



# Sanctity of Life Ministries

Summer 2010

*"For I know the plans I have for you..."*

Frankie Watts, FPHC Volunteer Counselor

It was the fall of 1975, my senior year at Eufaula High School. Sitting in third hour English class, I remember taking notes as

Mrs. Brewer gave an overview of expectations for the term report. Mrs. Brewer was expecting a term report and I was expecting my first-born child. Only 18 years old, I didn't know what to do.

My life, as I had known it, had turned upside down. My mind replayed the friendship I'd had with J.C.—the boy across the hall from my sixth grade class who passed me a note one day to say he liked me. By our junior year, we had begun to talk on the telephone and it would be J.C. who would ask me to the Junior-Senior Prom. That night, sitting on my porch, he said, "I love you"—words that no one had ever verbalized. From that moment, he became incredibly special. Before we knew it, all the excitement of the senior year had arrived—taking my senior pictures, ordering my senior ring—only to disappear with the knowledge of my pregnancy. Devastated, I wondered what the future held for me or my baby.

My mother had to be told and J.C. wanted to be the one to tell her. The night that he came over to my house and broke the news was the first time in my life I wasn't able to see love in my mother's eyes—only her hurt. Someone would later suggest abortion, a word I'd never heard of. 'It's so easy and no one would know; it's just a mistake.' I didn't know that abortion was murder.

God must have heard that conversation because He became the 'ultrasound' I needed. My heart just wouldn't let me do it. As an unwed, pregnant teen, it would be my mother's loving support that provided strength and courage to walk across the stage to receive my high school diploma. Two months after graduation I gave birth—not to a mistake

but to a beautiful, 8 pound, 14 ounce baby girl! God's plan would continue to unfold in our lives—a plan that would lead J.C. to walk the halls of Congress one day and take a stand against abortion. The very thing that had threatened the life of our first-born child.

When J.C. and I married in May, 1977 shortly after our daughter's birth, we were young and foolish and believed our happiness could not have been greater. But problems surfaced. With a father who had been estranged from my

family and a mother who had been the head of my childhood home, I simply assumed that one day I'd be the head of my own home. J.C., reared in a two parent home, somehow thought he would be the head of his own home. Well, the two heads didn't come together well!



God's intervention began through a wonderful Christian neighbor whom I had confided in. She told me her own story of coming

to faith in Christ and shared scriptures that would soon lead me to cry out to God myself and place my hope and faith in Jesus Christ.

For the first time in my life as the age of nineteen, I had a Father to call my own—a Father who would be with us through thirty-two years of marriage and gift us with 5 wonderful children and 4 grandchildren. A Father who became the spiritual Head of our home.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Sanctity of Life Ministries exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ by compassionately offering biblical, life-affirming alternatives to people facing unplanned pregnancies and other sexual crises/decisions.

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Ultrasound of SLM client's baby at 22 weeks

## Ultrasound for Life Update

by Kelley Wesley

We praise God for how He has directed our paths so far so that SLM can provide ultrasound services for our clients beginning this fall. Because of the generosity of those who gave before, during and after our Banquet & Ultrasound for Life Campaign (UFL), we only need \$116,000 more to fulfill our UFL Campaign goal of \$300,000!

We are excited to announce that SLM's very own Margery Williams is serving as our Ultrasound Conversion Coordinator and we have just hired Michelle Franklin as our new Nurse Manager and Ultrasound Sonographer! As a result of a small grant SLM was awarded by Focus on the Family (FOF), National Institute of Family Life Advocates (NIFLA) has given us valuable consultation and training on ultrasound conversion. Recently Michelle, Kelley, and LaToya attended the NIFLA Ultrasound training workshop for Nurses and Directors.

NIFLA is assisting us as the staff and board work to develop and fine tune our medical and non-medical policy and procedures, meet state requirements for providing limited ultrasound services, hire new staff, develop sustained funding for the ultrasound program, and physically build out the Life Choices space. Our goal is to be above reproach in the quality of professional care we provide to those receiving ultrasound services from SLM. We are also determined to pass the strict standards FOF and NIFLA require of us so that we will be eligible for another grant to receive a brand new ultrasound machine from FOF's Option Ultrasound Program.

Our mission remains the same as we anticipate reaching more abortion-vulnerable clients because of ultrasound--SLM exists to share the gospel of Jesus Christ as we spread the message of life and sexual integrity in our community. You are welcome to call me with questions and we will provide more information when we feature our ultrasound services program in our next newsletter. Meanwhile, we ask for your prayers as we navigate changes and requirements, find a Medical Director, Radiologist, and sonographers, and develop sufficient funding. May God be glorified in all we think, say, and do!

### Welcome LaToya

SLM warmly welcomes LaToya Cain as our new Executive Assistant.

Before working for SLM as a full-time staff person, LaToya supported SLM through prayer and volunteering. She brings a humble, servant's heart and a prayerful presence to our office as she manages multiple projects at both Fairfax Pregnancy Help Center and LifeChoices Resource Center. She is passionate for Life and her administrative gifts serve the vision for SLM with excellence.

Prior to ministry work, LaToya had earned her undergraduate from Iowa State University and her Masters degree in Political Science from Regent University. She worked on Capitol Hill interning with Representative Steve King and later worked with Concerned Women For America—an experience that prepared her well for the political climate to come. Recently, she was part of the SLM team that advocated for centers statewide in Richmond—the effort's outcome was a commendation by the Virginia General Assembly.

LaToya attends Sovereign Grace Church where she enjoys serving her church and friends as well. We are blessed to have her capable presence as a full-time partner in ministry.



### Welcome Jeanette

Jeanette Rocher, SLM's newest staff member, has adapted quickly to her new position at Alexandria Pregnancy Help Center! As APHC's Office Manager, Jeanette doubles as a competent, Hispanic counselor to our Spanish-speaking clients and others.



Though Jeanette was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, she attended Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio where she obtained an undergraduate degree in Microbiology. (Until recently, Jeanette pursued her career in clinical microbiology in the Washington, DC metro area.)

Jeanette is one to take action! Because she desired to deepen her spiritual knowledge, she returned to school to earn a Theology degree from the Harold Wilmington School of Biblical Studies at Liberty University. Jeanette's background enables a capable handling of scripture and apologetics. However, Jeanette's greatest passion is sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Through her willingness to share her faith, dozens of clients have made the decision to follow Christ and deepen their personal experience of Him.

Jeanette and her husband Paul attend Calvary Road Baptist Church where Jeanette's musical talents are evident as choir member and soloist!

## SLM Praises & Prayer Requests

to receive a weekly Prayer Focus via email,  
contact Laura at [laura.lavelle@slmpregnancy.org](mailto:laura.lavelle@slmpregnancy.org)

### We Thank God for...

- ♥ God's hedge of protection
- ♥ Clients who choose life for themselves and their babies
- ♥ Faithful volunteer counselors and office workers
- ♥ Jesus Christ who died for our sins and rose again for our salvation

### Please Pray that...

- ♥ Staff, board, and volunteers would walk in God's grace as they serve Him at SLM, home and church
- ♥ Many clients will come to know Jesus Christ
- ♥ Plans to offer ultrasound services this fall will be fruitful



## LaToya, Atosha & Kelley on Capital Hill



In light of Mother's Day, the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus held a briefing to educate fellow Capitol Hill leaders about how pregnancy centers provide critical support to expectant moms. Reps. Pitts and Bachmann shared about their strong belief in the work of pregnancy centers. Representatives from various pregnancy help organizations participated. Kelley Wesley spoke on behalf of SLM and former client of Atosha shared her amazing testimony of how APHC helped her in her time of need.

## Local Churches Supporting SLM



Sanctity of Life Ministries staff and board are very grateful for the local churches that support us through prayer, volunteer assistance, financial and material donations, celebrating Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Baby Bottle Campaigns, and Banquet table hosting.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
Alexandria Bible Church  
Alexandria Presbyterian Church  
Barcroft Bible Church  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
Bible Believers Church  
Bon Air Baptist Church  
Braddock Baptist Church  
Burke Community Church  
Calvary Chapel of Alexandria  
Calvary Road Baptist Church  
Capital Baptist Church  
Capital Life Church  
Cedar Run Community Church  
Centreville Baptist Church  
Centreville Community Bible Church  
Centreville Presbyterian Church  
Cherrydale Baptist Church  
Christian Assembly  
Christian Fellowship Church  
Church of the Apostles  
Church of the Living God of NoVA  
Community of Faith Tabernacle  
Cornerstone International Church  
Del Ray Baptist Church  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Fair Oaks Church  
Fairfax United Methodist Church  
Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
First Assembly of God  
First Baptist Church of Alexandria  
First New Birth Baptist Church

Good News Baptist Church  
Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
Grace Covenant Church  
Greater Little Zion Baptist Church  
Groveton Baptist Church  
Harvest Christian Fellowship  
Harvest Church  
Harvester Presbyterian Church  
Holy Trinity RE Church  
Image Church  
Immanuel Bible Church  
Jerusalem Baptist Church  
Jubilee Christian Center  
Knollwood Community Church  
Northern Virginia Mennonite Church  
Oakbrook Church  
Pender United Methodist Church  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Providence Baptist Church  
Reston Bible Church  
Reston Presbyterian Church  
South County Church  
Sovereign Grace Church  
St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel  
Sunset Hills Baptist Church  
The Journey  
The King's Chapel  
Truro Church  
Victory Temple Baptist Church  
Word of Grace  
and more...

## List of Items We are Accepting

- ♥ \$10 grocery or store gift cards
- ♥ Baby boys & girls summer clothing, sorted (0-24 months)
- ♥ Diapers all sizes & wipes
- ♥ Formula (Similac blue top)
- ♥ Infant & toddler car seats
- ♥ Strollers
- ♥ Cribs & bassinets



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## Summer 2010 Newsletter

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (Psalm 23:5-6)

**Wednesday, August 18, 2010**

# Prayer Summit

**9:00am - noon**

LifeChoices Resource Center (LCRC)  
10521-D Braddock Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032

**1:00-5:00pm**

APHC-8305 Richmond Hwy Ste 13A, Alexandria, VA 22309  
FPHC-10875 Main St Ste 109, Fairfax, VA 22030  
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*Come join us as we give thanks for God's mercy; intercede for clients, volunteers, board members, supporters, our nation and enemies. Please pray as we pursue ultrasound services this fall.*

**RSVP:** Laura Lavelle, Prayer Coordinator  
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## Mark Your Calendars!

### JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

- **Tuesday, June 2** - Volunteer In-Service
- **Thursday-Saturday, June 3-5** - NIFLA Ultrasound Conference for Nurses
- **Saturday, June 5** - Become Equipped for GMU Outreach
- **Monday, July 5** - Centers Closed for Independence Day
- **Wednesday, August 18** - Prayer Summit
- **Thursday-Sunday, September 16-19** - 2010 Peacemaker Conference

### Donate to SLM through:

- ♥ [www.slmgetinvolved.org](http://www.slmgetinvolved.org)
- ♥ United Way #8309
- ♥ Commonwealth of VA Campaign #8102
- ♥ Combined Federal Campaign #69997