

2008 / 2009

# Annual Report

**P**IERCE THE DARKNESS

EXPOSING THE LIES, SHINING THE TRUTH



## a note from the director

# Dear Friend...

As you read through this year's Annual Report, I think it will become clear how God is using First Care Family Resources to "Pierce the Darkness" in our community. What do we mean by "Darkness" and how is First Care responding?

- Our culture lies to women by saying that abortion is an "easy way out". We shine the truth of God that all life is sacred. First Care offers the support women need to choose life for their babies and eternal life for themselves.
- Society tells teens that premarital sex will not harm them. Our Youth Educators teach them the message of God-honoring whole person sexual health. Teens learn that sexual activity impacts all of who they are and they learn the benefits of saving sex for marriage.
- Facing the reality of a past abortion can cause enormous grief. Feelings of shame turn it into a well-kept secret. Men and women learn the truth about God's forgiveness and healing when they attend our abortion recovery Bible studies and encounters.

"Darkness" often comes in the form of pressure – pressure from circumstances, from society, from family and friends, even from ourselves. Chuck Swindoll best describes what we have seen happen at First Care this year:



### OUR MISSION:

*To uphold the sanctity of human life by providing practical assistance, education and loving encouragement to women, men and youth concerning abstinence, pregnancy and post-abortion issues, while sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.*

*"It is upon the platform of pressure that our Lord does His best work...those times when tragedy joins hands with calamity...when Satan and a host of demons prompt us to doubt God's goodness and deny His justice. At such times Christ unsheathes His sword of truth, silencing the doubts and offering grace to accept hope to continue."*

God is using our wonderful volunteers and staff to shine the light of His truth through the gathering darkness. It has been a blessing to me to be involved with such an impressive group of dedicated servants of God.

We are so grateful to you who are our partners and make this ministry possible. Thank you! We pray you will continue with us on this journey to "Pierce the Darkness" and we also welcome new friends who want to join us!

With a Grateful Heart,

**Sharon Brewer**, Executive Director





# meet Narda

## The 2009 "Face of First Care"

My name is Narda Hannibal and I thank God for the opportunity to tell you how He changed my life through First Care. Today, I have two beautiful children and I am a child of the King. Until God sends me someone who will love me and my children, I am committed to living a life of purity and abstinence because of what I learned at First Care.

Three years ago, I was on my way to an abortion clinic when a friend gave me a First Care business card and I called for an appointment. The First Care Client Educator listened as I described living in a physically abusive relationship and why I thought abortion was my only choice. Through compassionate listening and medically accurate education, she helped me realize I had other options and I have no regrets about my decision to keep my daughter.

First Care never gave up on me. They provided emotional support as I worked through a series of severe difficulties. They helped me find a new home and provided baby items. I learned new parenting skills and how to build strong relationships based self respect and Biblical principles. I thank God for sending me a "second mom" who encourages me to be steadfast in my faith in God, who will provide for me and my little ones. My life is a living testimony of First Care's hard work and dedication. I pray that they will be blessed with the resources their Centers need to grow and continue to save lives, like God used them to save mine.



# Pierce the Darkness Through Effective Programs



## Prevention

Be the One (schools) and Living Stones (churches) promote healthy relationships with the important message of saving sex for marriage. These programs are committed to eliminating unplanned pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, and the negative emotional consequences of premarital sex through education and support.

- Youth education in classrooms and youth groups
- Clubs for mentoring, support and training peer leaders
- Educational information to parents, schools and community groups
- Resources for programs nationwide: curriculum, t-shirts, premiums

## Intervention

An unwanted pregnancy does not have to mean an unwanted baby. First Care's six Pregnancy Resource Centers offer accurate information and appropriate support that provide real choices and life giving alternatives:

- Pregnancy Tests & Sonograms
- Confidential Counseling
- Fatherhood Education and Support
- Community Referrals
- Baby and Maternity Clothes & Supplies
- Pre and Post Adoption Support
- Parenting Classes
- Education and Information

## Restoration

65% of post abortive men and women suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. Bible study support groups and weekend encounters help them find healing and restoration.

- One to One Bible Studies
- Small Group Bible studies
- Weekend Encounters



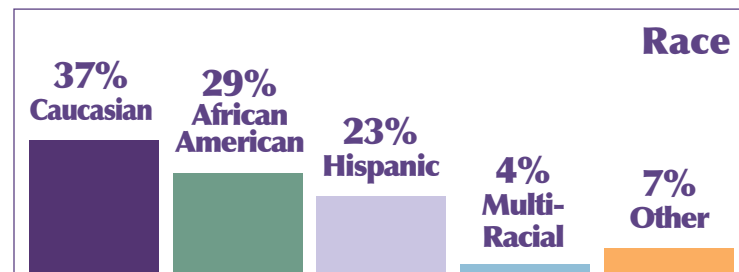
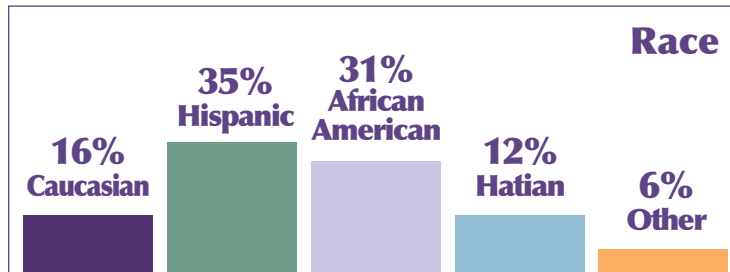
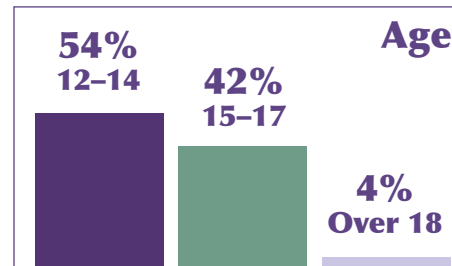
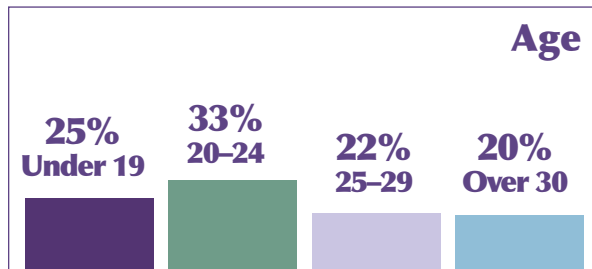
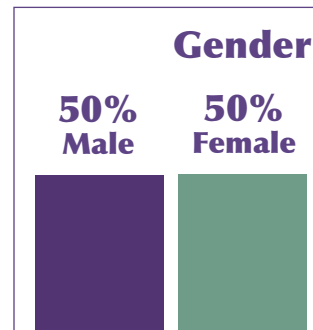
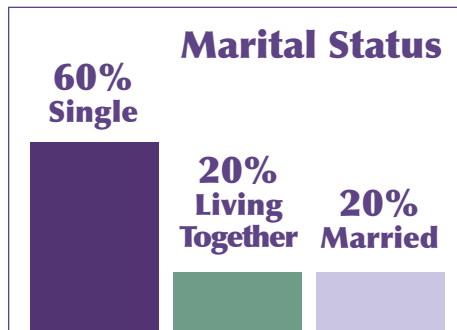
## Pregnancy Services

10,146	Client visits
143	Prayed to receive Christ
244	Chose life for their babies
1,156	Received free sonograms
3,975	Parenting class attendance
21	Participated in abortion recovery

# this year's Impact

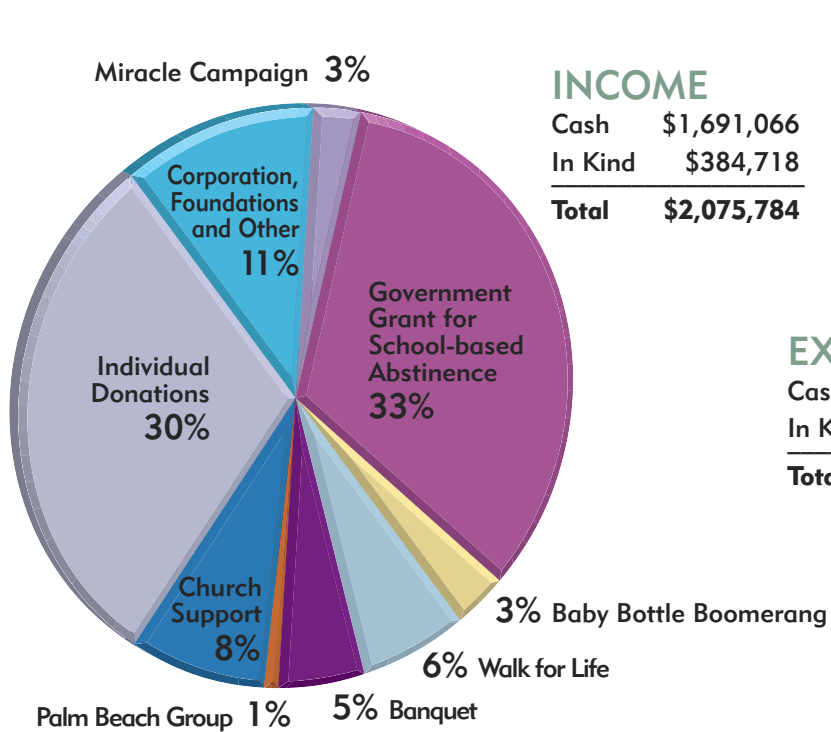
## Prevention

10,985	Students received 4 hours of classroom education
90	Students participated in clubs for up to 24 weeks
1,900	Youth/adults in church participated in Living Stones



# Financial summary

October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009

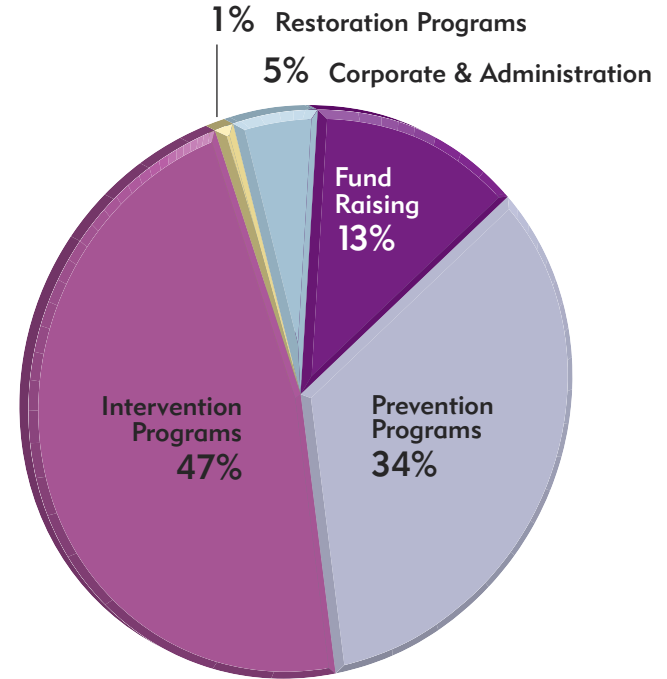


## INCOME

Cash	\$1,691,066
In Kind	\$384,718
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,075,784</b>

## EXPENSES

Cash	\$1,790,968
In Kind	\$370,726
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,161,694</b>



*The deficit between income and expense was funded out of cash on hand and loans.*

## Jamaica

**Our mission pregnancy center (PRCJ) in Montego Bay has just completed its second year of ministry.**

### The results are exciting!

- 14 babies saved from abortion
- 30 women prayed to receive Christ
- 2034 youth participated in abstinence education classes

### The challenges are enormous:

- Few volunteers
- Local churches slow to catch vision
- Local funding very difficult to find



# this year's highlights *Dreams for the Future*

## Highlights:

Miracle 3000 Campaign\* Phase I enabled us to:

- Increase center hours in Lantana and West Palm Beach
- Increase the number of sonograms offered in all 6 pregnancy centers
- Provide specialized abstinence training/education in pregnancy centers
- Advertise through the internet and place ads on local buses

New Pregnancy Center Opened:

- Merged with Life Care (a ministry of First Baptist West Palm Beach) and opened a center in the Community Health Clinic (Inner City)

New and Improved Programs:

- Year round Teen Mom program
- 24/7 Dad
- Divine Debutante
- Abortion Recovery weekend encounters

Be the One:

- Doubled number of club sessions (from 24 to 48)
- Established a successful on-line store ([www.pantsonforsafety.com](http://www.pantsonforsafety.com))

Social Networking:

- FCFR Facebook Page
- BTO Facebook Page
- FCFR Facebook Cause
- BTO My Space
- FCFR YouTube Channel



## Future Goals and Dreams:

Miracle 3000 Campaign\* Phase II and III were delayed because of the economy. We hope to accelerate the campaign in 2010 and be able to:

All Centers

- Increase Advertising
- Expand sonogram availability

Boca Raton Center; relocate

Wellington/Royal Palm Beach; open new center

Tequesta and Belle Glade; increase center capacity

Jamaica; open center in Kingston

Prevention:

- Replace government funding with private funding
- Living Stones fully funded enabling us to equip and empower the local community to promote healthy Biblical relationships



\* A strategic initiative to save the lives of an additional 3000 babies and the souls of over 1300 women. To learn more contact [SharonBrewer@First-Care.org](mailto:SharonBrewer@First-Care.org)



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