

HeartBeats

Service From the Heart since 1984!



From the Director

We're coming up on another birthday - we'll be celebrating 26 years of service on June 8th! I hope you'll send up a little of prayer of thanks to God for His faithfulness - it's only by His grace and provision that we're still here!

In reminiscing with friends after our 25th Anniversary Banquet, I said that when we started Silent Voices we didn't have a clue what we were doing - or how we were going to do it. We knew we didn't have all the answers - looking back, I realize we didn't even have all of the questions! But God is good, and as we walked with Him day-by-day, He guided us every step of the way, and has been providing for our every need.

We thank all of you who have partnered with us on this journey, and we hope you'll stick with us in the years ahead!

In His Service - Sharon Pearce/Director

Celebrating the Life of Linda Parker

Linda worked for us for almost 10 years. She joined our staff when we were working out of a small office near SDSU. She was passionate about talking to the girls on campus about the choices they were making.

When that office closed, Linda joined us in Chula Vista. We had started a new program - Bridges to Motherhood - and she stepped in as the director of that program when the previous director left. It was a perfect fit! Linda loved our moms, and they loved her back! She didn't limit her involvement in their lives to the office - she attended their graduations - baby showers - their baby's birthday parties - she was a huge part of their lives.

Linda left Silent Voices to pursue working alongside her husband John, at the church where he served as Children's Ministry Leader. We were heartbroken when she left, but we understood her desire to spend more time closer to home with the husband she loved.

Shortly after leaving us, Linda was diagnosed with breast cancer, and for the past four years, she fought it valiantly. Through it all she held on to her deep faith in the Lord - her love for the Word - her sense of humor - and her abiding concern for others. During the past few months, she was on the receiving end of the same tender loving care she had so selflessly given to others. She lost her battle with cancer on Saturday, May 1st - but we know she was instantly in the presence of Jesus, and we also know she heard Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord!" Linda's legacy lives on in the lives of those women who are better mothers because of her care and concern - and in the lives of the children who were saved from abortion because she took the time to talk to their moms.

Linda's life verse: Proverbs 3:5b

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take."



Lovely Linda

April 3, 1948 - May 1, 2010

If you knew Linda, and would like to send a note to her family sharing a special memory you have of her, let us know, and we'll give you the contact information.

Earth Works Fair in San Diego

Silent Voices participated in the Earth Day celebration in Balboa Park on Sunday, April 18th - it was an exciting and interesting experience! Our booth promoted Natural Family Planning as being "Better for Women - Better for the Environment." We were able to talk to hundreds of people about the risks of birth control, and the benefits of Natural Family Planning. We also had lots of information about how the hormones in many forms of birth control are harming our environment.

A number of studies - from all over the world - are showing that the artificial forms of estrogen and progesterone found in birth control products are entering our water supply and having deleterious effects on our ecosystem. Male fish have been found showing female characteristics - some even have eggs! They are not able to reproduce, and that means that fish supplies are going to be depleted if the contamination continues.

AND - using NFP is the ultimate "green" choice in family planning! If we don't want to buy beef, chicken or milk that comes from animals treated with hormones, why should women pump themselves full of harmful chemicals that can have serious health risks? NFP doesn't add anything to the woman's body - it doesn't dump harmful chemicals into the water supply - what could be more "green?"

THANKS to the Brenda Heyman, Linda Crawford, Rachel Rogerio, Dawn Souder and Louis Washington for staffing the booth for us!

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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.



Banquet

Our Banquet is scheduled for Friday, September 24th, at Horizon Christian Fellowship. We need help - if you want to serve with the organizational team, please let us know!

Gardasil

The article in our last newsletter about Gardasil struck a nerve with a long-time friend and supporter. She expressed concern that our information might prevent someone from doing their own research, and miss out on a vaccine that could protect them from HPV. While we haven't changed our position on Gardasil, we do encourage each and every reader to do their own research, and not to make a decision about something based solely on this newsletter.



Bridges

Sometimes it's easy to rush to judgement with our moms. They're making poor choices - and living with the consequences of those choices - but that doesn't mean that they don't have the same hopes and dreams anyone else has. Reading through their homework assignments showed us that they really don't want to be on Welfare for the rest of their lives -

"I plan to own my own beauty college and broaden my horizons."

"I would like to become a neurologist, and be the best example I can to my daughter."

"I would like to get into college and get a job."

"I would love to know more about God and how to better my life."

Will they accomplish their goals? We don't know - from where they are right now, it doesn't seem possible - but we serve a God of the impossible. We pray that He'll use us in some small way to help them along the way!

Testimony from Russia

We received this in a quarterly report from our Director in Volgograd, Russia. Valentina had just attended the Post Abortion Healing & Recovery Bible Study, and wanted to share her thanks for this program -

"I praise the Lord, how great is His mercy to us. Especially I'm grateful Him for that opportunity to attend seminar PAS. Every woman I knew in life committed this terrible sin. Sins nature of people hopes that this sin is insignificant, as though there is no life, but just a lump of meat.

The seminar was opened from the bottom of our hearts are secret places that I'm in awe and in sobs again and again as the water poured out my heart before the Lord for the sins committed. Merciful God, all three days covered us so much love that we do not want to leave.

Thank God for sisters in Christ (teachers) - Tanya and Elya, who great produced this wonderful seminar. Kindly covered us with love and care. Throughout the leadership felt the Holy Spirit. Such warmth and peace in my heart, the Lord has forgiven me.

How fortunate that the Lord so concerned about our spiritual purity here on earth. And also I have reconciled with my children. This is so pathetic that after so much time I remember this time of the meeting there at the seminar.

I ask the Lord to bless sisters in their ministry, so that more women attended that seminar."

It's such a blessing to us to know that our labor in Russia has not been in vain - women are still being healed!