

# Volunteers to be trained for pregnancy center

Often people think they need to travel to other parts of the world to do mission work, yet serving others can take place in many ways at different organizations in the community.

Alice Steck, chair of the board of directors for the Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns, and a volunteer trainer, appeals to individuals who might be attracted to volunteer opportunities at three sites in Baltimore: St. Rita, Dundalk; St. Brigid, Canton; and Charles Village in Baltimore city (main office).

"I have been privileged to train both men and women," she said, "in how to be ministers of God's grace and mercy in their own back yards."

The various pregnancy centers face an overwhelming amount of women who turn to them in need. These women are met with God's love and compassion through the more than 60 volunteers who "faithfully exhibit the love of Christ as they care for the clients that come to our doors and those who call the Helpline," she said. "Our volunteers are the backbone of the ministry!"

Volunteer opportunities include peer-counselor, receptionist, Helpline, and working in Hannah's Cupboard organizing clothes and baby supplies (material assistance program).

Additionally, someone is needed to spearhead their newest effort, "The Mommy Dollar Program - Earn While You Learn."

This resource offers women the opportunity to attend parenting classes and Bible study while earning "Mommy Dollars" to spend in the material assistance program.

"Don't base your decision on ability," said Ms. Steck, "but on availability in serving our Lord. Please consider becoming a part of God's ambassadorial work to deliver a message of hope and encouragement to the dear women that we serve."

The next training is Sept. 27 to equip volunteers in being God's instrument of change and to enrich personal communication and counseling skills.

"Please prayerfully consider partnering with us," said Ms. Steck.

Call 410-243-6699 for more information about this 27-year-old ministry.