

## LIFE

In Iowa, at least a dozen abortion facilities are relying on telemedicine to bolster their profit margins. Women who walk into the facilities expecting to personally meet with a licensed physician are instead seated in front of a computer. . The physician who prescribes the medication is on the computer screen. That medication is RU 486, a dangerous abortion drug. The women press a button on the screen, and a little box opens up with the medication in it.

There's no physical exam, no doctor to ensure the young women's safety. She's on her own." (Bradley Mattes, Executive Director, Life Issues Institute)

At Carolyn's Place we think the greatest blessing of serving is that we have the opportunity to meet each person as an individual, personally and "where they're at." Each person comes to us with his or her unique story. And very often the real reason that they've come to us takes them by surprise.

Recently a young woman walked into our Center saying that she had just found out she was pregnant. She wasn't sure what she wanted to do. "I have nothing to give this baby." We began to talk. I listened with my heart as well as my head.

Veronica asked me about Carolyn's Place. I brought her into the living room and showed her the picture of Fr. Rousseau and Carolyn Marie and told her our story. I could tell she was touched by the story and I knew she was beginning to feel "safe." Then the crisis line rang. I apologized, told her to make herself comfortable and went into the other room to answer the phone. The few minutes I was on the phone gave God the time to reach deep inside Veronica's heart. I came back into the room to a young woman weeping aloud! Veronica's story spilled out from a heart broken by three abortions. When she said "I have nothing to give this baby," she wasn't just talking about material things. She was speaking as a woman whose very nature had been erased. Buying into the rhetoric Veronica had made the horrible decision to "terminate three pregnancies!" In her own words Veronica told me that each visit to the clinic to verify pregnancy and "decide what to do" lasted no more than a half hour. All three abortions happened within a year and a half. And each time the advice was the same "you're in an abusive relationship, you're unemployed, no family support. Termination is best." Not once did anyone suggest counseling to help Veronica understand why she was in an abusive relationship; no one suggested housing in a "safe" place nor was adoption discussed. No one SAW Veronica. This time when she found out she was pregnant, a friend (not knowing her history) suggested Carolyn's Place. Her friend had attended our Earn While You Learn Program and received material things. And so Veronica rang our bell and God began His healing work.

We referred Veronica for professional counseling. She began her healing process at Carolyn's Place. We met weekly for three and a half months. We went through boxes of tissues as she poured out her heartbreak, her guilt and her perceived unworthiness. In the end she named her three precious babies, asked and received their forgiveness; begged and received God's forgiveness and finally- and most difficult- she forgave herself. Years of feeling "dead inside" gave way to a young woman with new purpose. She saw the baby she was carrying as a real gift and "proof that God hadn't thrown me away." She took our Earn While You Learn classes, continues with counseling and reconnected with family members. Watching God work is such a privilege. Seeing His mercy in action reminds us that none of us is outside of His radar. It's also a reminder that we must forgive and love unconditionally. Veronica has learned these lessons and will teach them to her little boy.

"At the end of the day, pro-lifers can offer something the pro-abortion side cannot: genuine compassion for the *whole* person, the willingness to give our time and resources, and most of all, hope for a mother and her child. That's something you just can't dispense by a vending machine." (Bradley Mattes, Executive Direct, Life Issues Institute)

### *Mission Statement*

**"Love one another"**  
(John 13:34)

*Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center is a ministry committed to empowering individuals, through education, comfort, and assistance, to make life choices related to their sexuality and child-bearing consistent with the sanctity of human life.*

## *God's Special Gifts*



### A DOCTOR'S WISDOM

A worried woman went to her gynecologist and said, "Doctor, I have a serious problem and desperately need your help! My baby is not even 1 year old and I am pregnant again. I don't want kids so close together!"

So the doctor said: "Ok, and what do you want me to do?"

She said: " I want you to end my pregnancy and I'm counting on your help with this."

The doctor thought for a little while, and after some silence he said to the lady: "I think I have a better solution for your problem. It's less dangerous for you too."

The woman smiled thinking that the doctor was going to accept her request.

Then he continued: "You see, in order that you not have to take care of two babies at the same time, let's kill the one in your arms. That way you could rest some before the other one is born. If we are going to kill one of them it doesn't matter which one of them it is. There would be no risk for your body if you chose the one in your arms."

The lady was horrified and said: "No doctor! How horrible! It's a crime to kill a child!"

"I agree" the doctor replied, "But you seemed to be ok with it, so I thought maybe that was the best solution."

The doctor smiled, realizing that he had made his point.

He convinced the mom that there is no difference in killing a child that's already been born and one that's still in the womb. The crime is the same!

# Be a 2010 Member of Carolyn's Place!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO "SPREAD THE WORD."

Did you know that the rates of teen pregnancy have started to increase again? The *University of Connecticut Health Center* reports this finding along with the fact that Waterbury's percentage of teens having babies was almost double the statewide average. Another recent report shows that Connecticut is one of the top five states in the country for teenage abortions. Right choices are NOT being made!

Many of these teens are scared, alone and uninformed. We at Carolyn's Place strongly feel that we must do more. Teens need to know that Carolyn's Place is there for them. This increased awareness is critical to reach our youth and to help. This year's membership fundraising drive will directly fund this important initiative to "spread the word" among our youth. With your help we can reach out through advertising, new web site capabilities, public relations and involvement with schools and community groups.

We have counted on your help in the past. We now ask you to please renew your membership - or to become a new member this year in the Carolyn's Place family. Your support will make our "Spread the Word" awareness campaign possible. Information describing membership levels is provided below. A donor reply slip and a return envelope are enclosed in this newsletter for your convenience. If you have already become a 2010 member, we thank you.

## Cornerstone Circle: \$2,000 +

<p><b>\$2,000 helps fund</b> the complete re-design and enhancement of our internet web site. The web site work is essential in reaching out to our youth who are active internet users. Important information on abstinence, pregnancy, support services &amp; other information will be easily accessible at any time. The web site address will be widely publicized &amp; be posted on all Carolyn's Place communications &amp; advertising.</p>	<p><b>Your Membership Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Honorary Board of Directors Membership</li> <li>-Guest of Honor designation at Annual Dinner</li> <li>-Special engraving on "Wall of Honor"</li> <li>-Recognition in Annual Report &amp; Meeting</li> <li>-All newsletters and activity updates</li> </ul>
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## Pillar: \$1,000 +

<p><b>\$1,000 supports</b> needed advertising in publications and appropriate media to increase awareness of Carolyn's Place within the community. Ongoing advertising will allow youth to understand Carolyn's Place is a trusted place to contact via web site, telephone or visit for information and assistance.</p>	<p><b>Your Membership Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Special Recognition at Annual Dinner</li> <li>-Pillar engraving on "Wall of Honor"</li> <li>-Recognition in Annual Report &amp; Meeting</li> <li>-All newsletters and activity updates</li> </ul>
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## Protector: \$500 +

<p><b>\$500 funds</b> the outreach for our "Earn While You Learn" programs at our Center. Young mothers and fathers are provided with valuable information on fetal development, parenting skills and input on supporting a healthy pregnancy and a safe &amp; loving home.</p>	<p><b>Your Membership Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Protector engraving on "Wall of Honor"</li> <li>-Recognition in Annual Report and Meeting</li> <li>-All newsletters and activity updates</li> </ul>
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## Patron: \$100 +

<p><b>\$100 purchases</b> educational materials to distribute to educators, doctors and the community. This outreach supports the awareness of Carolyn's Place and referrals of women with unplanned pregnancies.</p>	<p><b>Your Membership Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Patron listing on "Wall of Honor"</li> <li>-Recognition in Annual Report</li> <li>-All newsletters and activity updates</li> </ul>
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## Guardian: \$25 +/-

<p><b>\$25 allows</b> our staff to go off site and travel to schools, community groups and events to talk about abstinence, healthy choices and Carolyn's Place services.</p>	<p><b>Your Membership Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Recognition in Annual report</li> <li>-All newsletters and activity updates</li> </ul>
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# S O N C E R E

## Scouts Add Beauty to Center



Girl Scout Troop 60592 Crestwood Service Unit from Oakville, under the leadership of Mrs. Gina Donato, spent three weekends this spring doing a service project at Carolyn's Place. The girls, along with some help from their parents, cleaned and landscaped the backyard parking and entry area of our Center. The project included repairing, sanding and staining the entry ramp, deck and cellar door; weeding, planting annuals and perennials, and adorning the gardens with personally decorated slates and landscape ornaments. They also used vinyl gutters to cleverly



railings to our back entrance.

The girls spent months planning the project including making a landscape plan, raising funds and acquiring the materials. They are also working on a picnic table to add to the landscaped area. They did a FABULOUS job and we are so blessed to have such a committed and talented group of girls share their skills and ideas with us.

## MOUNTAIN OF DIAPERS



Fr. Alan Hill from the Immaculate Conception Church in Harwington along with parishioners Jim Zasso, Bill Polinsky and Al Royer delivered "mountains of diapers" and other personal needs items for Carolyn's Place to distribute to moms for their babies. The Chairman, Jim Zasso headed this large parish collection of much needed items. We are so grateful for all of the time and effort that went into such a generous collection.

**THANK YOU**



## KNIGHTS HOLD BBQ AND RAFFLE

Once again the Knights of Columbus Council #53 from Seymour sponsored a BBQ as a fundraiser for Carolyn's Place. The event, spearheaded by

Alex Overkamp, had delicious food including pulled pork, barbecue chicken, spare ribs, hot dogs, several salads and delicious desserts. In addition to the food, the Knights held a major raffle with first prize of an Apple ipad, second prize of Yankee tickets and third prize of a beautiful handmade onyx necklace and earring set. Plus there were many smaller door prizes and raffles so many people were lucky winners! This year's total was triple that of the past raising \$2700!!! We are not only grateful to the Knights for the money raised for our ministry but also for bringing so many people together for good food and fellowship in support of life.



**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH**

# THANKS

## BLESSED BY BOOMERANGS

We have been truly blessed by the generosity and support of so many schools and parishes who sponsor a Baby Bottle Boomerang. Due to the generosity of so many these events are extremely successful and provide Carolyn's Place with much needed resources. Aware of the current economic difficulties which affect so many of us, we are even more grateful for the outstanding generosity of so many individuals.

THANK YOU ...

During the Lenten Season, the entire student body of **St. John the Evangelist School in Watertown** held a Boomerang. The Student Council coordinated the event which included grades Pre-K to 8. They raised \$1,932.04. THANKS for a great job!

This spring, **St. Michael's Church in Beacon Falls** sponsored a Boomerang which raised \$1,082.32. We are grateful to the parishioners and especially to Nancy Betkoski for coordinating such a successful event.

Under the leadership of Roland Miller, **St. Francis Xavier Parish in New Milford** sponsored their first Boomerang for Carolyn's Place this spring. They did a fabulous job, raising \$5,018,48. Thank you for your generosity.

**St. John of the Cross Church in Woodbury** recently held a Boomerang which, to date, has raised \$530. We are thankful to the parishioners for their generosity and their years of support to our ministry.

**St. Aloysius Parish in Plantsville** held their annual, Lenten Boomerang for Carolyn's Place. Once again they did a fabulous job raising \$5,537.37. Thank you very much for the outstanding support. We are extremely grateful.

This year the **Church of the Epiphany in Cheshire** held their first Boomerang. Thank you to Linda Thomas for coordinating the event and to the generous parishioners who donated a total of \$1,831.07. We are truly grateful for all your support.

Once again, **St. Rose of Lima Church in Newtown**, has shown their support for our ministry by sponsoring another Boomerang. Although the money is still coming in, to date, they have raised \$3,410. We truly appreciate your continued support. A special thank you to Helga Roegel for coordinating the fundraiser.

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Naugatuck** held a boomerang event for us this Spring. Coordinated by Joanne Dowling, they raised \$XX. We are grateful for the generosity of the parishioners and thank you for your support.

## IF YOUR PARISH OR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:

- Purchase, or borrow from us, a sufficient number of baby bottles for your parish or organization.
- Distribute a baby bottle to anyone interested in participating.
- Ask them to fill the bottle with spare change.
- Have everyone return the filled bottle at the end of a specified time period. (Usually about 3 to 4 weeks.)
- Total the donations, and send one check to Carolyn's Place, Inc.
- Return borrowed bottles to Carolyn's Place, or save your purchased bottles and reuse for a future boomerang.

## EDUCATION CORNER



### DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that sex releases certain chemicals in your brain that change the way you think? “ The hormones released during sex work to bond you like super glue to your partner.”

Drs.D.P Orr, M. Beiter, G. Ingersoll  
“ Pediatrics” 1991

## *From the desk of Ellen*

The last few months have afforded us the opportunity to become even more involved with the youth in the Waterbury community. From mid-March through mid-June we took part in SWIP( Strong Women in Progress). The program was sponsored by Waterbury PAL and Connecticut Works. Each week 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls from the three Waterbury Middle Schools, ( who were dubbed our “ Diamonds in the rough”), came together to learn about self-respect, responsibility and goal setting. It was a time of planting seeds. And as any gardener knows, it takes time to see the fruits of our labor! We also met with the Willow-Plaza Youth Group headed up by Nisha Alves. This group gets together regularly. In some respects, this group of male and female high school students, are their own extended family. Under Nisha’s guidance they’re helping one another navigate the teen years and supporting one another in their personal lives. Carolyn’s Place will be going back in August, to address goal setting and how to reach those goals in a healthy, fulfilling way.

### Spring/Summer 2010 Wish List & Thank You!

(If you can help with any of these items, new or used, please contact us at (203) 597-9050.

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Size 5 diapers, Outdoor extension cord, Home Depot gift card, Staples gift card, 8’X11’ photo albums, First class postage stamps

**LABOR NEEDED:** Occasional small carpentry and painting jobs, some yard clean-up

We are sincerely grateful for the donations we received from our Winter Newsletter. A special thank you goes out to Dorothy Morrissey for donating the printers and paper, the anonymous donation of paper towels, Terry Beaudoin for the colored computer paper and Jean Luc Fortin and Dave Parady for help with some carpentry and maintenance needs.

## Respect Life Mass in October

Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop of Hartford, will celebrate the Annual Respect Life Mass on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. The Mass, which begins at 2:00 p.m., will recognize parish pro-life representatives, young adults, and all those devoted to expanding the culture of life. A children's choir from St. Bernard Parish in Enfield will sing with Dr. Ezequiel Menendez at the organ. Please bring your family and friends and join in the celebration of life! This event is sponsored by the Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford. If you have questions please call Sister Suzanne Gross, Program Coordinator at 203-639-0833 or 203-238-1441 or email Pro-Life Ministry, sister-suzanne@prolifeministry.org.

## Additional 2009 Members

### Friend

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Linck

Ms. Susan S. Jason

Ms. Maria M. thompson

### Patron

Ms. Kathleen Grisgrabber

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelly

Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

St. Therese of Lisieux

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR GREATEST ASSET.**

Carolyn's Place is blessed with many volunteers of all ages and abilities, female and male. You can assist with a one time project or a long term service. The opportunities for volunteering are in many areas: Phone consultant for our 24 hour hotline; Education Team member; organizing personal needs items for babies; maintenance for cribs as well as the Center upkeep; yard work; computer data inputting; outreach and awareness in the community; newsletter preparation including writing articles and formatting; assisting with mailings- including stuffing, folding and labeling; prayer warrior and much more. Please consider being a part of our volunteer family. Pray about it...you never know where God may lead you.

I might be interested in Volunteering at Carolyn's Place.

Please send me information about Volunteer Opportunities and a Volunteer Application.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle) Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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