# HOW TO BE A RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY PREGNANCY HELP CENTER VOLUNTEER







#### A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.\* Amen.



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#### ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Archbishop** 

Secretariat for Parish Life

Respect Life Ministry





#### **AREAS OF FOCUS**

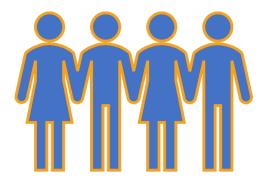






### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are those who respond to God's call to serve. They are all who serve Respect Life Ministry in any capacity. Volunteers need not be of the Catholic faith, but all must understand that this is a ministry of the Catholic Church and must be willing to follow the tenets of the Catholic Church.





Each center has a Program Coordinator who is responsible for the daily operations of the center.



4 of our 5 centers also have an ultrasound tech!



We must have at least 2 people at a center at all times in order to open & administer services.



**Volunteers** provide the services offered on a daily basis!

# VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY!

## FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES



ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING



PREGNANCY TESTING



LIMITED ULTRASOUND EXAMS



EARN WHILE YOU LEARN CLASSES



MATERIAL ASSISTANCE



PROJECT JOSEPH GROUPS



PROJECT RACHEL POST-ABORTION HEALING



INFORMATION & REFERRALS





WHAT
EXACTLY
DOES A
PREGNANCY
HELP
CENTER
VOLUNTEER
DO?

Within a pregnancy help center there are a variety of tasks a volunteer will participate in:

- Answering phones & making appointments
- **\* Greeting clients at the window**
- Assisting with pregnancy testing
- \* Counseling clients one-on-one
- Teaching Earn While You Learn Classes
- \* Accompanying moms during ultrasound exam
- Maintaining the Baby Boutique
- Sorting and folding gently used clothing & other items
- Preparing material assistance bags & layettes
- **\*** Assisting with ministry events
- Helping to maintain the cleanliness & order of the different areas in the center

### HOW TO GET STARTED!

- Fill out an application:
   respectlifemiami.org/volunteer
- Get ADOM fingerprinted (valid for 5 years).
- Attend virtus training (offered online at www.virtusonline.org) and complete monthly online bulletins.
- Once you have been given clearance to serve in the ministry, we will schedule you for an orientation!





#### **Orientation & Training Begins!**

If you wish to do direct client services, you will:

- be given an overview of how Respect Life Ministry Pregnancy Help Centers operate.
- be trained on how to answer the phone & greet clients.
- \* receive FPSSP Advocacy Training for counseling.
- \* be trained in Lifestyle Counseling.
- \* receive Cultural Diversity Training.
- be trained in client intake and documentation.
- **\*** be trained to teach classes (if applicable).

#### QUALITIES OF A CLIENT ADVOCATE



Non-judgemental



Good listener



**Empathetic** 



**Patient** 



Understand Church teaching

# IF YOU WOULD RATHER WORK BEHIND THE SCENES...

- \* You will be given an overview of how Respect Life Ministry Pregnancy Help Centers operate.
- \* You will be trained in other areas which do not include direct client services such as:
  - how to prepare gently used clothing & other items for material assistance & layettes
  - how to arrange & price new items to sell in the Baby Boutique
  - how to assist your parish with a baby bottle campaign or baby shower

# WHAT OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES WILL YOU HAVE?



Honor your commitment of day and time to work in the office.



Participate in regular training and formation programs.



Attend an annual policy refresher.



Remain current with Virtus bulletins and fingerprinting policy.



Complete a yearly one-on-one performance evaluation with your Program Coordinator.

RESPECT LIFE
MINISTRY
PREGNANCY HELP
CENTER
LOCATIONS

North Broward 5115 Coconut Creek Parkway Margate, FL 33063 Hours: M-F 9am-1pm

Central Broward
525 NE 13th Street
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33304
Hours: M-S 10am-3pm

South Broward 4747 Hollywood Blvd. Suite 101 Hollywood, FL 33021 Hours: M-S 9:30am-1:30pm

North Dade 1515 NW 167th Bldg. #4 Suite #190 Miami Gardens, FL 33169 Hours: Tues-Fri 9:30am-1:30pm

South Dade 3410 SW 107th Ave Miami, FL 33165 Hours: M-F 10am-2pm



#### **NEXT MONTH'S WEBINAR**

# EVANGELIUM VITAE with Dr. Ryan Brady, PhD

Thursday, October 22 Memorial of St. John Paul II





# QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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