

The South Haven Communicator

The Newsletter of the South Haven Pregnancy Center



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Greetings from the Executive Director

As our 5th year Anniversary approaches, we look back and know that the journey was made possible through the continued support of you, our loyal supporters. I appreciate everyone including staff, board members, volunteers, donors, and support churches. I appreciate each of you who pray for the ministry, as well as general well wishers who have made this upcoming Celebration of Life

possible! I appreciate each of you and all you do! Thank you!

I ask that you continue with us in this fight to save and change lives because even though the battle is not over, we are making a difference. We hear encouraging statements from our clients like, "I was so scared that I would be all by myself", "I felt like no one cared until I came here", "I felt like abortion was the answer for me but I now know that I must have my baby". Clients continually express to us the needs they had and how South Haven met those needs.

South Haven has two immediate needs that I would like to ask your help with:

We need sponsors to help underwrite the cost of the dinner.

We also need to restore our outdoor sign which has the name and phone number of South Haven.

Please consider contributing to the above needs or passing this information on to someone you know. Let's pray that each need will be met.

Thank you for all you are doing, have already done, and will yet do!

GOD BLESS YOU!



South Haven Hosts 5th Annual Banquet

Please join us on Thursday October 7, 2010 for our 5th Annual Banquet. It will be held at the Martinique Banquets, 8200 S. Cicero, Burbank, Illinois. Our theme is **South Haven Pregnancy Center: Five Years of Changing Lives and Making Birthdays Possible**. We are excited about our banquet because it is a time for us to see and fellowship with our current supporters. We also enjoy the opportunity to meet those who may be new to the ministry. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner, hear exciting center updates and encouraging testimonies. You will also be given an opportunity to support South Haven financially. Our featured musical guests will be Orbert Davis and Donyelle Deere. We know that you will be inspired by the evening that has been planned! Tickets are \$50 and can be obtained by calling South Haven at 773-221-2580. Please plan to attend and also invite your relatives and friends to join you! Let's come and celebrate life and what God has done through the ministry of South Haven Pregnancy Center!



Thanks for Hiking with Us!



South Haven Pregnancy Center again partnered with East Side Community Church to sponsor our 3rd annual Hike on June 12, 2010. The hike was held at William Powers Conservation Area also known as Wolf Lake located 12949 S. Avenue O in Chicago. The hike took place from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Our hikers were exceptionally brave this year because for the majority of the hike it poured rain! Later, the sun came out and it turned out to be a beautiful day. We consider the pouring rain showers of blessings because it was still a very successful hike. Thank you to each and everyone that took part in the hike by praying, giving, hiking in the rain, collecting pledges, and donating and preparing picnic food . Hope to see you next year!

To view photos from the hike please visit the photo gallery on our website:

www.southhavenpregnancycenter.org



Praise the Lord!

South Haven has purchased a new Ultrasound machine! Through your prayers and the generous contributions of our supporters, God has blessed us. Now, with this valuable tool, our clients will again have the ability to see their unborn child for themselves. This is a powerful tool in helping women choose life for their babies. A big thank you to each pro-life group, church and individual for your prayers and support!



We are excited to announce the South Haven will again have A CTA Ad on 40 Buses on the South Side. These ads are sponsored by the Hyde Park/Kenwood Pro-Life Association. The ads will run from September 13th until October 17th 2010. These ads are a great way of reaching the community and allowing the community to know what resources are available.

We are thankful for an increase in clients attending parenting classes! These classes provide support and instruction to these young women and their families as they plan to bring a new life into the world.

Keep On Praying!

Please pray for the success of our Annual Banquet. In addition to celebrating what God has done through the ministry, we also would like the banquet to be our source of much needed operational funds. We are praying that through the banquet South Haven will reaffirm the support of those familiar with South Haven as well as ignite a passion for the ministry among our new supporters.



A Life Saved and Changed!

Veta, a 32 year old recovering Alcoholic and mom of a 10 y/o came into the center feeling a lot of sadness and regret regarding a previous abortion. Veta was pregnant and still considered abortion as a possible choice in spite of the many emotions she was feeling about having had a previous abortion. Veta's counselor Sandra explained to her that if she felt that she just could not parent that adoption was a more loving choice. Veta stated that she was saved so Sandra reminded her of God's views on life, a child's right to life and God's love and faithfulness. Veta allowed Sandra to pray with her and left the center unsure of her final decision. Sandra made several follow up calls to Veta offering support and concern. The first three calls Sandra made there was no answer and she had to leave voice mail messages. Sandra persisted, and on the fourth call Veta answered and informed Sandra that she had changed her mind about having an abortion and was going to have her baby. Veta stated she was very happy with her decision and had made appointment for pre-natal care. Praise the Lord! Please continue to pray for Veta and the many challenges that she faces.



South Haven is Going Green



South Haven is going green!! Over the coming weeks and months please look for exciting new updates on our website. You can now read the current or past additions of the South Haven Communicator and you can also view event photos in our photo gallery. We are also excited that soon our supporters will be able to donate online. We would like to keep you updated via email concerning special events or announcements through our periodic e-blasts. The e-blasts come right to your inbox and help you stay connected with the exciting events going on at South Haven. If you would like to receive these electronic updates please send your name and email address to info@southhavenpregnancycenter.org



The 10-second Pro-Life Apologist

- If the unborn is growing, it must be alive.
- If it has human parents, it must be human.
- And living humans like you and I are valuable aren't they?

Notice we are not only saying "I'm pro-life!" We're giving the substance of that moniker: the unborn are human beings who are valuable. But in these three sentences we are doing something else that is just as important: we are giving reasons for others to take us seriously. We are seeking to persuade with evidence. And we're giving that evidence in sound bite form – this keeps the listener engaged and the conversation moving forward. It puts the ball back into their court in a gracious but incisive way.

Certainly the 10-second Pro-Life Apologist is not the only tool you should have in your toolbox. You should be ready to make a sophisticated case for your pro-life views by reducing the issue to only one question, showing there is no significant difference between the newborn and the unborn, and responding to attacks on your character and appeals to relativism.

You should also be able to make a more substantive case that the unborn is a living whole human organism distinct from the mother along with reasons to think a functional view of human value is inadequate. In any case, the 10-second Pro-Life apologist will give you a rock-solid starting point anytime you are asked to make sense of your view on abortion.

Sometimes opportunities come with a strict time limit. The person you are talking to interrupts, or changes the subject, or leaves to catch the bus. You don't want to be caught by surprise when you are presented with a chance to stir up thought on the issue of abortion. But as we've seen today, you can easily get them thinking.

All you need is 10 seconds!

Steve Wagner is a bio-ethics speaker for Stand to Reason and the author of a new book called "Common Ground Without Compromise - 25 Questions to Create Dialogue on Abortion." For help with talking for more than 10 seconds about your pro-life convictions, visit Stand to Reason at www.str.org.



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Save the Date
October 7, 2010
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Martinique Banquets
8200 S. Cicero Ave.
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About South Haven

The South Haven Pregnancy Center is a 501(c)(3), faith-based organization developed to address the vital needs of women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy. Our mission is to walk along side these women and their families and help them choose life for their unborn child. All of our services are offered at no cost to the client.

Please visit us on the web: www.southhavenpregnancycenter.org