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Summerville Council 6629, Knights of Columbus, Congratulates Lowcountry Pregnancy Center On Installation of State-of-the-Art Ultrasound Unit

On December 4th, Grand Knight Rob McAnnar of Council 6629, Summerville, joined Joy Yarborough, CEO of Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, located at 7481 Northside Drive, Charleston, SC for the celebration of the installation of the State's 24th Ultrasound Unit.



From left to right: John Starzyk, Council Life Director, Ceil Weber RN, Joy Yarborough, Lowcountry CEO, Rob McAnnar, Grand Knight Council 6629

Studies show that most women considering abortion will change their mind and choose life after having an Ultrasound where a live image of the child can be seen, and a heartbeat can be heard. Initially, in 2019, spearheaded by Council Life Director, John Starzyk, the Richard C. Madden Council #6629 began a "Baby Bottle Drive" to begin their fund raising so that the Low Country Pregnancy Center would be able to acquire an additional Ultrasound machine.

The Lowcountry Pregnancy center expects that over 180 pregnant women will choose life after having an Ultrasound from this unit.

Beginning with the bottle drive as a foundation, Parish Respect Life Committee and the council Knights of Columbus were at all Masses collecting donations. Over time, between the bottle campaign and other donations, over \$14,000 was generated for this worthy cause.

The Supreme Council of Knights of Columbus, headquartered in New Haven, CT, supports local councils generating funds for Ultrasound machines and donates matching 50% of the machine cost toward councils for their acquisitions.

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.

<https://lowcountrypregnancycenter.com/>

About the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is one of the world's leading fraternal and service organizations, with 2 million members in more than 16,000 parish-based councils. During the past year, Knights around the world donated more than 77 million service hours and \$187 million for worthy causes in their communities. The organization also offers extensive life insurance services to members and their families, resulting in more than \$114 billion of life insurance in force. Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors offers investment services to individuals and institutions in accord with Catholic social teachings. From helping children in need, to providing wheelchairs for the disabled, to helping stock food banks, to offering top-rated and affordable insurance products to its members, the Knights of Columbus has supported families and communities for more than 138 years.

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