

HeartBeats

Service From the Heart Since 1984



From the Director...

I can't tell you how GLAD we are that the Auction is behind us! I don't remember every being so unprepared for an event as we were for the Auction. We've had so many things going on - I've been out of the office speaking and attending conferences - it felt like we were sliding into Friday night with too many things undone. But - by the time we were all set up, everything had gotten done - just like it does every year. We had quite a crowd this year - lots of new faces - and we raised more this year than in years past, so all in all it was a successful evening!

There are so many people to thank - but there are two people who really stand out - our Auctioneer, Jack Jung, and a new volunteer - Allison Fillmore. Jack did a great job - as always - AND donated several items that helped cover his fee. Allison has recently moved to Chula Vista with her husband, who accepted the call to be the new Pastor for Parkway Hills Church of the Nazarene, and was eager to get involved in their local crisis pregnancy center - US! She LOVES to get donations for fund raising events - and WE loved having her do it for us! She was amazing - we've NEVER had the volume of donations from businesses that we had this year. I don't know what her secret is, but we're glad she worked her magic for us!

I want to thank our Board of Directors, too, for putting in so many hours getting us ready for the Auction. I know they already have busy lives, so I appreciate their time. Kaye and Stephanie worked untold hours of overtime, too, and I appreciate their servants' hearts!

We did have a rather "exciting" climax to our preparations for that night. After everything was set up and we were taking a few minutes to breathe, one of our Board members and I were talking, when he suddenly began having difficulty getting the right words out. I could tell that he knew he wasn't saying the right thing - but every time he stopped and tried again, it was still pretty mixed up. After about five minutes of this, I told him that I was going to call 911 - something just felt very wrong.

I'm glad I did - Steve's blood pressure was 300/180 - not usually compatible with life - and he was taken by ambulance to the hospital at 5:30! It put all of us into a state of shock - we tried not to worry about him, but I have to say that for most of the night my mind was elsewhere. Steve spent a week in the hospital, and is now home recovering. He has a long road ahead of him, as he suffered a stroke, and had probably had several small strokes leading up to this. He's actually doing remarkably well - but we would ask you to pray for a full recovery for him. We know he's anxious to get back to life as it was. We're just VERY grateful to God that He protected Steve from more serious damage!

In His Service - Sharon Pearce/Director

Update on India...

In our last newsletter we asked you to pray for Sam as he was preparing for surgery on his heart and liver. He had a bout of pneumonia that postponed his surgery for a few weeks, but had a successful mitral valve replacement in late September. He's home now, and is recovering well. He will still need the procedure on his liver, but the doctors want to wait until he has gained some strength.



Auction Items Available...

We have some items available that were not sold at the Auction. Here's a list of what we have - you can call us if you're interested in purchasing any of the following:

Four (4) Free Western Bacon Cheeseburger Coupons - minimum bid is \$6 for all four coupons (they expire on 12/31/07 - good at any Carl's Jr.)

Two (2) \$10 Gift Cards from Pei Wei Asian Diner. There are locations 4 locations around the County, and one due to open in Mission Valley this winter. Minimum bid is \$15 for both.

Two (2) Seafarer's Passes for a Hornblower Cruise (may be used for a one or two hour Harbor Cruise & Sea Lion Adventure, or their seasonal weekday Whale & Dolphin Watching Adventure. Minimum bid is \$35 for both.

Twenty (20) "Free Haircut" Gift Cards from SuperCuts in National City. Minimum bid is \$150 for all 20 Gift Cards - or \$8/Gift Card.

Two (2) Magic Mountain Complimentary Passes - valid any regular operating day through 12/31/07. Minimum bid is \$85 for both Passes.

One (1) \$50 Gift Certificate towards any purchase at L&L Hawaiian Barbecue - valid only at their National City location. Minimum bid is: \$35.

Someone left a Quiksilver Saltwater Denim jacket at the Auction - size XL. If this belongs to you, please give us a call - we'd love to return it to you!

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.

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Bridges to Motherhood

This is the time of year that we ask you to consider making a special gift to the ministry for the moms in our Bridges to Motherhood program. This can be in the form of gift cards to local stores (Target, WalMart, Mervyns, grocery stores, etc.) - this allows our moms to buy the things for their children that they know they need or want. You can also send a cash donation - indicate that it is for the Bridges Christmas Outreach, and we will buy the things we need for that event. Our moms are ALWAYS blessed to receive these gift cards!

We are also ALWAYS in need of volunteers for the Bridges to Motherhood meetings. We have just started meeting once/week, and are offering Bible studies on two meetings/month. We have partnered with an Hispanic woman who has been running a support group for Spanish speaking women who are pregnant and/or parenting. Artemisa has been using our meeting room for several months now, and we are working with her to make her program "mirror" the Bridges program, and would appreciate your prayers as we work towards that goal.

Auction Contributors!

The following businesses and individuals contributed either products or services for our Auction. **We are very thankful for their support, and as a way to show our gratitude we would encourage you to frequent their place of business or utilize their services!** Donors who have an * appearing before their name have made previous donations to our Silent Auctions!

Individual Donations

- David and Dora Brown
- *Steve Brown
- *Vivian Butler
- *Wendy Delmoral
- *Carol Filippini
- Allison Fillmore
- *Tim and Christine Flannery
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