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Anderson Council 8295, Knights of Columbus Presents Anderson Pregnancy Care Center with funding for State of the Art Ultrasound Unit

On October 14th, Grand Knight Thomas Holahan of Council 8295, Anderson, presented funding for a Samsung Ultrasound Machine to Audrey Shaw, Executive Director of Anderson Pregnancy Care, located at 1303 North Murray Ave. Anderson, SC.



From left to right: Wanda Weldon, Board Member, Laura Jones, Board Member, Audrey Shaw, Executive Director, Daniel Barton, Knights of Columbus State Deputy, Haley Ramsey, Board Member, Tom Holahan, Grand Knight, Austin Blunt, NewSpring Associate Campus Pastor, Rev. Philip Gillespie, Pastor St. Joseph Catholic Church, Anderson, SC, Kayla Burbury, Nurse Manager

The Knights of Columbus is honored to partner with NewSpring Church to provide the State of South Carolina's 20th Ultrasound unit to Anderson Pregnancy Care. There are approximately 1,000 machines across the world that the Knights of Columbus have placed to facilitate fetal ultrasounds (sonogram). This process is an imaging technique that uses sound waves to produce high-resolution images of a fetus in the uterus.

Ultrasound Machine Brings New Life To Anderson Pregnancy Center

October's Respect Life Month brings pro-life issues to the forefront by partnering with other local pro-life advocates.

For years, Anderson Pregnancy Care has been transforming the lives of families in the Anderson area. Anderson Pregnancy Care provides a safe place for expectant Moms, new Moms, and families to receive physical, emotional, and spiritual support.

On any given day, the center is bustling with clients, children, and a group of faithful volunteers. One-on-one peer counseling is an integral part of the ministry that every client is provided. Expectant Moms often come to the center with questions, fears, and needs. Anderson Pregnancy Care is a place that will be offering ultrasounds which have long been a prayer and an immense need for this organization. The Knights of Columbus and NewSpring Church have stepped up to support and provide this great need through a generous ultrasound machine donation. Meeting this local need will impact this community far beyond providing a medical service. Expectant Mothers who choose to mother their children are supported by this ministry far beyond an ultrasound appointment. An **Earn While You Learn** program provides classes including financial education, car seat safety, cooking, and counseling. By participating in these classes, the clients earn "Baby Bucks" in which they use to "purchase" items they need for their babies.

Today the center is preparing to enter a new chapter for the ministry. Their new building is evidence of other local pro-life partners providing support, both financial and spiritual. NewSpring Church partnered with local Knights of Columbus Anderson Council 8295 to provide the much-needed funding to start up the ultrasound purchase and better provide high-resolution images of the fetus. The center adopted the hashtag **#impactanderson**, and it is evident that Anderson Pregnancy Care's impact is positive in our community.

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