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Did You Know?

By 20 weeks of gestation, a baby girl's ovaries have formed millions of eggs, and she will be born with all the eggs she will ever have.

From the desk of
Lora J. Abel
 Executive Director



If I were to ask you, "Where were you when the events of September 11, 2001 happened?" your mind would likely recall that horrific day in vivid detail. But if you were around in 1973, do you remember what you were doing on January 22 that year? Probably not.

Forty years ago on that day, seven Supreme Court justices handed down the landmark Roe v. Wade and the less familiar Doe v. Bolton decisions that have resulted in the loss of over 55 million unborn babies' lives. In York County over the last ten years, a staggering 7,000 lives have been lost due to abortion. Do we feel the same shock and sorrow

that we did on 9/11? Can we fathom the devastation this has caused to countless women and their families?

The number 40 in the Bible is often used in conjunction with a time of testing or probation. So if the last 40 years have been a test of how well we did in doing our part to end abortion, what would our "grade" be?

I fear our pro-life message has often been rejected because of our negative and judgmental tone. I believe that if we are to win the attention and the hearts of those who support the abortion choice, we will win it only with the compassion of Christ.

As we at Human Life Services minister to the women and men who are in desperate situations — many times long before they are facing an unplanned pregnancy — we strive to follow Christ's example, so beautifully expressed in Isaiah 61:1-3:

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners ... to comfort all who mourn ... giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting ... So they will be called "oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

As we celebrate the gift of Spiritual life in Jesus Christ this Easter season, I hope you'll join me in a fresh commitment to "pass the test for life"! Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support!


National Day of Prayer May 2, 2013

Though this was not the first in US History, Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation in March, 1983, that designated April 30, 1863 as a day of "national humiliation, fasting and prayer". President Lincoln went on to say, "...it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

Please check the national website, <http://nationaldayofprayer.org/> for opportunities to participate in the York community.

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*Forty years after
 Roe v. Wade, the
 choice is still clear.*

Jesus died that everyone might have life.

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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.

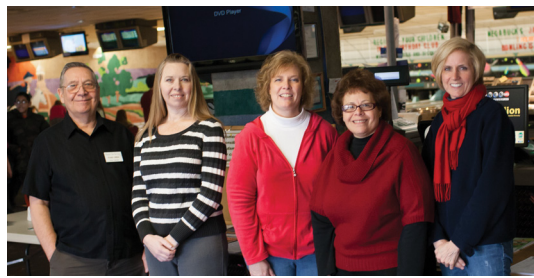
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Please visit our website for more information or to make a donation.

Volunteer Spotlight

Frank Collins, Erica Rearich, Angie Carr, Marie Guebert and Judy Bowser



After a quick wintry storm blasted through the day before, 83 enthusiastic bowlers came to our annual Bowling for Babies fundraising day on Saturday January 26th, and together raised almost \$3,700 for Human Life Services — a record high for this event!

What made this enjoyable fundraiser so successful this year was a combination of lively bowlers and a brand new committee, headed up by one of our board members, Frank Collins.

A firm believer in the saying, “many hands make light work,” Frank’s vision for this committee is to take on the work of getting prize donations before the fundraiser occurs, as well as coordinating the activities on the day of the event. Volunteers who love to help out in this way are an incredible blessing to the very small administrative staff at Human Life Services! We simply can’t thank this group enough for using their God-given gifts to lend a hand!

If you are a good organizer with an eye for those little details, or are good at asking for prize or monetary donations, our new volunteer fundraising committee might be the place to help out—you are greatly needed! For more information about joining the committee, please give us a call.

Save the Date! Wednesday, July 31, 2013

(Date has changed)

If you’re a golfer, and you love the summertime, be sure to play in the first annual Golf for Life Tournament.

Special awards and door prizes will be presented!

If you’re not a golfer, but could help out that day, please contact us — we need YOU!

More details will follow in the next newsletter, or visit www.humanliveservices.org.



Volunteer Needs

- Intercessors to pray from home or to meet at the center once a month to pray!
- Help with administrative needs
- Designing and/or sewing expertise to help us redecorate
- Help with building and/or grounds maintenance repairs
- Spring cleanup and grounds beautification

Client Needs

- Dreft
 - Diapers – size 3
 - Good-Start Formula (Orange Can)
- Please call 854-7615, and speak to Lisa.



2012 Baby Bottle Boomerang



A big THANK YOU to all who participated in 2012! The grand total raised by churches and individuals was over **\$7,900!**

The following churches raised an incredible **\$7,200** last year!

Calvary Baptist Church	\$387
Carpenters Workshop Fellowship	\$467
Cityview Community Church	\$595
Fawn Grove Church of the Nazarene	\$1,067
Grace Baptist Church	\$595
Greenmount United Methodist Church	\$564
Living Hope Church	\$984
Mason Dixon Baptist Church	\$1,280
Pleasant View Church of the Brethren	\$115
Stonybrook Mennonite Church	\$550
York Aglow Community Lighthouse	\$251
York First Church of the Brethren	\$347

A Baby Bottle Boomerang is an easy fundraiser for your church, women’s, home schooler’s or any other group to save coins in a baby bottle and return them to Human Life Services. We provide the bottle, so contact Crystal Senft or Sue Graves at 854-7615 to get started!



Does your company participate in a matching charity funds program?

Check with your HR department to find out if your contribution to Human Life Services can go even further.

Client Corner



From the moment he or she is born, each new little person “changes the face of the world simply by being. The same is true for the loss of life. Whether or not anyone notices, the loss of a life changes the entire world. God created every human being with a purpose, a destiny, and an assignment.”

Small wonder that abortion has such a devastating impact on women and men, families, communities, America, and the world.

Author Pat Layton

When “Jenna” first came to Human Life Services she was 18, living in a recovery home, newly sober, and scared beyond belief. She had recently started working part-time at a clothing store, and was working towards her last few credits for a high school diploma. She tells us, “I will never forget how I felt the moment I found out I was pregnant. I had never been so terrified in my life. It was, of course, unplanned, and for a week or so after, I heavily contemplated ending the pregnancy. I knew in my heart that I could not do that, and then it hit me: I’m going to have a baby....” Jenna had just gotten engaged before she found out she was pregnant. Both she and the father of the baby were scared.

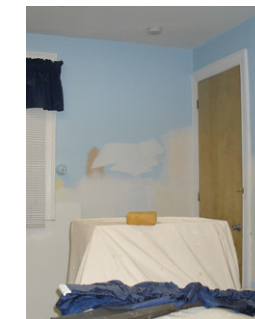
Through a friend she began coming to HLS. She says this about HLS, “I had a lot of people telling me I was making a mistake [by not having an abortion], and the staff at HLS made me know I was doing the right thing. I felt brave and strong. My relationship with my family, and also with the father of the baby’s family, was strained, and I felt really alone most of the time. The CARE program gave me a sense of independence and excitement. Slowly, things started coming together.” Jenna graduated from high school, and moved to a “sober” house. Now, she is a full-time college student. Her support system and relationships are better than ever. She has been clean and sober for almost one year. And, she has delivered a beautiful baby boy. It will be exciting to see how God will continue to write the rest of her story!

Ultrasound Room Remodel

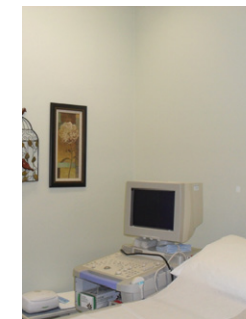
Special thanks to **Dean Landis** and **Brett Shoffner** of Shoffner Construction for doing a beautiful job remodeling the ultrasound room. Their meticulous work gave the room a fresh new look! We also want to thank **Lois Silk** for her help with our beautiful new window treatments!



Brett Shoffner & Dean Landis



Ultrasound Room Before



Ultrasound Room After



Ultrasound Room After

Sound bites from the ultrasound room!

“Wow! This really makes it real!” — A dad’s words about his unborn baby

“Now I am going to cry!” — When client saw the heartbeat

Is my monthly gift important?

We appreciate every single person who has felt God’s nudge to give financially! But did you ever wonder if your small monthly donation really makes a difference? Let us show you how much it does:

Right now, we have a number of faithful monthly partners, whose collective monthly gifts total almost \$2,600 — annually, that’s nearly \$31,000! Over half of the individuals who give monthly to HLS give \$25 or less, so don’t ever underestimate the impact that your gift can have on our ministry!

We would love to see our monthly donations increase to \$3,000 — that would boost our budget to over \$36,000 a year from our faithful givers! Would you consider beginning a donation of just \$15 per month to help us reach our monthly goal? That’s only 50 cents per day, and would go far in helping us to continue this life-affirming ministry to our community!

CRITICAL NEED!

Human Life Services is currently looking for a new Medical Director (a volunteer position). **Until we fill this position, we are unable to do any medical services — including the very important ultrasound scans — which are such a powerful tool in showing a woman her unborn baby.** If you are an interested physician, or you know a physician who might be interested, please give Lora Abel a call at (717) 854-7615 for more details.