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**Our Vision:** To protect and preserve the sanctity of each human life and to promote healthy Christ-centered families within the Tiftarea in partnership with regional churches and communities.

### **Guest Commentary**



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For me it still seems like yesterday - August 19, 1999. While on assignment at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, the click of my camera's shutter changed my life forever.

Dr. Joseph Bruner was performing fetal surgery for spina bifida on Samuel Armus — at just 21 weeks gestation — as I was shooting photos for USA Today. Suddenly I saw the uterus shake and little Samuel's fist force its way out. His tiny arm flailed about and when the doctor squeezed his hand Samuel responded, squeezing back.

I fired my camera and was mesmerized as the more Samuel squeezed, the harder Dr. Bruner pulled. My camera was capturing the earliest human interaction ever seen on film.

Here in the states, I was originally told the photo—though miraculous—was too graphic for the U.S. literary market. On Sept. 7, 1999 however, USA Today ran the photo and it soon spread across the globe. In Europe, a media firestorm spread regarding the photograph that came to be known as *The Hand of Hope*.

Much later Dr. Bruner would claim Samuel was under anesthesia and could not have reached out, saying he alone was responsible for creating a staged photo. version of history. Was Samuel under anesthesia as Dr. Bruner claims? Perhaps; as I'm no expert. Yet I saw—with my own eyes and my camera—a little fist burst forth on its own. After seeing the miracle of pre-born life, my world and my viewpoint would never be the same.

I'm sure Dr. Bruner has reasons for his

Samuel—the most important person in this story—is now ten and doing well. He is a joy to visit with, exuding optimism at every turn. Samuel knows—as do I—that his photograph is changing hearts every day.



As I share my story at pro-life events around the world, one of the greatest blessings is seeing first-hand the importance of pregnancy resource centers. At these ministries, men and women—many for the first time—experience true compassion. And these ministries—just like a photo of a child grasping hope—are winning hearts and saving lives.

**Our Mission:** To inspire and equip individuals to make healthy choices for life and relationships by providing life-affirming medical and educational services, pregnancy and post-abortion support, and sexual integrity programs while sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Michael Clancy is an a w a r d - w i n n i n g photojournalist and frequent speaker at prolife events. His story can be found on the web at Michael Clancy.com.



### **Comments from our patients:**

"I loved seeing the baby"

"Everyone here is very friendly and made me feel comfortable"

"The ultrasound made it become more realistic"

"I liked the medical personnel"

"They show that they really care"

very relaxing and the counselor was very nice"

"The office is

"I like how they treat you" "I really love that she believes in God"

## A BIG thank you to *The Big Picture* Advertising Agency

who has volunteered their time to help us with our new logos. They are continuing to donate their services to help with more marketing needs.



Another BIG thank you to *Plant Telecommunications*.

Every year they donate our phone book advertising.

### LIFE... Love it! Protect it!

How can you get your friends more involved in defending the sanctity of human life?

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday on January 23, 2011 is your perfect opportunity.

28 years ago, President Ronald Reagan was asked to create a special day to focus on the intrinsic value of human life and the fundamental right to life, as recognized by the American Founding Fathers. In 1983, President Reagan issued a proclamation establishing a national Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS).

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is held on the Sunday in January that falls closest to the day on which the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions were handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court on January 22, 1973. The next SOHLS is January 23, 2011.

How can you be involved?

- 1. Request SOHLS brochures for your church to distribute on that Sunday. The Pregnancy Care Center provides them.
- 2. Request a free streaming video for your church to show on that Sunday.
- 3. Live with intention. Pray. Seek His face. Find the role God wants you to play in this battle for life.

### We need YOU to volunteer!



At the Pregnancy Care Center, volunteers are the heart of our ministry; without them we could not do what we do! And right now, we need more volunteers to help us continue in our life-giving ministry. There are many ways you can serve:

Client Advocate
Office Receptionist/Aide
Church Liaison
Handyman/Building Maintenance
Registered Nurse
Sonographer

There are other ways to volunteer as well.

Call us at 382-4491 and find out how we will train you to know how to serve and help promote a life-affirming community.

# No envelopes, stamps—and you can help save lives every month

If you support the Pregnancy Care Center and Women's First Choice, it is the one ministry where you know your gifts both save the lives of children and change the spiritual lives of parents every day. That's quite a combination.

To make your support more consistent and easier, you can choose electronic funds transfer. You can decide *when* to make your gift, and each month, you will know that you are helping create a culture of life here in Tifton and the surrounding areas.

No more envelopes, no more stamps. For more information on electronic giving, go to our website, call 382-4491, or use the enclosed card with this newsletter.

## Want to see our three-year plan?

Because ours is a cutting-edge ministry, it's important that we plan wisely. We dream at times; balancing that with sound stewardship and effective goal-setting.

Yet we remember that every plan must touch people. The key focus of any three-year plan then, is that moms who come in today with positive pregnancy tests will have two-year-old boys or girls tomorrow, who are dreaming of a great future.

If you want a great future for the children of tomorrow, join us. Your financial gift today, or a phone call to offer service as a volunteer, will make the difference in fulfilling our three-year plan.



For as little as \$10 a month, you can make a difference! A small amount is HUGE to us. Want to take a stand for the sanctity of human life? Now is the time!

A Special Thank You
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Life Advocates: (\$500 or More)

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# Save the date... March 17, 2011

**CAROL EVERETT** 

Former Abortion Consumer and Provider

**Carol Everett** is unique "at such a time as this" because she comes with an overwhelming amount of experience in the area of pregnancy termination. Carol knows firsthand about pregnancy termination, having been both a consumer and provider. Carol was involved in the operation of four pregnancy termination clinics from 1977 to 1983, overseeing 35,000 pregnancy terminations. Carol experienced a change in her life when she came to know Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. Today, she is committed to safeguarding the health of women and their babies all over this nation. She also speaks to the men and women who have experienced a pregnancy loss to offer a message of healing and hope.

Carol's life story is detailed in the book, *Blood Money – Getting Rich off a Woman's Right to Choose.* 



### **January-September 2010**

New Clients -117
Positive Pregnancy Tests - 43
Sonograms - 26
Abortion At-Risk - 23
Chose Life - 10 confirmed
Gospel Shared - 112
Decisions for Christ - 6



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You can sponsor an entire day of services at the Pregnancy Care Center and Women's First Choice Medical Services in honor or in memory of someone special. Simply pledge \$35.00 per month or \$420.00 per year and choose a date not taken. (Dates marked \_\_\_\_ are already taken.) We will notify your honoree or the family of those you remembered. Email us at pregnancycare@bellsouth.net or call 382-4491.

### Gifts gave In Memory of:

**Dave Van Dusen Buford Goulden Ruby Henson** Kenneth King Mrs. Oneita Carter \$10 each

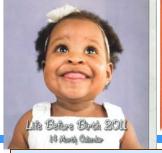
### Life Before Birth 2011 Calendars

Call for info

Amazing 4-D ultrasound images for each month of the year. Help support us by buying and/or selling these amazing calendars.



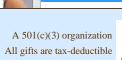
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