

Fall Newsletter 2019



*Life in Christ.
Life in the Womb.*

Renewed Vision

Shelly, a senior at George Mason University, came to our center in distress. When she met with her client advocate, Shelly shared she recently entered into a relationship with a man she considered her “soul mate”. Having mapped out a detailed plan for her future, which included marriage and a career in health care administration, Shelly began to panic when an at-home pregnancy test proved positive. She believed having an abortion was the best decision for her relationship and her professional future.

Setting up an appointment at a local county clinic to obtain confirmation of her pregnancy and an ultrasound, Shelly felt confident in her decision until the nurse revealed that she was expecting twins. She immediately left the clinic and searched the internet for a place to find support.

Shelly found refuge at our Fairfax center and expressed shock and deep disappointment in herself about her pregnancy with her client advocate. Adding to that shock, her boyfriend was not sure about supporting her pregnancy, and Shelly was fearful about her family’s reaction. Shame consumed her as she had been raised in a Christian home and never wanted to be pregnant outside of marriage. Her client advocate encouraged her that God could transform her situation – replacing shame and fear with His love and purpose, which would enable her to make choices for a more healthy and constructive life. In that conversation with her advocate, the Holy Spirit really touched Shelly’s heart and she rededicated her life to Jesus Christ. She made a renewed commitment to live in fellowship and obedience to God’s plan for her, and her babies.

Returning a few weeks later for her ultrasound appointment with a noticeable change in spirit, Shelly’s situation still remained complicated. While she was

now estranged from the father of her expectant twins, her mother and the rest of her family wholeheartedly embraced her pregnancy. She clearly had surrendered her original plan to God's plan for herself and her children and now wanted to equip herself for their arrival. She participated in our 5-week Earn While You Learn program, receiving guidance as well as education about labor, delivery, birth and caring for her babies.

Recently, Shelly completed her 5th and final Earn While You Learn class and went home with a new crib and two diaper bags packed full of infant care items. She was a new woman in Jesus Christ and was so grateful for the spiritual impact on her life, as well as the equipping and education that she received from our team at the center. We look forward to meeting and celebrating her two little ones in March after her delivery!

[Read More Client Stories on our Blog](#)

CEO Corner



Dear SLM Partners,

We praise God for our new Fairfax center headquarters at 3919 Old Lee Highway, Suite 81B! My heart overflows with how God provided beyond what we could have asked for or imagined! Ephesians 3:20!!! This was the most complicated move and build-out in the history of SLM – an 8 month process to find a suitable,

affordable space, design a suitable space plan (combining 3 condos into 1) to use now (but provide flexibility for the future), contract the build-out and then MOVE. Our new offices are proving to be an excellent location for meeting clients and provide room to grow for the future. Our SLM on the Move campaign blessed our ministry so much at a critical time of need....our goal was \$37,000 and to date we have received over \$35,000!!! This is truly amazing. THANK YOU to our dedicated and faithful SLM partners who made the daunting expense of this move a miraculous reality! We praise God for how He prompted you to respond so generously. We believe that God allowed us to be in this space and we pray He will take our ministry outreach to the next level.

Our overall client traffic was not greatly impacted during the center closing for 1 week and 2 days. Our Alexandria center hummed with activity and handled

all client appointments that were redirected from the brief closure of the Fairfax center. Clients found our “new” center before we opened and were knocking on our doors before the moving boxes were emptied...God’s confirmation of His choice for Nova Pregnancy Help Center of Fairfax’s new home!

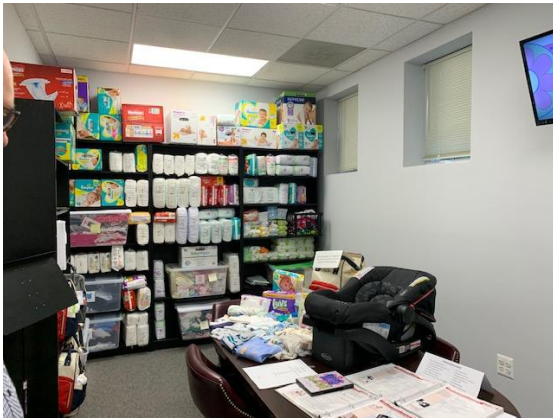
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Thank You for Joining Us!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Fairfax Center Open House and Dedication on Sunday afternoon, October 27th! More than 150 guests were present for our dedication and we were so delighted to share our new center with so many SLM partners. Here are a few pictures to share with you!





Hail and Farewell!

Kay Gardner, our Fairfax Center Director, is stepping down from her role and retiring after serving Sanctity of Life Ministries for **19 years!** Her faithfulness and passion for spreading the word of God has been so apparent during her time with SLM. Kay is not only a beloved director, but also a passionate evangelist and mentor to our clients. God has used Kay as a vessel for transformation in the lives of so many of our clients, our volunteers, and our staff.

"Sending a fond farewell to the wonderful board, staff, volunteers and countless others whom I've met through Sanctity of Life Ministries. The calling to serve at SLM has been such a personally rewarding experience over the years! During this next season of life, I look forward to mentoring and writing knowing that God will use my life experiences for His glory." – Kay Gardner



We're Hiring!

Sanctity of Life Ministries is hiring a new Center Director for Nova Pregnancy Help Center of Fairfax. This Center Director is responsible for managing client

services for the NOVA Pregnancy Help Center in Fairfax, Virginia. This includes administration and daily operations of the office, staff and volunteers. The position is full time (32 hours – Monday through Thursday) and reports directly to the CEO. If you're interested in learning more about the position, or would like to apply, please visit the job posting by clicking the button below.

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2020 Fellowship Dinner - Save the Date!

We are pleased to announce some details of our 2020 Annual Fellowship Dinner.



Keynote Speaker:

ABBY JOHNSON

*Former Planned Parenthood Director, Author of Unplanned,
Founder of And Then There Were None*

2020 SANCTITY OF LIFE MINISTRIES
FELLOWSHIP DINNER
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

Reception begins at 6:30 pm | Dinner begins at 7:00 pm
Fairview Park Marriott | Falls Church, VA 22042

We are very excited to welcome **our keynote speaker, Abby Johnson!**

Following the dinner, Abby will be available for photos and book signings. Copies of Abby's book will be available for purchase on the night of the event; all proceeds to go Sanctity of Life Ministries.

Thank you to everyone who has already shown interest in participating in our 2020 fellowship dinner. Table Host, volunteer, and event registration information will be sent out in January.

Please Welcome Our Newest Staff Member!

"Hello, my name is Cathryn Proulx, and I recently assumed duties as the Office Administrator at NOVA Pregnancy's Fairfax office. My background is in administration, and I have served in various Department of Defense organizations in the military and as a contractor. I first learned about Sanctity of Life Ministries through my church. While donating some clothing items, I had a conversation with the Alexandria Center Director about how I could become more involved.

In 2018, I attended a volunteer interest meeting and began serving at the Alexandria center, providing administrative support and learning as much as

possible about this wonderful ministry. A few weeks ago, I received news that the Office Administrator position in Fairfax was opening because the previous Office Administrator had answered the call to adopt. As an adoptee myself, I was very excited to hear about this sweet story of God's perfect plan and timing. I'm looking forward to being part of the Sanctity of Life team!"

Prayers and Praises

Prayers -

- That the Lord would provide our Fairfax center with a new Center Director
- For a couple who visited our center and found out they were 16 weeks pregnant... WITH TWINS! Although they have decided to parent, they have some very challenging personal circumstances.

Praises -

- For our beautiful new Fairfax center!
- For the positive response to our newly launched monthly Earn While You Learn group classes.



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