

HeartBeats

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From the Director...

Greetings! Our 17th Annual **Walk for Life** is just a few weeks away (**Saturday, May 3rd, 2008**), and we hope we can count on **you** to participate! This is a 2-mile "fun walk" - something that *everyone* can do! (The Walk is not a "picket" or demonstration - it's simply an opportunity for the Body of Christ to come together to raise the funds Silent Voices needs to minister to women seeking help, hope and healing.) We're working hard to make this year's Walk a day of fun for the whole family!

We have VERY special entertainment planned for this year's Walk for Life - our Director from Zambia will be sharing in music and testimony! If you've never met Barbra, you'll want to meet her while she's here for the Walk. She has a beautiful voice - an amazing testimony - and a sweet spirit. We're so blessed that she's going to be in San Diego at this time so we can share her with all of you!

There will be two locations available this year - Calvary Chapel San Diego in Chula Vista for those of you who live in the South Bay - and Horizon Christian Fellowship in Clairemont for those of you who live in central/north San Diego.

This is our *most important fund raising event of the year*, so we *really* need it to be a success, and it *will* be if *you're* involved! The **key to the success** of this event is the **pledges** we receive from sponsors, so if you're planning to walk, be sure to ask your friends, family members and co-workers to sponsor you by pledging a one-time donation. You don't even have to live in San Diego to participate - you can get your neighbors, friends and family to sponsor you no matter where you live - walk 2 miles on your own, and mail us your sponsor sheet and/or pledges!

Once again we will be offering sweatshirts and jackets to those walkers who collect the required donations (see registration form for details). And this year we have another special incentive - a new Hummer mountain bike! **The person who brings in the most collected pledges will win this new bike!**

Please take the time to read the Walk brochure carefully - it explains everything you need to know about how to register, how to get sponsors, etc.. If you have *any* questions, please don't hesitate to call!

We can also use some extra volunteers for the Walk, especially on the Sundays we'll be registering walkers at churches all over San Diego. If you can help - in *any* way - with this event, *please* let us know!

Walking for Him -

Sharon Pearce
Director

Walk Talking Points...

- ✓ When asking for sponsors, emphasize that Silent Voices provides practical assistance to pregnant and parenting women, and that many of our clients are teens with little or no support from their families.
- ✓ Avoid using words that "label" us - such as "anti-abortion." We are PRO LIFE - a much more positive and accurate description of who we are.
- ✓ If someone says they are "pro-choice," and therefore cannot support us, you can ask them if they would support a woman's choice to have her baby - or do they only support a woman's choice to have an abortion. If someone is truly "pro-choice" they should support ALL choices open to a woman - including parenting and adoption. Shouldn't a woman who chooses to have her baby have help? Who's going to provide that help? Abortion is only ONE choice - and if that's the only choice they can support, then they're really "pro-abortion."



Silent Voices believes that God is the Author of life, that all human life is valuable - born and preborn - and that abortion is never the answer to an unplanned, "crisis" pregnancy. We are dedicated to giving compassionate, practical assistance to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, providing accurate information about the realities and possible consequences of abortion, and offering help, hope and healing through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to women already struggling with the trauma of abortion.

