

Dear Friends,

At one time we were blessed to have an Intern join the Center. Nicole S. was tasked with Community and Fund Development.

She immediately asked to see our budget which at that time was \$57, 296.00, what fundraising events we produce and effectiveness or results of the events, Community involvement (Area Businesses, Foundation Grants and Churches.) She was able to compile the information and produced the \$60,000 Challenge.

Nicole discovered that there were 61 churches in our service area. Matching this information to the Budget produced a simple challenge to present to the 61 churches the \$60,000 Challenge as follows

If 61 churches gave \$25 per month that would be \$1,525 /month or \$18,300 yearly.

If 61 churches gave \$50 per month that would be \$3,050/month or \$36,600 yearly.

If 61 churches gave \$100 per month that would be \$6,100/month or \$73,200 yearly.

When Nicole presented the \$60,000 Challenge the Staff was excited! It seemed doable! Of course, churches would want to partner with us to “Save the Lives of the Unborn!”

*“And whosoever that saves a life, it is considered as if he saved the entire world.”* Hillel, the Jewish Elder.

We devised an action plan. We sent the 61 area churches an invitation for *Brunch at the Pregnancy Center*. We would feed them a repast. During fellowship time we would present the mission of Harbor Lights Pregnancy and Information Center, answer their questions, provide a tour of the facility and present the \$60,000 Challenge Appeal. We were aware that memberships of each church varied greatly. Maybe a small church could not give the suggested monthly request but another church with a greater number of members could give more. We were leaving that end of the “challenge” to the Holy Spirit.

We were anticipating having numerous brunches to accommodate the many churches who would respond to our challenge! We were so naïve. Two churches out of 61 responded to our brunch invitation. Rather than be discouraged we adopted the attitude that 2 churches have responded. (Praise God!) Fifty Nine churches left to engage!

Since 2017 when the challenge was initially begun we have engaged 18 churches that support the Lord’s mission field at Harbor Lights Pregnancy and Information Center. To those churches who partner with us, thank you for answering the call of Christ.

Our question for you today: “Is your church one of the 18 churches who currently support the mission of Harbor Lights Pregnancy and Information Center? Please, check with your Pastor to see if your church partners with us to “Save the Lives of the Unborn”. If your church does not currently support Harbor Lights Pregnancy and Information Center, I would like the opportunity to speak with your Pastor or Missions Groups to explain our intent and services. It is for such a time as this in history that we are called to protect life!

*“Life, one’s own and that of others cannot be disposed of at will: It belongs to the Author of Life. Love inspires the culture of life, while selfishness inspires the culture of death.”* Pope John Paul II

Let us work together to inspire a culture of ALL LIFE is precious! Let us begin by protecting the lives of the Unborn by meeting the needs of their mothers. Help us to build homes that have a foundation with Christ as the Cornerstone.

I await with hope that your response from your church will be positive. May the Lord direct your decision to partner with us, may He bless you abundantly and may you enjoy peace.

In His honor and for His Glory,

Mary Elizabeth Morse