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New Beginnings

From the desk of
Leona Rega
Executive Director



As I begin my journey with the ministry of Human Life Services, I give praise to the awesome God we serve. I moved to this area in December of 2020 from Schuylkill County. I uprooted my family knowing that God was calling me to the area. He paved the way for a smooth transition in both home and employment. Fast forward another year and it is clearly evident God brought us here not for *the* job I thought, but for a much larger purpose. He works like that sometimes and I stand in awe of His timing.

Stepping into the role of Executive Director, after the many years of faithful and God led service by Lora Abel, I experienced an overwhelming humbleness. I am reminded of how small I am, and how in my "go, go" work style, I need to be still and allow God to lead. I am His servant, will wait upon Him, listen, and follow His direction.

This is not always easy for me when I know there is important work to be done.

As I reflect upon the recently overturned Roe v. Wade determination by the U.S. Supreme Court, I feel the need of our work in PA has not changed. I personally know and see the need for women and men to feel loved upon learning the news of their unplanned pregnancy. I recognize the need for many to be guided and mentored in how to be effective parents throughout the life of their child. In addition, there is an important connection to community services after they leave the doors of HLS. It is vital we help them connect to educational opportunities, support groups such as MOPS, job searches, childcare, and housing. Not feeling confident in these areas can trigger the feeling of fear and despair when discovering one is pregnant. I recall how the church has been instrumental in my life. It is in life-affirming steps that we place ourselves at the forefront of an important time in the world. Our mission and purpose are not always received well or understood.

In my devotions in II Samuel 22 we are reminded that God is our rock and fortress. In our faith, He girds us with strength to carry on when we are tired, and he delivers us to a place of peace just when we believe we have lost hope through persistent adversity. I give thanks to God that he has brought me here at a time such as this. I praise God for all of you and the support you have given to Human Life Services over the past 35 plus years with your time, talents, prayers, and advocacy. Looking to the future I seek your continued faithfulness for His glory as we continue to reach those who stand on the edge of a decision in the life of their unborn child.

Our mission remains the same as we work relentlessly to ensure we have volunteers and staff trained and ready to guide our clients. Please join us in our future. I hope to meet you at one of our upcoming events, the Open House in August, our annual Banquet, next year's Golf For Life, or even through a personal phone call and casual meeting.

Until then, I trust you will continue praying for our needs. I close with two of my favorite verses, may they bless you. Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength and Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning, great is His faithfulness.



OPEN HOUSE

AUGUST 25, 5-7 PM

Everyone is welcome!

2022 has brought much change both to HLS and to our country with the overturning of Roe v. Wade. We invite you to a time of fellowship and prayer.

Parking is limited. We encourage carpooling. Street and lot parking may be found in the front of our building and in nearby lots.

RSVP encouraged. Call/text or email your RSVP to 717-854-7615 or office@humanlifeservices.org.

Save the Date

Human Life Services Annual Fundraising Banquet

Where: Out Door Country Club
1157 Detwiler Drive
York, PA 17404

When: Friday, October 14, 2022
6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

Keynote Speaker: Scott Klusendorf

Scott is the President of Life Training Institute and author of *The Case for Life: Equipping Christians to Engage the Culture*. He is a graduate of UCLA and holds a Master's degree in Christian Apologetics from Biola University. He has lectured at over 80 colleges and universities. Scott has debated opponents including the ACLU and Planned Parenthood. To read his full bio, visit our website at www.FriendsofHLS.org.



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



Client Corner

Danielle Besecker
Client Services Manager



We welcome Danielle Besecker to her new position with HLS as our Client Services Manager. For many years you have known Danielle as our Administrative Coordinator for Client Services. As she answered the call to fill in over the past year taking on the responsibilities of our Client Services Manager, God has equipped her to fulfill this role. We are excited to see how He continues to bless our ministry through her leadership!

The Lord has been up to some exciting things here at Human Life Services. Our Care Program is meeting the needs of

men and women of varying ages in our community. While in these classes, clients earn baby bucks to spend in our boutique and get weekly one-on-one lessons with a client advocate. Let me share with you how amazing God is. In the past few months, we had three girls enroll in our pregnancy and birth classes. This isn't unusual, but what if I told you they all arrived at our center abortion minded and undecided if they could have their babies. They were hurting and confused. From the time they reached out to us, we were there walking through this journey with them and praying for them. Since each situation is different, we must be sensitive and listen to their hearts. Two of these women were in their 40s, so this was a difficult decision for them. Praise God for our staff and volunteers as we were able to offer options counseling and also had the ability to give them a free ultrasound, explaining what they were seeing. These three women chose life for their babies and are receiving the emotional, physical, and spiritual support they need through our classes. Thank you! Without your prayers and support, this service would not be possible. We ask that you continue to pray for us, as we reach out into our community. Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus to a world that needs him.

Prayer Requests:

Pray for wisdom and guidance of volunteers and staff at Human Life Services.

Pray for our need to immediately fill four essential staffing positions at HLS.

Pray for our current staff as we talk to "abortion minded/determined" women and men on a daily basis.

Pray for our class schedules to continue to fill with clients and for our client advocates to be given opportunities to present the gospel to them.

Pray for five new couples as they adjust to their new life and for the continued health of their new babies.

Pray for our ultrasound machine as we raise funds and seek to purchase a replacement.



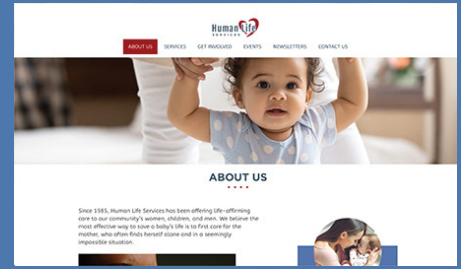
PA March for Life

For the second year, Pennsylvanians have the opportunity to March for Life around the state Capitol Building. Visit PAMarchforLife.org for more information.

Human Life
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**Human Life
Services is
Hiring!**

Visit our website at
[FriendsOfHLS.org/
employment/](http://FriendsOfHLS.org/employment/)



Trouble Finding Us?

Have you struggled to find our website? Last year we made changes. Visit us at www.FriendsOfHLS.org and bookmark our page now! From here you can find out about upcoming events, learn how to become more involved, read past newsletters, follow the greatest needs of our clients, and make online donations.

Remembering Jean Abrecht

There are times when people enter our lives with great impact and when they leave us, there is a void for all who knew them. On May 11, 2022, Jean Abrecht, Human Life Services Board President, went home to be with the Lord. She was the wife of Donald Abrecht of York,



Pa. She was a member of Pathway Community Church where she served on the Elder Board, Women's Ministry Leader, Church Care Group Leader, Counselor, and Small Group Leader. Jean joined the HLS Board of Directors in April 2014. She was elected President in June of 2018. Jean was a prayer warrior, and spread the Gospel of Christ everywhere she went since 1996. She had a heart for God's people and loved what Human Life Services stood for, protecting unborn babies.

Her favorite scripture was Proverbs 3:5-7.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil."

In addition to her husband, Jean is survived by her daughter, step-son, three grandchildren, their families, six great-grandchildren; her brother and his wife, and several nieces and nephews.

As we continue with the mission and vision of Human Life Services, Jean will be missed but not forgotten.

♥ Volunteer Spotlight



ALL SERVICES ARE OFFERED AT HLS AT NO COST TO THE CLIENT!

We have been able to say this for more than 37 years. Amazing, right? But how is this possible you ask? In addition to many generous donors who help us achieve our income goals, we also have dozens of volunteers who help us reduce the cost of offering competitive, professional, credible services to the York community! We depend on volunteers for every area of our ministry: Client services, administration, fundraising, maintenance and more.

Every newsletter presents an opportunity to spotlight so many of these individuals who partner with Human Life Services. This is our time to shine the spotlight on our friend Ethan! Ethan has been one of our go-to volunteers for all things maintenance related for many years. Since he officially became a volunteer in 2017, he has been faithful to pop into our South George Street building multiple times a month to lend himself to serving HLS's mission. Ethan's wife, Stacy, and children have also been volunteers for us...serving as a Family. We are certain this blesses them individually, our HLS Team, and ultimately the heart of God!

If you too would like to become a Volunteer, call/text/email us today for a tour of our facility and to discuss the opportunities available!



GIVE LOCAL YORK

YOU HELPED US RAISE

\$122,363.97

Together we raised a record-setting and awe-inspiring **\$122,363.97** in just 24 hours as part of Give Local York's annual day of giving! **To God be the glory!**

GOLF FOR LIFE

The Lord blessed HLS's 10th Anniversary Golf For Life Tournament on June 27! We started off with light rain, but things cleared up just in time for our shotgun start at the Out Door Country Club. We are so thankful for all of our sponsors, golfers, ambassadors and staff for their generosity and participation over the years. We have been able to accomplish much for the kingdom of God through this tournament. As a ministry, we will continue our work in the York community to protect, defend, and affirm life! Make plans to join the fun next year!



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Patience Van Dyke
Darrell Williams
Lindi Williams
Wayne Williams

A heart felt thank you to Duff & Sue Forsythe for all their support and expertise in organizing our event. We could not host this event without them.

A special shout out to all of the volunteer Ambassadors who assisted us leading up to the event, the day of the event and cleanup afterward. Your assistance ensured our day ran smoothly. You are the heroes of the day!

Client Christmas

The heavens were made
by the word of the Lord,
and all the stars,
by the breath of His mouth.
(Psalms 33:6)

We give praise to our Creator for all that He continues to do, let us stand in awe of Him!! Our theme for Christmas is STARS. Will you help us show God's love and shine for Him by blessing our clients this year?

Option #1: Purchase items for our Client Gift Boxes – 20 needed for each of the following items

Books "A Star for Jesus" or make a financial donation to cover costs (\$7.00/book)

Donation towards STARbucks Gift Cards

Star Shaped Christmas Ornament

Star Shaped Stress "Ball"

Fuzzy Socks with Stars - Adults

Boxes of Star Shaped Pasta

Boxes of Chocolate Stars

Containers of Gerber Baby Puffs (star shaped)

40 needed of the following item

Cans of Campbell's Chicken and Stars Soup

ALL ITEMS NEEDED FOR OPTION #1 BY DECEMBER 2nd!

Option #2: Adopt- a- Client (not part of the STAR theme) –

This is a great way to bless our clients and their families with new gifts for Christmas! Please call our center to sign up by **November 1st**. Let us know what size family you would like to adopt, and we will provide a list of their wishes and the ages of those in the family – you do the shopping, wrapping and deliver to our center no later than **December 12th!**

All items must be NEW for both options. Call Danielle or Lisa at 717-854-7615 for details if you would like to bless our clients this year!

How You Can Support HLS

Client Needs

Immediate Items Needed

- New Diaper Bags
- Size 5 and 6 Diapers
- Thermometers
- Nasal Aspirators
- Maternity clothing, new or used

You can access our full Needs List as well as our Amazon Wish List through our website at www.FriendsofHLS.org. Go to the "Get Involved" tab, then select "Material Donations." You can either click on our Current Needs List or the Amazon Wish List (where all items may be shipped directly to us).

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Volunteer Needs

- Client Advocates
- Help with weekly weeding and maintenance
- Help with administrative tasks

For more information, email us at CS@humanlifeservices.org. Thank you for your support!



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