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Mission Ultrasound

Sometimes all it takes for a mother to second-guess her decision to abort is the image of her unborn baby in her womb!

Though our current ultrasound machine is still functional, the scans from our aging machine grow increasingly blurry and grainy. Below is an image of a 16 week fetus that we scanned using the new ultrasound.



It will take **\$24,000** to replace our aging ultrasound machine with current technology, so you may wonder if it's really worth it. But after reading a few of our clients' comments, we hope you'll agree that this is an investment with the potential to yield dividends in this life, and in the life to come!!

- "At seven weeks it has a heartbeat?"*
- "See his feet?"*
- "I get so emotional when I see him."*
- "Can you turn it off please? This is harder than I thought."*
- "Aw, he's waving and dancing."*
- A father exclaims, "I'm overwhelmed. I don't know what to think at this point."*

Won't you help us achieve our financial goal so we can move ahead with this critical purchase? You can donate online at www.humanlifeservices.org, mail your check, or read our Volunteer Spotlight article that will tell you about another awesome way to donate through the **"See the Beat"** project!

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From the desk of
Lora J. Abel
 Executive Director



"Did you hear she's pregnant?" "Why didn't she just say no?" "How could they let that happen? They know better." "I feel so sorry for her parents – she comes from such a good home." "Doesn't she know how to prevent pregnancy?"

Have you ever thought or uttered these words when you heard about a young woman who became pregnant under the wrong circumstances? But life is full of mistakes and surprises, isn't it? In fact, scripture tells us in Romans 8:28, *"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."*

All things? Even a surprise pregnancy? In his book, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Rick Warren talks about unexpected births from God's perspective:

You are not an accident. Your birth was no mistake or mishap, and your life is no fluke of nature. Your parents may not have planned you, but God did...

Long before you were conceived by your parents, you were conceived in the mind of God... You are alive because God wanted to create you!

God prescribed every single detail of your body. He planned it all for His purpose. Nothing in your life is arbitrary.

Regardless of the circumstances of your birth or who your parents are, God had a plan in creating you... While there are illegitimate parents, there are no illegitimate children. Many children are unplanned by their parents, but they are not unplanned by God. God's purpose took into account human error, and even sin. God never does anything accidentally, and he never makes mistakes.

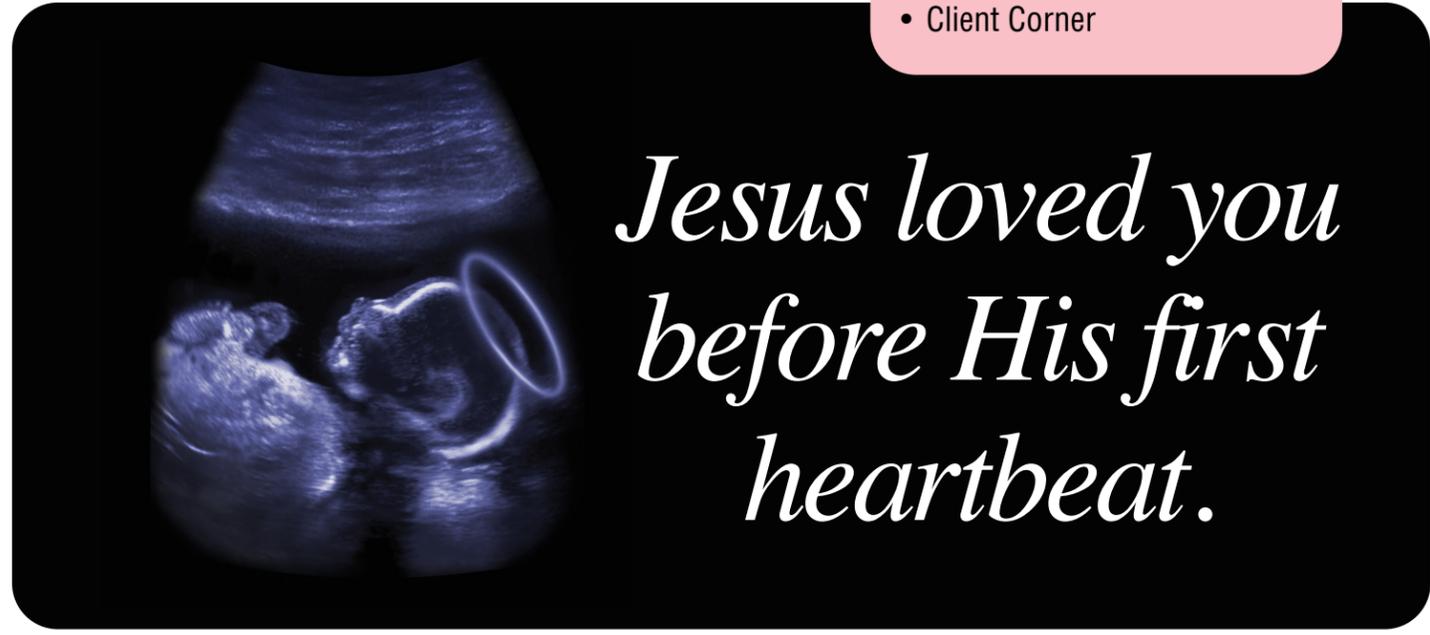
Because of an unplanned pregnancy and birth in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, we can share the peace, strength, and salvation that our clients so desperately need. Because of Jesus Christ, they can partake of permanent, life-giving change in the midst of their pain, panic, loneliness, and fear.

Thanks to you, we have the awesome privilege of offering this hope to our clients instead of the judgmental questions that they're expecting—that's our surprise to them! Your generosity and prayers make this possible, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership in ministry.

May your Christmas season be blessed beyond measure with the joy of personally knowing Jesus Christ, the best gift you will ever be surprised with!



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*Jesus loved you
 before His first
 heartbeat.*

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www.humanlifeservices.org

Please visit our website for more information or to make a donation.

Volunteer Spotlight

Dave Romeo's Leadership Academy



Human Life Services is blessed to have an enthusiastic team of volunteers to partner with us in raising funds for the purchase of our new ultrasound machine!

Each year, Dave Romeo's Leadership Academy adopts a community service project while honing their leadership development skills. Inspired by the statistic that 90% of women who see their child in an ultrasound carry their babies to term, this year's class chose to raise awareness and funds for Human Life Services' Ultrasound Project.

In addition to already committing \$3,000 to the effort, they have created the logo, website page, Facebook page, and crowd-funding site to help us achieve the goal!

If you want to help us "See The Beat," please visit www.humanliveservices.org and click on the "See The Beat" icon on the home page, or you can visit <http://bit.ly/seethebeat> to see the Leadership Academy's progress and make a donation on our behalf.



Thank you to Dave Romeo's Leadership Academy for helping us save lives with our new ultrasound machine. If you want to learn more about the Academy and the project, please visit www.daveromeo.com.



This year's banquet featured a live ultrasound scan of a sixteen-week-old fetus; encouraging remarks from our speaker, Anne O'Connor; and testimonies from clients whose lives have been changed through HLS. We thank everyone who came out to support us. Our deepest appreciation goes to the following underwriters and sponsors whose generous support made our 2014 banquet possible:

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We also want to thank...

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Judy Brillhart, owner of the Strawberry Shop, for donating the beautiful floral centerpieces

To view more pictures of the banquet please visit our Facebook page!

Client Corner

Lisa Hildebrand
Client Services Director



"Conflicted." This one-word response was all Marguerite could utter when the nurse asked her how she felt after seeing the ultrasound. Marguerite has had four abortions in the past and was considering abortion for this pregnancy. She told us that she never wanted to see the ultrasounds for the other abortions because she knew it would only make it harder. As we met with Marguerite, already a mother of three, she had many questions about adoption. After moving to this area

and looking for work, a pregnancy would certainly make finding employment and saving money extremely difficult. As she considered adoption, her questions and thoughts kept returning to abortion.

Her doctor recommended she abort her first child because she was so ill during her pregnancy. She felt ill with this one too and though she denied having any post-abortion symptoms from her prior abortions, she shuddered to think of doing that again. Even so, when we talked about adoption, she asked us, "What will I tell my children?" Would they understand why she was giving away their brother or sister? Would it create fear for them? Conflicted was a good word to describe her heart and life!

As you read this, Marguerite is still working through what she will decide. Pray with us for her, that she will choose life, not only for her baby, but that she will make an eternal life-giving decision, for without Christ we will always be conflicted! Pray for the needed family support, housing, and employment to come together in support of her decision. May the peace that passes all understanding guard her heart and mind (Philippians 4:7).

Prayer Requests:

Please praise God with us for our Care Program clients! But though they've chosen life for their babies, their needs and daily battles are many. They have employment and/or financial needs, housing needs, home safety issues, relational struggles, abuse trauma and, for some, addiction recovery.

Pray for several teens we have currently plugged in at our center. Pray that we will know how to relate to and help them where they are as well as for direction for working with teens that have adult problems!

Pray for God to send more abortion-minded men and women to us, and for wisdom on how to reach them. Pray that they keep their appointments and that we will get to share life with them.

Pray for our leadership and staff, and volunteers--for strength, wisdom, and encouragement, and for every physical, emotional, spiritual, and material need to be met.

You are cordially invited to an

OPEN HOUSE

At Human Life Services
On Tuesday, December 9, 2014
From 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The holiday season is a wonderful time to thank you for your help and encouragement throughout the year. Please come and...
meet the staff, tour our facility, learn about our services, enjoy some light refreshments, and bask in the Christmas atmosphere!

To help us prepare, please RSVP to Laura by Friday, December 5th by calling 854-7615. **Please join us!**

Christmas is Coming!

This year we would like to bless our clients with a special gift to share the story of Jesus! Would you or your group like to contribute one of the following items to this gift?

- 30 DVDs – TBD (cost ~\$5/each or call for title)
- 30 medium Christmas bags (~6.5"x3.25"x9")
- 60 sheets of tissue paper
- 1 Roll of red curling ribbon
- 60 family bags of microwavable popcorn
- 180 packets of hot chocolate mix
- Candy canes – 180 small
- 30 small Baby rattle/toys

If you would like to contribute, call us to sign up for an item. All donations are needed by December 5th. If you would like to contribute to purchase one gift bag, the estimated cost per bag is \$12.



Thank you, WDAC 94.5FM!

This Christmas season, WDAC 94.5 FM is featuring, at no cost, Human Life Services and other pregnancy centers in central PA. We'll be featured in radio ads and on WDAC's website, www.wdac.com.

Volunteer Needs

- Counselors/mentors for men and women in the Care Program. We need help on all shifts during the day and Thursday evenings. We will train you!
- Post-Abortion Recovery Bible study leaders and meeting coordinators
- Administrative volunteers to help with our fundraising efforts, mailings, and miscellaneous other duties
- Snow removal crew during the winter months

Client Needs

Would you like to provide Christmas blessings in practical ways? We urgently need the following items for our babies:

- Diapers – Newborn, sizes 4 & 5 (10 boxes each size)
- 20 bottles of Baby Wash, Shampoo & Lotion
- 10 Large Diaper Bags
- 10 Containers of Dreft
- 15 NEW Baby Books
- 15 NEW Small Baby-Safe Stuffed Animals

Please call 854-7615, and speak to Lisa or see the updated needs list on our website.



Bowling for Babies & Laser for Life

Come join us for a fun morning of Bowling and Laser Tag and support Human Life Services, complete with prizes and awards!

Saturday, January 17, 2015

(Snow date - February 7, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Cancellation due to inclement weather will be announced on WDAC 94.5 FM, WJTL 90.3 FM, & HLS Facebook.

Laser Alleys Family Fun Center (former Colony Park East)

3905 E. Market St. 11am-1pm

Cost for 2 Games of Bowling & Shoe Rental:
\$13 (if pre-registered by 1/9/2015) – \$18 at the door

Cost for 2 Laser Tag Times:
\$13 (if pre-registered by 1/9/2015) – \$18 at the door

*You can ask family, friends and church members to sponsor you to help Human Life Services even more! See details below:

You are welcome to form your own team or we will be happy to put teams together of those who come.

- **Anyone who raises \$100 or more in sponsorships will bowl/tag for free.**
- **Any team of 6 (bowling) or 8 (laser tag) who raise \$350 or more also bowl/tag for free.**

To pre-register at a lower cost, call Laura at 854-7615. You can also pre-register and/or download a sponsor sheet by visiting our website at www.humanliveservices.org.

