



Life in Christ.
Life in the womb.

Fall Newsletter 2018

Compassionate Care Makes a Difference

Recently, we've been highlighting stories of how compassionate care can make a huge difference to a woman in crisis. Care of any kind in a type of crisis helps, but compassionate care where the love of Christ is presented? There's something different there. We are convinced that only Christ can bring true transformation, and He's shown Himself time and time again to our clients.

Ekaterina, originally from Russia, came to our Alexandria center in need of medical care. She didn't have insurance and had no idea where to go for care. Ekaterina was able to receive her initial free pregnancy test and ultrasound which confirmed her pregnancy. However, it was a difficult process for her to obtain insurance to cover her prenatal care, so she went without care for months. In the meantime, though it wasn't a substitute for a doctor's care, our Nurse Manager offered Ekaterina another ultrasound as a training scan for our then-new nurse sonographers. It was during this training scan that Ekaterina learned she was having a little girl. The compassionate care made such a difference to her that she named her daughter after our Nurse Manager, Michelle. We are so grateful for these two and their story!



MOM + BABY MICHELLE

Though every client completes an exit survey before they leave, sometimes certain ones stand out. Hear how compassionate care and Christ made a difference for this client:



Client Quote of the Day

**"I WALKED IN FOR AN ULTRASOUND
AND WALKED OUT WITH JESUS."**

What did you like most about Nova Pregnancy Help Center?

'The faith-based foundation. I walked in for an ultrasound and walked out with Jesus.'

Please comment on how NPHC can continue to improve:

'Keep up the good work. ❤️👍'

[See More Client Stories on Facebook](#)

Save the Date: 2019 Fellowship Dinner



Mark your calendars: the 2019 Annual Fellowship Dinner will be held **Friday, April 5, 2019** at the **Fairview Park Marriott!** We are looking forward to another wonderful evening of fellowship and celebration of what the Lord has done in our ministry.

We are so looking forward to hearing from our **Keynote Speaker, Roland Warren!** Roland is the President and CEO of Care Net, a national network of pregnancy centers - Nova Pregnancy Help Centers are proudly affiliated with Care Net! Roland is an inspirational servant leader

with a heart for Christ and a mind for business. After 20 years in the corporate world, Roland spent 11 years as president of National Fatherhood Initiative before joining Care Net in 2012 as president and CEO.

Roland is much more than his impressive credentials as both a strong leader of a non-profit and business leader. Many years ago, while a student at Princeton University, he and his girlfriend (now wife) walked through a personal crisis pregnancy which set the tone for his lifelong trajectory and calling in Christian ministry as a man of Godly vision and transformation. He can personally identify with making a life-altering decision at the point of crisis. Carry that forward through nearly 20 years of servant leadership, and you will hear a heart that seeks transformation for every woman and man who walks through pregnancy center doors as well as churches who connect with our mission.

We are particularly inspired by Roland's passion for creating disciples: he seeks to shift the culture in the pro-life world to focus not just on advocating for life, but also to inspire each and every person we touch to become disciples of Christ.

CEO Corner

Dear SLM Partners,

This is a season of change and growth at our two centers! As many of you know our **See More, Save More** online fundraiser was an amazing success because of *your* outpouring of support. With a grand total of \$26,110 donations from this campaign, we are now able to **expand our open office hours to Saturdays to offer more ultrasounds to clients**. As the only pregnancy resource center in the area to be open for free medical services on Saturdays, we will begin with two Saturdays per month and will further increase Saturday hours as we are able.



Beyond the medical staff required to support our expanded Saturday hours, there is still major planning to be fully operational. Our Saturday staff will include a nurse sonographer, center services staff member and two volunteers. We appreciate your prayers for planning, staffing and securing additional administrative volunteers. If you have interest in being an administrative volunteer on a Saturday but you've been unable to because you worked full-time, **now** might be the time to call our center directors.

The number one day of the week that abortions are performed is on Saturdays. Offering compassionate care and allowing women to be fully informed about all of their options is critical in the current cultural climate that sees abortion as a quick and easy solution. We want to offer love, hope and help to women who need free medical services and support.

In light of our medical expansion, I am reminded of the verse in Hebrews 12:1 that says: "Let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us." He loves life and He calls us to uphold every precious life...mother and baby! We are excited to move forward! It gives new energy to our outreach. Please pray we will **reach more** women and men in the NOVA community with life-saving services.

Margery Williams, CEO

Want your church to engage in the mission of SLM? Consider participating in Sanctity of Human Life Sunday!

On Sunday, **January 20, 2019**, many churches across the nation will participate in **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** to share with their congregations the message of **Life in Christ...Life in the Womb!** Want your church to participate? Invite Sanctity of Life Ministries to provide bulletin inserts for your church, client stories and videos to share, or ask us to send a staff member to speak at your church! We'll be sending out personal letters to church staff soon - if you want to get the planning started, email us today!



[Email Us about SOHL Sunday!](#)

New Client Advocates are Joining the Ranks!



October 12th and 13th highlighted two full days of SLM Client Advocate training. This enacted Phase I --a more academic preparation that initiated preparation for client coaching. A teaching team effort, the material was presented by Dionne Jones-Maloney, Director from NOVA

Pregnancy/Alexandria, Gail

Johnsen, Counselor Training Coordinator and Evangelism Mentor and Kay Gardner, Director from NOVA Pregnancy/Fairfax. The three trainers brought a depth of knowledge and years of experience to share with the seven attendees. Phase II, the Practicum, has now been launched...the 'hands on' portion! This training phase involves: educational films to supplement the practical, evangelism, and intake role-playing and observation-- trainees observing the seasoned Client Advocates in session. Ultimately the trainees *will be observed* conducting sessions with clients. This will be followed by being released, on an individual time-table, to 'solo' in the counseling room. Mission accomplished!

Interested in hearing more about volunteering? We're always in need of administrative volunteers, client advocates at both centers during the week (M-Th 9-5), and as we'll soon be instituting expanded hours, we'll need volunteers on Saturdays as well! To hear more, click below to see the application and more information!

[Learn More About Volunteering](#)

Calendar Updates

November 8 - Serving Your Client with Excellence Inservice

November 12 - Veteran's Day, NPHC closed

November 21, 22 - Thanksgiving, NHPC closed beginning at noon on the 21st

November 27 - Giving Tuesday

Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 - NHPC closed for Christmas & New Years

January 20, 2019 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

April 5, 2019 - Annual Fellowship Dinner

Giving Tuesday is Coming! Remember SLM!

SAVE THE DATE



#GIVINGTUESDAY™

There's Black Friday, there's Cyber Monday, and then comes Giving Tuesday! People around the world will choose nonprofits and charitable organizations to support on Tuesday, November 27th - we ask that you consider Sanctity of Life Ministries if you choose to participate in #GivingTuesday! Your gifts will make a life-changing and indeed life-saving impact for our clients in crisis and their babies! We'll be sending out more info on Giving Tuesday soon - stay tuned!

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