

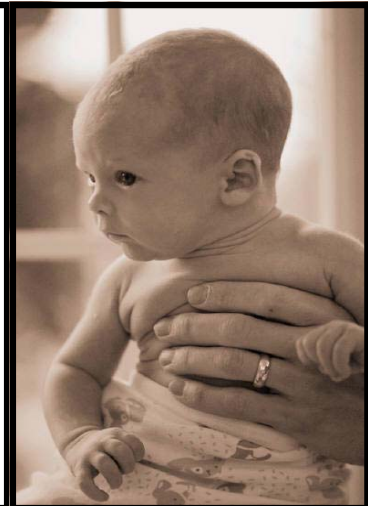
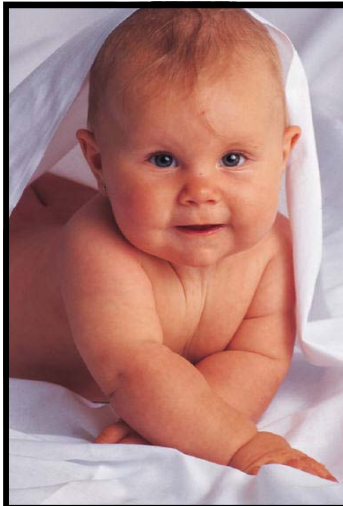


Spring 2006

Riverside Life Services

Where "Life" is our middle name

Smile... Your Mother Chose Life...



Walk For Life

Sunday, March 26, 2006

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



This year, The WALK FOR LIFE will start at Shamel Park, located at 3650 Arlington Avenue.

Registration will begin at 12:30 pm, and the WALK will begin at 1:00 pm. There will be two different routes to choose from, a longer one just a little over three miles and a shorter one approximately one mile. There will be t-shirts for anyone who raises \$150.00 or more. We will also be selling raffle tickets for prizes such as; Disneyland, Six Flags Magic Mountain, \$50.00 gift certificates to Stater Bros., movie theatre tickets and restaurants.

The WALK FOR LIFE is one of our yearly fundraisers. The money collected from this event will ensure that we can continue to operate our Pregnancy Counseling Center, Parent Support Group, Earn While You Learn program and be able to continue to serve the women and children in Riverside County.

Enclosed is a registration form for the WALK. If you would like to participate, please use the form to collect sponsor and donation information. Then, simply show up on March 26th with the registration form and donations in a sealed envelope, and join us as we celebrate the precious gift of life from our Heavenly Father.

We are also in need of volunteers who would like to be our representatives to their church. These volunteers would take materials back to their church to recruit as many participants as possible. Please contact Tami Wessen at 951-784-2422 as soon as possible if you are interested in receiving materials for your entire church or participating in the WALK.

For More Information 951-784-2422

SHARING FROM THE HEART



Here are a couple of stories of women we have talked with,
(names have been changed to protect our clients' privacy)
by: Diane Montgomery

“Amber” called on the hotline, and was very distraught to be pregnant with her 4th child. She talked about how stressed out she was; she had no car, her boyfriend drank all the time and didn’t talk to her. He said if she keeps rejecting him he will get another girlfriend. She wanted to have an abortion because she felt she just couldn’t do this again. I asked her if everything was ok in her life would she want this baby. She said “Oh, yes”. I talked about this baby’s life, and that only God knew this baby and what his life would be. She said she already had one abortion. She had to take pills for depression and had a really hard time with it. I asked her about a church background, and she said she had just started going to a Christian church. I encouraged her to really get involved, to go to a ladies’ Bible study. I told her God loves her, and told her that when you are a Christian, God says “I will never leave you nor forsake you”. She said someone at the church encouraged her not to get an abortion too. I said if she asked God to forgive her for her past abortion, God said He would and that the baby is in Heaven, she said she knew that. I told her to cry out to God for wisdom about this baby. I told her so many people want to adopt a baby. She said her sister wants a baby and just had a miscarriage, she could let her adopt the baby. I said if she really put all her faith and trust in the Lord, He would guide her and help her. I told her we are here to help her all along the way and that she could call me anytime to talk. We talked about half hour. She thanked me and said she would keep the baby.

“Barbara” called on the hotline, asking for detailed information about abortion. She wanted to know how are they performed, do they use painkillers, what are possible complications, etc. I went into great detail about suction abortion, dilation and extraction, and partial birth abortion. She gasped at the partial birth abortion. I said it was legal up to the 9th month. She said “Oh no!”, and was astonished. I told her of every possible complication, emotional anguish, suicidal thoughts, fear of intimacy, promiscuity, drugs and alcohol to try to forget, hemorrhaging, tearing, infection etc. She had already called four abortion clinics, and said I was the only person to take time to answer her questions and give her the information she wanted. I explained a lot about post-abortion syndrome in the years ahead, about fetal development, about this being her baby’s only chance to live his life. I told her about God, and His knowing us while still in our mothers’ womb. I told her about God’s love and forgiveness. She asked me to send her brochures, I sent her “What God Says About Abortion”, “Abortion in America”, brochures on adoption, post-abortion syndrome, fetal development, etc. I told her to call anytime, and I would be praying for her. She thanked me and hung up.



***Know that the LORD is God. It is
He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people,
the sheep of His pasture.
Psalm 100:3***

SILENT NO MORE

On January 27, all around the U.S., women gathered to hold signs saying, “I regret my abortion”, and speak to passers-by about their abortion experiences. In Riverside, it was held at City Hall. Six women sang, and wept as they told of their abortions and emotional and physical aftereffects. A teen boy told how he was suicidal when his dad and step-mom aborted their Down Syndrome baby. Several of these women could not ever have children from the damage of abortion. We all need to be proactive in stopping abortion in our nation!



STATISTICS

January 2005 - December 2005

Clients: 1,916

New clients: 688

Pregnancy tests: 240

Positive tests: 96

Negative tests: 140

Inconclusive: 4

Abstinence counseling: 85 (some of the negative tests were for married women)

Abortion minded / undecided: 45

Babies Saved: 16

Crisis pregnancy counseling: 41

Adoption counseling: 41

Friendship counseling: 204

Baby clothes bundles: 1,127

Baby food jars approx.: 4,608

Baby furniture/equipment: 202

Diapers approximately: 24,690

Formula: 420

Layettes: 226

Literature: 559

Maternity clothes approx: 1,225

Bibles: 164

Bible promise books-approx: 500

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PRAISE THE LORD—THANK YOU



This year the Inland Empire Charity Golf Tournament, led by Scott Wilson and Tim Davis raised \$10,007.00.

They started out as a couple of men golfing on Super Bowl Sunday and now it is an annual tournament they put on to raise money to donate to different charities each year. This year they split the money raised between Riverside Life Services and Corona Norco Settlement House. They presented the check to us on February 15th.

We want to thank them very much for their generous donation!! We think what they do is awesome!!



Pictured (l to r) Tim Davis, Tami Wessen and Scott Wilson.

*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.
Psalm 92:1-2*

BRIDGES

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

A BIG thank you to Matt and Makinzie Herd, and the 16 people from Bridges Church for donating their time to paint the back of our building on Feb. 4th and 17th! What a blessing to have our entire building newly painted! Pastor Brian Park and his son Josh, Damien O'Farrell, youth pastor, Mark Cygan, Cassie and Cayla Ries, Chip and Kelly Steers, Nick Firetag, Skip Showalter, policeman, Frank Wools, Ron and Michelle Dawson, and Liam Corley, English professor at Cal Poly, all showed up to scrape, and paint! Thank you so very, very much!!

CALVARY CHAPEL JURUPA VALLEY

Thank you to Calvary Chapel Jurupa Valley for their generous donations of 126 packages of diapers, baby wipes, 40 cases of vitamins for women, paper towels, Kleenex, and all other items! We appreciate their generosity so much! They have graciously donated Bible Promise Books, Bibles and baby items in the past, for which we are so grateful! Jim D'Alessandro, who is also on our Board of Directors, pastures this church.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

We want to thank those who helped our families at Christmas. 146 families with 439 children were blessed with Christmas presents and gift certificates. Churches helped by taking ornaments to give to their congregations for toy donations. This year we also had ornaments for grocery store gift certificates. We received 46 grocery gift cards totaling \$1,315.00.

We want to thank the following Churches for their participation: St. Catherine's, St. Andrews Newman Center, Bridges Christian Fellowship, Hope Community Church, Crest Avenue Baptist Church and Arlington Church of Christ.

We also raised over \$250.00 with our gift wrapping fundraiser at Barnes & Noble. We want to thank Barnes and Noble for allowing us to participate in their gift wrapping. We used this money to purchase gifts for our Christmas Giving Tree.

Naomi Huffaker, our Receptionist at Riverside Life Services, has been making cakes, using diapers and adding little baby items to them. We give these out to our clients with a positive pregnancy test, especially those who are abortion minded. We need small baby items to put in these diaper cakes such as; yellow or green clothing, rattles, teething rings, small bottles of baby shampoo and powder, baby toe nail clippers and other small items we can put in these diaper cakes.



IN THE NEWS

WHO HAS ABORTIONS

One in Six

According to a study, one in six women who have abortions is a Christian. Based on their statistics, 5.6 million women who attend church have chosen abortion as their solution to an unwanted pregnancy. Each year, 1.5 million American women have an abortion. According to this, there could be 250,000 Christian women who would choose to abort their babies this year.

20 to 24 year olds

Women ages 20 to 24 obtain 32 percent of all abortions. Teenagers obtain 20 percent.

Repeat Abortions

Forty percent of women ages 15 to 44 have had at least one previous abortion.

Sole Means of Birth Control

Fifty percent of women who have abortions use it as their sole means of birth control.

Prevention

Fifty-eight percent of abortion patients say they used birth control during the month of conception.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Walk for Life
Sunday, March 26, 2006

Banquet for Life
Saturday, October 21, 2006

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.

HANDYMAN NEEDED

We need a handyman who would be willing to volunteer to help out at the center from time to time. Because of our inexperience with these matters, we recently spent over 45 minutes at Home Depot getting a spigot for our outdoor faucets, only to get the wrong item. We can make a list of things that need done. Please contact Diane Montgomery at 951-784-2422 for more information.

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.



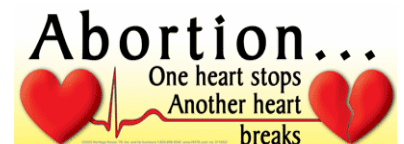
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*For You created my inmost being;
You knit me together in my mother's
womb.*

*I praise You because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;
Your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.*



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