

Relationships Matter

Academia Confirms What the SCPC Has Known All Along *Relationships With Our Clients Matter*

A couple of weeks ago, my daughter texted me a link to the November 3, 2022 issue of Forbes magazine and said, "Thought you would love it!" The article, titled "Dear Social Sector: Relationships, Not Services, Beat Poverty," concludes that the people nonprofits serve would benefit most from work that is done relationally. In other words, when helping people, relationships matter.

The author of the article suggested that non-profits ask themselves, "How can we deliver relationships in all we do"? Here are his suggestions:

- Add a relational element to your existing services.
- Train your team to focus on relationships, not just services.
- Get local businesses involved.
- Get your donors more intimately connected to your day-to-day work.

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My take away? The Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center has been delivering relationships from the very beginning. And not just relationships, but loving friendships.

Why are friendships so important in helping people overcome lack? Friendship is marked by love, an unselfish concern on the part of each friend for the welfare of the other. Friends will the very best for each other. Friendship causes us to invest in others, believing that they can do extraordinary things. Friendship is modeled by our Savior Jesus.

The Center needs friends. Are you hearing the call of God to befriend someone facing an unplanned pregnancy? Or a mom or dad that could use some support? We are looking for people called by God to extend their hands and hearts in friendship to love, encourage, challenge, and make a difference in the lives of the women and men that walk through our doors every day. There is a place here for You.



You are invited to an open house on Saturday, March 25th to honor and celebrate Jean Martin's retirement from 28 years of leadership and service to the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center.

Drop in anytime between 12 noon and 4pm at the Center, congratulate Jean, and enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

We're Back in the Classroom!

The Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center is back in the classroom teaching our Healthy Relationships, Healthy Marriage class to students in the county. Students are encouraged to consider their hopes for future relationships in light of decisions they are making today. Topics include decision making and goal setting; steps to a committed relationship; the benefits of marriage; benefits of sexual abstinence until marriage; pregnancy; and sexually transmitted diseases. Call Lisa at the Center if you would like to invite us to your public or private classroom or youth group.

MOMs Group Starts Up Again



Katie Dolieslager (seated far right), a Resident in Counseling, is leading our MOMs Group and is covering a different mental health topic each week. The group is a safe space for clients to share life and provides them with the help and encouragement of a mental health professional.

Let's Celebrate!

**You are invited to the
Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center's
Annual Spring Celebration
Friday, April 21st at 5:30pm
The Yellow Barn at Shenandoah Caverns**

Don't miss this special fundraising event! A meal catered by Shaffer's Elevated, a **celebration of Jean Martin's retirement**, a silent auction, and guest speaker Star Parker. Tickets are free but must be reserved. Please see your church's table host or call Lisa at the Center if you would like to attend. (Silent auction items can be viewed at www.supportscpc.org later this month.)

Libby Smoot Teaches HR/HM to 7th and 8th Graders at the Shenandoah Valley Adventist Academy



SCPC Nurtures the Next Generation of Pro-Abundant Life Advocates

Our Young Adults Loving Life (Y'ALL) continue to gather around the table monthly for a meal and conversation. The conversations are always spiritual in nature and, oftentimes, address some aspect of the Center's pro-abundant life ministry. It is a safe community where young people can talk openly, ask questions, and share life together.



Perhaps you are asking, "Why do they gather at the Center?" My answer is this. We as followers of Jesus and caretakers of the pregnancy center ministry in our community are responsible for encouraging, educating, and "spurring on" the next generation of pro-abundant life advocates. Got a young adult in your life? They are always welcome at the table.

Thank You for Celebrating Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Thank you to our churches that celebrated this year's very special Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, the very first in a post-Roe world. It was our pleasure to print bulletins, share slides, distribute baby bottles, and speak as a part of your celebrations. **A big thanks** to Antioch Church, Columbia Furnace Church, Fellowship Bible Shenandoah, Liberty Brethren, Manor Memorial UMC, Reasoning Tree, Round Hill COB, Smith Creek Baptist, Strasburg Christian, Valley Pike COB, and Wakeman's Grove COB.

We are so grateful for ALL our church partners!