

## Practical Tips for Sidewalk Servants

### What Should I Wear?

- Dress according to the weather: if it's cold be prepared with mittens, hand warmers, socks, thermals. If its hot bring water, a hat, and stay in the shade. If it's raining, don't forget your umbrella or other rain gear.
- Don't wear things that will scare others away from you. Don't wear signs, don't carry pictures that might scare others away from you. Be approachable.
- Don't look like a crazy person.

### How to Act:

- Speak in a calm, loving voice. Never yell, never curse, never get into arguments with people. Our job is to be there to LOVE and to PRAY.
- Say loving, respectful things
- If someone is unkind to you – let it go. Pray from them, turn the other cheek. If you must respond, respond with love.
- Don't spend your time there socializing. While you are there focus yourself in deep prayer. Really take that hour to add your prayers into the spiritual battle. If you are not speaking with someone going in and out of the center, pray, pray and pray some more.
- Keep your phone with you and know that you can always call Pat Stanton (267-718-4851) or Dr. Monique Ruberu (469-231-9084) if you have questions during your time there.
- If the officers are there be nice to them. They have told us over and over that they are praying in their cars for an end to abortion. Thank them for being there to protect us.
- If you get the chance to speak to someone, acknowledge the difficult position there are in, but let them know YOU can help.

## **What to Say:**

Hi my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm here as a part of the peaceful sidewalk outreach to let you know that we have some great resources that will give you support and hope today!

This is for you (Give pamphlet to them)

Can you share with me why you are coming here today so I can give you the best resources for you?

**Abortion** – we have a women's center that can provide you with free ultrasound and pregnancy test to date your pregnancy...instead of paying for it inside...can I take you there? (make sure you know where the closest center is and call them in advance to let them know you are bringing someone)

Can I arrange a free taxi to get you there?

**Contraceptives, annuals, problem visits** – 'You know if you google Philadelphia (or whichever city you are in) health centers on your phone there are lots of centers that provide all of those services for the same price or less than here, and they don't do abortions there. Do you know they kill (give the number of abortions committed at the center you are currently at) babies a year here? Volunteer to call a local center to see if you can get them in right away).

## **Definitely Avoid These:**

- Do not try and cross over the property line of the abortion center. You may be on the public sidewalk.
- Do not use any derogatory language toward anyone in or around the abortion center.
- Do not hit anyone
- Do not yell at anyone
- Do not come if you are angry
- Don't bring your own signs, signs and brochures will be provided for any events.