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BENEFIT BANQUET

Our first Benefit Banquet at the Fairview Park Marriott on November 15, 2013 was fantastic, with an attendance of over 150. It was a wonderful night of sharing pro-life stories from Mark Hall of Messengers of Hope and Christy Anne Collins Dickson, Founder and Former Executive Director of Sanctity of Life Ministries.



Delegate Bob Marshall

We were blessed to have Delegate Bob Marshall address the audience on pro-life issues and legislation in Virginia.

We were also excited to have Scott Steinbrenner as our pianist, for our musical entertainment, and his mother Judy, who shared her pro-life story with us. Fr. Philip Majka, Catholic Chaplain at Dulles Airport prayed the opening and closing prayer

Anna Maher of Students for Life at George Mason University spoke about the strides the group is making on campus. We also honored Jack Devaney with A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound's "Outstanding Pro-life Award", for opening his home to one of our pregnant mothers who was in need of housing. Proceeds from the Benefit Banquet net \$5,596.00.



NEWER RV!!

We were able to purchase a 23 foot, Ford Conquest 2000 RV with the proceeds from the Benefit Banquet and with a generous donation from an anonymous donor. With the help of David Ostrowski, we were able to reconfigure the inside of the RV to include a medical examination table. The newer RV is such a blessing, easier to drive and park, which is important as we travel to new venues. Currently, we are going to the Falls Church Healthcare abortion clinic on Wednesdays and Saturdays, usually from 7:00am-12:00pm. Dr. Kirsten Ball performs the ultrasounds for the women who come to us, and so far, we have given almost 70 ultrasounds. We would like to be operational five days a week and are searching for an experience, pro-life ultrasonographer to help us on the other days. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to provide A Best Choice with an additional ultrasonographer.

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Benefit Banquet Speakers



John Murray
Master of
Ceremonies



Dr. Kirsten Ball
ABC Medical
Director



Christy
Anne Collins
Dickson
Pregnancy &
Support
Center



Mark Hall
Messengers of
Hope

We are also in search of a part-time, volunteer administrative assistant to help with putting a database together, contacting churches, writing thank you notes, and helping with newsletters.

We are always in need of volunteers. If you would like to be included in our list of volunteers, please give us a call.

We have made repairs to the original, older RV so that it passed inspection, and hope to be on the road with it as we grow with more staff and another ultrasound. When it didn't pass inspection and wasn't drivable, we met girls, mostly from Woodbridge and Manassas, at our stationary location off of Route 234 in Manassas.

Virginia Beach Sidewalk Counselor to Start a Pro-Life Mobile Ultrasound Ministry!

The Knights of Columbus have been wonderful! In addition to fundraising for an ultrasound for us, they have given us funds for operation and for an IPAD in order to sidewalk counsel women near abortion clinics. A sidewalk counselor who I visited in Virginia Beach uses the IPAD for this purpose. The day I visited her, there were 27 cars in the parking lot of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility. She visited us in Falls Church to familiarize herself with mobile ultrasound and was so inspired by our mission, that she is seeking an RV and ultrasound to start a prolife mobile ultrasound ministry close to this busy Planned Parenthood in Virginia Beach.

Students for Life at George Mason University

The Students for Life group at George Mason University, which we helped to establish, invited Serrin Foster, President of Feminists for Life, on campus and gave a wonderful history of the feminists throughout history who were advocates for women and the unborn.

John Murray, Anna Maher (President of Students for Life), and others are working on a presentation called, "What to Do When a Friend Says She's Pregnant". In the presentation, we discuss the dangers of abortion and offer resources to women facing unplanned pregnancies. We hope to introduce this presentation at George Mason University and to church youth groups. John has also put together a folder with several brochures on abortion alternatives and resources for women in unplanned pregnancies, along with a model of a 12 week unborn baby on the front, which has been received very well by the pregnant women that we sidewalk counsel and those we give ultrasounds to.

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Saved Babies!

Our first saved baby, Jayden, just celebrated his first birthday on April 1st! Please see our website for the whole story at www.abestchoice1.org.

(Names have been changed in the story to keep client confidentiality.) Another saved baby, John, is now six months! On March 8, 2013, his mother, Sheri, was intercepted by Ruby Nicdao, a sidewalk counselor and head of Lifeguard, at the Eaton Place abortion facility in Fairfax, Virginia. Sheri was only two weeks along, too early to terminate her pregnancy, so the abortion facility told her to come back in a few weeks.

Ruby called Sheri during the following week and Sheri mentioned she would be going back to Eaton to schedule an ultrasound on Friday. Ruby asked her if she would be open to a free ultrasound. Sheri agreed and scheduled an ultrasound with us for Thursday, May 14th.

On Thursday, May 14th after four hours of negotiations, encouragement, and prayers, Sheri finally agreed to have the ultrasound with us. She came at 11:00 pm from Richmond, and we counseled her until 2:00am. She said she needed \$20,000 since her boyfriend lost his job and with no insurance she was concerned this newborn would need special intensive care after birth like her first baby. However, she decided that night she would have the baby and was very thankful! It was a great joint effort with the help of Mark Hall of Messengers of Hope, Ruby Nicdao of Lifeguard, and Dr. Kirsten Ball and Angela Clark of A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound. John was born in November!

A month ago, we gave an ultrasound to a very young woman, Julie. Her boyfriend wanted her to have an abortion. We counseled her and Dr. Ball performed the ultrasound and informed her that she was carrying twins. You could see them very clearly on the screen and they were very active. At that point, the young woman started crying and got very emotional. The next day, I called to see how she was doing, and she said that after speaking with her boyfriend, and informing him that they were expecting twins, he had a change of heart and they decided to keep the babies. I spoke to Julie last week, and she found out that she is carrying twin boys!

A couple months ago, we sidewalk counseled a couple going into the abortion clinic for a pregnancy test. I was able to intercept them and offer them a free pregnancy test on the RV and counsel them. After speaking life over them, it didn't appear as if they had made a firm decision when they left. However, thirty minutes later, I received a call from the pregnant woman, telling me that they had changed their mind and are going to keep the baby!



Cheri Britt, Angela Clark and Fr. Pavone (Priests for Life), at National Right to Life Conference

Finally, we need a driver to help us go out to the abortion clinics! 703-946-3077 * abestchoice1@gmail.com

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Lisa Gregory
Counselor



Anna Maher
Students for Life



"If you take the medical ultrasound model across the country, we could reduce abortion by 75% without overturning one law"
A prominent abortionist



Angela Clark recognized at the Knights of Columbus St. Mary of Sorrows Council meeting for her pro-life work, with Fr. Barkett, Fidel Rodriguez (Grand Knight) and Gordon Goetz (Committee Chair of Culture of Life Program)

We receive referrals from HOPE in

Falls Church, Birthright in Woodbridge, and Mariah Center in Alexandria to give ultrasounds. We have counseled and reached out to several other abortion-minded women, and never know the impact of the ultrasound they saw in helping them to choose life.

Coming Soon

Watch out for more information on our 2nd Annual Benefit Banquet Next Year

Heartfelt Thanks to Our Generous Supporters

Last weekend, the Ladies Knights of Columbus from the John Paul I Council hosted an event for A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound with a Potluck Dinner and a Dessert Auction!

Those which participated in our baby bottle drive or other fundraisers are Holy Family Catholic Church, Holy Family Catholic School, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Truro Anglican Church, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, St. Timothy's Catholic School, All Saints Catholic Church, St. Thomas More Catholic Church, St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church and St. Philip's Catholic Church.

Several Knights of Columbus have assisted us, such as, Ascension Council, St. Mary of Sorrows Council, John Paul I Council, Our Lady of the Rosary Council, Fr. Sikora Council, Fr. Edwin Kelley Council, Holy Spirit Council, St. Joseph the Worker Council and the Fr. Walter Malloy Assembly. The Ancient Order Of Hibernians have also been supportive. If you would like to donate an RV or van to expand our ministry or know of anyone who does, please contact us.

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