

News from the Pregnancy Support Clinic

Winter 2009

# Lifelines

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## 500+ Babies Saved!

The Pregnancy Support Clinic (PSC) of Valdosta is thrilled to announce there have been more than 500 Red Rose births recorded since the start of the organization in 1991. In 2008, we saw 514 new clients in our two Options Now clinics. Of those clients, 457 were considered as either abortion-minded (those seeking an abortion), or abortion vulnerable (those whose circumstances made them more at risk for choosing an abortion). Red Rose babies are those babies born to abortion minded or abortion vulnerable women. "In 2008 we recorded a record 140 Red Rose births bringing our totals since 1991 to 513 births," stated Becky Deas, Executive Director. "These numbers equate to lives that might have been destroyed were it not for our dedicated staff and volunteers working each day to make a difference to our clients and the babies they carry." These babies are one reason we do what we do! Being a Christ-centered ministry, we also seek to share the gospel with those men and women who walk into our clinics. In 2008 the gospel was shared 444 times and 12 decisions were made to either accept Christ or to rededicate their lives - twelve lives saved for eternity! Since 1991, 488 decisions for Christ have been made.

These figures are especially important as we have recently observed Sanctity of Human Life Week (SOHL). Observed this year Jan. 18 thru 25, SOHL is held annually around Jan 22, the date in 1973 the fateful Roe vs. Wade decision was handed down. It affords churches the opportunity to take a stand on behalf of life and remind those in their congregations that life is precious. As a life-affirming ministry valuing life in all its forms, from conception to natural death, the PSC again assisted churches in their observance of this day by providing complimentary bulletin inserts as well as support materials and speakers. This year 35 churches participated by distributing over 9,000 bulletin inserts within their congregations. During these perilous times we are especially appreciative of those churches willing to take a stand on behalf of life!

As we reflect on the successes, changes and challenges of 2008 we are blessed to see God's hand on our ministry through the years. We know that He has appointed us for "a time such as this" to minister to the least of these in His kingdom...the unborn and the mothers who carry them. We look forward to the great things HE will do on behalf of life in 2009 and the opportunities to minister that HE will present!

*"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matt 25:40*

Won't you join with us? Our need for counselors is continual, so please prayerfully consider joining with us as we seek to minister to the hurting and the lost. For more information on how the PSC can use YOU, call Pam Whitlock at 229-333-0080.



### Our NEW MISSION Statement

The Pregnancy Support Clinic is a **Christ-centered** ministry which **advances** the sanctity of human life and sexual purity, **empowering** individuals to make life-affirming choices.



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# From the Director's Heart



Dear Friend of Life,

*"Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die."*  
Proverbs 31:8

January 22, 2009 was the 36th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. No invitations were sent. No party was planned. The date was remembered, but not celebrated. However, there are some victories during the last 36 years that we can celebrate.

**One celebration is the change in Norma McCorvey**, the plaintiff in Roe vs. Wade. Since her conversion to Christianity and her awareness of the sanctity of human life, McCorvey has worked to make up for her part in the Supreme Court decision. Other reasons to celebrate: the Federal Partial Birth Abortion Ban that prohibits a horrific act on nearly full term pregnancies; the Georgia Woman's Right to Know Act requires abortion providers to share information on fetal development and abortion health risks; the Florida Parental Consent Law requires parental consent for their minor child to have an abortion; and some states have a law that requires a 24 hour waiting period before an abortion. All of these laws protect life. However, **the tide is turning in Washington, D. C.**

**The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)**, if enacted, **will overturn over 550 Federal and state laws.** FOCA will not only overturn these laws, it is expected FOCA will equate the "right" to have an abortion with the right of speech and other rights as defined in the Bill of Rights. This "right" to an abortion will also mean the government (read taxpayers) will fund abortions. These are only a few of the predicted outcomes of FOCA.

Eventually, FOCA could affect the PSC and other pregnancy centers around the country who try to FREELY share abortion information with the motivation to protect the lives of the unborn, and spare the women and men from its consequences. If passed, the PSC and other life-affirming ministries may be limited in the information allowed to be dispersed and could eventually be muzzled completely.

**I urge you to speak out and speak up before it is too late to speak anything** that would be contrary to those who endorse abortion rights. Remaining silent speaks volumes for death and destruction. The Christians of this country stayed silent while prayer was removed from our schools and the effect has been devastating. Continued silence could be the death sentence for thousands of future children and grandchildren. **Let's leave a legacy of life - one we can celebrate!**

Proclaiming life,

*Becky*

FOCA facts and a petition may be found at [www.FOCAfacts.com](http://www.FOCAfacts.com) and [www.fightfoca.com](http://www.fightfoca.com). Future generations depend on you. Who knows whose life you will save?

## Calendar

### Tuesday, March 24

- 18th Annual Fundraising Dinner featuring Dennis Swanberg. Very limited seating. Reservations required! Please call Marilois Campa, 229-460-8490 for seat availability.

### April

- Group Volunteer Counselor Training (Date TBA)

### May 10 – June 21

#### Mother's Day - Father's Day

- Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign. If you are interested in serving as the BBB coordinator for your church please call Marilois Campa at 229-460-8490 for more information. Please note churches may opt to hold their campaign at other times during the year.

## Honorariums & Memorials

### In Honor Of

Steve Gupton and John Dalton

Kendra Aldinger Mullins

### Given By

Beverly, Rhonda, Brenda, Gracie, Susan,

Ken and Jana

Dr. R.T. Aldinger Colonel USAF (RET.)

### In Memory Of

Virginia Whatley

W. Zipperer

### Given By

Theodora N. Gandy

Gloria Kelly

# “Live~Love~Laugh”

The Pregnancy Support Clinic of Valdosta's 18th Annual Fundraising Dinner, “Live~Love~Laugh” will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at the James H. Rainwater Conference Center from 7-9 p.m. This year's guest speaker will be Dr. Dennis Swanberg.

Dr. Swanberg is known by many as "AMERICA'S MINISTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT". For over 25 years, Dr. Swanberg encouraged the local church. Yes, Dr. Swanberg is an ordained minister, who speaks across the country to encourage people from all walks of life to look at the "lighter side of life".



Dr. Swanberg has been featured on the world-wide radio ministry of Dr. James Dobson's "Focus on the Family". He has spoken in many churches throughout the country and is the host of the weekly variety show "Swan's Place" aired nationwide, and the new "Dennis Swanberg Show", also seen weekly nationwide on the Trinity Broadcasting Network.

He uses laughter as a tool to break down people's barriers about themselves and he promotes faith and family values in a light-hearted and humorous way. He has the reputation for revealing and instilling hope and motivating people from all walks of life.

*“To everything there  
is a season, a time for  
every purpose under heaven:  
a time to be born...  
a time to love...  
a time to laugh.”*

*Ecclesiastes 3*

Dr. Swanberg graduated from Baylor University in 1976. He holds a master's and doctorate from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, TX.

The time you spend with Dr. Swanberg will not only bring you laughter and a time of reflection, but hopefully, you will leave feeling like you have just had a time of fellowship with someone over the backyard fence. Dennis has a beautiful wife, Lauree, and two sons, Chad and Dusty. He resides in airports all across the United States and sometimes makes his way home to Monroe, Louisiana.

The dinner is complimentary. Donations will be received at the end of the evening. Reservations are required; please call 229-333-0080 to reserve a seat. Your attendance and financial gift will support the life-affirming ministry of the Pregnancy Support Clinic for the coming year.

## Baby Bottle Boomerang Returns



For those of you who look forward to the Annual Baby Bottle Boomerang (BBB), your waiting will be over before you know it!

This year the annual campaign will be held between Mother's Day and Father's Day (churches may opt for another time).

BBB is an opportunity for ANYONE, regardless of age, to support our ministry. Participants fill baby bottles with spare change and then return the change to the Pregnancy Support Clinic. The collection of this change then changes lives, providing almost the entire annual budget for the Options Now Clinic on Canterbury Drive.

If your church is interested in BBB, please contact Marilois Campa at 229-460-8490. If you are interested in serving as the BBB liaison for your church, please contact Marilois for more information.

## Volunteers Honored at Dinner

On Nov. 6, 2008 the Pregnancy Support Clinic celebrated its 17th Anniversary by honoring the lifeblood of the ministry, our volunteers! Those present were (front row l-r) **Barbara Griffin, Janet Bennett, Joe Ann Stafford, Vicky Shelton, Nicole Yawn, Kathie Owens, Linda Carlson, Sarah MacLaughlin, Marilyn Renfro and Becky Deas,** (back row l-r) **Jim Owens, Aaron Kostyu, Cali Yocom, Elizabeth Deas, and Bob Tlusty.** We appreciate Northside Baptist Church for hosting the dinner for the past two years. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is held annually and is our way of saying, "Thanks to those who give so much to God's ministry at the PSC!"



## Praises and Prayers

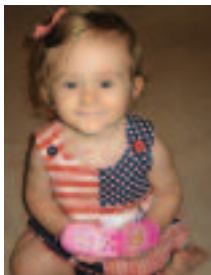
### *The praise of God is continually on our lips!*

- Praise God for 140 lives saved from abortion in 2008!
- Praise God for the 10 salvations in 2008!
- Praise God for the financial support of His people!
- Praise God for the volunteers who have stepped up to teach class!
- Praise God for the many churches who proclaimed the Sanctity of Human Life in January!
- Praise God for the students who heard the message of sexual purity at the Pure Love Conference!
- Praise God for the churches who held baby showers for our Baby Mall!

### *We make our requests known to God!*

- Pray for the clients who are struggling with financial needs.
- Pray for the clients who have health problems that endanger their pregnancy.
- Pray for men to become godly fathers.
- Pray for more volunteer counselors to complete their training.
- Pray for the Repeat Boutique Staff's health.
- Pray for the Repeat Boutique Thrift Store - a new law has been passed which restricts the sale of toys and other baby items in thrift stores.
- Pray for God to open the hearts of the clients to receive salvation.

## The PSC Wants YOU!



Do you feel called? ANSWER THAT CALL! Group Volunteer Counselor Training for the PSC will be held in the spring with details to be determined. Training also occurs throughout the year and other volunteer opportunities are available! **Call Pam Whitlock at 229-333-0080 to get started!**



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