

EVENT PRESS RELEASE

November 23, 2019

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Lowcountry Pregnancy Center

Joy Yarborough, President/CEO

(843) 553-3505

joy@lowcountrypregnancycenter.com



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Charleston Council 12472, Knights of Columbus Presents Lowcountry Pregnancy Center with funding for State of the Art Ultrasound Unit

On November 23rd, Grand Knight Robert Wilcox of Council 12472, Charleston, presented funding for a Mindray Ultrasound Machine to Joy Yarborough, CEO of Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, located at 7481 Northside Drive, Charleston, SC.



From left to right: Nancy Kelly, Nurse Manager, Deacon Joe Keating, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, District Deputy James Daugomah, Robert Wilcox, Grand Knight, Bob Poyer, Past Grand Knight, Joy Yarborough, CEO w/check, Everette Reynolds, Deputy Grand Knight, Tony Szwast, Carl Strong, Treasurer, Paul Jacques, Past Grand Knight

The Knights of Columbus is honored to provide the State of South Carolina's 21st Ultrasound unit to Lowcountry Pregnancy Center. 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 Lowcountry Pregnancy Center

Since 1986 the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center has been transforming the lives of families in the Charleston area with over 137,000 pregnancy and parenting related client service visits. They operate three centers, two in the Charleston area and one in Orangeburg. Their services include free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) testing, parenting and fatherhood mentoring classes, baby clothes, diapers and equipment. Our programs provide support to moms and dads and to help them learn how to be the best parents they can be. They learn about themselves, develop parenting skills, strengthen relationships, manage their lifestyle, and create a balance between work and family.

The West Ashley DAZZ location will receive a new Mindray ultrasound machine from the Knights of Columbus at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with the support of the Knights of Columbus national headquarters. The new machine costs \$22,000 and is used at DAZZ as part of their approach to give women free access to seeing their developing baby in the womb. In 2018, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center documented providing over 691 free ultrasounds.

The Knights began their fundraising by first obtaining approval from Diocese of Charleston and then the State and National officers who provide 50% of the funding after the local council raises their share. The local council raised funds through several means, such as Lenten fish fries, pancake breakfasts, Keep Christ in Christmas magnet sales, and a successful golf tournament in August. It took six months from inception of the idea to the purchase of the ultrasound machine. "The Council is proud of its efforts to support DAZZ and their work supporting God's love", quoted Rob Wilcox, Grand Knight of Fr. John J. McCarthy, Council 12472.

<https://lowcountrypregnancycenter.com/>

Submitted:

Don Thurlow, State Public Relations
South Carolina Knights of Columbus
dthurlow9576kofc@aol.com
(864) 275-7141

###