

Mobile Maternity Units Support Pro-Life Movement

As Mississippi voters take a potentially historic vote that could ban abortion in the state, two Christian groups are joining forces to support pregnant women who are choosing life.

Samaritan Ministries and the Morning Center announced Monday night the locations of their first three mobile maternity care units: Indianapolis; Memphis, Tenn.; and Charlotte, N.C. They plan to have a mobile unit operational in each of these cities by December 2012.

"Mobile units will be a fraction of the cost of maternity supplies," says James Lansberry, Morning Center director. "They will enable us to treat the whole woman and catch any potential complications early on in her pregnancy. This is an important project that will need backing from concerned Americans wanting to help our nation's poor."

The Morning Center, founded in 2011, aims to provide full-service pre-natal and maternity care to women in urban and under-served areas who have chosen life for their child. The mobile care units will be fashioned after the model of a bloodmobile. Each one will be fully equipped with highly trained medical professionals and state-of-the-art technology.

According to its website, "The Morning Center hospital project is the next step in the pro-life movement. Together, we can bring a new day in maternity care and lavish the love of Jesus Christ on women and unborn children who desperately need it."

The Morning Center plans to partner with local churches and like-minded organizations to schedule appointments for the mobile care units.

The organization says that will accomplish two goals for the price of one: serving the maternity needs of women and simultaneously connecting them with the support structure they'll need before and after their baby's arrival.

The two primary criteria determining the choice of the three cities, which represent some of the nation's neediest, were need in the community and local support. They have high unemployment rates, high infant mortality rates (Memphis has the highest in the nation), high numbers of people under poverty level, and many who are medically under-served.