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## **New Local Non-profit Organization Provides Infertility Support to Women and Men**

**Norfolk, VA – April 9, 2010** — In Due Season, Inc. (also known as In Due Season Ministries) is a new, local non-profit (501c3) organization that builds partnerships and raises funds to provide educational, emotional, and spiritual support to women and men facing the many challenges of infertility, a disease of the reproductive system which inhibits a person's ability to conceive. The organization strives to increase awareness and implements health and wellness programs for adults and teens in an effort to identify and reduce risk factors associated with infertility.

"Unfortunately, there are many diseases that affect millions of people and infertility is one of them," says Tracy Hubbard, founder and executive director. "It impacts both men and women, causes emotional and physical pain, and destroys dreams and lives."

Infertility affects over 7million people in the U.S., representing 12% of women of childbearing age, or 1 in 8 couples.<sup>1</sup> World-wide, between 50 – 80 million couples have problems conceiving.<sup>2</sup>

To help people in their journey to conceive and build a family, In Due Season, Inc. offers:

- Monthly support group meetings for anyone touched by infertility. Meetings are held the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday of every month.
- Educational sessions on topics related to infertility.
- Financial support to help defray costs associated with medical treatments, adoption, mental health services, difficult pregnancies, and accommodations when coping with a loss.
- Opportunities for individuals and professionals to get involved by participating in fundraisers and special events, lending expertise to an educational forum, or making a donation.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**1) April 15, 2010 – Monthly Infertility Support Group Meeting** (FREE and open to the public)

- **Location:** Major Hillard Library - 824 Old George Washington Hwy - Chesapeake, VA.
- **Recommended for** men and women diagnosed with infertility

**2) April 26, 2010 - Educational Forum: "The Impact of Stress on Infertility,"** an educational forum for understanding how the body handles stress and its impact on a person's ability to conceive. (FREE and open to the public)

- **Location:** Greenbrier Library - 1214 Volvo Parkway - Chesapeake VA
- **Recommended for** those considering children, feeling stressed, or facing infertility.

For more information about this organization, upcoming events, and partnership opportunities, visit [www.indueseasonministries.org](http://www.indueseasonministries.org) or call 757-343-3591.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is a site dedicated to protecting health and promoting quality of life through the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/fertile.htm>).

<sup>2</sup> The World Health Organization (WHO) is a site providing leadership on global health matters (<http://www.who.int/genomics/gender/en/index6.html>)