

The South Haven Communicator

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Greetings from the Executive Director

I greet each of you with a heart overflowing with gratitude. Thank you! The two small words "Thank You" seem ever so inadequate when I think of your generosity and support to South Haven as we celebrate our 4th year of saving and changing lives! You have shown your love and have extended that helping hand that our clients need so desperately.

The South Haven Family is a unique group of caring people who each play a different role. Whether you are a staff member, board member, volunteer, donor, or prayer partner know that the contribution you make is valuable and is making a difference!

Like me, at times you may feel frustrated that we have not won this great battle we are in. However, I am thankful for all we have done, are doing, and are going to do. I am encouraged because at South Haven we are seeing fruit from our labor. Clients are saying what a difference we are making in helping them with their decision making. Clients are saying that they are glad the South Haven is here. They have expressed that the parenting class helped to calm many of their fears of what to expect during the childbirth process. Our clients let us know that while the baby clothing and Pampers mean a lot, to have someone available to support them, to listen to them and to care means even more.

Thank you again. May you be blessed for your kindness! You and your support are a gift to life.

"Praise the LORD, o my soul, and forget not all His benefits". Psalm 103:2



South Haven Hosts Annual Banquet

On October 15, 2009 South Haven hosted its 4th annual banquet at the Crystal Light Banquet Hall located at 8400 S. Cicero in Burbank, IL. Over 100 attendees enjoyed delicious food, great entertainment and excellent speakers. We were encouraged to continue our support of women and families facing a crisis pregnancy. Thanks to all of our supporters for your generosity.

Get Ready to Hike!

Put on your hiking boots! Fill your water bottles! We are hiking for life!

East Side Community Church will again be partnering with us at South Haven to sponsor our 3rd annual Hike on June 12, 2010. The hike last year was a big success and we are looking forward to an even more successful one this year. Our theme is "On the Move for Saving and Changing Lives". The hike will be held at William Powers Conservation Area also known as Wolf Lake located 12949 S. Avenue O in Chicago. The hike will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please join with us as we raise funds to assist women and their families who are facing a crisis pregnancy.

This event will be a fun filled activity for all ages. Come, bring family and friends and enjoy fresh air, a six mile walking trail and a free thank you picnic after the hike. There also will be prizes for the hikers who raise the most pledges. The exciting first place prize is a hot air balloon ride at Navy Pier! If you are interested in hiking please contact South Haven Pregnancy Center for a pledge sheet. If you are unable to hike but still would like to support our efforts, please contact South Haven to make your donation. Hope to see you there!!





Praise the Lord!

Our *Wait to Win* Prevention Program is reaching the community!

Wait to Win is a prevention program that is abstinence based. The program is designed to equip our youth and young adults with the knowledge, tools, and support needed to remain abstinent. Through the use of printed material, video, and panel discussions, this program seeks to empower young people to make healthy lifestyle choices.



This year over 200 youth and adults have been presented the *Wait to Win* materials in churches and school groups!

Keep On Praying!

Please pray for the success of the Hike. In addition to bringing in much needed operational funds we want the Hike to serve as an awareness campaign. We would like the Hike to increase community awareness concerning the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in African American teens, the increased rates of teen pregnancy, abortion, and sexually transmitted infections in the community.



South Haven needs a new ultrasound machine! Our ultrasound machine has been out of order since May 2009. Ultrasounds give mothers who are considering abortion the opportunity to see the life that is growing within them. At this time we are referring clients to Pass Pregnancy Center where they have agreed to see our clients until we can obtain another machine. Through generous donations we have received some of the funds required to purchase a new machine. We are praying for the additional \$ 2,600 necessary for the machine's purchase as our ultrasound ministry is vital to the services we provide. Won't you consider giving a gift today?

Stay Up to Date with South Haven

South Haven is going green!! Over the coming weeks and months please look for exciting new updates on our website. We also would like to keep you updated on all of the news at South Haven via your inbox! If you would like to receive electronic updates please send your name and email address to mrichardson7030@sbcglobal.net.



A Life Saved and Changed!

Diamond J, a 32 y/o client came into the center, and was told that her test was positive. Diamond's reaction was one of severe hurt and disappointment. Through her tears she expressed confusion and fear as to how she would manage, already having a son who was autistic. In spite of using all of her resources, Sandra (Diamond's counselor) felt very concerned for her client because of her extreme reaction to being pregnant. Sandra expressed these concerns to the Director who suggested very close follow up, prayer making sure to providing Diamond with all of South Haven's available resources.



Sandra's first call to her client revealed that Diamond was in the hospital after an attempt to take her life. Sandra and the Director discussed and made an intervention plan for Diamond that included an immediate visit to her in the hospital for support and encouragement. The goal was to ensure that Diamond did not feel alone, to make it known she had friends who cared about her, and to be sure Diamond was getting the professional medical help that she needed. Sandra visited Diamond, called her on a regular basis and found that client was following the medical treatment plan that had been outlined by her doctors.

Diamond called the center a short time later, stating how much better she was and that she felt much more hopeful and optimistic about the pregnancy and her future. Diamond stated how great, caring and helpful her counselor Sandra was.

While preparing for the birth of her child, Diamond called the center to inquire about the availability of items for her baby such as a stroller, car seat and crib. South Haven was able to provide these items. We are excited to report that Diamond gave birth to a healthy baby girl in April!

We praise the Lord for the power of prayer, a counselor's love and concern, and South Haven being there to meet client needs. We are grateful that Diamond was open and receptive not only to South Haven's services, but also to the physical and emotional treatment from her doctors.

Praise God! Each of you, through your support of the ministry, made this testimony and victory possible!



Ministries Making an Impact

Adapted from the Focus on the Family article: *Making an Impact* by Tom Minnery

Focus on the Family and the Tebow family were about to take the stage in front of the largest television viewing audience in history to offer a message of "Celebrate Family, Celebrate Life." Without any effort on our part, suddenly it was the most talked-about ad to run during the Super Bowl – by far! This ad was hyped by some as being the most controversial ad in Super Bowl history. Women's groups and pro-abortion advocates protested CBS, attacked the ad and accused us of spewing hate. No one in any of those groups had even seen the ad!

From the beginning, our primary purpose for the ad was to stimulate a discussion about the beauty and wonder of life and family. The Tebows' inspiring story of a mother choosing life for her son is a message that conveys hope and celebrates family. Since the ad aired on Super Bowl Sunday, our ministry has been responding to people asking for help with troubled marriages, addictions, abuse, parenting challenges, unplanned pregnancies and much more. More than 1 million people came to our site to watch the whole Tebow story. If you haven't seen the entire interview and story, I encourage you to visit the Focus on the Family Web site (www.family.org) to hear the Tebows' amazing testimony.

Please be in prayer that the powerful testimony of the Tebow family will continue to touch the hearts and lives of millions of people across the globe – particularly those women facing unintended pregnancies. Pray that we at Focus on the Family would continue to help families thrive.

The Power of Ultrasound

Adapted from the article: *Planned Parenthood Director Quits after Watching Abortion on Ultrasound* by Joseph Abrams

The former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in southeast Texas says she had a "change of heart" after watching an abortion. —she quit her job and joined a pro-life group in praying outside the facility.

Abby Johnson, 29, used to escort women from their cars to the clinic in the eight years she volunteered and worked for Planned Parenthood in Bryan, Texas. But she says she knew it was time to leave after she watched a fetus "crumple" as it was vacuumed out of a patient's uterus in September. "When I was working at Planned Parenthood I was extremely pro-choice," Johnson told FoxNews.com. But after seeing the internal workings of the procedure for the first time on an ultrasound monitor, "I would say there was a definite conversion in my heart ... a spiritual conversion."

Johnson said she became disillusioned with her job after her bosses pressured her for months to increase profits by performing more and more abortions, which cost patients between \$505 and \$695. "It's a very lucrative business and that's why they want to increase numbers." Without a doctor in residence, she said, her clinic offered abortions only two days a month, but the doctor could perform 30 to 40 procedures on each day he was there. Johnson estimated that each abortion could net the branch about \$350, adding up to more than \$10,000 a month. "The majority of the money was going to the facility," she said.

Since her departure from Planned Parenthood, Abby has been travelling the country sharing her story and motivating others to continue the pro-life fight. She also works on projects for the national 40 Days for Life team.



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Save the Date
October 7, 2010
5th Annual Banquet
Martinique Banquets
8200 S. Cicero Ave.
Burbank, IL

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