

HeartStrings

Newsletter of NewBEGINNINGS pregnancyresource center

Putting a Face on NewBeginnings



We are often asked by people in the community, what is NewBeginnings? What do you do there? We saw your billboard or advertisement at the Cinema and were wondering what exactly is NewBeginnings. If we could sum it up in three words it would be, “we save lives,” but the story below truly illustrates the heart of our ministry at NewBeginnings. It was written by one of our volunteers about a girl who recently walked through our doors.

You may wonder, what does she look like? What must she feel? She looks like any other girl. She feels tired, hopeless and confused. She is a daughter, a granddaughter, Daddy’s little girl. A senior in high school, she is only months away from graduation.

Just a few weeks ago she had an abortion appointment scheduled ... until she shared her pregnancy with one of her teachers. The teacher took her to dinner and shared with her the precious opportunity she now possessed. As the teacher saw it, she could choose to parent this child or begin arranging for an adoption. She wasn’t enthusiastic about these options instead focusing on a third option—abortion.

Her teacher told her about a place called NewBeginnings and helped her make an appointment. She was reluctant at first but decided it wouldn’t hurt to go. Her boyfriend travels from out of state to be with her at the appointment.

She walks in the door, her boyfriend beside her and questions are flooding her mind:

Am I really here? What is happening to me? Does he love me? Will I be all alone?

She is greeted by a kind woman who warmly welcomes her. Her defenses are up, not allowing them to see who she really is or how deeply she is hurting. Questions arise, regarding why they continue to be so respectful and kind, despite her short answers and flippant attitude.

The counselor actively listens to her story and then an ultrasound is performed. She hears her babies heartbeat, her attitude softens. This is a real baby, not just a blob of tissue like the abortion clinic said it would be. She and her boyfriend clutch the new pictures of their precious baby while exiting the clinic. They think things through. There are still difficult decisions ahead. Her mother desires for her to remain at home and have the baby. After deep discussion, she will marry him and together they will parent their child.

You may ask, what exactly are they doing at NewBeginnings PRC? As evidenced in this case, we are changing lives and saving lives, one heart at a time.

Book Benefits NewBeginnings

Lee’s Summit resident Edna Allen, has recently written a book, *A Better Way*, about a young girl who discovers she is pregnant and chooses life for her baby. She leaves a dysfunctional home and an unsupportive boyfriend and receives help from a church and a crisis pregnancy center where she learns about God’s love. Proceeds from the book will benefit NewBeginnings if you purchase the book from NewBeginnings. Place your order today by calling us at 747-3593.



Author Edna Lee Allen with her book *A Better Way* at a recent book signing held at Hastings bookstore.

From the Director

Patti White, RN

Once again, God has led a wonderful group of individuals to answer the call to volunteer at NewBeginnings. Nine eager new recruits are now in training.

Welcome to each one of you! God always puts together such a great team! We look forward to serving with you.

The preparation for counselors and mentors begins with a day-long program designed to begin equipping the volunteers to serve effectively at NewBeginnings. The curriculum "Planting the Seed: The L.O.V.E. Approach" is the basis for the training. This orientation day is followed by a self-paced program lasting several weeks to months, depending on the volunteer's schedule.

As we prepare to open another day of the week, we are looking for a few more committed people who want to make a real difference in the lives of young women in our community. The rewards are eternal.

We would love for you to join us.



Several volunteers attended the recent L.O.V.E. Approach training held at First Baptist Church in Warrensburg. Pictured from left first row: Center Director Carol Graham, Shawna Davis, Christine Lichte, and Robin McClure. Second row: Deborah Henry, Marla Fitzpatrick, Waunita Wade, Jessica Morris, and Executive Director Patti White. Last row: Katherine Chisom and Susan Scholz.

A New Idea for Giving:

Help More Babies Through Tax Credit

Tax Credit Gifts Make your donation Go Further

• **A Traditional Gift of \$1,000**

(For a donor in the 35% tax bracket)

<u>Source of Tax Benefit</u>	<u>Value of Tax Benefit</u>
State Income Tax Deduction (6%)	\$60
Federal Income Tax Deduction (35%)	\$350
Total Tax Benefits (41%)	\$410

\$590 of the gift come from the donor

\$410 of the gift comes out of the donor's taxes

• **New Idea: Gift to NewBeginnings**

Tax Credit Gift of \$1,000

(For a donor in the 35% tax bracket)

<u>Source of Tax Benefit</u>	<u>Value of Tax Benefit</u>
State Tax Credit (50%)	\$500
State Income Tax Deduction (6%)	\$60
Federal Income Tax Deduction (35%)	\$350
Total Tax Benefits (91%)	

Government's Portion of the Gift \$910

Only \$90 comes out of the donor's pocket

\$910 comes out of the donor's taxes

For more information on making your donation to NewBeginnings go further, call us at 747-3593.



• **SAVE THE DATE** •
 • **LIFEWALK 2008** •
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
 THE ANNUAL LIFEWALK
 9 a.m., Saturday, May 3rd
 • Warrensburg Train Depot •
 • **100 South Holden** •
 For more information contact
 NewBeginnings at 747-3593.

Baby Boutique Progress



Clinton First Baptist Church hard at work painting the baby boutique.

As we continue to rely on the faithfulness of God, we are always amazed by the blessings that he provides for us. Whether it be through individual volunteers, volunteer groups, or financial help—God is so good. Thanks to many hands and helpers, we are finishing up the boutique project. Now the young girls who are part of the Earn While You Learn program (EWYL) have a great space at NewBeginnings when looking for much needed baby items. We have been blessed from the community with items to fill the boutique so the girls can receive new items for their babies. For more information on the EWYL program and upcoming group classes please contact our office.



Donna Jungerman, Rita Berry, & Megan Berry from Cedar Grove Christian Church help with sorting items for the baby boutique.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

The community continues to bless NewBeginnings in so many ways. When we find that there is a need in some area, we usually receive a phone call the next week from an organization who would like to help us in that area. For instance at Christmas this year instead of giving NewBeginnings Christmas ornaments to our counselors and volunteers, we decided to adopt several of the clients and their families for Christmas. We knew that this endeavor would cost around \$200 and that week we received \$200 from the LakeRidge Subdivision from proceeds from the Night of Lights. Pictured here are a few of our blessings.



Louise Grant (left) from Harmony Gardens and NewBeginning's volunteer presents a check to NewBeginnings staff member Sarah Coats at the Harmony Gardens Valentines Day banquet.



NewBeginning's board member (left), Phyllis Steinbach, with members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Ladies Guild, Iris Metcalf and Ladies Guild President, Sharon Franklin, present baby items to NewBeginnings for the baby boutique.



Pictured left: New-Beginnings client Amanda Taylor and daughter Rylan receive Christmas presents from NewBeginnings as part of the Christmas adoption program.

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**MISSOURI STATE TAX CREDIT
STILL BEING OFFERED**

If you wish to participate in the state tax credit for donations made in 2008 (donations made in 2007 cannot be applied at this time), money is still available through the tax credit program. For more information you may contact our office at 747-3593.

Hours of Operation



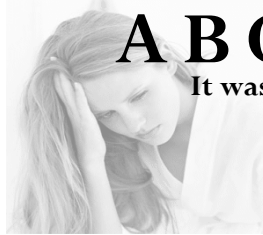
Monday

12– 7 p.m.

Thursday

12– 7 p.m.

ABORTION.



It wasn't the easy solution they promised.

Nowyou feel regret.

You keep secrets.

You feel God can't forgive you.....

you can't forgive yourself.

If this is how you feel.....

Please join us for:

“Forgiven and Set Free”

A Women's Post-Abortive
Recovery Program

Class begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18

*This 12 week class is free and
confidential*



You are not alone

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with an unplanned pregnancy***



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