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Dear Sustaining Partner,

“A good laugh is as good as a prayer sometimes.” Lucy Maud Montgomery

Over the past couple of months my letters to you have been serious---those topics needed to be discussed, especially in light of the critical need there is for this ministry in our community. For the years I have served as Executive Director it has been my intent to tell the truth about every aspect of the outreach we must continue to do. As Pregnancy & Family Resource Center has grown, our challenges have increased.

We have continual financial needs, but money is not our only concern. The need for volunteers IS critical. Without people who care, money means nothing. It's people whom God chooses to speak through to those who are lost, hurting and about to make one of the worst possible choices. Once again, I ask all of our partners to consider becoming a volunteer in some capacity. Call Wendy at 909-382-4550 to talk about options.

One again, I am asking our partners to assist us as we try harder to promote the opportunity for those who have chosen abortion to come to terms with it and then move on in to a fuller, richer, healthier life. To enable you to better communicate the SaveOne group Bible study we have developed a specific brochure. We encourage you to use these. I keep them in my car and often drop them in public places such as public restrooms, fitting rooms and Starbucks. I'll be happy to give you a stack. Come by the office to pick them up, or email me and I'll put some in the mail. You could also read the information about Post-Abortion Syndrome (PAS) we have on both our websites so you more fully understand what it's all about. (www.sbpfrc.com & www.pregnancyfamily.org)

In spite of the fact that the issues we deal with every day are very serious, we have many light moments. Some of the best happen when clients feel comfortable in our facility, so they begin to interact as family/friends which results in LOTS of laughter. The bit about laughter and prayer being very closely related is true. We saw the reality in that yesterday when one of our advocates met with a young woman convinced abortion (Her second) was the best choice for her. An advocate's approach with each client is different. I wasn't in the consultation room with them, but I was thrilled to hear much laughter as the client scheduled a return appointment. The advocate knew that this client needed to laugh, and the outcome was an answer to prayer for all.

Speaking of laughter, our friend, Nazareth (Look him up on Facebook) has a “Laughter for All” event planned to ministry to people in the Inland Empire. I was involved last year at the 66er's Stadium in San Bernardino and it

was great fun and a blessing to have the chance to speak to about 5,000 people about our ministry and the HOPE we offer in Jesus' name. Plan now to attend on Saturday, July 18—details are on the **“Laughter for All”** Facebook page. There are lots of opportunities to help Nazareth out. I hope to see you there!

Next up---the annual ladies' tea, **“Tea & Trust,”** on Saturday, August 15 from 11 AM to 2 PM. We welcome all ladies 16 and older to enjoy a fun afternoon with great food, entertainment (Special music-Chelsea Grant), silent auction and an inspiring speaker, Dionne “Didi” Carpenter, author of *Trust Training: A Field Manual For Trusting God Before, During and After Life's Battles*. Get your tickets (\$25 donation) early because seating is limited. For entry in to the Mountain Shadows Mobile Home Community your name will need to be on our guest list. Wear your hat and maybe win the prize.

Of course I want you to save the date of the Annual Fall Gala, **“Answering the Call”** on Friday, October 23 from 6:30 PM to 9 PM. We welcome speaker and author, John Ensor. Now is the time to begin to invite people to come with you and fill at least one table for eight. Table Hosts who do this help to raise funds and increase our partner base through the biggest, most important event of the year. We also need event underwriters to help up front with event costs. We publish all underwriter/business names in the evening's program.

Our website, www.pregnacyfamily.org is a great resource for updated information. It's also an easy and convenient way to schedule your monthly gifts to sustain the ministry during the lean summer months when our partners are on break and distracted from their routine. You can use a credit card or checking account to ensure Pregnancy & Family Resource Center continues to thrive while you enjoy your vacation. As you know probably realize unplanned pregnancies increase during holidays, school breaks and the summer months. We need to be here, open and ready with good answers and support. Your planned gifts enable us to do just that all year long.

Happy Father's Day to dads which often get shorted on attention, but who are absolutely critical for healthy families. We salute those who choose to take an active role in the lives of your own children and other kids who need a father figure in their lives.

HAPPY SUMMER!! Live out loud this as you pray and laugh big. God delights in both.

For Life!

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