



## ***Heartbeat International Affiliation Form (International)***

WELCOME to Heartbeat International's "**International Affiliate Partner Program**" available to non-U.S.A pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies. We hope that association with us will greatly enhance your ministry and be a source of support, consultation, education, and training in the work you are doing in your country.

Heartbeat International is a non-political, interdenominational Christian association of life-affirming education and pregnancy service providers. Its mission is to create an environment where every human heart is cherished and protected. Heartbeat International, along with other national membership associations, has adopted "Our Commitment of Care" (listed below), as an "industry wide" description of standards to be followed by pregnancy centers around the world to serve clients with care and integrity.

All Heartbeat International affiliates subscribe and agree to accept the Heartbeat "Principles" adopt the "Our Commitment of Care" agreement.

### **Principles:**

1. Heartbeat affiliates propose and offer, through education and creative services, positive choices for the woman challenged by pregnancy.
2. Heartbeat affiliates shall not discriminate in their services on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, or marital status.
3. Heartbeat affiliates' services are personal, confidential, and non-judgmental.
4. Heartbeat affiliates shall not advise, provide, or refer for abortion or abortifacients.
5. Heartbeat affiliates encourage chastity as a positive lifestyle choice.

### **Our Commitment of Care**

1. Clients are served without regard to age, race, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability or other arbitrary circumstances.
2. Clients are treated with kindness, compassion and in a caring manner.
3. Clients always receive honest and open answers.
4. Client pregnancy tests are distributed and administered in accordance with all applicable laws.
5. Client information is held in strict and absolute confidence. Client information is only disclosed as required by law and when necessary to protect the client or others against imminent harm.
6. Clients receive accurate information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues, and related concerns.
7. We do not offer, recommend or refer for abortions or abortifacients, but we are committed to offering accurate information about abortion procedures and risks.
8. All of our advertising and communications are truthful and honest and accurately describe the services we offer.
9. All of our staff and volunteers receive proper training to uphold these standards.

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- We would like to be a Heartbeat Affiliate.
- We **are/are not** able to pay our affiliation fee of \$70 (U.S. dollars) – [circle or underline which applies].
- We are also a member of other National and/or International affiliation organization(s) - (specify below).

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- We are interested in partnering with a U.S pregnancy center.
- Find enclosed my center's Mission/Vision statement, budget statement, Articles of Incorporation/By-laws, list of board members, and list of current needs (and other information about our ministry).

*Upon receipt of your application we will send you a Certificate of Affiliation (renewable annually), as well as "Our Commitment of Care" unframed.*

**As an affiliate of Heartbeat, our agency or organization subscribes to the principles of Heartbeat and "Our Commitment of Care." We recognize that we are autonomous in all other matters of policy and management. This includes choice of name, method of operation, and all other matters which do not violate the principles of Heartbeat International. We expressly agree that General Counsel for Heartbeat International does not act as our legal counsel, and cannot represent us in legal proceedings or give us legal advice. We understand that Heartbeat's General Counsel is available for consultation to our agency or organization's legal counsel. Any general legal education provided by Heartbeat's General Counsel does not constitute the practice of law.**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Year opened: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/County/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotline/Client Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Director home:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Board Chair or Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name of Board Chair or Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For making payment: [By check/cheque or credit card]

Make checks/cheques payable to Heartbeat International

Visa/MC/AmExp/Discover # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**

**Please send the names and addresses of ALL your pregnancy center sites or offices.** This will ensure that they are included in the Worldwide Directory. In addition, we will send 4 issues of *Pulse*, 8 issues of *Take Heart*, and the annual conference brochure to all your pregnancy center sites or offices.