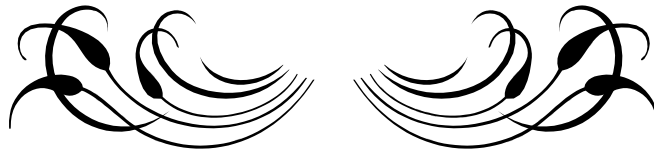




Volunteer Packet

Information, Expectations & Application



PROVIDING LIVE-SAVING HELP IN A LIFE-CHANGING WAY

Pregnancy Health Centers

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**North Miami
Hialeah**

Our Mission:

Heartbeat of Miami is a Ministry of the Christian community dedicated to advancing the Gospel of Life by providing life-saving help in a life-changing way.

To this end we provide competent and caring services that include free pregnancy tests, sonograms, peer counseling and intervention, on-going support and referrals, parenting preparation classes, post-abortion healing and opportunities to learn about healthy sexual values, mature relationships and how to establish a vital relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Our Guiding Principles:

1. The Importance of the Gospel

We believe only God, through faith in Jesus Christ, can forgive, cleanse, and transform people so that their happiness and God's glory are united. In all we do, we seek to commend the truth, beauty and power of the Gospel.

2. The Dignity of Women

We believe that the role of women as child bearers is ordained of God and worthy of the special support needed in overcoming the fears caused by an unplanned pregnancy, all the more important since abortion is inherently destructive and demeaning to women.

3. The Sanctity of Human Life

We believe that all human life is of inestimable worth and significance in all its stages. Since preborn children have been legally stripped of their natural human rights, they require moral courage and acts of compassion for their protection.

4. The Irreplaceable Value of Fathers

We believe that fathers are endowed by God with a sense of responsibility to be the primary providers and protectors of their children and that those children derive distinct benefits from having a loving mother *and* father. A father's devotion to his children is a satisfying expression of manhood and the basis of the servant leadership that every mother and child delights to receive.

5. The Soundness of Sexual Purity, Marriage and Family

We believe and promote that marriage is a permanent, lifelong relationship between a man and a woman, and the foundation of a healthy society; that abstinence before and faithfulness within marriage offer the best hope for experiencing long-term, intimate and familial happiness.

6. The Transforming Power of Neighborly Love

We believe the natural demands of neighborly love compel us to assist mothers and couples in a crisis pregnancy with healthy, practical, life-affirming assistance; and that confessing Christians, following the paradigm of the Good Samaritan, are especially called to sacrifice their time, talent, and treasure, to make their love for God a life-saving and life-changing joy to their neighbors.

Our Present Ministry Goals

Heartbeat of Miami is in its entrepreneurial phase with a strategic plan to establish three to five Pregnancy Health Centers in the neediest neighborhoods of Miami over the next three years (2006-2008). By Pregnancy Health Center, we mean a medically licensed, ultrasound-equipped, reproductive health clinic staffed with a nurse manager, a client services director, and a passionate and caring group of volunteers, working especially to reach and serve women and couples at risk for abortion.

Phase one is to establish pregnancy health centers in Hialeah and North Miami. Additional centers will be added as soon as time, resources and locations become available. Once established, we expect these centers to serve over 2,000 women and couples annually.

Our Understanding of Christian Faith and Unity:

Heartbeat of Miami is a ministry of the Christian Community. For the purposes of this ministry, the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed are long accepted statements of historic Christian orthodoxy. While there remain important theological differences between Catholics and Protestants, and many distinctions within each of these, nonetheless, HOM aims to be a combined effort of Catholics and Protestants working together. We welcome help from those who love the Gospel of Jesus Christ and desire to advance the Gospel of Life in accordance with our Guiding Principles.

Contraception Policy:

Heartbeat of Miami does not dispense or encourage the use of contraception. For married couples we provide Fertility Awareness information that is healthy, effective and in keeping with God's design for sexual integrity. For details, see HOM Policy on Contraception.

Volunteer Expectations:

HOM could not succeed without dedicated volunteer support. Thank you for your interest. Given the special vulnerability of the women we serve and the desire of many abortion-advocates in the industry and the media to discredit our work, all volunteers must uphold high standards of professionalism, personal responsibility and Christian character in all they say and do. They must agree to:

- 1. Be dependable:** Good intentions that lead to missed appointments or unfinished tasks leave us vulnerable to losing credibility and trust with frightened women who already feel they have no one to turn to for reliable help. We expect volunteers to be on time and stay for the time they have committed to the ministry.
- 2. Maintain a servant's heart:** There are many jobs to be done at HOM; some are thrilling and many are menial. Staff and volunteers all "help where it's needed." Those involved with client care will receive training and mentoring.
- 3. Follow the policies and procedures:** HOM Policies and Procedures are written to foster excellence, protect and guide all in the carrying out of their duties. We expect volunteers to follow policies and to work co-operatively with supervisors.
- 4. Grow in the knowledge and love of Christ:** HOM is a ministry of the Church to the community. As such, volunteers are required to be involved in a local church/parish and in regular attendance.
- 5. Provide a Letter of Recommendation:** A Letter of Recommendation from your pastor is required.



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NOTE: For volunteering for administrative and support work only, fill out Sections One, Two and Four

For volunteering for Client Services, fill out Sections One, Three and Four

Section One: General

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle One: Single Married Engaged Separated Divorced Widowed

Spouse's name _____ Occupation _____

How does your spouse feel about your volunteering at AWC? _____

Children's names & ages _____

Occupation: _____ Circle One: Full-time Part-time None

Christian Faith and Practice:

What Church do you attend? _____ How often do you attend? _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Do you understand and agree with HOM's Guiding Principles? Yes No Not Sure

What is it in your Christian faith that motivates you to join in the ministry of HOM? _____

Volunteer Experience/Professional skills:

Previous volunteer service: _____

How many hours per week or month can you realistically and reliably volunteer right now? _____

Professional or special skills that you can offer: _____

Section Two: Administration and Support Volunteer Opportunities.

To be filled out by those interested in working "behind the scenes" to administrate, develop, and/or promote HOM

Check the Support Service Volunteer Opportunities that interest you:

Development

- Gala Banquet Committee
- Donor Relations
- Communications/Publications:
(Newsletter, Graphics, Web page)
- Speakers Bureau
- Grant Writing
- Special Gifts/Estate Planning
- Church Liaison
- Walk for Life Volunteer

Business Administration:

- Administrative Assistant to Directors/President
- Accounting and Receipting
- Special Event Set-Up and Take-Down
- Cleaning/Maintenance of Centers
- Pick up/Delivery of Supplies
- Data Entry
- Audio/Visual Equipment
- Computers and Office Equipment
- Film/Video Production
- Assemble Mailings

Section Three: Client Services Opportunities

Check the Client Services areas that interest you:

Professional Services:

- Doctor or Nurse
- Radiologist or Sonographer
- Medical Office Management
- L.S.W.
- Client Records

Counseling Services:

- Peer Counselor
- Hotline Counselor
- Crisis Intervention
- Receptionist
- Post-abortion ministry

Client Support Services:

- New Mother Mentoring/Parenting Classes
- Mentoring Fathers
- Baby Showers / Layettees
- Abstinence Program

Sexual Integrity:

Are you now living a lifestyle of sexual integrity, abstinent if single or faithful within marriage? Yes No

Adoption/Abortion Experience and Knowledge:

Do you have any experiences with legal adoption? What are your impressions of adoption?

Have you ever counseled a woman considering abortion? Yes No

Comment on that experience: _____

Have you ever had an abortion? Yes No If Yes, how many? _____ How long ago? _____

If Yes, how did this experience affect you? _____

If Yes, have you had the opportunity to go through a post-abortion class on forgiveness and healing? Yes No

Under what circumstance would you consider abortion appropriate?

Never an option _____ In cases of rape/incest _____ To save the mother's life _____
If the mother is too young _____ If having a baby is too stressful _____ Other _____

Knowledge Check: Evaluate your present knowledge about the following areas:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Abortion procedures at various stages:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Abortion Risks:	_____	_____	_____	_____
The trauma of the post-aborted experience:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fetal development:	_____	_____	_____	_____
State and federal laws regulating abortion:	_____	_____	_____	_____
What the Bible teaches about abortion:	_____	_____	_____	_____

Section Four:

I have read over HOM's Guiding Principles and Volunteer Expectations and agree to uphold these truths and principles as a volunteer at HOM. Please sign and date below.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
