



Annual Report of the Chairman of the Trustees 2010

Overview

The charity continues to operate two crisis pregnancy centres, Oasis in Horsham and The Haven in Crawley. Services offered are pregnancy testing, crisis pregnancy advice, post abortion advice, pregnancy loss advice, a schools education programme and provision of baby equipment and clothing to those in need. In 2010 the charity operated with a financial deficit of £9,761. At year end this left the charity with reserves of £15,888.

The Trustees are working with the Management Committee to develop fund raising activity and to arrange a fundraising dinner, which has been very successful in the past.

The Crisis Pregnancy, Post Abortion and Pregnancy Loss Advisory Service

Staffing is primarily achieved through volunteers. New people have been trained as advisors and receptionists. Drop-in sessions operate weekly in both Horsham and Crawley; and appointments can be made by clients at other times by mutual agreement. 67 clients were supported during the year.

Support is provided to clients on a totally confidential basis.

The on-line web based advisory service continues to support over 200 clients every month. A volunteer from the Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre is one of the co-ordinators running this national service.

Schools Work

Throughout the year, the centre has continued to send teams into 7 schools to provide a course to almost 1,635 students, primarily in year 10. This covers foetal development, the UK's abortion laws and helps the children to understand the impact of an unplanned pregnancy, and to explore the emotions and choices associated with one. It is hoped that this education and awareness helps to reduce teenage unplanned pregnancy.

Baby Clothing and Equipment

The centre continues to supply good quality equipment and clothing to those in need; all of which has been donated to The Oasis for this purpose. The service continues to operate out of premises in Crawley and is open once a week to allow items to be dropped off and collected. 204 clients were supported during the year.

Bryan Steele
Chairman of the Trustees