

LIFE Lines



News & Information for We Care Pregnancy Clinic Ministry Partners

January 2010

New Year, New Decade—Same Vision

We prepare for 2010 with anticipation, knowing that God has a plan for We Care to continue touching lives with the hope of Christ, to continue changing hearts and to continue saving lives in the process. You received a letter in December with 67 stars—one for each baby whose mom chose life during 2009. We celebrate those precious lives! Thank you for your faithfulness to this ministry. That commitment is clear through your prayers, your interest in all that happens at We Care, and your financial support.

During 2009, We Care's programs: **Prevention, Options, and Support After the Choice** and the services we offer in each, all experienced significant increases in the number of participants. During 2010, look to LifeLines and our website just for you—WeCarePartners.org—for updates, information and ways to become more involved.

We Care's Prevention Program offers two day presentations in high schools, information tables and speakers on two college campuses, as well as education and encouragement to women and men who come to the clinic.

After a recent "No Regrets" high school presentation, in a class where 60% of the student indicated that they had already had sex, a young man wrote:

"You have had a major impact on my life and I cannot thank you enough. You have not just told me not to have sex but given me reason to help me make my own decision to wait. Thanks for your reassurance. I have no doubt that waiting is right for me."

A 15 year old girl in that same class wrote:
"I think the program made me think a lot more about the relationship I am in now. It also made me decide to stop having sex and wait till I get married. And my boyfriend agrees."



"No Regrets" impacts the lives of more than 1,000 high school students each year. Information tables, health fairs, roses, flyers and display windows reach more than 25,000 college students with the same encouragement to make healthy relationship choices.

The Prevention Team would appreciate your help. Possibly interested in speaking? Come visit a school and see the program. Do you like to bake chocolate chip cookies? Call Heather at **815-748-4242** or email her at **Heather@WeCarePregnancyClinic.org**.

Thank you for being there with us—you are appreciated!

■ Katie Mehne, Executive Director

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"Your eyes saw my substance being yet unformed, And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me when as yet there were none of them." Psalm 139:1

Personally Opposed, *but...*

"I'm personally against abortion, but I'm still pro-choice. It's a very difficult decision, but it's a legal alternative and we don't have the right to keep it from anyone."



This article is taken from Randy Alcorn's *ProLife Answers to ProChoice Arguments*

Pro-choice individuals are constantly saying "abortion is a very difficult decision" and "it's a heart-wrenching choice for a woman to have to make, so let her make it in peace." The logical response to this is to ask "Why is abortion such a difficult decision? I don't get it. Please explain it to me."

If they hesitate to respond, as they often do, the follow-up question is, "If it's just a blob of tissue, if it's not really a child, then it should be no more difficult than choosing to have your appendix removed. Right? So what is it about abortion that makes you say it is so difficult and heart wrenching?"

If abortion doesn't kill children, why would someone be personally opposed to it? If it does kill children, why would someone defend another's right to do it? The position of being personally against abortion but favoring another's right to abortion is therefore self-contradictory and morally baffling. It's exactly like saying we're personally against child abuse, but we defend our neighbor's right to abuse his child if that is his choice.

Those who were pro-choice about slavery fancied that their moral position was legitimate since many of them didn't personally own slaves. Yet it was not just the pro-slavery position, but the pro-choice-about-slavery position, that resulted in the exploitation, beatings and deaths of innocent people in this country.

In ancient Rome, it was legal for fathers to kill their newborn children by setting them out to die of exposure or be eaten by wild beasts. While many people would not do this with their own children, they recognized the rights of others to do so. The early Christians saw this "right" as a wrong, and when they could find such children they took them into their homes to care for them.

Those who are "pro-choice" are, by definition, willing to extend the right of choice to the arena of killing babies. They must therefore take responsibility for the killing of those babies even if they do not participate directly—just as those who are pro-choice about crimes of racism must take responsibility for those crimes even if they do not personally commit them. To the baby who dies it makes no difference whether those who refused to protect him were pro-abortion or "just" pro-choice.

One of the weakest arguments for the legitimacy of abortion is the fact that it is legal. Civil law does not determine morality. Rather, the law should reflect a morality that exists independently of the law. Can anyone seriously believe that abortion was immoral on January 21, 1973 and moral on January 23, 1973? If abortion killed children before the law changed, it continues to kill children after the law changed. Law or no law, either abortion has always been right and always will be, or it has always been wrong and always will be.

For more information about *Eternal Perspective Ministries*, www.epm.org.

Circle of Care Banquet

An evening with
the Stars

"You shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life."

Phil 2: 15b-16a

God's provision for We Care always blows me away. Thank you all! Not only did we fill the room to capacity, the ministry received **\$42,000** toward our \$165,000 annual budget. For 42% of those at this year's banquet, it was their first time to attend a We Care event. And we had at least 42 churches represented at the banquet—funny that "42" keeps showing up!

Here is another "42"—Psalm 42 begins "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God." Thank you for praying for and supporting this ministry to a generation who thirst after the Truth.

For more pictures:

<http://wecarepartners.org> and click on "An Evening with the Stars"

The Leading Cause of Death

She told them that abortion is killing off their culture: 13 million black babies have died in the womb since 1973—more than 2.5 times the total number of deaths among African-Americans during the same period from AIDS, cancer, accidents, heart disease, and violent crime combined.

She told them that one-third of all abortions are performed on black women, according to the Centers for Disease Control, even though blacks make up only 13 percent of the U.S. population.

Finally, Adetunji used models and an interactive DVD to show the class that it is not "tissue" that dies during an abortion, but a living child with

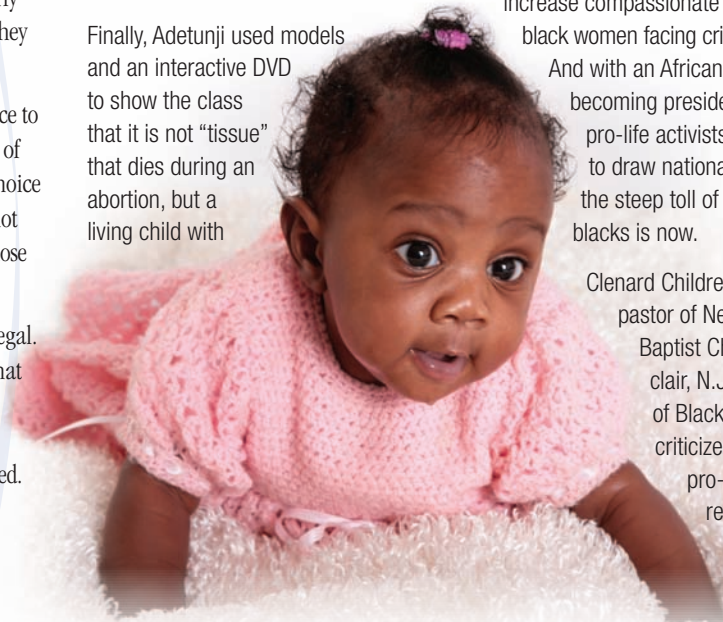
eyes, a beating heart, and tiny hands and feet.

"One young man on the front row was in tears," Adetunji recalls. Another got up and walked out. Later, he returned and confided to the professor in anguish: "I didn't know! I made her have three! . . . I didn't know!"

Adetunji is among a growing number of people working both to educate African-Americans about the truth of pregnancy and the ravages of abortion, and to increase compassionate outreach to black women facing crisis pregnancies.

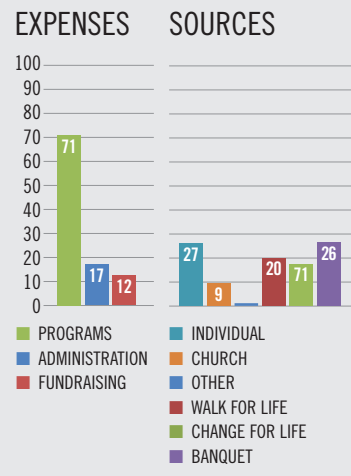
And with an African-American becoming president, some urban pro-life activists say the time to draw national attention to the steep toll of abortion on blacks is now.

Clenard Childress Jr., senior pastor of New Calvary Baptist Church in Montclair, N.J., and founder of BlackGenocide.org criticizes Obama's pro-abortion voting record and rhetoric but says, "The





WE CARE'S BUDGET FOR 2010 IS \$160,000



CARE CALENDAR

- January 24**
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- February 4**
Introduction to Volunteering & Training Seminar begins
- February 21**
Change for Life Bottle return
- May 1**
Walk for Life
- November 5**
Circle of Care Banquet

PRAYER REQUESTS

- That what women and men hear at We Care will touch their hearts and impact their lives.
- For women and men to respond to God's call to attend the Intro to Volunteering on February 4
- That men will accompany their partners and be open to meeting with a male Client Advocate
- For women and men who have experienced abortion: that they will seek hope and healing

h In the Black Community?

good thing about an Obama presidency is that we now have a face to put on the genocide of African-American babies in this country."

Indeed, the face of the minority survivor in the Oval Office racially represents many abortion victims. Ninety-four percent of all abortion doctors are located in metropolitan areas, with seven in 10 of these in predominantly minority-populated communities, according to Care Net, a Virginia-based coalition of more than 1,100 pregnancy resource centers. **The result:**

African-American and Hispanic women, who together make up about one-quarter of the female population, account for 57 percent of the 1.2 million abortions performed in the United States each year. In some urban areas, abortions among minority women now equal the number of live births.

That trend spurred Care Net to launch its Urban Initiative in 2003. Since then, the group has opened 14 PRCs in metropolitan areas, including Philadelphia's New HOPE Pregnancy Center. In 2005, Herb Lusk, an African-American pastor in Philadelphia known for his poverty-fighting efforts and

biblical conservatism (see WORLD, July 29, 2000), asked members at Greater Exodus Baptist Church if they knew where the nearest pregnancy resource center was.

Martin Luther King Jr. used biblical precepts to fight for the upward mobility of blacks, he said. "But liberal black leaders like Jesse Jackson and [NAACP chairman] Julian Bond today use the rhetoric of civil rights to advance their personal agendas and validate their own existence. They invoke Dr. King's movement, but they have left the God of that movement."

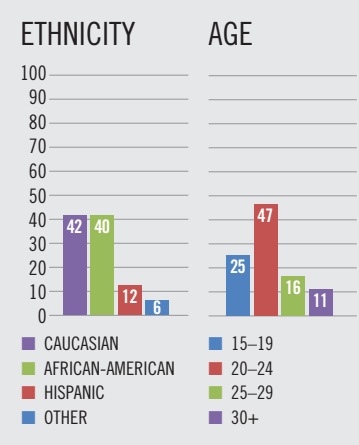
THE STATS:

Since 1973, more than 50 million surgical abortions have been performed in the United States. The death toll from abortion is more than all the casualties from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Iraq War combined.¹

Abortion is the leading cause of death among African Americans. In fact, you can stack deaths from HIV-AIDS, violent crime, accidents, cancer, and heart disease one on top of the other and still not come close to the 16 million black babies that have died by abortion.^{2,3,4}

Although African women account for 37% of all abortions, they only make up 12.7% of the female population.^{5,6}

WHO ARE THE WOMEN WE SERVE?



NEEDS:

Wash Cloths, Baby lotion, Sleepers, Crib/Porta-crib sheets, Volunteers to help sort donations—2 days a month

“WHEN WE CONSIDER THAT WOMEN ARE TREATED AS PROPERTY, IT IS DEGRADING TO WOMEN THAT WE SHOULD TREAT OUR CHILDREN AS PROPERTY TO BE DISPOSED OF AS WE SEE FIT.”

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON, FEMINIST

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home. At We Care Pregnancy Clinic, the
mission field comes to us each day with
emotional hurts and a need for hope.
We have that hope, in the person of
Jesus Christ.
Whether your strengths are
administrative or evangelistic, or
if you have the tremendous gift of
listening, we have a place for you.
Interested? Join us for the "Introduction
to Volunteering" on Thursday,
February 4. Come and hear about all
the ways to serve here and perhaps find
your perfect mission field right here at
We Care—touching lives with the hope
of Jesus Christ.



Contact Sharon at 815-748-4242 or
Sharon@WeCarePregnancyClinic.org.
She will send you a brochure with
more information. Pre-registration
is required.
Go to www.WeCarePartners.org for
more information for you, our
ministry partners.

LIFE *Lines* RESPONSE FORM

January 2010

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

- I would like information about the *Introduction to Volunteering*
- Please sign me up for We Care's Prayer Partner Network (please print your email address above clearly)
- I would like information about We Care's fundraising team for Walk for Life and Circle of Care Banquet
- Enclosed is \$ _____ to support the life-saving work of We Care

Would you consider making a donation to help cover the cost of all of this advertising?

- We Care Banner: \$185
- 2,000 Roses (just 50c each): \$1,000
- Bags of information (2,500)—including a magnet, brochures, poster, yummy treat: \$2,000
- Bus Ads (per month)
Street Side: \$200 Rear: \$100 Curbside: \$160
- Classified Ad in Northern Star (per semester): \$600
- Facebook Advertising (per week) : \$100