

## A Great Big Thank You!

Last week, Cisco Rubio, President; Renay Cole, Board Member; and Fabiola Sanchez, Director met with members of the local Fraternal Order of Eagles, Ladies Auxiliary for a presentation made by Maria Cruz, President of the State Ladies Auxiliary, (pictured third from the left) and Sue Vigil (volunteer at Zoe and member of the auxiliary (pictured first on the left).



Ms. Cruz is the outgoing president for the auxiliary and had selected Zoe Pregnancy Center and Crime Stoppers as her annual projects. She was able to raise \$5000 together with other state members for the Pregnancy Center. We, of course, are very grateful to Ms. Cruz and the Auxiliary for this most generous donation. Ms. Cruz is moving away from Las Vegas and we would like to wish her God's speed and blessings as she joins her husband.

## Avoid the stamp!

Many of us pay virtually every bill via electronic funds transfer (EFT), so it makes perfect sense to avoid the stamp (and the envelope), and getting the letter in the outgoing mail . . .) by EFT giving.

Zoe Pregnancy Center is prepared to accept your EFT gifts; all you need to do is fill out the enclosed form and send it along—it may be the last time you need a stamp to connect with us! You can choose the date of your monthly EFT gift and you can know that every gift goes directly to benefit those who come our door. Oh, and you'll save the money you're not spending on stamps—it's on us!

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## Community Awareness

Fabiola Sanchez, Director, is always looking for ways to share with the community what we have to offer here at Zoe.

Fabiola Sanchez, is pictured with West Las Vegas students at a Transition Fair held in April at the high school. The event was organized to provide students an opportunity to obtain information on a variety of post-high school options from university attendance, entrance into the workforce and entrepreneurship.

Fabiola was able to share information on volunteer opportunities with non-profit organizations and in particular at the Center. Zoe Pregnancy Center is a volunteer organization and offers both, onetime event or part time volunteer time slots.



While there, over 200 students attending the event were also informed of services provided by the Center including free pregnancy tests, parenting classes, peer counseling, and material needs. Fabiola shared, "This was a great opportunity to speak to the youth and

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school staff of Las Vegas about Zoe, the response was impressive."

We are always looking for ways to share what the Center has to offer so if you have an organization that is looking for speakers please consider contacting Fabiola.

## A simple answer to those who oppose our ministry

There are those who would like to tear down our work; to tell us that we are somehow forcing our views on those clients who come in our door looking for answers. We both know that nothing could be further from the truth.

Many of our detractors—on the surface at least—see our faith as little more than a crutch; a non-starter when it comes to reaching out to those we see.

At the same time however, many of those same people are often impressed with many of the teachings of Jesus Christ. It's an amazing dynamic and a key focus on why we do what we do.

When detractors question us, we have a simple answer that begins with a question: "When faced with a young woman facing an unplanned pregnancy, what would Jesus do?"

Would Jesus pull together his disciples

## Get your game on . . . . .

It's the time of year where we are always looking for something fun to do outdoors and we have the perfect event for you—Our 4th Annual Shane Harris Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 30th, 2009 at Pendaries Golf Course.

This is such a beautiful course you won't want to miss it. Plus, it's one of the few tournaments that give away prizes including a Cash Prize for the Best Net Team.

Registration covers: Green fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch and goody bag. Shotgun start at 9 am. With registration and breakfast from 8-9 am. At 1:30 pm we'll have lunch plus do all our prize give- aways. You have the opportunity to

and take up a collection for this woman so she could make an appointment at a local abortion clinic? Or would Jesus take her by the hand and say, "I'll walk with you through this. I'll be here with you, and I won't let you go."?

Here at Zoe, our answer is the latter. To the most hardened cynic, this could come across as a "religious answer." but to those with a sense of true inquiry, this truth is eye-opening.

Asking "What would Jesus do?" is not a copout; and certainly not an empty phrase. Asking this question reminds us that we are about building a relationship, and releasing hope into the lives of those we see. These two form a powerful combination that touches hearts and in the end, changes lives.

So if anyone wants to know our motivation, we ask: What would Jesus do?

win either a 2009 Ford or a 2009 Chrysler donated from Enchantment Ford for our Hole-In-One prizes. Early Bird Registration Deadline May 18th—includes 2 Free Mulligans!

\$100 per player or your business has the opportunity to sponsor a team for \$500. Many other sponsorship opportunities are available so please call the Center for more information on this or to register your team.

Your participation makes a difference in the lives of the families we serve.



## What does customer service have to do with ministry?

The words "customer Service" certainly apply to the business sector; and all of us look for excellence in customer service wherever we shop or do business.

When we go to a fast food restaurant, we're pleasantly surprised when the representative behind the counter smiles at us or makes light conversation—and delivers our food quickly!

At retail stores we appreciate the helpful sales associates who aren't pushy—just friendly. We're happy to go back because we remember a good experience.

At a ministry, "customer service" may be even more vital. Here we do not represent a company or even an organization. We represent the Lord. We've heard the phrase that "our lives may be the only bible some people ever read," and there is some truth to that. Even more true however, is that many receive their first introduction to true Christianity when they are greeted after walking in our door.

Perhaps they have never been to church and never been around a group of Christians. In today's world, this is more common than ever. An unfortunately, many churches have watered down Christianity to the point that one can sit in a pew for years and never heard of the hope of Jesus Christ.

To us then, customer service is not only important—it is vital. A smile means the world to a nervous client. Friendly conversation is an ice

breaker that open hearts and builds relationships that lead to changed lives.

This is why we are always looking for those with a heart for the Lord and a joy that radiates to others. A smile, a kind word, a desire to lift others—those are the characteristics that make the difference in this ministry.

Interesting, isn't it? We can make serving here quite complicated, when in truth it comes down to loving God, a will heart and a desire to serve.

Is this you? If so—and if you are willing to part with a piece of your time (not too much, family comes first here) - we have a place for you. Give me a call at 505-454-4357 if you are interested.



Pictured above is Dr. James Dobson at a recent Conference, Enfoque en la Familia, covering Hispanic Families and their needs. The conference, held at the Focus on the Family Campus in Colorado Springs, was attended by Fabiola Sanchez, Director.