

The South Haven Communicator

The Newsletter of the South Haven Pregnancy Center



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Greetings from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters:

I would like to celebrate each staff member, board member, volunteer, pastor, minister, church, community leader, pro-life group and individual who is a member of our pro- Life team. We are MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!!

I would also like to extend a special welcome to all of the new members of our ministry family.

I know that the progress we have made during our journey has been made because we commit our way to the Lord, and trust Him for victory in the lives of those we serve. Those who give of your time, finances and other resources deserve to be celebrated. I appreciate each of you and all you do! I thank God for you and pray that he will continue to bless and keep you.

The journey is far from being complete, but let us journey on in faith until the battles are done and the victory is won.

I know many of you share my disappointment at the many twisted turns that America is taking away from what God would desire. I also know that no matter how out of control things seem, God remains in control. We are not walking this journey alone. God journeys right along beside us. Through His power we are making a difference! Lives are being saved and are being changed! As we continue to do our best he will do the rest!

South Haven Hosts Play

This spring, South Haven Pregnancy Center hosted the Family Affair Production of the play *Black Girl –The Stage Play* written by J.E. Franklin and directed by Paulette Flowers-Harvey. The play was presented **Saturday March 19, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Morgan Park Academy Theater located 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago. Attendees not only enjoyed the play, but also enjoyed purchasing items from the vendors who were present. Thank you for your support!



South Haven Will Host 6th Annual Banquet

On Thursday October 6, 2011 South Haven will host our 6th Annual Banquet. It will be at The Sabre Room, 8900 W. 95th Street in Hickory Hills, Illinois. Our theme is **South Haven Pregnancy Center: Giving Every Beating Heart A Chance**. We are excited to see and fellowship with our current supporters. We also look forward to the opportunity to meet those who are new to the ministry. We will enjoy a delicious dinner, and hear exciting center updates. We are also eagerly anticipating hearing the testimonies of some of the South Haven clients. Tickets for the event are \$50. Please call South Haven at 773-221-2580 to purchase tickets or for more information on how you can support South Haven Pregnancy Center. We look forward to seeing you at the banquet!



You Can Make a Difference!

Have you ever wanted to impact lives and families affected by a crisis pregnancy? Would you like to share with women how the decision for abortion can affect them physically, emotionally and spiritually? Are you interested in counseling someone who may be frightened, lonely and unsure of what to do? We have the volunteer opportunity for you!

On Thursday, September 8, 2011, from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., the introductory session of the volunteer counselor training class will take place at South Haven Pregnancy Center. Prior to **attending** the counselor training class, you must arrange an interview with Mildred Richardson. Appointments for interviews can be made by calling 773-221-2580.

During the class, volunteers will learn how to effectively communicate with clients, enabling volunteers to assess and meet the client's needs. During the training volunteers will also gain valuable information in order to effectively counsel women concerning abstinence, abortion, and sexually transmitted infections.



Praise Reports



Starting in early September, South Haven will have advertisements on all of the major South Side buses. The advertisement will be very visible as it will be located right behind the driver's seat. These advertisements are made possible by a generous gift from The Hyde-Park/Kenwood Pro-Life group! What a wonderful way to reach our community and tell others about the ministry of South Haven.

We are thankful that South Haven's Lydia's Room, where we keep our baby items, is well stocked. We have baby clothes, baby lotion, baby bottles and other baby items. We have many of the items because of baby showers given for the center as well as generous individual donations. We are grateful to be able to provide these items to our clients and their babies.

We would like to welcome Belinda Guyton who has joined The South Haven Family as a Volunteer. She is a Member of Body Of Christ Church where her husband, Pastor Ricky Guyton, is pastor. Belinda not only volunteers at the center on Thursdays, but also contributes much more time on other days and evenings. She and her church family have helped South Haven with a variety of other center needs. We are grateful and pleased to welcome her and The Body Of Christ Church to our ministry family!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for sponsors who will donate finances to offset the cost of the dinner.

Pray for an increase in the number of people who will be attending the banquet.

We pray that more clients who are considering abortion will change their minds and parent their babies or consider the choice of adoption.

We pray for increased awareness in the community regarding the horror of abortion. We pray for a change in attitude among those who believe that abortion is an acceptable choice. Finally, we pray for the ultimate end of abortion in our society.



Featured Client

Rose* moved to the United States from Africa, and was currently living with her boyfriend. Although not legally married, Rose considered herself married due to the cultural traditions of her country. Rose came to South Haven and was undecided as whether she should have her baby, or have an abortion. Rose had experienced a previous abortion. She stated she was now a Christian, but she still felt that abortion was a reasonable option to consider.

The counselor questioned Rose concerning her knowledge about God and what she believed about God's views on abortion and marriage. Rose's counselor explained God's views of marriage and how they differed from those held by Rose. She further explained God's view of abortion as well as possible physical, emotional, and spiritual side effects of having an abortion.

During their counseling sessions Rose's counselor shared God's expectations of how a Christian should live. Rose continued to learn valuable information and developed a really close bond with her counselor. Rose ultimately decided to parent and gave birth to her son on June 19, 2011.

Rose states that she is extremely happy that she decided to have her baby. She expressed great pride and joy because of her new son and excitement about the many new blessings in her life. Let's thank God for Rose's decision and pray for her continued spiritual growth.

*name has been changed

Diamond's Update

In our Spring 2010 newsletter we highlighted the story of our client Diamond*. We shared that when Diamond found out she was pregnant she attempted to take her life, but thanks to the counseling she received at South Haven, she was hospitalized, and got additional professional counseling. We reported that she gave birth to a baby girl in April of 2010 and that Diamond and her baby were both doing well. We are thrilled to report that Diamond is still doing great! She states she is enjoying being a mom and keeps South Haven updated on how well she is doing. Diamond appears to be doing an excellent job parenting. We praise the Lord for the ministry of South Haven

To read all of Diamond's original story please visit www.southhavenpregnancycenter.org and click on SHPC newsletters.



Walk-A-Thon 2011



On Saturday, June 11, 2011, from 10am-2pm, South Haven held its 4th Annual Walk-A-Thon. It was held at William Powers Conservation Area, 12949 Avenue O, Chicago, IL. The weather was cool and there were a few sprinkles, but it did not dampen the spirits of our walkers. Our walkers wore something green to demonstrate our commitment to the preciousness of life. After the walk, we enjoyed a picnic lunch which was generously provided by the members of East Side Community Church. We appreciate all who hiked, collected pledges and made other donations for the Walk-A-Thon. Please visit www.southhavenpregnancycenter.org and click on photo gallery for more photos of Walk-A-Thon 2011.





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Save the Date
October 6, 2011
10am-2pm
6th Annual Banquet
Sabre Room
8900 W. 95th Street
Hickory Hills, 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.

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