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Local center offers jobs, clothing, prenatal care

Good Samaritan Pregnancy Services aids mothers

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Young women faced with an unexpected pregnancy may not know where to go for help locally. One place is Good Samaritan Pregnancy Services.

women with problem pregnancies.
Mary E. Dresser, a board member of the organization said, "We're acting as a referral service to help them (unwed mothers) get in touch with various agencies in the community that can either provide money or help them find jobs or job training."
The program began a year ago, she said, and is still being organized.

"We think there is a need for it (the program) because there's so much pressure now on women who are pregnant, either single or married, who think they have to have an abortion," she said. "That seems to be the easy solution."
"If we're going to say we do not believe in abortion, then we should be providing them help in having their baby and in overcoming the obstacles they are faced with."

services either for free or at lower costs, depending on the individual.
She added that some people have volunteered to house unwed mothers until after they have their baby and can get situated.
"Some of these girls get kicked out of where ever they are and told to 'leave home' or the boyfriend decides he's no longer going to live with her, so they need some place to go," she said.

She said a lawyer from the board of directors discussed the legal responsibilities involved.
For instance, Dresser said, "The man is legally responsible for helping pay for things." She said enforcement is difficult and usually requires court action.
If someone wants to put their baby up for adoption, Dresser said GSPS will send them to local agencies.

regards to artificial birth control, and as something that is officially connected with the church, we can't very well provide birth control measures."
Eventually, she said, they would like to have programs that would educate people who want to learn about natural birth control. "I think we're seeing it as a responsibility of the individual parishes, but right now, it isn't part of what we're able to do."
However, she thinks this ser-

vice should be provided. "It's not just Catholics who want to know about this," she said. "There are a lot of people who don't like the side effects of the pill or IUDs, they need to know another method."
"We would like to eventually make the organization ecumenical, but we want to get ourselves organized first, Dresser said. "We will probably take over a year before we do."

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Dresser said GSPS is "not a political organization, we just simply offer these services."
Excluding the nine board members, there are about 15 people who have offered to take calls.
"Right now we can provide them with some counseling — helping them to look at the alternatives they have so that they can make some decisions."
Doctors have volunteered their services. If someone can't pay, Dresser said, the doctors will provide pre-natal care and delivery

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NOTE: In the past, the Stehlin Cancer Research Foundation only employed summer students. All students who worked for them were accepted into medical school. They are now changing their student employment program to a formal Cooperative Education Program and hope to attract quality students.

Some Iran assets released to N.J. firm

NEWARK, N.J. — United Press International
The government has agreed to release \$500,000 in Iranian assets "frozen" during the hostage crisis to a New Jersey firm in a decision lauded by a federal judge as a signal to the world that Americans "cherish" their rights.

"It represents a message to the world community that we cherish individual rights in this country, above all else," wrote U.S. District Judge H. Lee Sarokin.

The judge's comment was contained in a five-page memorandum accompanying an order Tuesday dismissing the case brought by Bernard International Inc., a Texas-based firm with warehousing facilities in Edison, against former Treasury Secretary G. William Miller, a Treasury bank and its officers.

The parties consented to settle the suit after the government "reconsidered its position" and agreed the funds should be turned over to Behring for freight-forwarding services rendered to the Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force.

The funds, deposited in the Broad Street National Bank of Trenton to pay Behring, were frozen Nov. 14, 1979, by President Carter 45 days after the American embassy in Tehran was overrun by militants and the occupants were taken hostage.

Before the hostages were released, Sarokin issued an opinion stating the "court could envision no circumstances" under which those funds could be returned to Iran without the government compensating the creditor.

The issue now facing the courts, Sarokin said, is whether the rights of Iranian assets in this country should be resolved by the arbitration procedure established under the agreement freeing the hostages, since that agreement "raises numerous legal issues" because it was made under "duress and coercion."

The judge criticized the executive branch's efforts "to convince the federal courts" that litigating suits involving the Iranian assets "thwart the purpose of the agreement and adversely affects this country's reputation."

Sarokin said the concept that international diplomacy could supersede the judiciary's duty to safeguard the rights of Americans is "fringe."

"If favorable world opinion requires the sacrifice of the constitutional rights of our citizens, then the price is too high," he said.


"Whether the government chose to deal with terrorists and honor its commitment to them is a decision which lies with the executive. Whether the agreement is enforceable as it affects the rights and claims of our citizens is a decision for the judiciary," he wrote.

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