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Charleston Council 6629, Knights of Columbus Presents Lowcountry DAZZ Pregnancy Center with funding for State-of-the-Art Ultrasound Unit

On September 21st, Grand Knight Rob McAnnar of Msgr. Richard C. Madden Council 6629, Charleston, presented funding for a Mindray Ultrasound Machine to Joy Yarborough, CEO of DAZZ Pregnancy Center, located at 1106 Suite B, St. Andrews Blvd, Charleston, SC.



From left to right holding baby bottles: Rob McAnnar, Grand Knight of Council 6629, Joy Yarborough, CEO Pregnancy Center, John Starzyk, Council Life Director, Daniel Barton, South Carolina Knights of Columbus State Deputy, Joe Friend, District Deputy Charleston

The Knights of Columbus is honored to provide the State of South Carolina's 22nd 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 ministry will receive a new Mindray Ultrasound machine from the Knights of Columbus at Summerville St. John The Beloved Catholic Church with the support of the Knights of Columbus national headquarters. The new machine costs approximately \$25,000 and is used as part of their approach to give women free access to seeing their developing baby in the womb. In 2019, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center documented providing over 685 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. Council 6629 conducted a beginning fundraising campaign over a two-week period, at all Masses at St. John The Beloved Catholic Church. They distributed over 200 baby bottles that returned more than \$7,000 in checks, cash, and coins from pro-life parishioners. Fundraising is hard work, but lives are truly valuable!

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