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Thank you to all who sacrificially gave during the "Summer Slump." We greatly appreciate all your help and could not continue to provide the life-saving services we do without your generosity.

Did You Know?

You can give a one-time gift or set up a recurring donation on our website. Just click **Support HLS** and look for the **Donate Now** button!



Annual Life Chain

Sunday, October 7, 2:30pm-3:30pm

York pro-life advocates will join thousands of others across the USA in silent, prayerful witness from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., and will meet at 2900 E. Market St. and Mills St. (across from Home Depot) to receive instructions and pick up signs. If possible, make your own sign with a **positive** pro-life message (i.e., "Love Them Both," "Abortion Hurts Women," "Children Are a Gift from God," "Life Is Precious"). Questions? Contact Peggy at pegpritch@aol.com.

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*Raise
 your hand
 for life.*

From the desk of
Lora J. Abel
 Executive Director



January 12, 2007 was an ordinary Friday morning rush hour at a Washington, D.C. metro station where workers were hurrying to their jobs. Dressed in jeans and a T-shirt, a young, thirty-something man removed his violin from its case, threw some of his own money in the case to encourage more donations, and began to play—for 43 minutes.

Nearly 1,100 people walked by in that time, seven actually stopped to listen, and only one actually recognized this man as Joshua Bell, one of the world's finest classical musicians. Bell received a total of \$32.17 in his violin case that day, while playing on his handcrafted

Stradivarius violin made in 1713 (for which he reportedly paid \$3.5 million). Just days earlier, he performed to a sold out audience at Boston's Symphony Hall, where the good seats went for around \$100. It was later revealed that the Washington Post had orchestrated an experiment, evaluating people's perceptions, tastes, and priorities. The venue and time, as well as Bell's nondescript appearance, clearly misrepresented his true worth.

In Scripture, the prophet Jeremiah had an image problem too. Jeremiah, a.k.a. the "Weeping Prophet," never had much of a positive message to deliver, and the religious and political leaders of his day didn't particularly like him. The people had no interest in listening to his dreary proclamations, and they placed very little value on Jeremiah's life.

But God had a very different opinion of Jeremiah. The Lord declared, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jer. 1:5).

God has a wonderful plan for each of us. Let us never forget nor fail to protect every person's right to discover and live out their God-given purpose, recognizing the divine Creator who has intricately designed each human being with an eternal soul, and attributes that are uniquely individual from the very moment of conception! Thank you for standing up for life by supporting Human Life Services with your encouragement, prayers and financial support, enabling us to continue reaching the York Community with its life-affirming message of hope!

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MISSION STATEMENT

Human Life Services is a life-affirming, Christ-centered pregnancy care organization, serving York through medical services, peer counseling, education, and community referrals.

www.humanlifeservices.org



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

Volunteer Spotlight

Rich Graves



What are the odds that we could find an expert volunteer to help with beautifying the grounds here at Human Life Services? When God is involved, nothing is impossible!

During this past spring, Rich Graves put in a lot of time and effort developing and implementing a landscaping design for the front of our building, and he continues to help us maintain the new beds and plants. Rich came to volunteer for Human Life Services through his wife, Sue, who is our Administrative Coordinator. Here's the great news about Rich: He just happens to be a Landscape Architect with over 35 years of experience in both the public and private sectors! Rich and Sue first learned about HLS during a presentation at their church, York Alliance. We are so grateful for Rich's willingness to help us with our landscaping needs!

P.S. Rich is currently available for contract and freelance work. You can reach him by email at rgravesla@comcast.net.



Vote on November 6

It's time to exercise your privilege and responsibility to vote. The registration deadline in PA is Tuesday, October 9. For more information about voting in York County, visit <http://yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections>, or call 771-9604.

SAVE THE DATE! Human Life Services Annual Fundraising Banquet

Friday, September 28, 2012
Valencia Ballroom in downtown York
Doors open at 6:00 pm, Dinner begins at 6:30 pm



Spend an evening enjoying a wonderful meal over good conversation, hearing about the exciting things Human Life Services has been up to, and being newly inspired to support and defend the sanctity of human life!

If you're not convinced that anything positive can come out of Washington, DC, you will not want to miss hearing our guest speaker, Rev. Rob Schenck, president and lead missionary of Faith and Action, a Christian outreach to elected and appointed officials in Washington, DC.

Dr. Schenck is a powerful public speaker with profound insight into the challenging moral issues that confront our nation. Dr. Schenck's candid and personal views on Capitol Hill have put him at the center of many Washington news conferences, and his frequent guest appearances on national TV and radio shows include *Larry King Live*, the *Sean Hannity Show*, and *On the Record* with Greta Van Susteren.

Reservations are required and seating is limited. Please call 717-854-7615, extension 29 by September 7 to reserve your seats.

To learn more about Rob Schenck, visit his website at www.faithandaction.org.

Client Corner



The same God who can change the hearts of kings and the paths of nations can change the heart of abortion-minded men and women (Proverbs 21:1). Each morning we pray that abortion-minded men and women will find their way to our doors. In just a three week period, we have had six abortion-minded phone calls. One of these calls was from a 17-year-old client, and her first words to us were, "No one can know about this!" She had no support from the father and already had an 18-month-old baby. We talked about her options, and when she realized we were not going to refer her for an abortion, she gathered her things in a hurry to leave. We let her know she could come back for an ultrasound, but she wasn't interested. During a heated argument with her mother later that week, she revealed the news of her pregnancy. Her mother encouraged her to do the right thing. A week later, she called for an ultrasound, and we asked how she was feeling about the pregnancy. She told us she was planning to keep the baby now. She still does not know how all the needs will be met, but she is choosing life!

Another client with extenuating health issues came in for a pregnancy test which was positive, but because of health issues, she was considering letting others influence her decision to keep the baby. There were valid concerns about her ability to parent. As she left she was in tears. She wanted to parent, and her boyfriend wanted her to abort. Her grandmother wanted her to make an adoption plan. She was confused, scared and angry. We thought we'd never see her again yet prayed we would. A week later, she was back in our office for an ultrasound. God is so amazing! This client was still vacillating, but she knew when she saw that 12-week baby on the screen she wanted to parent. Though undecided when she left, she called later and said they had all decided she should parent. She enrolled in our care program, and God had changed her heart!

We may not know the outcome of all the individuals we encounter, but we do know our God! He is the master at changing hearts and paths! Pray with us that He will change our clients' hearts toward life, including eternal life!

Facility Facelift Update

Thanks to the volunteers who helped to paint, clean, and set up the furniture in our sunroom! We couldn't have made all this happen without you. Wow, what a difference!

Before



After



Meet Our New Client Services Director

Human Life Services is excited to announce the addition of Lisa Hildebrand as Client Services Director to our staff! Lisa is a native of York County, and she comes to Human Life Services with more than 28 years of experience in administrative management, including over 5 years working specifically in a pregnancy center. She has training in Biblical counseling, lay-counseling, and a passion for teaching the Bible. At HLS, she will provide oversight to the Client Services aspect of the ministry. In her spare time, Lisa teaches and volunteers at her church, Valley View Alliance, and enjoys time with her three nearly grown children, who are 22, 20, and 16 years old.



Volunteer Needs

- Volunteer Counselors for day and evening shifts
- Receptionist for day and evening shifts
- Intercessors – to pray from home or to meet at the center once a month to pray
- Volunteers to help with the grounds maintenance (i.e., weeding, sweeping walkways, etc.)

Please call 854-7615, and speak to Lisa.



**Is your employer's
United Way campaign
starting soon?**

Even though we are not a United Way agency, you can donate to Human Life Services by providing our name and address on your United Way pledge sheet.