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Answering the Call

From the desk of
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Have the legislative initiatives in various states this year surprised you? Eleven states have made their abortion laws more restrictive to better protect the unborn, and Alabama has come the closest to outlawing abortion. On the other side, legislation is pending, and two states have actually expanded abortion rights to the point that in New York, the abortion laws now allow abortion until the very moment of birth. Ironically, New York just recently passed legislation to end the “cruel and barbaric” practice of cat declawing.

Now more than ever before, followers of Christ must come to the aid of women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. I truly believe this is the human rights issue of our day.

Christ-focused pregnancy centers like Human Life Services and abortion providers like Planned Parenthood have a common goal. As John Ensor writes in his book, *Answering the Call*, “Strange and perverse as their end is, abortionists parrot the same message that Christ offers to those in trouble: ‘Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you ... and you will find rest for your souls’ (Matt. 11:28-29). Abortionists promise salvation and rest too. But they require a very different kind of yoke — death and the spiritual death that flows from the bloodguilt of shedding innocent blood. We have a special duty as the Christian community to refute the false mercy of the abortion industry ... we know the true Rescuer, the One who gives life and nourishes it.”

Thanks to your prayers, your volunteerism, and your generous financial giving, you partner with us as we answer the call to rescue women and men in the distress and trauma that often accompanies an unplanned pregnancy. Only Christ can make a difference in their lives, and you enable us to offer the most precious gift of eternal life that can miraculously and permanently change their course and impact families for generations to come.

Join us this October 25th as we celebrate life at our fall banquet and hear more from Rev. John Ensor about how we can and must answer God’s call to impact our community and our world for life.

Did You Know?

At 15 weeks in utero your baby can move to music!



SAVE THE DATE! Human Life Services' Annual Fundraising Banquet

When: Friday, October 25, 2019
Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Where: Wyndham Garden Hotel, York
near West Manchester Mall

Keynote Speaker: Rev. John Ensor

Our banquet is always a great time to enjoy a delicious meal in a beautiful atmosphere, then hear about what God has been doing at Human Life Services this past year!

Our evening will be topped off with a compelling message from John Ensor, an Evangelical pastor and leader in the pro-life movement. He is the President of PassionLife Ministries and the author of numerous books on theology and ethics, including *Innocent Blood: Challenging the Powers of Death with the Gospel of Life*.

John and his team work tirelessly in countries suffering the highest rates of abortion, infanticide, and gendercide (gender-targeted abortion) to help the local Church stand for life with courage and compassion in the name of Jesus Christ.

Reservations are required, and seating is limited — for more information, to register, or to inquire about hosting a table and/or financially underwriting this event, please visit our website, www.humanlifeservices.org or call (717) 854-7615, and ask for Heather (ext. 29) or Jane (ext. 28). You won’t want to miss this inspiring and powerful evening!

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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

*The Merriest Blessing of Christmas
is that Jesus came to wash us
whiter than snow!*



With that thought in mind, our theme for Christmas this year is “Whiter than Snow!” So, we are making it a WHITE CHRISTMAS and providing gift boxes to clients where everything is white! We need you to make this possible through one of the following options:

Option #1: Purchase items for our Client Gift Boxes:

- 35 Thick Warm/Fluffy White Women’s Socks
- 20 White Men’s Athletic Socks
- 30 White Baby Socks
- 30 White Toddler Socks
- 35 White Throw Blankets
- 35 White Scented Jar Candles – pint size or larger
- 100 16-oz Water Bottles
- 4 packs, 100 sheets/each White Tissue Paper
- 2 large rolls of White Christmas Wrapping Paper – design ok
- 150 packs of Hot Chocolate
- 4 bags of white mini-marshmallows
- 1 10-lb bag granular sugar
- 1 2-lb bag 10x sugar
- 5 bags of WHITE baking chips
- 4 12-oz boxes of RICE Chex Cereal
- \$\$ towards Toddler Books (35 books @ \$6/ea = \$210)

ALL ITEMS LISTED ABOVE ARE NEEDED BY DECEMBER 2ND!

Option #2 (not part of the White Christmas theme):

Adopt a client to bless their family with gifts for Christmas! Call our center to sign up by November 1st. We will provide a list, ages, ideas — you do the shopping, wrapping, and then deliver to our center by December 12th!

Call Danielle or Lisa B. at 717-854-7615 for details if you would like to bless our clients this year!



A torrential downpour at the beginning of our tournament gave way to a beautiful sunny day! One hundred-fifteen enthusiastic golfers enjoyed a fantastic day at our seventh annual “Golf for Life” fundraiser on June 20th at the Out Door Country Club!

Our deepest appreciation goes to the following sponsors:

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Our special thanks to Lynn Merges and Larry Ritchey for volunteering their photography skills for the day, and for the help provided by 18 awesome volunteers as well as the youth group from York Alliance Church!

We also appreciate our community businesses who supported our event with donations!

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| Advance Auto Parts | Pep Boys, York |
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| Metro Diner | |

When you patronize these businesses, please thank them for supporting the work of Human Life Services!



GIVE LOCAL YORK: THANKS TO YOU, A HUGE SUCCESS!

May 3rd was the second County-wide give day, called Give Local York, where everyone was being encouraged to make a general donation OR to designate their donation to an organization of their choice.

Your generous giving totaling **\$75,000** put Human Life Services in **3rd place** among all participating non-profits for money donated, which resulted in an additional donation from the “stretch pool” of money that major sponsors subsidized!

If you give to Human Life Services throughout the year, we ask you to please consider giving your best gift during the Give Local York campaign next May. Your dollars go further when you donate during Give Local York!

Be watching for more details to come in future newsletters and online posts (Visit our Facebook page, or our website at www.humanlifeservices.org)!

Client Corner

Lisa Hildebrand
Client Services Director



“I want to start off by saying how thankful I am for your services!” This was the start to one client sharing her story with us. Naliyah first came to us when she was 15 years old. That was 14 years ago. This year she had an unplanned surprise! She says this about it:

“I found out I was pregnant and immediately called to set up an appointment for services. This wasn’t a planned pregnancy but it was a very welcomed one. I was nervous and happy! The staff at Human Life Services have

always welcomed me with a smile and warmth. Every session was a learning experience and ... the prayers at the end of our sessions always filled me with love and comfort. It shows how much my Advocate cares about me.” Whether a pregnancy is unplanned and welcomed or unplanned and devastating, clients learn that they are loved, their babies are loved, and we are there for them.

This is how God chooses to reveal Himself to each person that walks through our doors. Naliyah works hard to be a good Mom and she says, “Human Life Services has fully equipped me to handle the struggles of pregnancy and parenting. I can’t wait for the HLS staff to meet my daughter.” And so we did!



Recently we held a Post-Abortion Recovery Bible Study which was facilitated by 2 of our Recovery Advocates! Thanks, Maria and Allison, for your dedication and compassion!



Prayer Requests:

Our clients need Christ! Please pray for a fresh new yearning to rise up within them and that they would respond to the Gospel message.

Many of our clients are dealing with difficult and even traumatic life circumstances. Pray for resolutions, good choices, new directions. Pray for safety and health for the little ones involved.

Pray for protection for our staff members and their families! Sometimes it seems they get hit with so many things (physical issues, family needs, etc) that pull them away from ministry.

Client Needs

- Dreet Detergent (or any Baby detergent)
- Wipes (smaller packs, not refills)
- Similac Advance & Soy Formula
- Baby Lotion, Shampoo, Wash
- NEW Stuffed Animals – Baby Safe
- For Moms/Dads: bodywash, bar soap, deodorant, maxi pads, nursing pads

See complete list on website:
www.humanlifeservices.org.

Volunteer Needs

- Advocates to work Tuesday evenings with clients in our Care Program. We will train you!



HLS is Hiring!

Visit our website at
www.humanlifeservices.org
and click “About Us.”

For the past several years, Human Life Services has partnered with “**Passion for Print**,” a ministry that exists to help other ministries by collecting and distributing new and gently used books. The proceeds from the books directly benefitted Human Life Services.



After much consideration, *effective immediately*, they will no longer be collecting donations. We deeply appreciate their partnership in ministry over these past years. If you have books to donate, we encourage you to contact **Lifepath of York**, as they will accept donations. Thank you for your understanding.



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.

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Support us when you shop for Christmas items.
#StartWithaSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2625105> or click on "Donation Options" in the "Partner with HLS" section of our website for more information.