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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 20, 2008**
Fredericksburg Board Meeting
- May 26, 2008**
Memorial Day Holiday
Office Closed
- June 3, 2008**
Domestic Adoption Information Meeting
6:30 p.m., Fredericksburg Office
- June 24, 2008**
“Stories of Hope”
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Fredericksburg Office
- August 5, 2008**
Domestic Adoption Information Meeting
6:30 p.m., Fredericksburg Office
- October, 2008**
Annual Banquet
Date to be Announced

Director's Report March-April, 2008

“God...has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation” II Corinthians 6:18.

The last two months have all been about doing the work noted above. We have had the opportunity to minister to some families who were really hurting as a result of the unintended pregnancy of a teenage daughter. We have had the joy of placing two precious babies for adoption—babies whose mothers had contemplated abortion. (See pictures below—names not given to protect confidentiality). After seeing their unborn children on the ultrasound, these mothers chose instead to carry to term and to bless a family with the gift of their child because they were not yet ready to parent. We have had the privilege, through April, of providing pregnancy verification for 124 women and assessing their eligibility for Medicaid services so that they are able to access early prenatal care.



Baby K



Baby T

We are so thankful to God for the opportunities He presents us every day to share with our clients something of the reconciliation we ourselves have experienced. Most of them need to know that God is a forgiving God and that they can start over again if they will just accept the salvation offered through Jesus. Several have acknowledged that they need a change in lifestyle—they don't want to go through either the abortion experience or having to make an adoption plan again. We are happy that we can refer them to churches where they can see that change is possible and to post abortion healing ministries so that they can begin to experience God's forgiveness.

We are grateful for God's provision in the first four months of 2008. While we are still running slightly behind, we have had four birth mothers make adoption plans in the first four months of 2008 and four families who have received adoptive placements. Thanks to all of you who support this life affirming work. Without your prayers and gifts, this ministry could not continue.

Joan Richwine, Director

Prayers and Praises

Thank God for beautiful weather and a good turnout at our recent Legacy for Life Golf Tournament.

Pray for several birth mothers who recently placed their children for adoption and for others who are considering this option.

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

Pray that God will continue to meet our financial needs.

Pray for staff all over Virginia as we face significant changes in 2008.

Pray that God will continue to send us families eager to accept children of any race into their homes.

Wish List

1. Handy man to help maintain outdoor yard and flower beds at the office.
2. Someone to professionally clean the carpets in the office.

2nd Annual Legacy for Life Tournament

God blessed us with sunshine, fresh air and a beautiful day at Pendleton Golf Course on April 26, 2008. Everyone seemed to have a great time and enjoyed the day. We were able to provide several excellent prizes to participants because of the generous donations of local golf courses, restaurants, etc.

Thank you to all of you who participated in any way (golfing, volunteering, sponsoring holes, etc.) Without your help, this day would not have been as successful as it was!

We were able to raise nearly \$12,000 for the needs of the pregnancy center ministry. We hope you will save the date for next year (**tentatively April 25, 2009**) and come enjoy a wonderful event with us. Details will be forthcoming as the planning unfolds.

FALL BANQUET

We look forward to having many of you join us at Grace Church in Fredericksburg for our annual banquet in which we **“Celebrate God's Faithfulness”**. The banquet is tentatively set for October 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. You won't want to miss this event. You'll have opportunity to hear how God has been using the pregnancy center ministry and blessing couples through the **Connections** program. You will also have a chance to hear from our first family to experience the joy of the birth of a child through our Embryo Adoption Program. We believe you will be blessed by the program, food and music of this evening. Please plan to be with us to learn all that God is doing through our faithful supporters here in Fredericksburg.

FAREWELL

Constance Barry, affectionately known as Connie to the staff will leave her position as Branch Director on May 31, 2008. We all thank Connie for the spiritual leadership she has provided to Bethany for more than seven years and wish her well as she moves on to serve the Lord in other areas. She will be greatly missed by all of us.