

# HeartBeats

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## From the Director

Do you ever wonder if God's still got plans for you? I do - especially in these tough economic times. I've had a number of people ask me what I'm going to do "if the ministry doesn't survive." I try really hard not to think in those terms - I know that this is GOD's ministry, not mine, and that He will provide for us until our time is done here. In January, He showed me that He's not through with me yet! Let me explain -

While walking through the parking lot towards Michael's - on my way to a cake decorating class - my fondant rolling pin fell out of my bag and under my feet. As soon as my right foot started rolling, I knew what had happened - and I also knew that I was going to fall - and fall hard. (For a VERY brief moment I thought about the Three Stooges - and how this scene must look to people watching!) Well - I DID hit hard - on my left hip, and my head hit the asphalt really hard. I didn't move for a few seconds - I was trying to figure out if anything was broken.

Then I started to feel excruciating pain in my right leg, and realized that a car was rolling back on me - and not just any car - an ESCALADE! The person I'd been walking with was pounding on the car, yelling at the driver to stop - but she just kept backing up! She finally stopped just as she was about to roll over my leg. Once she realized that she had hit a person - and not a speed bump - she moved her car off my leg. At that point things got crazy - the police showed up - then a fire truck - then an ambulance - and all I could think about was how much this was going to hurt once the shock wore off!

I had my first ambulance ride to the Emergency Room where I was given a brief examination and sent home. Nothing was broken - I had bruises, cuts, scrapes, burns (from the undercarriage of the Escalade), and my brain had rattled around in my head - but all in all, I got off pretty easy! When the shock wore off and I could think clearly I realized just how blessed I had been - it could have been much worse. Had the driver backed up any further, I would have had broken bones and internal injuries - God had protected me.

I have to believe that He protected me for a reason - He's not through with me yet. While I'm still struggling with pain from the accident, I thank Him for it, because it means I'm alive! I'm still choosing to trust Him with the ministry, too - He's not done with Silent Voices, either. I've still got the tire-tread bruises on my leg to prove it!

In His Service,

Sharon Pearce/Director

**'Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. ... Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.' Matthew 10:29-31**



## 25<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Year celebration is coming at us full speed - and we really need your help! We're looking for help in the following areas:

✓Banquet Committee members - we need help in every area of planning our Banquet. If you'd like to help, please let us know!

✓We will need Table Hosts. Table Hosts will not be responsible for any financial obligation - but they will be responsible for filling their table (of 8) with people who might have an interest in Silent Voices.

The most important thing you can do for us is to PRAY - pray for all of these needs to be met - and pray for us as we try to pull all of the details together in a very short period of time!

## The Economy

The economy is on everyone's mind - a day doesn't go by that you don't hear more bad news about the state of our economy. We're feeling it with a drop in donations - but what concerns us more is the change we see in our clients. We're hearing more and more from women who wouldn't have considered abortion before that it's a serious consideration now. And - we're also seeing reports that Planned Parenthood's business is up. In these tough economic times, the services of Silent Voices are even more critical!

"I Never Told You..."

One of the hardest parts of our "job" is spending time with an abortion minded client, only to have her leave without having made a decision. At those times, all we can do is pray and ask God to speak into her heart the things we shared with her - that He would help her fall in love with her baby - and that she would choose life.

"Vanessa" was one of those women. She came to us 9 years ago, pregnant, alone, scared - uncertain about her future - afraid of what her parents would say - and do - and she left still contemplating abortion. We didn't hear from her - until last month.

"Vanessa" brought her daughter to a Girl Scout event that was being held in our Bridges room. While her daughter was busy with the Valentine Tea, "Vanessa" came over to tell us that she'd had her baby - and that her "baby" was now 8 years old! She remembered how kind we'd been - how much we'd cared for her while she was here - and she *had* thought long and hard about all we'd said. She made a decision for life - and has never regretted her choice! We got to meet her "baby" - she's a beautiful girl, who clearly loves her mother - and the LORD! They're both connected to a great church, and are very involved in their church family!

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## Bridges to Motherhood Wedding!

We are SO grateful for everyone who has graciously volunteered to help our Bridges mom get married! The date is Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Lorena and her fiancé are very excited, and grateful, for everything that is being done for them. Please pray for them that day - that the Lord would bless their obedience in taking this step - that He would bless their marriage - and that He would be glorified! Both sides of the family are Catholic, and they haven't been very supportive of this wedding because it's not taking place in a Catholic church. Our hope is that the beauty of the ceremony and the words from THE Word will touch their hearts and help them accept this marriage as valid in the eyes of God!

**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.**

## "An Audience of One" - March of Dimes

Have you heard the newest March of Dimes ad on the radio - "An Audience of One"? It's really sweet - and would lead you to believe that the organization behind it must be pro-life - but that's not the case.

The March of Dimes' original mission was to eradicate polio. On July 22, 1958, the organization moved away from their original mission to one of "preventing birth defects." Over the years they've aligned themselves with pro-abortionists and eugenicists. They've given grants to abortionists and to genetic researchers. Grants have also been awarded to research using the body parts of aborted babies. Some of the research they've funded includes experimenting with genetic testing procedures using "to be aborted women" (these are women who already planned to have a first or second trimester abortion), and that these techniques are considered a form of live fetal experimentation.

That's not to say that the March of Dimes hasn't done a lot of good for disabled/handicapped/challenged children. They have - there are a lot of great programs available today because of the work of the March of Dimes. It's also true, however, that there are millions of children missing because of the March of Dimes - children who weren't "perfect" - children who would have had a serious medical condition - children whose conditions were discovered while still in the womb and who were aborted.

While we applaud the March of Dimes' programs for special needs children, we can't ignore the role they've played in the deaths of children who were "less than perfect." EVERY child is a gift from God - created in HIS image - and worthy of protection.

## Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation & Planned Parenthood

✓ In the United States, there are about 115 Susan G. Komen Affiliates. Of these, at least 112 sponsor a *Race for the Cure* to raise money for breast cancer awareness and research. To date, at least 43 of these Affiliates have given grants to Planned Parenthood Centers or other abortion clinics, totaling more than 100 grants given across the nation.

✓ The Komen Foundation refuses to acknowledge any possible link between abortion and breast cancer, despite growing medical evidence to the contrary.

✓ Since the Komen Foundation began giving grants to Planned Parenthood, purportedly for breast health services, the number of women receiving breast health services from Planned Parenthood has decreased. According to Planned Parenthood's 2005-2006 Annual Report, abortions increased by 9,900, while breast exams decreased by more than 81,500 (compared to 2004).

✓ Nancy Brinker, found of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, has served on the advisory board of Planned Parenthood of Dallas.

✓ Eve Sanchez-Silver, former Susan G. Komen Foundation National Hispanic/Latina Advisory Council member, resigned after discovering the connection between the Komen Foundation and Planned Parenthood saying, "As a Christian and life affirming citizen I can not reconcile the Foundation's decision to affirm life with one hand and support its destruction with the other."