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Monday – Friday
8:00a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thanks For Your Help

Bethany Christian Services wishes to thank the following organizations for helping to underwrite this event:

Stafford Baptist Church	Goolricks Phaarmacy	5 and Diner	Portraits by Beverly
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Bethany also wishes to thank the following volunteers who helped to make this day a great success:

Louise Motsko	Carla Green	Cynthia Kramer	Shannon Green
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Constance Barry	Brianna Colston	Charles Ross	
St. Mary's Knights For Jesus		Covenant Community Church Youth Group	

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BIRTHMOTHERS

R Pray for M and J who recently made an adoption plan for their child. Also pray for the family who received this little child.

A Pray for several young women who recently had ultrasounds done and who left Bethany undecided about whether or not to carry their babies to term.

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THANKSGIVING

E Thank the Lord for Deborah Smith and her willingness to help our nurses get trained. Currently we are seeing clients when either Deborah or Dr. Anderson can be here to assist.

R Pray that Gloria will soon be adequately trained to assume full responsibility for this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Information Meeting: December 6, 2005, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Bethany regularly holds free information meetings for anyone interested in adopting a child either domestically or internationally. Please call our Fredericksburg office to register for this meeting. We continue to need adoptive families in this office, particularly families interested in adopting minority children.

November: The month of November is National Adoption Month. We would love to have many opportunities to come to your churches to share what God has been doing at Bethany. Please call if you would like to have a speaker at a worship service, a Sunday School class or other event which your church may be sponsoring.

January 22, 2006, Sanctity of Life Sunday. Please consider how you and your church community can be actively involved in supporting life. We would love to provide a speaker to your church on this date or sometime during the month of January.

Walk for Life Report

On October 1, 2005. Bethany Christian Services conducted our second annual Walk for Life. The day dawned with beautiful sunny weather. This year, adoptive families were invited to participate in the walk and/or attend the Adoptive Families' Picnic. Pictured below you will see the happy faces of some of this year's participants. Walkers began gathering at First Christian Church in Fredericksburg at 10:00 a.m. Those who had raised \$100 or more were given a Bethany tee shirt which many of them quickly donned. The group set out at 10:35 to walk an historic route past many of the restored older homes in Fredericksburg. Upon their return, prizes were awarded to the two walkers who had raised the most money. They were Joan Bakker (\$760.00) and Jeff and Angie Barnes (\$250.00). Joan Bakker received a certificate for an 11X14 wall portrait in keepsake finish donated by Portraits by Beverly. Jeff and Angie Barnes received dinner for four donated by O'Charley's Restaurant.

What a delight it was to watch many of our "Bethany Babies" and their families as they enjoyed the moon bounce, pop corn, snow cones, pizza and barbecue. This was a great opportunity for families to get to know each other and for many Bethany adopted children to get to know other children who had joined their families through adoption. The newest Bethany baby made her appearance with her foster mother, Kathy Richards. She has since been placed with her "Forever Family".

We thank all of you who participated! More than \$7,000 was raised to help support the ministry of Bethany Christian Services through this event. Next year's Walk for Life and Adoptive Families Picnic will be held on September 23, 2006. Save the date! You won't want to miss the fun.

Nicholas Bove



Constance Barry and Sarah Ellen



Virginia Lee Long



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Fredericksburg Office of Bethany Christian Services has already seen 46 women this year. Six of our birth mothers have made adoption plans for their children. We are so thankful to know that these little ones will grow up in a stable Christian environment. Nine of the clients seen have been women who admitted that they were considering an abortion. Several others were undecided about whether or not they would carry their pregnancy to term. At this point, we have been able to determine that at least one of these women made a choice for life for her child after viewing the ultrasound picture of her unborn child. Six of our families have received the placement of a child into their homes. (Two of these were international placements, four domestic). One international family has a referral and expects to travel fairly soon. Two private families are waiting to bring children home from Guatemala. One private family has received the placement of a child. At present, we are encouraging families interested in adoption to begin the process because at this time there are only four waiting families. We have three families in process, but could still use three additional families. Bethany always has a need for families who are interested in adopting minority children.

Please pray that our advertising will be effective in targeting the women who may need our services. An ad recently began to run in the University of Mary Washington Bulletin. Pray that we will have an impact on the college community which is located so close to our office. Pray especially for our nurses as they are confronted with women who make the choice for abortion despite having the opportunity to see their baby through ultrasound technology. Pray for an effective outreach to women who have experienced the trauma of abortion and who are in need of healing and hope.

As we come to the end of another ministry year here, I would urge you to consider what role God may want you to play in the life and ministry of Bethany Christian Services. In the busyness of the world in which we live, many of you may not have time you can donate. However, if your children are grown, maybe you could be used here to minister to hurting women or to answer phones for us. We always need prayer support and would welcome having a regular group of people who would gather to pray for our needs here. Perhaps God has blessed you financially and you are able to become a regular monthly donor. We have included an envelope with this newsletter for you to return with your gift if God lays this on your hearts.

Thank you again for your support of this life saving ministry here in Fredericksburg.

Joan Richwine, Director