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Imparting Biblical and Traditional Values in a Society that isn't...

Dear Faithful Supporter,

SUPPORTERS AND OUR OASIS

Robert (not his real name) trudged up our front stairs with a generous check written out to RPC in hand. He was shocked and discouraged about news that had hit him like a sledge-hammer just that morning - fetal body parts being sold for profit! What was happening in this world?!? His heart was breaking at the same time as the anger inside of him was wrecking his day.

Two staff members ended up taking the check and thanking him profusely, and that could have been that. But, he wanted to talk and as we listened to him, we all shared our frustrations. By the time he left our office that late afternoon, we were reminded that the favor of God is on RPC. What an honor to be a place that Biblical Christians can trust and support!

There it was again – RPC being an oasis of Biblical and traditional values in a society that isn't.

CLIENTS AT OUR OASIS

Merriam-Webster includes these two definitions of OASIS -

A pleasant place that is surrounded by something unpleasant

A time or experience that is pleasant and restful

That's it! That's what we are for our clients, as follows:

A pleasant place that is surrounded by something unpleasant

Angel came in afraid and even embarrassed, despite her tough woman of the world exterior. She needed to use our free STD screening services. As a true child of popular culture, she had embraced a view of sex as a mechanical experience that was healthy, could be experienced with or without love, and was absolutely expected outside of marriage. Thus, many partners later, she was having to deal with STD issues.

Angel had never given much thought to the relationship between sex and marriage and her deep emotions and needs. But, to her surprise, woven throughout her time and conversations at our STD clinic, a portrait was painted that she deeply craved and wanted to embrace – it was a picture of sex in marriage nurturing her mind, body, and spirit. It was pleasant and pure and very respectful of who she was. She said she felt stronger as she left.

A time or experience that is pleasant and restful

Julie knew that we were faith-based and that is exactly what she wanted and needed. She called RPC one day saying that she wasn't pregnant, but she knew we did counseling and she just needed to talk. Could we help her? Of course! Later that day she came in.

Julie was an outspoken Christian in a tight-knit small church, but she was really struggling with sexual temptation. She didn't want to talk to church people because she said they were too legalistic to understand what she was going through. She spent two hours at RPC baring her soul, wrestling out loud, and confessing before God while our counselor supported her. It turns out that the service Julie received from us was time spent in a restful place where she could be reminded of Biblical truth.

WHY THE WORLD NEEDS OUR OASIS

Every practical and free service RPC provides for clients is an oasis in this often mixed-up and evil world. Why can I make this bold claim? Because we also offer clients the Living Water, which is Christ, and THAT is ultimately the source of their refreshment.

The beautiful story of the woman at the well in Scripture so applies to our mission:

The Samaritan woman questions the social rightness of giving a Jew a drink of water, but Jesus gently leads her to the understanding that there is a Living Water and it is a gift of God. He tells her *"...whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst."* -John 4:14

On the envelope you received this letter in, and featured in the Oasis logo, is a picture of En Gedi, a waterfall oasis in the wilderness of Judah, which is mentioned in the Bible (and still exists). An oasis such as this has a great effect on the ecology of the surrounding area that it nourishes from underground and through sprinkled droplets of life-giving water. **But, powerful as the impact of a lush oasis is on the surrounding land and people, it is nothing compared to the power of the Living Water of Christ in our parched and thirsty lives.** This is what we believe at RPC.

All of this is why we work so hard to maintain the oasis that is RPC in your community. Your financial gifts make this all possible. So, please, bless us with your most generous gift. **Help us be that very special and pleasant oasis for so many!** All gifts are welcome and all gifts are crucial to the health of this very special pleasant place.

Excited to be imparting Biblical and traditional values in a society that isn't...



To God be the Glory,

Lissa

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www.rockvillepregnancyclinic.org