



Partnering Together for Life

Assist Pregnancy Center

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Letter from the Director

Dear Friends ~

Having spent the summer recovering from a long-overdue shoulder surgery, I had time to consider how analogous my situation is to abortion in America.

My surgery was the inevitable result of denying that the joint had been seriously compromised 30 years ago and that the injury required time and attention to recover properly. I continued to ignore intermittent pain, intent on living "business as usual" and expecting the problem would go away. That was until the situation got so bad as to restrict my ability to sleep or perform everyday tasks.

Like my own initial injury, legalized abortion paved a slippery slope of denial. Even after technology proved otherwise, allowing us to hear a heart beat at 21 days, identify brain waves at 40 days, and observing the perfect formation of a baby at just 10 weeks gestation, the denial of life continues to be promoted in schools, the media, and even within science and faith communities.

By ignoring the fact that a life altering event has or will occur with an abortion, a woman tries to live life "business as usual." But in reality, an abortion not only snuffs out a life, but wounds a soul. Studies indicate a significant correlation between abortion and depression, suicide, divorce, infertility, and other secondary 'injuries.' Multiply these by the estimated 1 in 4 women in this nation who have experienced or will experience abortion in their lifetime, and you have a societal 'injury' of seismic proportions. (See page 3 for more on this.)

Abby Johnson, formerly a regional director for an abortion provider is now a spokeswoman for life. Her book, entitled *Unplanned*, reveals the truth about the industry of abortion, but also points to

the fact that many who advocate the "right to choose" abortion on demand do so with good intentions. Denial remains a powerful force.

But denial only lasts as long as the reality can be suppressed. As we are made more aware that abortion has devastating effects on our society as a whole, our 'head in the sand hoping it will go away' mind-set becomes increasingly unsupportable. If healing and recovery are to occur, we must face the truth, and then commit the necessary time and effort, sometimes painful, to fully heal.

Unlike my shoulder surgery, recovery from the effects of an abortion is spiritual in nature. John Encore, this year's speaker for our upcoming Fall Banquet, will share with us how pregnancy centers minister to the individual hearts of women (and men) as neither laws nor medicine can. And while we cannot change or heal hearts, at Assist we point them to the One who can. God has called us to co-labor with Him in this process and through it, we ourselves are transformed.

Thank you for being part of the surgical team that repairs broken lives and broken hearts. May our collective efforts bring restorative healing not only to individuals but collectively to the whole Body and ultimately, to our Nation.

**Partnering for Life,
Jane**



Proverbs 24:11-12

"Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it?"

Wish list:

Due to limited space, please call ahead before making any material resource donations.

Thank— you!

Our Mission:

Assist Pregnancy Center exists to share the love of Christ by encouraging life-affirming choices with individuals facing unexpected pregnancies.

Our Hours:

Monday & Tuesday
Noon - 6 pm
Thursday
2 - 8 pm

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703.354.7272

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703.354.7291

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www.assistpartners.org

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www.assistpc.org

Common Denominator - Seeing Lives Changed

by Cynthia Thomas

Serving at Assist can come in many forms. From supporters, to volunteers, to staff and board, the one thing those who work and serve here share is the joy of seeing lives touched by Christ and hope restored to the hopeless. As in many ministries it is common to move from one position to another. That is what occurred this summer with the move of Tammy Patrignani from Director of Finance and Administration to Director of Outreach, and Jackee Knight from volunteer (extraordinaire) to Financial and Database Manager.

While she sits at the same desk in the same office, Tammy is thrilled to have a new challenge as Director of Outreach. "I like the creativity of the position (vs. finances) and I like working with people. It's refreshing," she said. Tammy previously worked as Director of Student Services at Regent University, (Alexandria Campus) from 2000 - 2005, where she finished her degree in communications.

Tammy came to Assist in November 2009. Recruited by good friends to help with the banquet that year, she felt God calling her to the ministry and soon thereafter applied for "wherever God needs me." Though she and Jeff, her husband, who had retired from the Army, moved to Fredericksburg, Tammy said she asked God if He was calling her to this ministry, to make her attitude towards the commute endurable. "And He's been faithful!" she said. "It gives me the opportunity to listen to books on tape and Scripture."

Having helped tremendously with the recent transition to an online database system, WayCool, and with a background in accounting, it was a natural for Jackee Knight to come on staff in Tammy's previous position.

"I've known about Assist for years (from Immanuel Bible Church, IBC), but really decided to volunteer after Rodney Darville spoke there on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (in 2010). I completed the client mentor training, but saw there was a need for volunteer coordination, so I helped with that. Then there was a need in transitioning to a new database transition so I helped there. It was natural that when the job opening came that fit my professional background I was very interested." Jackee said it has long been a prayer request of hers to work at a ministry she feels passionate about. "I love working here. I look forward to coming to work. It's a great fit for my skills and I'm passionate about Assist's ministry of Life."

Originally a farm girl from Nebraska, Jackee attended college and worked in Clemson, South Carolina. She moved to Northern Virginia and met her husband, Mike, at Mclean Bible Church, where they were both involved in the music ministry. They now attend and are involved at IBC.

Both women agree that it is the servanthood and the heart of the people they work with at Assist that compels them to serve here. "I love that we share more than just the practical help with pregnancy but also share Christ's love that will bring hope to their lives," Jackee said and Tammy echoed.



Tammy & Jackee training together in their new positions

Change that Adds Up for 'Life'

Mother's Day through Father's Day of 2011 Assist held a Baby Bottle Boomerang (B3) and the churches who participated blessed the ministry with their generosity. Volunteers Joellen Binder and Madeleine Neitz, who assist as the 3B's Co- Coordinators, joyfully shared the mission of Assist and the generosity of the Body of Christ with the employees at the local BB&T. Everyone watched with enthusiasm as bottles' contents added up. God is so amazing in how He provides opportunities for His servants to speak 'life', even at the bank!

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Pastors of the six churches who participated in this year's drive and allowed us to share this opportunity with their congregations.

Chantilly Bible Church raised \$417.23

Christ Chapel Assemblies of God raised \$772.36

Cornerstone E. Free Church raised \$1,013.45

Harvester Presbyterian raised \$672.32

Immanuel Lutheran Church raised \$1,200.05

St. Athanasius Lutheran Church raised \$283.92

Bringing the campaign total to \$4,359.33

Thank you to the organizers at each church who passed out and collected the baby bottles. Your help was invaluable.

Thank you to all the various groups who participated (children's youth groups and schools, adult Sunday school classes/small groups and general Church Body).

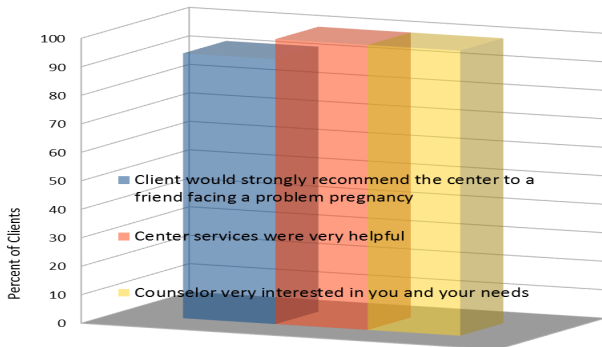
Thank you to all the helping hands at the Center who helped with everything involving the preparation and follow-up of the baby bottles.

A special thank you to Joellen and Madeleine as B3 Co- Coordinators for their enthusiasm and selfless help. They would ask anyone who comes across any 'stray' baby bottles (full or empty), to be sure to turn them back in to Assist and help us keep our replacement costs down.



What Our Clients are Saying About Us

*"I like the mission the center does for women. It's very helpful and I'm thankful for the prayer."
 "[My client mentor] was caring, very helpful, didn't seem to judge, took me in at the last minute."
 "I enjoyed learning from the videos and the personal attention I received from my advisor.
 There is nothing that can be changed. Thanks for the opportunity and the help given." (Translated from a Spanish-speaking client)*



Feedback is one critical way that Assist ensures we are meeting the client at her point of need and continuing to provide excellent services that glorify God. For this reason we ask every client who comes to us to complete an exit form after the first visit to let us know how we are doing. Over the past six months we have received evaluations from nearly 50 clients.

Here at Assist, we know that an effective follow-up is a key component of our ministry. This is done through follow-up phone calls, prayer, sharing the Gospel with them, enrolling them in our Earn While You Learn pre-natal and parenting programs, or other relationship and marriage programs that we offer.

Many of our clients keep in contact with us long after their time of need. Recently, two clients who miscarried let us know how much they appreciated our being there for them with love, support, and prayer. In the celebration of life or the sharing of grief, we are blessed to know that God is working in our clients' lives and that they are referring others to Assist.



*Did you know we're on Facebook?
 Search for Assist Pregnancy Center,
 Tell us if you 'Like' what you see.*

Some Truths about Abortion...

....so that we don't lose sight of our desperate condition, and the incredible grace that God has given us through His Son in light of it. As we consider these statistics or share them with others, may we do so with the overarching Truth of God's provision for our sins in Christ Jesus, and always speak the truth in love.

- *African-American women make up 14% of the female population, but account for 30% of all abortions (Guttmacher Institute, 2010).
- *Abortion kills more African Americans than HIV, violence, accidents, cancer or heart disease combined. (National Center for Health Statistics 2008).
- *Women who abort are six times more likely to commit suicide than those who haven't (European J. Public Health, 2005).
- *Abortion further traumatizes victims of sexual assault, and the majority of those who have suffered from rape or incest do not choose abortion (Victims and Victors, 2000).
- *Since 1973, abortion has been legal in the US through the 9th month for virtually any reason (Doe v. Bolton, US Supreme Court, 1973).
- *Despite the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, late term abortions (21 weeks or more) are still legal In 2006, over 8369 late term abortions were performed (Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009).
- *Due to the gender-preference and one-child policy in China, over 1 million girls in India and China have been aborted as a result of sex-selection (The Economist, March 2010).

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Assist's 22nd Annual Fall Banquet

Shine like Stars, holding forth the Word of Life

Philippians 2:16

Please join us

Thursday September 22

at the Waterford of Springfield ☆ 6:30 pm reception, 7 pm Dinner

Keynote Speaker: John Ensor

To RSVP call 703-354-7272 or visit www.assistpartners.org



Reservations required, RSVP no later than September 14th

Abortion Recovery

One Day Workshop
Saturday, November 5

Abortion Recovery Bible Study

Begins January 26, 2011

Thursday evenings

6 - 8 pm for 8 weeks

Call 703-354-7272 for more info.

Sexual Integrity Bible Study

October 6 ~ November 10

Thursday 6 - 8 pm

to sign up email

services@assistpc.org

Volunteer Interest Dates

October 4 - 6:30—9:30 pm

This first three-hour block is re-
quired for all volunteer positions.
Additional Client Mentor training
takes place on **Saturday, October
8 from 8:30 am-4:30 pm** and the
next 3 Tuesdays **October 11, 18 &
25, 6:30-9:30 pm.**

All training is at the Center.

Volunteer Interest Mtgs.

October 6 ~ 2-3 & 6:30 - 7:30 pm
September 13 ~ 1 - 2pm

826 Babies
Reported in our 22
Years of Ministry!



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