Two filing cabinets (four or five drawers).

Bookshelves, in good condition.

Nice floor and/or table lamps.

### Prayer and Thanksgiving

**Pray** that the Lord will help us present adoption in a positive way to women facing an unplanned pregnancy and pray for receptive hearts in our birth mothers.

**Thank** God for sending **Bethany** many abortion minded and abortion vulnerable women. We have had the opportunity to challenge several birth fathers about their responsibility as well. **Thank** God for the receptive hearts of several birth fathers.

Continue to **pray** for Kathy Richards, long time foster mother and board member of **Bethany** here in Fredericksburg. She is being treated for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and has been experiencing many of the negative effects of chemotherapy.

**Thank** God for successful surgery for our church liaison, Shirley Heath. She had a cancerous kidney removed in March and rebounded very quickly from this surgery.

**Pray** for the first annual Bethany golf event, "Legacy for Life Invitational", to be held on May 18, 2006 at Lake of the Woods Golf Course. Pray that God will provide funding through this event to underwrite the increasing cost of **Bethany's** ministry.