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UPCOMING EVENTS

November, 2006

**National Adoption Month, Bulletin Inserts
Available**

November 7, 2006

**Church Liaison Dessert
7:00 p.m., Grace Church of Fredericksburg**

January 21, 2007

Sanctity of Life Sunday, Speakers Available

Healthy Marriage Initiative

On October 1, 2006, **Bethany** of Virginia was awarded a five year grant through the Administration for Children and Families, a division of Health and Human Services. This grant provides fund for **Bethany** to recruit mentors from the churches who will work with young unwed expectant parents. The couples may be considering marriage and will benefit from developing good communication skills and learning about budgeting and parenting.

Studies have shown that unwed expectant parents are more likely to think seriously about marriage because they are still very much romantically involved with each other. **Bethany** is excited about the opportunity to promote the biblical ideal of marriage. We live in a day when too many young people do not see how important it is for children to have two parents, a mother and a father who are together. This funding gives us an opportunity to educate and to provide mentoring relationships which may allow these new marriages to succeed.

In the first year of this grant, the Fredericksburg and Richmond areas are being targeted. A program manager will be hired as well as two case management specialists. Mentoring couples will be recruited from area churches and assigned to unwed expectant couples who express an interest in this program.

We are very excited about the new opportunities the grant money will provide, but we want you to know that these designated funds cannot be used to fund the pregnancy center aspect of **Bethany's** ministry. Please pray with us for wisdom as we implement this new venture. If you have a heart for marriage we hope you will consider becoming a mentor and serving with us in this way in 2007.

From the Director

This has been a very exciting year for us here in Fredericksburg. We began the year

with the introduction of our new ultrasound services. We expected that we might see five or six women a month for a total of 60 or 70 women this year. Instead, at the writing of this newsletter, we have seen almost double that amount (111) women. We have been averaging 12-15 women a month and expect to end the year having provided limited obstetrical ultrasound examinations to 135-140 women. Even more exciting is the number of babies' lives who have been preserved as a result of this ministry. It is truly a miracle that many of these women have found **Bethany** and that they have had the opportunity to hear of Christ's love for them through the compassionate counsel of our nurse and other staff.

While we have been thrilled at the way God has been working and moving in the life of **Bethany**, we also need to honestly share our financial need at this time. We have served more than three times the number of women and families that we served last year, but we have only seen two birth mothers make adoption plans for their children. We have also had fewer families interested in adopting children. As a result, our revenue for these services has declined significantly. Though our donations have already increased by more than 20% over last year, we still face a need for additional funds to end the year without a deficit. In order to continue to serve pregnant women and preserve vulnerable babies in Fredericksburg, we ask that you consider how you might contribute to this ministry. **Please consider a year end gift which could help us end the year in the black.**

Bethany provides important services to this community and an opportunity to bring the Gospel of Christ to bear in situations where people are facing a crisis and are more willing to listen. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can help this ministry succeed and grow in the coming years.

WISH LIST

Bethany needs the following items:

1. New copy machine
2. Book shelves in good condition
3. Nice floor and/or table lamps

20th Anniversary Gala Highlights



Craig and Beth Jones, Bethany Guardians



Fredericksburg Country Club



Birth Mother, Tricia Nurse Gloria

The 20th Anniversary celebration was truly an inspiring event. It was a blessing to hear about what God has done to increase the outreach of Bethany's ministry in our community. Dr. Anderson and Nurse Gloria Whitley brought us up to date on our medical services to confirm

pregnancy and affirm life in the womb. The vision for our clinic is to initiate testing for sexually transmitted infections and attract students from Mary Washington to come and learn about the benefits of abstinence before marriage.

Recognition was given to Rev. Doug Kittridge for his leadership in bringing Bethany to Fredericksburg. Pastor and Mrs. John DeJong received a guardian award. John served as our advisory board chair for six years and continues to be a blessing in spreading the word about **Bethany**. Beth and Craig Jones were also given a guardian award for their hearts for God's children. They are the proud parents of three biological children as well as three children adopted from Russia. Craig and his company Tricord have been very generous in providing wisdom and financial support to this ministry.

If you were unable to attend this year, please know that we will be sending out invitations next fall and hope to see you then.

On a sad note, Joan Richwine's father-in-law passed away suddenly and she and Lee were with their family and unable to attend the banquet. She was greatly missed and applauded for her dedication and leadership at Bethany.

Constance Barry, Branch Director

Prayer and Thanksgiving

Pray that God would continue to send us birth mothers who need our services.

Continue to **thank** God for sending Bethany many abortions minded and abortion vulnerable women.

Pray for Kathy Richards, Board Member and foster mother as she completes her treatment for cancer.

Thank God for a successful and inspiring 20th anniversary banquet.

Bethany's current lease runs out April 30, 2007. **Pray** that God would provide expanded physical space in a good location. This will allow us to increase medical services to this community.

Pray for the beginning of Bethany's Parenting program that is scheduled to begin in January. in this program.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11