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The Battle IS the Lord's!

1 Samuel 17:47



From the desk of
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 Executive Director



My siblings and I would often play rock, paper, scissors when deciding who was going to complete chores. There was quite often a feeling of defeat when I lost. Many times, a second and third challenge was presented when I wanted another shot at prevailing.

The battle on abortion has become like a game of rock, paper, scissors. Those who are defending life have cut through Roe vs. Wade. Those supporting termination of life tossed out a rock on the scissors with loosening restrictions on dispensing medication abortion; another challenge begins. For those of us working daily in the fight, there can often be a feeling of despair. Today, I want to remind us that the battle truly IS the Lord's. We know that when His people cry out together and are unified, He answers our prayers by taking command in the realms we do

not see. He uses us as His instruments to change hearts and minds. He places some in areas of example through personal testimony and sheds light in the darkest of corners. He raises up leaders and volunteers who felt ill equipped in the past by placing them exactly where they can be effective.

The 2021 PA state abortion statistics published in February 2023 showed 54% of abortions are achieved through medication taken at home. These drugs are Mifepristone and Misoprostol. The FDA approved these medications as scripts handed out over the counter at your chain or local drugstore. In some states, they are ordered through the mail and delivered directly to a doorstep without medical oversight. If you read Planned Parenthood's website, they explain how these drugs block a woman's progesterone hormone, prevent the fetus from growing, and induce cramping which causes the at-home abortion. They then continue to tell you this is safe, and no longer requires a follow-up visit with a woman's doctor.

This April, a Texas federal judge banned the sale of these medications in a decision that would span across the country. A rock was thrown down on the opposition! It stated the FDA's approval in 2000 did so using unsound reasoning and studies which did not support their conclusion that the drug was safe. However, days later, a U.S. district judge, in coalition with 17 other states, blocked the FDA from pulling the medicines from their approved list. Paper has now covered rock. As I write, the Supreme Court has granted a stay on the use of the pills, seeking for the lower courts to continue their proceedings first.

While the rock, paper, scissors battle continues in our courts, I encourage you to stand firm in defense of the unborn. God knows the best course of action for us as Christians. I see it daily at Human Life Services, through the volunteers who come to help, in conversations with young people learning and eager to advocate for the unborn, and in the generosity of our donors who help us reach those facing an unplanned pregnancy. These front lines are where we become like David. Using our words and actions of love, together we will defeat this giant with the Lord's blessing and help. The world will mock us, try to discredit us, and paint us as fools. But our God is greater! Stay vigilant.

1 Samuel 17:47: "And all this will be known, that the Lord saves not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's and he will turn the enemy over."



Give Local York

With humble gratitude, Human Life Services thanks you for your generous gifts during Give Local York's 24 hours of giving May 4th and 5th! Supporting life isn't limited to one day...it happens every day, and you have been an integral part of this journey!

Together we raised a total of
\$122,845.00!

To God be the Glory for the great things He has done! We eagerly await the stretch pool awards, which will be added to this total!

We look forward, in the coming year, to sharing Client stories of how YOU made a difference for life by providing hope and joy to women and men. Our ministry is growing! We want to reach youth before they need our services, and we will strive to resourcefully connect with those facing an unplanned pregnancy as we continue to do the work of the Lord. We ask you to continue praying for God's protection and leading of our services.



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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.FriendsofHLS.org



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

Golf for Life Tournament

Sponsored by:
**The W. Dale
Brougner Foundation**

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Heritage Hills Golf Resort**

9am-11am Registration/Driving Range/Putting Contest
10:30am Lunch
12pm Shotgun Start
5pm Awards Dinner



Non-golfing Corporate Sponsorship packages are still available! Please visit www.FriendsofHLS.org and click on "Events" for more details on these sponsorships. We want to showcase your business on the Heritage Hills greens to our 144 golfers and over 25 volunteers.

Golfer participation this year has skyrocketed! Due to limited space, a wait list has been created to golf on the day of the event. Please email hls@humanlifervices.org to be added to the wait list. (Individual Golfer rate: \$140.00)

Not a golfer? You can still support us during the Golf for Life Tournament via a new Silent Auction!



The Auction will coincide with the GFL Tournament. Look for exciting items, gift baskets, gift cards, event packages, and more! Use the Bidding Owl app and be notified if you are outbid. **Bidding begins online on June 10th at 8am and ends on Golf Day, June 27th at 5:30pm.** All are welcome to bid. Items will need to be picked up by July 7. For an extra cost, we are willing to ship or mail smaller items.

For more information, please call or text HLS at 717-854-7615, or email us at hls@humanlifervices.org.

SAVE THE DATE!
**Annual Fall
Fundraising Banquet**
**Friday, October 6, 2023
Out Door Country Club**



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

When: Friday, October 6, 2023
6:00 p.m. (dinner begins 6:30pm)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marc Newman

Marc is the founder and president of Speaker For Life, a training firm dedicated to equipping pro-life advocates nationwide with public speaking skills. He has spoken at nearly every major pro-life convention in the nation. His dynamic and energizing message will propel you in the fight for life!

To read Marc's full bio, visit our website at www.FriendsofHLS.org. For information on sponsoring a table at this year's fast approaching Banquet, contact us at hls@humanlifervices.org or call 717-854-7615.

Did You Know?

At just 6 weeks gestation, the heart is pumping the embryo's own blood to his or her brain and body. The heart now has four chambers and has already produced more than one million heartbeats.



March for Life
OCTOBER 16, 2023



MARCH FOR LIFE



**Monday, October 16th,
PA's March For Life -
Harrisburg Capitol.**

Thousands of Pro-Life supporters will rally. This inspiring event brings us together in the stand for Life and Truth. Do you know of any local groups organizing a bus? If yes, please contact us at office@humanlifervices.org. We will compile a list to share with the masses. Thank you!

MEDICAL DIRECTOR!



HLS is seeking a long-term medical director. If you are an OBGYN or an MD who can read scans, ask God if He may be calling you to our ministry. For more information contact us at office@humanlifervices.org or call 717-854-7615.

Client Corner

Danielle Besecker
Client Services Manager



Our ministry would not exist without the time and talents of our many volunteers! To show our heartfelt appreciation for each and every one of them, Human Life Services hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 18, and we were blessed by the presence of almost 100 volunteers and guests! York Alliance Church graciously donated their Student Center for our venue, and the delicious meal was catered by Jen Heasley, owner of Cooking with the Pros and maker of Sweet Mama's Mambo Sauce in Central Market. Our staff truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve our volunteers and show our love for them, as they do for HLS and our clients every day!

Did you know we have over 80 volunteers who give their time on a regular basis to Human Life

Services? This includes our board members, client advocates, front desk and administrative workers, building maintenance, yard care, and snow removal. All of our volunteers are very important to us! They help our staff limit outside distractions so we can focus on the mission set before us.

As of right now, we have 13 volunteers who serve weekly, 20 who serve monthly, 33 who help at our special events, 18 taking care of seasonal work, and 7 new client advocates in training.

We give God praise for new volunteers coming onboard so that we can add more clients into our Care Program. We know there are moments of frustration for new volunteers when a client doesn't show up or calls out sick at the last minute. Their travel time seems longer than the time spent at HLS. But God has laid it on their hearts to serve our organization. They may be here a few weeks before a client comes on a regular basis and even then, there is no guarantee that they will come faithfully every week. This is why our Care Program is so important ... it helps our clients learn responsibility while being held accountable, feeling loved, and building relationships that we hope will last through generations. It is heartbreaking and emotionally draining at times. However, walking through their journey of parenting with them is so rewarding! Karen Lohss is one of our longest-serving client advocates. She has been coming every

week for more than 10 years. This is a great example of Hebrews 12:1-3. "Don't get discouraged, fix your eyes on Jesus, and run with perseverance!" At Human Life Services, we value and appreciate all our volunteers and their talents. They are prayed for and loved, and we couldn't succeed without them! Thank you to our faithful volunteers today and yesteryear, from the bottom of our hearts!



Client Needs:

Immediately Needed NEW Items

- Shampoo, Conditioner and Bodywash for Moms and Dads
- Maternity Clothes (new or lightly used)
- Boy Clothing: Newborn - 4T (new or lightly used)

You can access our full Needs List as well as our new Walmart Wish List through our website at www.FriendsofHLS.org. Go to the "Get Involved" tab, then select "Material Donations." It can be as simple as shipping the items directly to HLS.

For more information, contact Danielle at CS@humanlifeservices.org.

Volunteer Needs:

- Male and female Client Advocates - with an increase of clients, we have a need for you!
- Teams for building projects
- Event Ambassadors - Golf for Life & Silent Auction, Banquet

For more information, email

danielleb@humanlifeservices.org.

Thank you for your support!



PRAY FOR:

- Our clients who have just had their babies or will be having their babies soon. Pray for continued relationship building with HLS as they travel their new journey.
- Opportunities to share the gospel with our clients and connect them to local church families.
- Women and men who need healing to join our next class: "Surrendering The Secret: A Healing Path For The Post-Abortive."
- Trainings for our growing staff and the expansion of medical services for STI/STD Testing and abstinence outreach to our youth.
- For all of our volunteers and church leaders.

Beauty from Ashes ...

A post-abortion recovery class.

Begins June 16

**For more info
or to enroll,
call Danielle
717-846-2384**



Baby Bottle Boomerang

We thank everyone who participated in our baby bottle fundraising campaign! Your coins and dollars all add up, and **directly support our clients — mom, dad and baby!** In 2022 your total contributions in this fundraiser were \$28,247.83. So far this year, in just four months, we have raised \$25,411.84. You can help us reach our goal of \$29,500 for 2023 by participating in the Spring/Summer campaign. HLS does all of the work of coin counting! Call Jane at 717-854-7615 x127 and ask how you can participate.

