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# **A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound News**

Northern Virginia's First Pro-life Mobile Ultrasound

# A Best Choice is now operational!

Hi Everyone.

I am so thrilled to announce that our RV ministry, A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound and Resource Center, is now in operation. We are taking and parishes.

our RV and ultrasound to college campuses, abortion clinics, pregnancy resource centers (without ultrasound), We offer free pregnancy tests, limited ultrasound

and compassionate, one-on-one counseling in order to guide moms in crisis to choose life. It is sad to imagine that the most dangerous place on earth for a child today is in the womb. Offering limited ultrasound will enable us to be on the frontlines to minister to women who are being pressured to think of anything but the life of their child growing inside. We are to be a voice for the voiceless and to help these mom's become aware of the life they are carrying.

Angela Clark/Director

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We were blessed with our amazingly successful 1st case using a temporary ultrasound through Tepeyac in Fairfax, which they allowed us to use until we received our ultrasound in January 2013. The mother, who was referred to us through a sidewalk counselor, came to us as abortion minded. Her reasoning was that the baby would just "go to heaven anyway" and she simply could not afford another child. We drove her to the RV as she didn't have the transportation and we spent time counseling, listening and then ultimately performing the ultrasound. Through the initial counseling we showed her pictures of 7 week old fetuses and she was clearly in awe and amazed. She never had been shown pictures of a baby in early development and never realized how well formed they were at only 7 weeks! She then revealed to us that she did have an abortion years ago and the abortion center never revealed this truth to her. This is a purposeful oversight of abortion centers NOT to reveal anything that would remotely explain that they are carrying a baby. We were relieved that she is now aware of the truth and after showing her the ultrasound that cemented the reality even more. She beamed with excitement and mentioned how eager she was to show her picture to friends. We continue to follow up with her to this day and she thanks us for our support.



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March for Life, Washington DC, 2012

# Seeking Referrals for abortion minded mothers

The key for us to be effective and to reach these women and girls in a crisis pregnancy is to get referrals. We are currently working on being a referral service for other crisis pregnancy centers but rely on anyone who may know of someone in a situation where they are in distress and need of our help. Most often this could be your neighbor, co-worker, relative or perhaps something you heard

someone say that lets on that they are in a tough crisis pregnancy situation. One of our capabilities is that we are eager to make arrangements and special appointments for anyone and can even help with transportation if need be. Please be on the lookout and don't hesitate to let anyone know that there is help and abortion is clearly not the answer. Please call us at 703-946-3077 or 703-989-4386.

# **Permission to be at George Mason University**

After MUCH persistence and advocacy through the Students for Life, we just received permission to park on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax. Many thanks to the advocacy of Ana Maher who is the President of the Students for Life at George Mason. We have been given the permission to be on campus starting December 12, Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadeloupe. In the

interim we had been parking at University Mall nearby, but now we are allowed to actually be on the campus grounds. We will be a presence there every other week on Wednesdays. Our ability to travel will be a tremendous advantage as we know in order to make a great impact we have to go to where we are needed and knowing that the majority of abortions are performed on college age women.

# Over **80%**who see the ultrasound will choose

# You can't afford it!?



Well, this certainly seems to be the main reason why most mothers decide to go through with an abortion, especially today. The fear of not being able to "provide" is definitely prevalent in the thoughts of most pregnant mothers in a crisis pregnancy situation and is the number one reason why women/girls abort. Many years ago when I was pregnant with my 2nd child a friend mentioned, "Are you sure you can afford it?". This question to me now still pierces my heart even though this was mentioned about 10 years ago! The fact that this question was asked instead of "congratulations" is pure example of the general negative mindset to pregnancy. It leaves the

mother to ponder and think, "maybe I can't afford it" and then "what should I do?". Unfortunately one of the options to be considered is abortion. At A Best Choice we know that there are many positive life affirming options and we share our resources, provide hope and allow them to calmly realize that in due time, they will have what they need to provide for their child or they can also consider adoption. Also, it is truly amazing how when they see the life they are carrying on ultrasound, their fears evaporate and they are allowed to connect with their child for the first time. THIS is what makes our job priceless!

Lisa Gregory/Counselor

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# Heartfelt Thanks to Knights of Columbus for their generous support in helping purchase our Ultrasound!

We are extremely blessed to have received so much support through the various Knights Councils in the area in order for us to acquire the Ultrasound Machine. Our mission clearly would not be possible without this support and help in order to operate as we are needed and show these images of life to abortion minded women so that they can see the truth and know that what they are carrying is certainly not a blob of tissue. Even in the very earliest stages we can especially show the heartbeat, which alone can be enough to change the minds of these troubled mothers that are thinking that abortion is the only answer.

The new ruling in Virginia does require abortion minded women and girls to have an ultrasound prior to an abortion and typically, the rate of having an ultrasound costs them about \$100.00. Our advantage is that we offer the ultrasound FREE at no cost to the mother. This allows us to have a distinct advantage and offer this service at no cost whereas abortion centers charge \$100.00.

### **ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM:**

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# A Best Choice received Ultrasound check!



Pictured left to right: John Brady (Ascension Council, Bob Szerszynski (Culture of Life Chairman, Virginia State Council), Angela Clark, and Bill Miller (Ascension Council).

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**Mobile Ultrasound News** 

# Stark resistance at "Northern VA Women's Health" abortion center

We have been a very unwelcome presence at the abortion center at 10400 Eaton Place (suite 515) in Fairfax for the past couple months. This is one of the busiest abortion killing centers in Northern Virginia (aborting over 3,000 babies a year). The building is full of many other businesses, but on Saturdays, which is the main day for abortions, the other businesses are closed. Main hours for the abortions on Saturdays are 7-12am. There are about 3-4 abortion escorts/security personnel quarding the building at this time. The morning of December 1st proved to be extra trying as we attempted to park the RV close to the building (but on an

adjacent lot). We had been parking further away trying to women/girls to our RV, but to no avail. Immediately after we parked closer the escorts yelled, "you are NOT helping women" and "we win in the end" Angela, the director, responded that "God wins in the end" and that she would pray for them. In response they said prayer doesn't work. Clearly the lines are drawn. It is remarkably evident that we are fighting an amazing battle and these forces of hate that defend the killing of the innocent are intense. We are currently seeking other means and also scoping out the other abortion centers in the area to work out other strategies.

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil. It is a fight between the culture of life and the culture of death"

Pope John Paul II



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