

## To Grand Knight Al Gombar, former GK Jim Saunders and you have brought...

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To: algombar1@gmail.com

To Grand Knight Al Gombar;

Former GK Jim Saunders and you have brought up the idea several times of the possibility of our council supporting a major charity as our main focus.

I have given this matter some thought over the past few months and I feel strongly about casting my opinion toward the Alpha Pregnancy Center in Sanford. After Becky and I visited there early this summer it only confirmed my support for this non profit and non Government funded organization.

Alpha Pregnancy Center is Celebrating it's 25th anniversary of impacting our community for life. Many women who have been impacted by their services and support Choose Life, and carry their Pregnancy to full term. Supporting APC and their support for Life is one of the most important things we can do.

APC is currently in the process of a much needed expansion with a cost estimates of \$275,000 for a Pregnancy Test Room, Material Aid Room, Volunteer Room offices and much more needed infrastructure and services. This gives us a great opportunity to help a very worthy organization in fulfilling a very worthwhile cause.

I also am aware that our council through the very generous support of the parishioners at St Martha have recently raised almost \$8,000 for an Ultrasound Machine. People are very passionate about their support for life and made it obvious by their generosity to our Baby Bottle Drive. We will continue the BBD in the years to come but we can also continue our support throughout the year for The Alpha Pregnancy Center.

The support Becky and I have for APC is primary and if we were to consider another charity that our Council could be of support to it would be Caring Unlimited which our council has supported in the past. The great support that they give to families suffering from domestic abuse is very much needed in our community and throughout Maine. Over 50% of arrest in Southern Maine is do to domestic circumstances.

Becky founded the Atlanta plunge in 2001 which has raised over \$250,000 over the years. Becky is very familiar with Caring Unlimited and can provide more information if the council wishes to support a organization that has a very positive effect on many women, children and families.

Thank you, Dan Wirtes

Sent from my iPad Daniel Wirtes