



Riverside Life Services

Where "Life" is our middle name

National Day of Prayer May 3, 2007

Remember to pray for:
Pregnancy Counseling Centers
Riverside Life Services

Moms and babies; born and pre-born
Women in crisis pregnancies, pray that
they will choose life for their babies.

*As Christians, we know that we will be
attacked for exposing evil to the light of
day. During the latest rounds of attacks on
pregnancy care centers, we need to be
praying for and supporting those on the
front lines of the abortion wars—
people who are saving innocent lives
one baby at a time.*

Taken from: Christian Examiner

Life is Precious



Celebrate the children of your life

**We are having our
Annual Mother's Day
Fundraiser.**

**Donate \$1.00 for each
precious child in your life.
Your donation will help
Riverside Life Services
continue the work of helping
mothers and their children.**



Walk For Life

Saturday, October 20, 2007



This year we are having our Walk for Life in the Fall. The Walk will be on Saturday, October 20th. The Walk will be at Shamel Park. We want to make this a successful Walk for Life. Join us for food, fun and a chance to help Riverside Life Services. Walkers, pledge partners, business sponsors and food vendors are needed to make this an outstanding event.

Smile... Your Mother Chose Life...

SHARING FROM THE HEART



(names have been changed to protect our clients' privacy)

“Emily” came in for a pregnancy test in January. Her test was positive. Emily stated that she was unsure of what she wanted to do. She wasn’t sure if she wanted to have her baby or have an abortion. She was currently living with her parents and was told she had to move out by March 2007. We counseled her on the negatives of having an abortion, abortion procedures and on adoption. She stated she did not want to even consider giving her child up. We asked her what did she think she would be doing if she had an abortion? We gave her literature and a Bible promise book. She stated that it had been hard because her mother had told her she should have had an abortion with her four year old son. She stated she is currently looking for an apartment and was given some numbers for assistance. She was also going through a divorce and she had just quit her second job but still has another job. She stated that her and her parents do not get along too well but she communicates better with her father. We told her if she needed any further assistance, to contact us. We told her about our services and our parenting classes. We called her back the following week and were unable to get in touch with her. When we talked to her the following week she was still trying to get an apartment and we gave her some more phone numbers of places that could help her. We continued to try to keep in touch with Emily. We were unable to get in touch until March. Emily had decided to have her baby and was 5 1/2 months pregnant. She told us she would be moving later in March and she gave us her new address. She had told her mother about the pregnancy and her mother had accepted it. Her working schedule did not leave her time to come into the center. We informed her that we will be working on parenting material through the mail because of her hectic work schedule. She told us she would be checking in with us.

“Carol” came in for a pregnancy test. She circled her intention was to abort. Carol’s test was positive. Carol had a hard life growing up and wasn’t sure about being a parent. We talked to her about abortion, post abortion syndrome and her baby’s development. We talked about adoption as a better option than abortion. Carol was closed to adoption because she had been adopted and had not had a happy experience. We explained to her how adoption works now and how it would give her baby life. She was upset because she could not find her biological mother. We explained it does not work that way currently and she could be a part of her baby’s life. We talked to Carol for quite a while and she shared with us some of the problems she was having. From the date of Carol’s last cycle we estimated she was 12 weeks along. We showed her the baby development model that is the size of a 12 week old baby. We wanted to show Carol a DVD we have with women who had unplanned pregnancies and had either had abortions and the regret they went through, women who chose to carry and raise their babies and women who chose adoption. Carol did not want to watch the DVD. Carol did take literature, the DVD and the baby model. We asked her to please go over the literature with her boyfriend, show him the baby model and watch the DVD. We prayed with Carol and let her know we would keep in touch.

When we talked to Carol a few days later she told us she had shown the baby model to her boyfriend and they had looked at some of the literature. They had decided to carry and raise their baby.

We talked to Carol a couple weeks later and she had gone to the doctor. She had an ultrasound done and found out she was further along than she had thought, she was 24 weeks. She also found out they are having a little girl. We reminded her of our services and parenting classes. We told her we would keep in touch with her.

IN THE NEWS

3/24/07—[MSNBC.com](http://www.msnbc.com)

Nation’s first measure to require ultrasound—viewing before abortions advances in South Carolina.

By: Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. - With calls of emotional blackmail from opponents, a measure requiring women seeking abortions to first review ultrasound images of their fetuses advanced Wednesday in the South Carolina Legislature. The legislation, supported by Republican Gov. Mark Sanford, passed 91-23 after lawmakers defeated amendments exempting rape or incest. The House must approve the bill again in a routine vote before it goes to the Senate, where its sponsor expects it to pass with those exemptions.

Some states make ultrasound images available to women before an abortion, but South Carolina would be alone in requiring women to view the pictures.

Critics consider the proposal a tool to intimidate women who already have made an agonizing decision.

Proponents hope women will change their minds after seeing an ultrasound.

Rep. Alan Clemmons, choking back tears as he talked about his two adopted children, recalled a prayer given by his 11-year-old daughter.

"She thanked her God, her father in heaven for her birth mother for loving her enough to give her life," said Clemmons, a Republican. "I thank my God for those young mothers who chose to give them life."

The state's three abortion clinics already perform ultrasounds, paid for by the woman seeking the procedure, to determine the fetus' age. The state's informed-consent law, passed in 1994, requires abortion doctors to tell women at least an hour before the operation the likely age of their fetus and give them information about fetal development and alternatives to abortion.

URL: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17771813/>



2006—STATISTICS

January 2006 - December 2006
Clients: 2,221
New clients: 644
Pregnancy tests: 260
Positive tests: 110
Negative tests: 148
Inconclusive: 2
Abstinence counseling: 94 (some of the negative tests were for married women)
Abortion minded: 10
Abortion Vulnerable / Undecided: 56
Babies Saved: 9
Crisis pregnancy counseling: 35
Adoption counseling: 44
Friendship counseling: 256
Baby clothes bundles: 1,189
Baby food jars approx.: 3,876
Baby furniture/equipment: 226
Parenting Classes: 242
Diapers approximately: 33,600
Formula: 457
Layettees: 210
Literature: 443
Maternity clothes approx: 895
Bibles: 94
Bible promise books-approx: 309

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
James 1:17

THANK YOU

Thank you Ray and Calvary Chapel Jurupa Valley. Ray comes in with his dog Rosie and brings us truckloads of diapers, wipes, feminine products and other miscellaneous products. Ray volunteers at a grocery store and they give him many items they can not sell. Ray then donates those items to Riverside Life Services. We appreciate this so much! Thank you Ray and Calvary Chapel Jurupa Valley.

Thank you St. Andrews Newman Center for your continued support.

Thank you St. Catherine's for your baby bottle drive and donation of 187 baby bottles.

Thank you St. Francis de Sales Women's Ministry for having a baby shower for Riverside Life Services. Thank you for all those beautiful items that were donated for our Moms and babies.

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT RIVERSIDE LIFE SERVICES

We are now requiring our clients to watch a parenting video/DVD or attend a parenting class to receive our practical aid. We are in need of volunteers to sit with clients while watching a video. Please contact Tami Wessen or Marrian Howell to find out more information.

We feel God leading us to become a clinic. This would enable us to perform ultrasounds on the girls and women who have pregnancy tests, particularly those who are abortion minded. There is usually over 90% turnaround rate when a woman actually sees her baby on an ultrasound. However, there are quite a few things that need done and things we need before this can be accomplished. Before we can apply to become a clinic we need a doctor and nurse who would want to join Riverside Life Services when we become a clinic. We need to have a plumber put a sink in the future ultrasound room, we need some construction workers to split one of our counseling rooms into two rooms to create the future ultrasound room and we need to have flooring put in the room. We also need funds for the ultrasound project. We need churches and individuals interested in helping us to become a clinic. We know if this is God's will He will provide what is needed. Please contact Tami Wessen if you are interested in helping us become a clinic.

WISH LIST

Baby Formula
Baby Food
Diapers and wipes
Small items for the diaper cakes. (Such as, small bottles of baby shampoo, baby lotion and baby powder, pacifiers, baby clippers and yellow or green onesies)
Volunteers for Community Outreach
Paint and Volunteers to paint interior
New TV and DVD/VCR
Laptop computer
RN Nurses with active license
Pro-Life Doctor with active license
Plumber
Construction and flooring workers
Funds for Ultrasound project
New Mini Blinds throughout center

2007—STATISTICS

January 2007 - March 2007
Clients: 485
New clients: 128
Pregnancy tests: 75
Positive tests: 34
Negative tests: 41
Abstinence counseling: 34 (some of the negative tests were for married women)
Abortion minded: 5
Abortion Vulnerable / Undecided: 21
Babies Saved: 2
Crisis pregnancy counseling: 12
Adoption counseling: 18
Friendship counseling: 69
Baby clothes bundles: 203
Baby food jars approx.: 280
Baby furniture/equipment: 32
Parenting Classes / Video: 124
Diapers approximately: 7,440
Formula: 64
Layettees: 33
Literature: 121
Maternity clothes approx: 165
Bibles: 6
Bible promise books-approx: 103

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High. To declare Your loving kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night.
Psalms 92:1-2

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Our Baby Bottle Boomerang is an easy way for the whole family to raise money for Riverside Life Services. It is also a great way to earn community service hours. Just take it home and fill it with loose change or dollars then bring it back to us. It is a fun way for churches, Sunday School classes, home schoolers, youth groups or Bible Study groups to get involved. Call our office at 951-784-2422, ask for Tami Wessen or Amy Stirbis, for more information.





UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, May 3, 2007
National Day of Prayer**

**Sunday, May 13, 2007
Mother's Day**

**Saturday, October 20, 2007
Walk for Life**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The counseling and assistance offered at Riverside Life Services will be Christ centered.

All counseling and assistance will be consistent with the statement printed below:

We believe in the triune God Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only divine Son of God, who died for our sins and arose from the dead.

Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.



MISSION STATEMENT

Riverside Life Services strives to create a safe, confidential, loving and caring Haven in which sound alternatives to abortion may be provided to women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Through counseling, we hope that women will make positive decisions for themselves and their children.

We will provide practical services relating to a woman's pregnancy, child rearing and relationships.

Our main goal is to exemplify and promote sanctity of life principles and responsible behavior in the community through education.

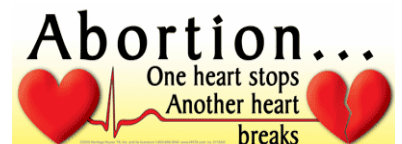


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A PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATION



*For You created my inmost being;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise You because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;
Your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
Psalm 139:13-14 NIV*



www.riversidelifeservices.org