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## Spring/Summer Newsletter 2016

### A Salute to Fathers!

By Kay Gardner, Director, NOVA Pregnancy Center of Fairfax

Battlegrounds are full of struggle and passion--the defeat of death or the triumph of life!

At Sanctity of Life Ministries the battleground is observable on a daily basis. Though it is the women whom we more often see in the crosshairs of crisis, the influence of an invested male partner can never be understated--like the young man who recently fought hard for his baby's life. His uncommon act of courage and persistence countered the rationale of 'fixing the pregnancy mistake' through abortion.

The young man spoke winsomely of wanting to be the kind of father that he had never had. A dramatic start had been made earlier in the counseling session when he entrusted his life to the Lord. However, his child was still endangered as the couple contended with one another for the baby's life--the mother more tempted to solve the 'problem' by abortion. Even after she had prayed to receive Christ a few days earlier, fear would revisit. This prompted the worried father of the baby to call the center; a second ultrasound was agreed upon. That day, our ultrasound nurse, a staff member, the father of the baby and the young woman filled the tiny room.

All eyes watched the animated screen. The baby could clearly be seen--floating, moving, and LIVING. As the young mother peered at the screen, her voice suddenly broke the silence: "I will keep my baby for sure!"

Uncertainty was banished and smiles appeared around the room. It would be several months later that a tiny boy came

with his parents to greet our staff. Peace had surely triumphed...it could be seen in the eyes of a new mother who looked lovingly at her newborn son and his young father as well--so committed to be a part of the future. He had *embraced* the struggle.



As the authors of Fatherhood Aborted have said: "We need to embrace the struggle--the pain of growth--the way an athlete embraces struggle. Because it's when we stretch to become new men that we begin to see the work of God in us." (Condon, Guy and David Hazard, Fatherhood Aborted, Tyndale House Publishers, p. 115.)

This Father's Day our prayer for families is to embrace whatever the plan that God has in place--to stay the course in our family's life, to 'stay in the game' as God intended. The greatest love that was ever told involved sacrifice and commitment. As we meet Him at the Cross, we will find renewal and Hope and even resolution that marks a departure from absent, 'fatherless generations' of the past.

Your loving support of Sanctity of Life Ministries fosters the miracle of transformation. In this niche of very special ministry, the fields are teeming with the promise of new harvest--Life in Christ and Life in the Womb. **We thank God for you. Together we are making a difference!**

## Become a Life Builder!

Life Builders is a new monthly giving program we are beginning at Sanctity of Life Ministries.

Through your monthly donation you can make a big difference in the lives of many women who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy.

- \$25 per month will purchase a one-month supply of pregnancy tests.
- \$50 will purchase a one-month supply of prenatal vitamins for one center.
- \$75 purchases medical supplies for ultrasounds.

**Help us build a strong culture of life!** Your monthly gift will go a long way towards helping many women and men.



We are determined to offer as many free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and resources to our clients to enable them to give their baby the best start in life. We want to point all of our clients to Life in Christ...Life in the Womb. For further information, [go to the LifeBuilders page on our](#)

## PRAISE & PRAYER CORNER

### PRAISE:

For a new lease agreement at Fairfax that cut our monthly expenses.

For more church & individual donors!

### PRAY:

That more abortion-minded and abortion-vulnerable women hear of our services and contact us.

Counselors would be BOLD in sharing their faith and bring clients to a point of decision.

Many more clients would dedicate their lives to Christ.

*What Our*

[supporter website](#) or call us today on 703-278-5433.

## Clients say

*"I love how caring and understanding my counselor was!"*

*"They helped me believe in God even more."*

### Event Calendar: 2016

Tuesday, September 13 to October 25  
Post-Abortion Recovery Bible Study / Alexandria

Saturday, September 24  
1st Annual Run/Walk for Life / Burke Lake Park  
Burke, VA  
Registration 8:00 am  
Run/Walk begins: 8:30 am

Saturday, October 1  
Introduction to Counselor Training

### Janet Parshall

#### SLM's Keynote Speaker 2016 Fellowship Dinner



A full ballroom of wonderful SLM supporters heard Janet Parshall's riveting speech at our annual dinner in April. As a popular radio and television personality known for 'no frills' straight talk, Janet addressed the cultural battle of life and death in the national arena. Janet is a powerful contender for preserving babies' lives and stirring hearts to receive God's greatest prolife gift in the history of mankind: the Cross. Thank you to everyone who attended the dinner & supported SLM.

### Attention! Increasing our Medical Outreach



To focus on increasing our medical mission at our centers this year, we are planning to increase our ultrasound appointments with the addition of a third nurse sonographer in the

fall.

To increase our services, we are phasing out our Material Needs program by January 1, 2017. But we are building up our parenting classes through the "Earn While You Learn" program and adding more

### 2016 SLM Client Statistics through May 1:

\* Nearly 300 clients seen so far!

\* 10% increase in "AT-RISK CLIENTS" from 1 year ago.

\* Over 100 ultrasounds performed to date.

\* At least 45 moms changed their minds from abortion to LIFE so far this year!

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

SLM's 1st Annual  
RUN/WALK FOR  
LIFE

Saturday,

topics to enable clients better preparation for parenting.

Due to these changes, we will now accept only **NEW** item donations including baby clothing, car seats, cribs, pack and plays and gift cards. To donate new items, please call the center located nearest to you **FIRST** to know which items are needed. Thank you so much for your generosity over many years!

September 24,  
2016  
Burke Lake Park  
Burke, VA  
Registration 8am  
Run/Walk begins  
8:30am

Please join us to  
run/walk for life  
and raise money  
to help more  
women and  
babies in Northern  
Virginia!



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