



Change...for Life 2010

It's Time for the 8th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign to Begin!

Thank you so much for Agape Pregnancy Resource Center participating in the 8th Annual "Change...for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign for Agape Pregnancy Resource Center.

Beginning Sunday, April 18th until Mother's Day, May 9th, baby bottles will be filled with coins, cash and checks to support this life-saving ministry.

exists to demonstrate and share the life-changing message of Jesus Christ by providing practical help and loving support to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Thus, your participation in the Baby Bottle Campaign will benefit literally thousands of women, men and children in the coming years.



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Did you know that...

- In six years, Agape has seen more than **5,000** first-time clients.
- Return visits number over **10,000!**

Distribution & Collection of Bottles

1. Baby bottles are to be distributed on Sunday, April 18th and returned on Mother's Day Sunday, May 9th, 2010 (or at the time most convenient for your church).
2. The method you use to distribute the bottles will be determined by your church. Be creative!
3. We believe the most effective way is for the pastor to describe the promotion from the pulpit, tell the members about the work of the center, and have volunteers stationed at each exit from the worship building to distribute the bottles at the conclusion of the service. However, some churches choose to distribute them through the Bible study classes, and that also works well. It is very helpful to have at least one volunteer coordinate the promotion, distribution and collection of the baby bottles.
4. Determine a secure location for members to return the baby bottles.
5. Information in this packet will give your pastor information about the work that is done at Agape and how the donations will be used.
6. Be careful lifting the filled baby bottles as they will be very heavy!
7. A representative from Agape will collect the bottles at the time most convenient for your church.



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Promotion

The following are some suggestions on how your church might publicize the Baby Bottle Campaign...

1. Insert announcements in church bulletins/publications. These will be posted on Agape's web site, www.agapeprc.org, under the "Change...for Life Resources" link. This section will provide resources that can be downloaded to use in church publications. NOTE: Resources for pastors (such as sermon ideas for Sanctity of Life Sunday) are located on the web site, as well.



2. Copy and use the bulletin inserts prior to or during the campaign.

3. Hang the provided flyers and posters in prominent locations in the church.

4. Set up an attractive display using the large baby bottle

provided. Other items you might use are teddy bears, dolls, baby blankets, etc.

5. Remind participants that their gift may be given in honor or in memory of their mother or someone special. (An insert is included in each bottle for this information. Then, we will send the honorees a beautiful card to let them know about this gift!)

6. Announce the Campaign at church services each week if possible! See the next page for information on Agape's services.

Promotion Kit Items

- ♥ Flyers
- ♥ Agape Pamphlets
- ♥ Ads to Insert in Church Publications (these are located on Agape's web site, www.agapeprc.org)
- ♥ Large baby bottle bank for display



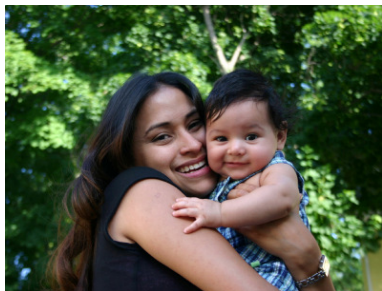
Sample poster.

Need help????

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Agape's Mission & Vision

Agape Pregnancy Resource Center exists to demonstrate and share the life-changing message of Jesus Christ by providing practical help and loving support to those facing an



unplanned pregnancy.

Agape Pregnancy Resource Center is a dynamic center impacting lives by . . .

- **Informing** those in an unplanned pregnancy of options and help available to them.
- **Encouraging** girls, women, men, and families in an unplanned pregnancy or

pregnancy loss by providing personal and practical help for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

- **Educating** individuals, students, and our community by advocating sexual purity as a positive lifestyle.
- **Offering** restoration and healing through Jesus Christ.

Services Provided

- ♦ **Pregnancy Testing** - Agape offers free and confidential pregnancy tests that are 99% accurate as soon as 7 to 10 days after conception.
- ♦ **Ultrasounds** - We offer free ultrasounds to clients for the purpose of confirming the presence of a living baby.
- ♦ **Client Advocate Support** - Confidential, one-on-one support from a caring, trained Client Advocate. Their purpose is to be an “advocate” for the client!
- ♦ **Counseling Sessions** with a professional counselor. This is an optional service.
- ♦ **Maternity & Baby Items** - Agape keeps a limited amount of maternity clothes, infant

clothes, diapers, and baby items on hand to give to clients who need them.

♦ **Referrals to Community Services** such as financial assistance, employment, medical assistance, educational opportunities, adoption services, job training, ongoing professional counseling, and legal aid.

♦ **Referrals for Housing** for those who have no place to go, regardless of whether the mother places her child for adoption.

- ♦ **Childbirth Classes**
- ♦ **Newborn Care Class**
- ♦ **Parenting Class**

- ♦ **Sibling Class**
- ♦ **Financial Planning Class**
- ♦ **Bible Studies**
- ♦ **Christian Mentoring**
- ♦ **Hopes & Dreams**
- ♦ **Abstinence Education**
- ♦ **Pregnancy Loss Support Groups**



What is a “typical visit” to Agape like?

We have no “typical” client...our clients have ranged from 12 year old girls to 41 year old married women. We see every race, religion and economic background. Only one thing remains the same with each girl that walks through the doors at Agape...the love of Christ that is shared with each.



Saving babies lives is just the beginning of the work at Agape...

Bag” and receiving blanket before they leave (and usually a hug!). Bags contain a Bible, gospel tract, the definition of “Agape”, candy, toiletries, March of Dimes info. on having a healthy pregnancy, and other pamphlets pertaining to their specific needs.

If they have other needs that we cannot meet, we will link them with appropriate services in the community (i.e., housing, medical care, legal services, adoption agencies, etc.).

Time to Talk

On their initial visit, girls receive a free pregnancy test and time to talk with a caring, trained Client Advocate. If she is pregnant, she will have the opportunity to discuss all of her options. If she is abortion-minded, we will educate her on abortion procedures and their risks, and the long-term risks, both physically and psychologically. Then, we will let her hold models of pre-born babies. (These are made to scale and have a tremendous impact when the girls SEE that it is a baby inside of them and the size that their baby is at that time) Also, if they are at least 8-10 weeks pregnant, we will perform an ultrasound to let them see the baby’s

heartbeat.

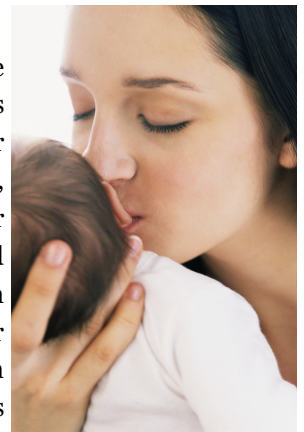
Time for encouragement

Then, girls are encouraged to enroll in one or more of our “Earn While You Learn” classes (see below). They are also invited to take maternity clothes from our “maternity closet”.

During this visit, the Client Advocate will lovingly share the Gospel and pray for the young woman. (Those who make a profession of faith are then contacted by a local pastor for follow-up. They are also encouraged to enroll in one of our Bible Study classes.) Finally, one last prayer is said and girls are given an “Agape

Time and again...

Time and time again, girls enter our doors tearful, afraid or downcast, and leave with smiles on their faces, joy in their hearts



The fruit of our labor...lives saved physically and eternally.

“Earn While You Learn” is a huge success!

Young women are motivated to become better parents and better people as they participate in Agape’s “E a r n While You Learn

program. The program encourages responsibility as girls take classes or complete individual work to earn “Mommy Money”. This special currency can be “cashed in” at the center’s layette room for beautiful, new baby items such as clothes, baby toys, diaper, wipes, blankets, bottles, soap,

shampoo, and much more!

The more clients learn, the more they earn! And, if they complete and entire class series, they earn a graduation gift. Graduation gifts include baby beds and mattresses, bathtubs filled with baby supplies, infant toy baskets, high chairs and more!



Teen Pregnancy & Abortion Statistics

Texas:

- ◆ Texas ranks 49th in the nation in the number of teen pregnancies (ages 15-19)
- ◆ Every 10 minutes, a teen in Texas gets pregnant.
- ◆ In Texas, Every 48 minutes a teen has an abortion.

- ◆ 57% of women having abortions are in their 20s.
- ◆ About 13,000 abortions each year are attributed to rape and incest representing 1% of all abortions.
- ◆ One in six women who have had abortions are evangelical Christians. Based on these statistics, 5.6 million women in our churches have chosen abortion as a way out of an unwanted pregnancy. Each year, 1.5 million American women have an abortion. This means 250,000 evangelical Christian women could choose to abort a child this year.
- ◆ Women ages 20 to 24 obtain 32% of all abortions. Teenagers obtain 20%.



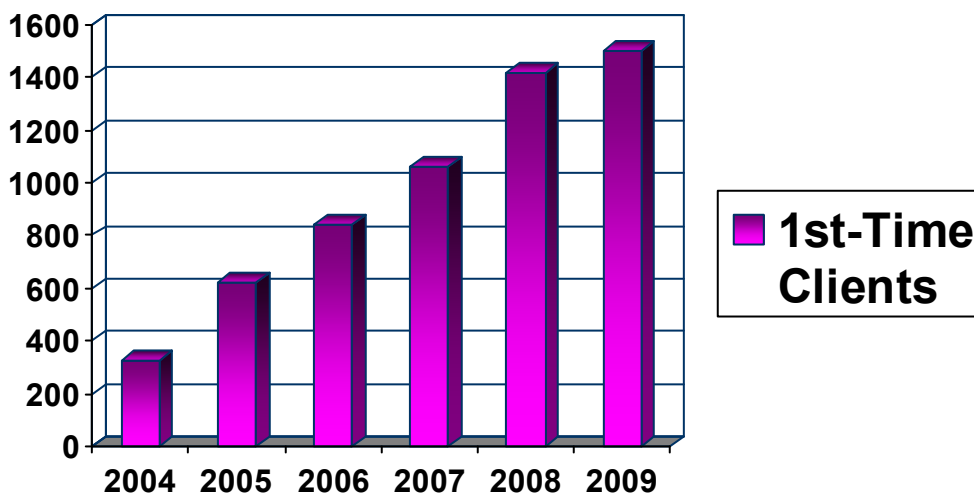
- ◆ 40% of women ages 15 to 44 have had at least one previous abortion.

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the research arm of the nation's leading abortion provider, Planned Parenthood:

- ◆ At current rates, about one in three American women will have had an abortion by the time she reaches age 45.

The need is great...

1st-Time Clients since opening February, 2004



The number of girls who visit Agape is growing steadily...the need is truly great.



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Thank You, 2009 Participating Churches, Organizations & Schools!

- ◆ Anderson Mill Baptist Church
- ◆ Central Baptist Church
- ◆ Community Christian Church
- ◆ Fellowship Round Rock (@ Forest Creek)
- ◆ First Baptist Church Round Rock
- ◆ First United Methodist Church Round Rock Moms
- ◆ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- ◆ Grace Presbyterian Church
- ◆ Hill Country Bible Church Round Rock
- ◆ Hope Bible Church
- ◆ King of Kings Lutheran Church
- ◆ Sweet Home Baptist Church
- ◆ Zoi



If the scheduled dates of this year's Baby Bottle Campaign are inconvenient for your church or organization, we can also customize campaign dates to better suit your organization's schedule. Contact Cammi Boyum at 512/669-9481 or cammiboyum@gmail.com for alternative campaign dates.