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Vine & Branches

The monthly e-newsletter of
Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

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Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats for emotional and spiritual healing after abortion are held internationally. Rachel's Vineyard welcomes women, men, couples, grandparents and former abortion providers. Our retreats are held in both Catholic and Interdenominational settings. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is a resource for clinical training, education, and healing models.

Rachel's Vineyard is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible. We work in partnership with Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is available on the web at www.RachelsVineyard.org and through our 24/7 help line 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

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For over 20 years Rachel's Vineyard has reached out to men and women hurting after abortion. Part of the services provided by Rachel's Vineyard has been a crisis hotline. The hotline enables people in crisis after their abortion to get the immediate help they need by being put in touch with trained volunteers who give them hope and offer them valuable resources, include a chance to attend a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

It is with great pleasure that Rachel's Vineyard announces their collaboration with Concepts of Truth. Concepts of Truth is a non-profit professional counseling and care pregnancy center founded by Dail and Millie Lace in 2001. The center offers a variety of services including the National Helpline for Abortion Recovery. It is here that Rachel's Vineyard and Concepts of Truth collaboration begins!

Generously, Millie Lace has offered to allow the National Helpline for Abortion Recovery to manage the Rachel's Vineyard Hotline, providing the best in compassionate, professional crisis response for those men and women seeking help and healing after abortion.

To learn more about Dail and Mille Lace and Concepts of Truth visit their website at www.conceptsoftruth.org



Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. **-Melody Beattie**



A Rachel's Vineyard Appeal

November is a time to cultivate gratitude for time spent with loved ones, for the many blessing that we experience every day, and for the

incredible healing power of God's love.

This Thanksgiving Season, why not express your gratitude by making healing possible for someone else?

Make a generous donation today.


Your donation will make the difference for someone who desperately needs healing.

Here's how to make a donation:

Online: www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate

By Phone: 610-354-0555

By Mail: P.O. Box 140130 Staten Island, NY 10314



Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.

-Henry Ward Beecher



Prison Break: The Spiritual Bonds of Abortion Broken Behind Bars

Recently the Florida Catholic Newspaper featured an article about Rachel's Vineyard's collaboration with Catholic Charities Prison Ministries to offer post abortive inmates at a maximum security prison the opportunity to experience God's healing power. Donna Gardener, facilitator for the Palm Beach Florida Rachel's Vineyard site, and Tom Lawlor began facilitating the Rachel's Vineyard healing seminars in June. Since then the program has taken off with tremendous success.

The program was developed as a result of a study that showed the "90 percent of [inmates] surveyed are impacted by abortions in which there were involved some way in the past." The pilot program ran in June at the Martin Correctional Institution in Florida and was so successful, the team quickly arranged for a second seminar.

The inmates are being profoundly effected by the program in their prison, one inmate shared, "I was unable to accept God's grace to heal and come to know my precious daughter in heaven, Angela Grace. My life is no longer measured on a before abortion/ after abortion timeline. Through the Rachel's Vineyard seminar and God's grace, I am now alive in Jesus through Mary."

To learn more about Rachel's Vineyard prison ministry click here:

<http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/PDF/Articles/PrisonerRachelMinistry.pdf>



Rachel's Vineyard Recommends: Abortion Alternatives and Support

A new website for abortion alternatives and information has launched

which offers resources, support and hope to those who are considering abortion or who are suffering after abortion. The site went live in October, offering women and men a safe haven on the web where they can find information and support in dealing with the pain and anxiety caused by abortion.

When asked about her motivation for starting the website, founder Cathy had this to say, " what is at the basis of it is suffering - the suffering caused by abortion and our desire to meet people in that suffering after abortion ..and to try to help prevent it in the first place by setting out what we see as the real reasons behind abortion and many of the myths and lies that propagate it. We see suffering happening on a grand scale because abortion is so readily available and encouraged on all sides and the truth about what it really does to women and families, let alone their babies, is suppressed - so it is for us a human rights issue...Abortion is of course a very deep and painful subject that is difficult for people to talk about but we believe that talking about it is the only way to bring healing and true hope."

Co-founded with a friend, May, Cathy started the website as a place of non-judgmental communication and support for women who were looking for a haven to deal with their grief. The site is open to all faiths and walks of life, a component that Cathy believes is critical. She notes the polarity and political nature of the abortion debate: "In the middle are the women who actually have abortions and many of them, perhaps most, are caught in an impossible conflict that is largely of their environment's making....This is what arises when women are abandoned in pregnancy and basically given a message that their unborn children and their vocation as mothers are worthless and that having a child in difficult circumstances is an irresponsible, selfish act."

The UK based website was born out of this deep understanding of the emotional and mental turmoil of the trauma of abortion. "We are women who have been in that terrible position and who understand the conflict and the dilemma."

To learn more check out the website here:

<http://abortion-alternativeinformationandsupport.org>



Rachel's Vineyard Social Networking


Click the links below to visit Rachel's Vineyard social networking sites. Join today and send to your friends and family!

Facebook Fan Page: www.facebook.com/rachelsvineyard

Facebook Cause: www.causes.com/rachelsvineyard

Check out our new Youtube videos!:

www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard



United in Prayer

For all those effected by Hurricane Sandy, that God will assist in a speedy recovery for coastal towns, neighborhoods without power, and families who are working to rebuild their homes.

For **Lisa Turner**, who is battling cancer, that God will bring her total healing.

November is a month to remember the souls that have gone before us and to pray to the Saints to intercede for our work here on earth. For all the souls of our little ones lost to abortion, we pray that God will cradle them in His arms and reach down with a healing touch to all those grieving the loss of their children.

For all those "**good and faithful servants of the Vineyard**" who have gone before us this past year, that God will welcome them into the Heavenly Kingdom.



Upcoming Grief to Grace Retreats

Grief to Grace: Healing the Wounds of Abuse

November 15-November 18,2012 Kelowna, Canada.

November 26-November 30, 2012 Roehampton, London, England.


Dr. Theresa Burke will be facilitating.

SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE VISIT WEBSITE BELOW FOR DETAILS ON SIGNING UP TODAY!

March 10- March 15, 2013 Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Theresa Burke will be facilitating.

Vist www.griegtograce.org for more information.



Upcoming Events

December 6 & 7 Rachel's Vineyard Training Seminar, France

Dr. Theresa Burke will be facilitating.

Contact the Rachel's Vineyard International Office for details:

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Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

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November 09 - November 11, 2012

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November 30- December 02, 2012

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November 30 - December 02, 2012

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December 14- December 16, 2012

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