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Hours:
Monday- Friday
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11, 2008

Infant Adoption Awareness Training
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Grace Memorial Church, Fredericksburg
Call Joan to reserve a place

January 20, 2008

Sanctity of Life Sunday, Speakers Available

January 22, 2008

Fredericksburg Board Meeting
6:30 p.m., Fredericksburg Office

February 5, 2008

Domestic Adoption Information Meeting
6:30 p.m., Fredericksburg Office

April 26, 2008

2nd Annual Legacy for Life Golf Event
Pendleton Golf Club
Ladysmith, VA

Highlights from 2007

The year we have just completed has been a busy and exciting one for **Bethany**. God provided us new space at 1616 Stafford Avenue in April and by the end of the year we were finally pretty well settled in our new location. This location has allowed us to serve more clients in a better way, though we are already pressing the limits of space in this office.

The **Connections** program enjoyed significant success as nine couples participated in the program. At least two of these couples are seriously considering marriage and we are hopeful we will be celebrating some weddings in 2008. Coaching Couples as well as those being coached have profited from this expanded aspect of Bethany's ministry.

More than 250 women received ultrasound services during 2007. Of these women, 45 were either abortion minded or abortion vulnerable. This means that almost 19% of the women seen in 2007 were potential candidates for abortion as an alternative to their unintended pregnancy. We praise God for the opportunity to encourage them to consider life for their unborn children.

Five birth mothers made adoption plans for six children. We assisted 25 couples along the way in their adoption journey and five couples began the process of building their families through embryo adoption.

In November we were informed that **Bethany** would be the recipient of a grant through the Mary Washington Hospital Community Services Fund. This grant money will allow us to assist our clients in applying for Medicaid in hopes that this will promote the birth of healthier babies. The grant will also allow **Bethany** to have ongoing contact with some of our clients through some prenatal classes which will be offered to those we serve.

We anticipate that God will continue to be at work through us in 2008. We ended 2007 with a significant deficit. While we have the support of a national organization, they will not always help to fund our services if we are unable to raise sufficient funds to maintain this ministry. We hope you will prayerfully consider what God would have you do to help underwrite the costs of this work. We need your help in 2008 if **Bethany's** work is to prosper.

Joan Richwine, Director

A Mentoring Experience

As a couple enjoying a blessed relationship of almost 30 years, we heard **Connection's** call for mentors. We had our hesitations, at first, but felt if we could give back where we had been blessed we wanted to try.

We recently finished the sessions with our first couple and are thankful for the experience. The young couple we mentored made great progress in their relationship and now shares the happiness of the birth of their

baby. Although they are not married at this time, we believe this is in their not too distant future.

It is possible this couple would have eventually developed the relationship they now have. However, their dedication to this program and desire to improve their relationship for the good of their Baby, gave them a chance to progress to where they are much sooner. Their participation in **Connections** has helped them avoid some of the inevitable pitfalls and hazards of a new relationship.

It has been a most rewarding experience; we have benefited in our own relationship as a result of our "mentoring" this young couple. We look forward to working with another couple soon, we know we will enjoy a lasting friendship with our first couple.

Mary Hicks, Fredericksburg Board



Save the Date

April 26, 2008 will be a very special day for **Bethany Christian Services** of Fredericksburg and Richmond. We will be conducting our 2nd Annual Legacy for Life Golf Event on that day at Pendleton Golf Club in Ladysmith, Virginia. To find out how you can register for this event, please call Mary Beth Bova at 540-373-5165. You can also contact her by e-mail at mbova@bethany.org. Even if you are not a golfer, there are many ways you can get involved in this exciting fund raising event. We are in need of

hole sponsors, people to prepare gift bags, Silent Auction donations and much more. Please let us hear from you soon and put this date on your calendar. We need your help to make this day exciting and profitable.

Prayers and Praises

Praise God for the servant hearts of Bryan Parker and his Sunday school class. Bryan's class has provided some much needed handy man work. They have agreed to check with us monthly to see what our needs are.

Pray for birth mothers who recently placed their children for adoption and for others who should possibly consider this option for their children.

Praise God for the provision of funds through the Mary Washington Hospital Community Services Fund. These funds will be used to assist our clients in applying for Medicaid.

Pray that the staff will continue to work together for God's glory.

Praise God for the lives saved physically and spiritually in 2007.

Wish List

1. Small full size refrigerator, no larger than 10 cubic ft.
2. Two lap top computers to meet the increasing needs of our staff for technological portability. (Cost about \$800 a piece and must be configured by IT Staff in Grand Rapids to meet Agency specifications).
3. DVDs for children.
4. Four-drawer filing cabinet, new or used in good condition.

