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Life Lines Newsletter

Message from the Executive Director

As I write this, I am counting the many Blessings bestowed on SPRC this year and thanking God for them. There are truly so many, beginning with our new and returning clients to retaining our long-term volunteers and acquiring new ones. A Blessing of mine is serving as the Director and the Nurse Manager for much of this year.



I am also thankful for the dedicated Board of Directors who provide the structure by which we continue this Blessed ministry: Dave, John, Carol, Steve, Bev and Taryn and for the others who contributed in the past.

Each supporter of SPRC is a Blessing for which we offer our thanks and our admiration for helping us stay true to our mission and keeping our "boots on the ground" for families. The Board, the staff and the volunteers could not carry this ministry without your donations, your care and concern and your love for what we do. As 2023 wanes I ask that you consider an end of the year donation and also consider a monthly pledge. As you know, having a reliable income base each month is so important to nonprofits like ours.

When you receive this newsletter we will be nearing the celebration of the greatest event in history, the event that changed the world. Of course that is the celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we celebrate his first coming let us pray for all who don't yet know our Savior that this Christmas the scales will fall from their eyes and they will know Him. Merry Christmas.



2023 Annual Banquet and Fundraiser

As you may have already heard, this year's Annual Event was very successful! Our attendance was 135 guests, some of whom were attending for the very first time. We received several donations after the event from individuals who were unable to attend so we now total about \$30,000. We are so very blessed to have such wonderful supporters. We can continue to serve women, babies and families only because of your generosity!

We are always interested in your comments, criticism, and compliments about our events. We want to make this an enjoyable experience for all. Please send event suggestions and comments to us at help@salidapregnancycenter.com or administrator@salidapregnancycenter.com or call us at 719-539-7436.

Two 2024 Ballot Initiatives

There are individuals currently collecting signatures for two initiatives to have them on the 2024 ballot in Colorado. Please read and research before signing any petitions.

One of these is titled "Right to Abortion", sponsored by pro-abortion organizations COBALT, COLOR, with support from Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains. The only provision keeping Colorado from being the number one destination for unrestricted abortion in the US is a 1984 constitutional prohibition against the use of public funding for abortion. This initiative would codify abortions right in the state Constitution and provide taxpayer dollars to subsidize abortions.

The other initiative is "Protections for a Living Child", sponsored by Colorado Life Initiative. This is not a good option considering our state's current political climate and may well be harmful to Colorado Pro-Life efforts in the long-term. If voted into law this initiative would make abortion a "homicidal offense" and force closure of abortion facilities. Based on the failure of several pro-life legislative proposals and previous defeats of ballot proposals this will not be successful. However, it may well cause voters to support the "Right to Abortion" driven to that initiative by media scare tactics and lack of voter education. I recommend not signing the petition for initiative, "Protections for a Living Child."

Please contact Pro-Life CO at www.prolifeco.org for more information.



Quarter 3, 2023

Community Impact

Nov 2022 - Oct 2023

Client Visits	507
New Clients	44
Shopping	232
Parenting Lessons	53
Value of in-kind Donations	\$11,780
Volunteer Hours	354



How You Can Support SPRC

PRAYERS

Monthly Donations

Online donations can be made at www.friendsofSPRC.com

Donate by mail:
 Box 1363 Salida

Volunteer at the Center

In-Kind Donations:
 of new and gently used clothing, baby items, no used car seats.

Diapers size 3 & 4

Postage Stamps

Printer Paper

30-gallon trash bags

Small bottles of water

Healthy snacks for families.

SPRC Hours

Monday: 10-3
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: 12-5
 Thursday: 12-5
 Friday: 11-4
 Saturday: Closed
 Sunday: Closed
 Closed all Federal Holidays



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Continuing to fight for Abortion Pill Reversal

In April of this year Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed into law SB 23-190, which, among other things, "outlaws" the provision of Abortion Pill Reversal to women who change their mind after ingesting the first abortion medication. The first pill, mifepristone, interferes with the nutrition the baby is receiving through the placenta and causes the baby to starve.



At that time Colorado became the first state legislature in the country to specifically and legally ban prescribing and administration of this abortion reversal. Medical providers and clinics were prohibited from assisting women who chose life for their unborn child. Medical providers who continued to provide this care could be accused of "unprofessional conduct" by the state medical board and the state board of nursing. Ironically in 2022 the state legislature passed

another law that prohibited the interference, "free from government interference" with a woman's decision about her reproductive choices.

A Denver-area Catholic medical clinic, Bella Health and Wellness, subsequently filed a lawsuit against the governor of Colorado, the state attorney general and every legislator who voted for passage of this law. These plaintiffs stated that they "sincerely believe that they are religiously obligated to assist any woman facing a threat of miscarriage who requests their help, whether that risk arises biologically, due to physical trauma, or because she willingly took the first abortion pill."



On October 21, 2023 U. S. District Judge Daniel Domenico, granted their request to stop enforcement of the law and allow the litigation process to proceed. The state has 30 days to appeal the decision. In the decision Judge Domenico stated that the plaintiffs "have demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits of their free-exercise claims against the law, SB23-190."

Bella Health and Wellness also provides many services including primary care, gynecology, infertility help, pediatric care and men's health care, as well as abortion pill reversal.

References: denvercatholic.org; heartbeatinternational.org

Announcements

1. Do we have your current email? Please send it to us at help@salidapregnancycenter.com so we can update your contact details. Soon we will be converting some of our information to emails.

In September SPRC revealed two new websites to serve the needs of our Clients and our Supporters. The Client site can be found with the same address at www.salidapregnancycenter.com This site is expressly for providing information and support to Clients, especially women and men who may be facing an unplanned pregnancy.

The other site www.friendsofprc.com has information for those who are inquiring about upcoming events, needs of the Center, and donating. Supporters can contact the Center Director on this site and will receive a personal response. Please look at the sites and tell us what you think about them.

2. SPRC is very pleased to have been awarded two Grants in October. Applying for grants is an important supplement to the financial support that we receive from individuals, churches and businesses in our community. One of the grants we received was from the Chaffee Community Foundation. This grant of \$2,000 will be used to purchase new car seats for children, aged newborn to one year. The goals of the program are to introduce more fathers to the Center, to provide useful parenting information and to decrease the number of used car seats circulating in the community.

The other grant was received from the Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs. This grant of \$1,500 will be used to continue to educate our community about the Safe Haven Program. In Colorado, as in all other states, a parent may safely relinquish an infant at a designated provider, without being charged with infant abandonment. Safe Haven providers in Colorado are hospital Emergency Rooms and manned Fire Stations. The grant will also help us provide supplies and education to hospital and fire department staff.

Coming Events :

December 4-8 Clients will be able to select from an assortment of new toys for their children for Christmas. Toys were donated by St. Joseph Faith Formation children previously.

December 25 Celebration of the Birth of our Blessed Lord; the reason for the season.

January 22, 2024 National Sanctity of Human Life Day

April (date to be determined) Our Annual Ladies Spring Fling and Silent Auction. This year we are thrilled to have an assortment of Longaberger baskets in the Silent Auction. Don't miss this!

May 12 Mother's Day to June 16 Father's Day: Baby Bottles will be available in all participating churches.



"We are ready for Christmas, Are you?"



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