

# sanctityoflife

## MINISTRIES

SUMMER, 2022

*60 babies are  
celebrating  
freedom because  
of your support*



# A note from Janet

CEO of Sanctity of Life Ministries



Andrew Murray says, **“your Christian life is to be a continuous proof that God works impossibilities.”** How profound that statement is now, considering the Supreme Court decision on June 24, 2022. On that day thousands of babies were born into a new America. The prayers of the last 50 years have been answered. It would be so simple to just take a victory lap but that is NOT the case. Many of us have experienced increased hostility, unprecedented violence against our clinics and disparaging personal attacks. I would say, we have more battles than we did just a few days ago.

**As this becomes our new normal, our work, our commitment and our belief in the great commission remains unmovable.**

This year we introduced our new Continuing Care program which is designed to support and care for mother, baby (and father when applicable) for 15 months. **We no longer can be accused of caring only about the baby and not the mother. Our sequence of appointments ensures we can meet her needs as challenges arise.**

How does our program work? First, a medical, science-rich, truth-filled appointment gives evidence of life in the womb. Second, a follow up appointment delivers any other test results such as sexual transmitted infection result and explains the customized care-plan that addresses her top three challenges. Thirdly, all follow-up appointments from there build a relationship of trust, care and the Word of God. **As we walk with her for 15 months, we put the Gospel on display, we prove that she matters and that there is a community that is for her!**

Week by week, face to face, women are learning that there are people committed to their well-being and resources that can help change the trajectory of their lives. This is how we make abortion unthinkable.

Just this week I heard a patient say she loves coming here. She wishes her visit was longer! She has no support at home. And as I think back over the hundreds of women who have changed their minds from abortion to life, not one has ever said she wished she had chosen differently. All say it is unthinkable for them to believe they ever contemplated abortion. Abortion is now unthinkable for them.

**So where are you in this plan? Do you see yourself as a disciple-maker? Would you like to be a financial supporter so that we can serve her more fully? Do you long to be involved in prayer? All of these opportunities are available to you.**

**When you give of yourself and then share your resources YOU WILL GIVE THE WORLD CONTINUOUS PROOF THAT GOD WORKS THE IMPOSSIBLE!**

**What are you waiting for?**

*Janet Custer*

# An Unexpected Blessing



## Join Prayer Warriors Updates!

*Real time email/text prayer requests from our centers where you can intervene as women are making life and death decisions.*



Go to  
[slmgetinvolved.org/pray](https://slmgetinvolved.org/pray)

## **Covid presented many challenges for all of us.**

But for hundreds of women COVID brought another unexpected challenge: and unexpected pregnancy. “Valerie” was such a case.

Finding herself pregnant last year, “Valerie” believed she had no option but abortion. She already had a one-year old son and the thought of another was too much. Abortion seemed like the solution.

Searching online for a place to go, she found Nova Pregnancy Help Centers and made an appointment.

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Immediately at the center, she was warmly greeted by staff, her personal Advocate, and a nurse. They explained all her options and she was fully informed of the impact her decision would have on life.

While she waited for the test results, little did she know there were many praying. With the pregnancy confirmation behind her, thoughts of how she could do this swept over her. Later an ultrasound image showed her the baby's heart. "Valerie" knew she could not abort any longer. She chose life!

Throughout the following months, her Advocate kept checking in on her and praying for her.

Last month, they were reunited for our first ever Baby photo shoot! Smiles were everywhere and gratitude poured forth! Nova Pregnancy Help Centers was key in "Valerie's" changed mind.

Every day in our clinics we are making abortion unthinkable as we meet women just like "Valerie." 15-months of care and support makes all the difference when making life and death decisions.



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**Orientation**



Scan QR code to get more info and sign up

*YOU could be the one to make all the difference in women's lives as they make life or death decisions: **become an Advocate** to help us care for women and save lives!*

*Sign up for our next Advocate Orientation!*

**August 2nd, 7-9pm**

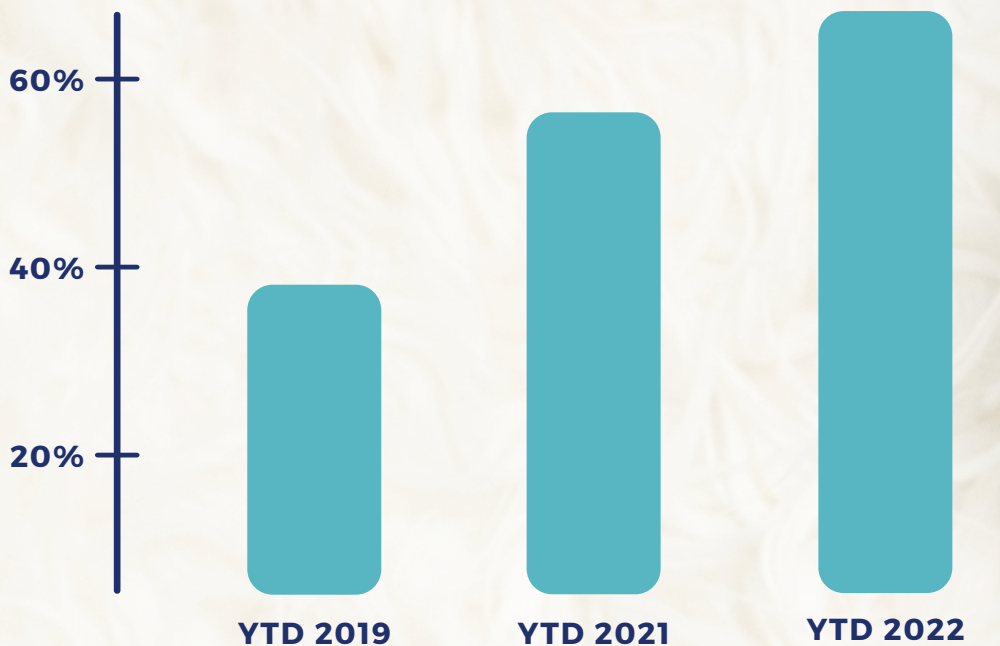
**First Baptist Church, 2932 King St, Alexandria, VA**



# 60 Babies Saved!

*Reaching more and saving more!*

Our new initiatives and efforts to reach more women making life and death decisions, have provided an increase in the percent of at-risk patients coming in. When we reach more needing critical care, we can empower and support women to change their minds and choose life!



*Meet baby "Grace", one of the many babies who attended our Baby Photoshoot Day.*

# Medical Matters

Today it is hard to know what is real or not. So many opinions that have no base or truth. This month, with so many questions and misinformation, we thought we would clarify some of the misinformation that you may see or hear.

#1- Women with an ectopic pregnancy will die because they cannot have an abortion.

**FALSE- Treating an ectopic pregnancy is NOT an abortion.**

Pregnancy begins with a fertilized egg. Normally, the fertilized egg attaches to the lining of the uterus. An ectopic pregnancy occurs when a fertilized egg implants and grows outside the main cavity of the uterus.

An ectopic pregnancy most often occurs in a fallopian tube, which carries eggs from the ovaries to the uterus. This type of ectopic pregnancy is called a tubal pregnancy. Sometimes, an ectopic pregnancy occurs in other areas of the body, such as the ovary, abdominal cavity or the lower part of the uterus (cervix), which connects to the vagina.

An ectopic pregnancy can't proceed normally. **The fertilized egg can't survive, and the growing tissue may cause life-threatening bleeding, if left untreated.** A woman must either take medication or have surgery to remove the fertilized egg.

The Supreme Court's decision to reverse Roe puts the power to decide abortion availability on the states. Each state will rule individually. In Virginia, abortion continues to be accessible throughout the entire pregnancy.

## Let's make abortion unthinkable in Virginia.



The treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is NOT an abortion

The treatment for miscarriage is NOT an abortion

The treatment for septic uterus is NOT an abortion

There's a difference between losing a child & murdering a child

Not a single pro-life law impacts these treatments

Mark your calendars and join us...



"And what does  
The Lord require  
of you? To act  
justly and to love  
mercy and to walk  
humbly with your  
God."

MICAH 6:8

## Advocate Orientation

August 2, 7-9pm

First Baptist Church of Alexandria

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about SLM's ministry, join us for our next quarterly orientation! We depend heavily on our volunteer team and we sincerely hope that you will find a place with us!

Sign up at [slmgetinvolved.org/getinvolved](https://slmgetinvolved.org/getinvolved)

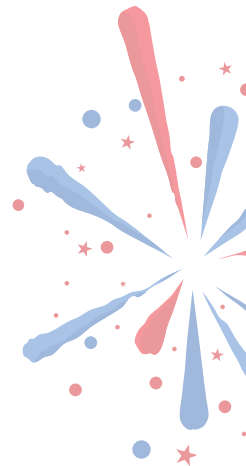
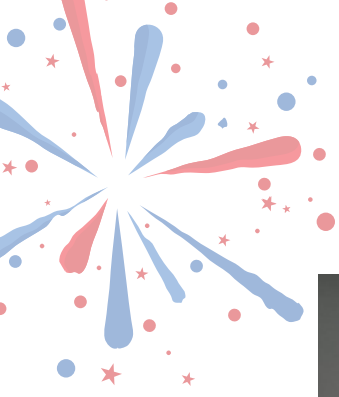
## Annual Dinner 2023

April 14

Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, VA

More details to come!





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**Every Life Matters.**