



# Sanctity of Life Ministries

Winter 2009/2010

## *A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words...Plus a Life*

**Merry Christmas  
& Happy 2010!**

If you and I could choose a 60-70% success rate for escaping certain death, would we not seize the opportunity? Ultrasound readjusts the thinking of abortion vulnerable women to a 60-70% greater likelihood of choosing life for their babies. Will we not seize this opportunity?

A progressive and very real opportunity is before us that enables more and more lives to be saved through ultrasound services. The plan has required Sanctity of Life Ministries to keep pace with God's leading, to revisit options, to expand its vision and lean into God's provision from His people. This opportunity invites us to take action to confront the 26,000 abortions that take place every year in Virginia—7,000 in Northern Virginia.

Studies show more than half of women seeking abortion are in their 20s or younger. Abortion-vulnerable young women leave our center(s) with information and emotional support yet not necessarily with the conviction to continue their babies' lives. Showing a client the ultrasonic picture of her baby narrows the difference between life or death. Viewing an ultrasound and hearing a baby's heartbeat resonates Truth. It brings reality into focus. In short, ultrasound saves lives.

Ultrasound services also bring a dramatic increase in clientele and this means greater opportunities to share the Gospel.

Last year 150 women made a decision for Christ at SLM—a 30% increase from the prior year. Assuredly, God has blessed and continues to bless this ministry as we take faith-filled steps to follow His lead.

We invite you to be a part of a God-directed Mission to touch thousands of lives—not only the countless lives of babies but, through the Gospel, extending the Life of Jesus Christ to every baby's mother. An amazing impact for all eternity.

We appreciate the enormous step of faith a financial contribution entails. Between staffing, training, physical build-out, medical equipment, supplies, and reserves, providing ultrasound services will cost a total of \$300,000. Initial start-up costs are about \$150,000 and an additional \$150,000 is needed to provide medical services annually.

Please pray for us and contact us if you would like to help.



Ultrasound of SLM client's baby at 22 weeks

### 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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## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday



Ultrasound of SLM client's baby at 22 weeks

On Friday, January 22, 2010, the Roe vs. Wade anniversary marks 37 years of legalized abortion and over 49 million babies aborted in the United States. These statistics are disturbing, and yet we as Christians stand prayerfully strong on behalf of the unborn. We are grateful for the opportunity to share a life-affirming and redeeming message to a growing number of women and men who come to us for help.

The Board and staff are excited to announce that we are closer to achieving our goal of offering ultrasound services at LifeChoices by fall 2010. It is because of your support and the support of many others that we are able to move forward with such a significant endeavor. As a result Sanctity of Human Life Sunday holds special significance this year for those who partner with SLM. Would you and your church celebrate it with us?

**January 24, 2010**

### Client Quote

*"I was able to speak freely about troubling issues."*

### Client Quote

*"It was a welcoming environment of warmth and respect."*

## On-Going Items Needed



- \$10.00 grocery or store gift cards
- Diapers size 4,5,6 & wipes
- Similac Blue Label formula
- Infant & toddler car seats
- Strollers
- Cribs & bassinets

### Client Quote

*"I felt supported and cared for. They were very friendly."*

### Client Quote

*"My counselor made me feel comfortable and safe."*

## 2-day Counselor Training Workshop

**Saturdays, February 27 & March 6, 2010**

**Location:** to be decided

### Purpose

To equip volunteers to effectively counsel and respond to clients who ask for our assistance. Topics covered will include the following:

- Being pro-life from a Biblical standpoint
- Development of listening and helping skills
- Scriptural counseling and problem-solving
- Providing resources and referrals
- Policies and procedures of SLM

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### Client Quote

*"The counselor listened and cared about my feelings."*

### Client Quote

*"I was seen the same day I came in."*

## Sanctity of Life Ministries Fellowship Banquet 2010

Friday, March 26

At the Fairview Park Marriott Falls Church, Virginia

You and your friends are invited to a wonderful evening of inspiration and fellowship. Consider being a table host!



Featuring Guest Speaker  
**US Senate Chaplain Barry C. Black**

For more information contact us at  
703-278-5433 or  
[www.SLMgetinvolved.org](http://www.SLMgetinvolved.org)

# 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 that...

- ♥ Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world
- ♥ Many clients are praying to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior
- ♥ Advertising on the internet continues to bring abortion-minded and younger clients to all the SLM centers
- ♥ At FPHC many new clients come through a friend's recommendation
- ♥ Our Board of Directors all have a heart for the ministry of SLM
- ♥ Our volunteers, donors and intercessors faithfully serve and support SLM

## Please Pray that...

- ♥ Many clients will hear and respond to the Gospel and choose life for their babies in 2010
- ♥ The Lord will provide more volunteer counselors, office workers, and church representatives
- ♥ Many local churches would participate in Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in Jan - Feb 2010
- ♥ God will be glorified as we plan for Banquet 2010
- ♥ Ultrasound plans would succeed



### Client Quote

"They understood me and helped me."

## Thank You to All our 2009 Volunteers

(Counselors, Office Workers, Church Representatives, and many others)

The Staff of SLM know we could not do what we do without our volunteers. They are a blessing from the Lord!

Amelia Arevalo  
 Alveta Anderson  
 Peggy Baer  
 Kirsten & Tom Ball  
 Elaine Bakkeby  
 Lisette Bassett  
 Tom & Nancy Basham  
 Elizabeth Benedict  
 Theresa Blak  
 Carolyn Bonanno  
 Kim Brinley  
 William & Cheryl Brumskine  
 Darold & Colleen Burdick  
 Michael Chandler

Lauren Cerce  
 Nancy Cheng  
 Thomas & Jane Clark  
 Shirley Coffield  
 Don & Harriet Colley  
 Joancy Daniel  
 Terry & Tammy DeFrees  
 Jim & Diane Dempsey  
 Georgiann Doan  
 Daniel & Anne Doherty  
 Eric & Angie Echevarria  
 John & Marsha Endlich  
 Kim Evans  
 Melissa Feldner

Amber Flaherty  
 Dave & Cindy Garver  
 Douglas & Maryalice Gaskell  
 John & Cyndy Grano  
 Cynthia Green  
 Erin Grove  
 Lucy Green  
 Joan Gupta  
 Anita Haas  
 Thelma Hammond  
 Jenny Hawes  
 James & Susan Herbert  
 Vince & Bonnie Hinders  
 Monique Houck  
 Eric & Teri Jensen  
 Patricia Jones  
 Mark & Karen Joseph  
 Shelley Kachura  
 Ruth Kerley  
 Cynthia Kohrmann  
 Erin Krotz  
 Leslie Kuebler  
 Kelly Large  
 Deborah Lawrence  
 Marcus Lewis  
 Chris & Anne LoGrasso  
 Eric Luxner  
 Eugenia Lyndon  
 Gary & Ann Maines  
 Maria McGlade  
 Jennifer McKinney  
 Sharon Meisel  
 Jenny Meredith  
 Don Moore

Frank & Laura Mullins  
 James & Mary Jane Nettles  
 Sandy North  
 Matthew & Debbie Owen  
 Karen Parsons  
 Judy Plant  
 Bill & Tina Powell  
 Erich & Stacy Pratt  
 Janelyn Price  
 Cesar & Peggy Quezada  
 Ruth Quinones  
 Corina Regrut  
 Ron & Ann Reese  
 Emily Rich  
 Vic & Mary Rinaldi  
 Maria Rivera  
 Dominique Rochelle  
 Chris & Nancy Rogers  
 Kristin Rutland  
 Elaine Sauer  
 Katie Shepherd  
 Quinn & Kristen Skinner  
 Naomi Smith  
 Jay Sonstroem  
 Martha Stafford  
 Chakia Street  
 Jennifer Stuckert  
 Daniela Sykes  
 Jackie Toy  
 John & Claudia Thomas  
 Glenn & Nancy Tobias  
 Ann Vernon  
 Lee Wareham  
 Frankie Watts. . . and others

### Lee Wareham



We, the staff at FPHC, look forward to Thursdays. Why? Because we know that our faithful volunteer, Lee Wareham, will be arriving at the center. She will greet all of us with her smile and pleasantries and a readiness to tackle the various tasks at hand—even tedious ones like stuffing envelopes! SLM so appreciates

this special lady who has volunteered her time for over 10 years. Detail-oriented and productive, Lee has met the challenges of transitioning systems—all with an affability that makes her a pleasure to work with every week.

Thank you, Lee, for your generous donation of time!

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## Winter 2009/2010 Newsletter

### Mandatory Volunteer Counselor In-Service

# Ministering to Your Muslim Client

**Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 7:00-9:00 pm**

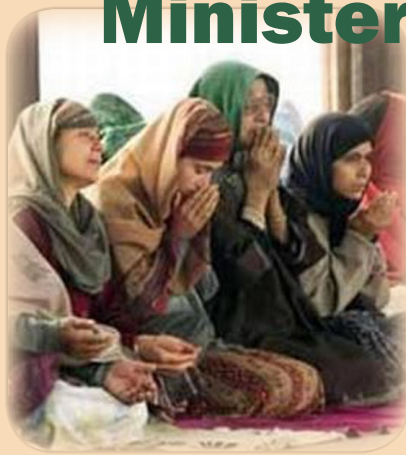
**Location:** Sovereign Grace Church (room 102)  
5200 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

Kay Gardner and Kelley Wesley will present information they shared at the Care Net conference in September. Though there are different approaches to winning our Muslims clients to the Lord, we know it's the Lord who will guide us.

**A former Muslim Client**

*"The Christians care about me."*

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## Mark Your 2010 Calendars!

### JANUARY

**Monday, January 4 - Centers re-open**

Tuesday, January, 5

Banquet Team Meeting

Sunday, January 17

Baby Bottle Campaign begins

Monday, January 18

Centers Close for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 19

Volunteer In-Service

Sunday, January 24

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

### FEBRUARY/MARCH

Saturday, February 6

Post-Abortion Leadership Training

Monday, February 15

Centers closed for President's Day

Saturday, February 27

2-Day Counselor Training Workshop, pt 1

Saturday, March 6

2-Day Counselor Training Workshop, pt 2

Friday, March 26

SLM Fellowship Banquet

### Donate to SLM through:

- ♥ United Way #8309
- ♥ Commonwealth of VA Campaign #8102
- ♥ Combined Federal Campaign #69997