

Sanctity of Life Ministries

Winter 2010

Because He Lives...

Kay Gardner, Center Director of FPHC and Kelley Wesley, Executive Director

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." Luke 1:31

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair...struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus; so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh." 2 Corinthians 4:7-11

"Mommy will get well and will come back home soon."

These words traveled the Atlantic Ocean through Skype to the listening ears of a 7 year old boy. They were spoken by a cancer-stricken mother whose family returned to their country while she remained in the United States for cancer treatment. Rodica Paul's words to her son Johnny resonated with solemnity yet hopefulness—a burdensome trial but laden with the treasure of Jesus—whose new birth within her 'earthen vessel' had been invited many years before.

Rodica, you may recall, is our dear Sister in Christ and the founding President of Foundation Estera in Timisoara—one of the first crisis pregnancy centers in Romania. Since 1996 SLM's financial and mentoring partnership with Estera has enabled active participation with God's redemptive work in Romania—a country

where more babies are aborted than born. SLM has been traveling there almost annually to provide training and support to Rodica and the other staff--Gelu, Maria, Cosmina, Lili, and others—beautiful, sacrificial saints sharing the Gospel and bringing the message of life to the people of Romania. It is our privilege to work with them.

"Afflicted...perplexed...struck down..."

The staff of Estera have served so many well, even while experiencing many trials, and now their dear Rodica has cancer. (Rodica) "I wished I could stop the clock. With no trace of mercy, however, the clock kept telling me that life goes on. I looked up and I saw nothing. As I was desperately looking for something I could hang onto, my emotional tank was empty, and so were my arms."

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Over a period of months, God met Rodica and even used SLM to encourage her as she was receiving treatments. (Rodica) "He slowly helped refill my emotional tank, and gave me hope. God helped me read the scriptures, talked to me and refreshed my soul, my body and my mind. He placed me within a community of care, helped me experience His special love through others—those who care for me here and those who care for my family back home."



Ultrasound is Here!

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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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"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."

The baby Jesus, born on Christmas Day, is still available to be born anew.

Jesus was born, then lived to die for all mankind. Dying on our behalf, He settled forever the penalty for our sins so that we might receive the gift of eternal life and enjoy Him forever. Because our Savior lives, may we continue to surrender and live in harmony with Him, not only through our rebirth, but by inviting Him to grow us to full stature, even as we experience trials and help others in theirs.

Rodica is doing well—her white blood cell levels are back to normal and she has recently returned to Romania, in time for a wonderful Christmas reunion with her family. We ask you to join us in praises and prayers for Rodica and her family this Christmas.



Kay, Rodica and Kelley

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

All things were made through Him... In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:3a,4)



- SLM with Pregnancy Help Centers nationwide is making headway confronting the national challenge of 1.2 million abortions performed annually in this country. (Guttmacher Institute)

- In 2010 we began offering ultrasound services; over 150 SLM clients received Jesus; almost 700 clients from 40 countries were served; 550 students heard the message of sexual integrity; and several Post-abortion Bible studies were held.

Your partnership with SLM

enables a strengthened outreach to preserve the sanctity of human life as well as the quality of life in our surrounding communities.

We would be glad to come to your church and/or provide materials for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday on January 23, or any Sunday in January or February 2011. Below is a list of opportunities we are offering. Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

- Speaker
- Information Table
- Bulletin inserts
- Power Point presentation
- 10 minute video or video clip of SLM client testimonies and interviews
- Baby Bottle Campaign information



Contact: Margery Williams at 703-780-4700 or margery.williams@slmpregnancy.org

Counselor Training Workshop

Two Saturdays, February 26 & March 5, 2011

To equip volunteers to effectively counsel and respond to clients who ask for our assistance.

- ♥ 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

For more info see flier on our website SLMgetinvolved.org
RSVP: 703-278-5433 or sherry.rafi@slmpregnancy.org



SLM Praises & Prayer Requests

to receive a weekly Prayer Focus via email, contact Laura at laura.lavelle@slmpregnancy.org

We Thank God for...

- ♥ Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah born on Christmas day to live a perfect life, to die for our sins on a cross, to conquer death by His resurrection
- ♥ God's grace and provision for SLM to start ultrasound services on December 1st 2010
- ♥ Clients who choose life for themselves and their babies
- ♥ Faithful volunteer counselors and office workers



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 choose life for their babies and come to know Jesus Christ
- ♥ Wisdom for staff and board as SLM transitions from a pregnancy resource center to a pregnancy medical center



Our Move

Thanks to the invaluable services of many volunteers we combined LifeChoices Resource Center and Fairfax Pregnancy Help Center into one spacious townhouse on Democracy Lane in Old Town Fairfax City.

We are humbled and in awe of how God brought such a gifted team of godly men and women together to make such a complex move and transition a beautiful reality!

Below is a list of those who helped us.

- ♥ **Sheila Gravely**
- ♥ **Gary Wardell**
GW Systems
- ♥ **Dale Wickhizer**
NetApp
- ♥ **Pat & Dianne Hall**
- ♥ Paula Adams
- ♥ Donna Aviles
- ♥ Rosemary Barnett
- ♥ Nathan Barry
- ♥ Nancy Basham
- ♥ Chris Bracewell
- ♥ Centreville Baptist Church Volunteers
- ♥ Rick Clark
- ♥ Burke Community Church Men's Ministry
- ♥ James Chung
Eden Interiors
- ♥ Pam Davis
- ♥ Michael Egan
- ♥ Jason Goelitz
- ♥ Grace Covenant Church Volunteers
- ♥ Marjorie Ham
- ♥ Laura Harris
No Ordinary Wall



- ♥ Janice Harvey
Design I & II
- ♥ Dudley Hawkins
Alternative Employment Specialists
- ♥ Ryan Holland
- ♥ Blake Johnston
- ♥ Tim Ludwinski
- ♥ Tyrena Mann
- ♥ Adrian Munteanu
- ♥ James O'Donnell
- ♥ Tom Pleimling
Tom Pleimling Realty
- ♥ Jason Puckey
- ♥ David Newell
- ♥ Christine Renfrow
- ♥ Sovereign Grace Church Volunteers
- ♥ Mark Snyder
Integrated Technologies
- ♥ Jacob Teter
- ♥ Rose Tudge
- ♥ Martha Wardlaw
- ♥ and many more

Volunteer In-Service

How does "going medical" fit into the counseling session

Tuesday
January 18
7-9pm

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Michelle Franklin
Nurse Manager



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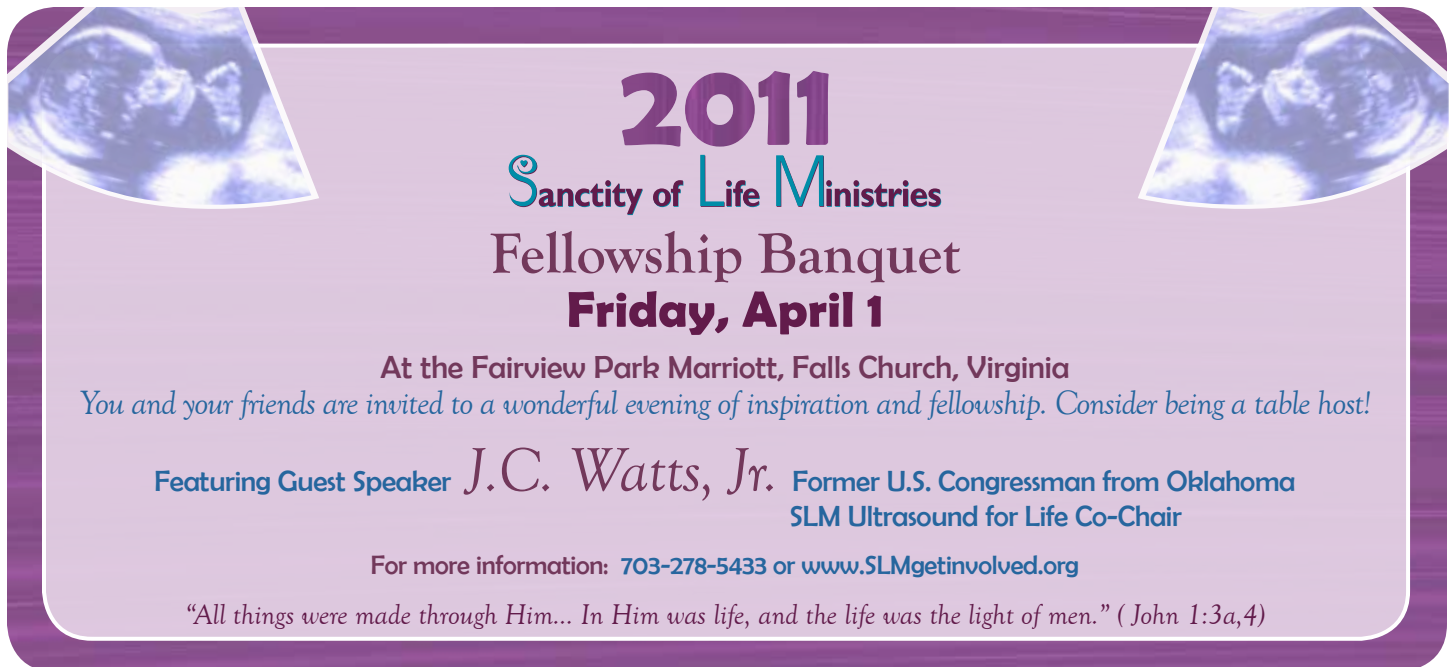
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2011
Sanctity of Life Ministries
Fellowship Banquet
Friday, April 1

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 *J.C. Watts, Jr.* Former U.S. Congressman from Oklahoma
SLM Ultrasound for Life Co-Chair

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Mark Your Calendars!

Dec 2010/Jan - Apr 2011

- **Thursday-Sunday, December 23-January 2** - Centers Closed
- **Sunday, January 16** - Winter Baby Bottle Campaign starts
- **Tuesday, January 18** - Volunteer In-Service
- **Sunday, January 23** - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- **Saturdays, February 26 & March 5** - Counselor Training
- **Friday, April 1** - SLM Fellowship Banquet 2011
- **Wednesday, April 6** - Post-Abortion Bible study starts

Donate to SLM through:

- ♥ www.slmgetinvolved.org
- ♥ United Way #8309
- ♥ Commonwealth of VA Campaign #8102
- ♥ Combined Federal Campaign #69997