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Indescribable Joy!

*“Though you have not seen him,
you love him; and even though
you do not see him now, you
believe in him and are filled
with an inexpressible and
glorious joy.”*

1 Peter 1:8





It may sound like a Field of Dreams moment, but in truth, it is biblical. The Bible has many stories where God told His people to follow His commands and expand His kingdom. Human Life Services has been

helping women and men through an unplanned pregnancy for nearly 40 years. In this time, you saw a shift of our services from 100% material resources to include educational classes, and then, free medical testing. Each addition was achieved through faith. Belief that if we sought to meet the needs of the community by following God's call to protect the unborn, He would bless the ministry with the people and funds to make it possible. As we stand at the threshold of tomorrow, we recognize a need to meet a growing list of clients with our services by renovating a space located on our property.

The old carriage house placed in the corner of our parking lot has been used for storage and sat relatively empty for years. We believe God is calling us to utilize the space to help an increasing number of clients in a life-affirming decision for their child! Plans for the development are underway and have gone through the York City zoning approval process. We are working to ensure it meets the historical outside appearance while being converted into a *new* **Educational Resource Center**. The new space will include a counseling and mentoring room, the client boutique, and a bathroom. Additionally, the space is both ADA and expectant mother friendly! This space also allows us to utilize the main building for increased medical appointments and group classes for men and women. In the words of one city board member, this is a win, win for the community.

Our goal is to be able to complete this project before the end of 2024. While HLS has seed money to start the project, it will require an additional pouring of support to complete the more than \$125,000 renovation. May the Lord speak to your heart as you pray on how an "extra gift" of any amount can help us answer God's call on the ministry of HLS. Have questions or want to learn more, we encourage you to contact us and or take a tour.

When sending gifts designated for this purpose please write "Building Project" on your contribution. Please continue to pray for us as we work to meet the needs of our clients. We thank you for your prayers and dedication to the HLS ministry.



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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.

How You Can Support HLS

Support HLS through Community Aid!



Do you have clothing, shoes, and household goods you no longer want and wish to clear out of your way? Consider dropping them off at a Community Aid Store!

Provide them with the HLS code **50146** and we will receive \$0.13 per pound for all items you drop off.

A few locations are:

- Queensgate Shopping Center
2001 Springwood Rd., York, PA
- 793 Baltimore St., Hanover, PA
- 31 Rohrerstown Rd., Lancaster, PA
- 4833 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA



Planned Giving & Appreciated Stocks

Have you considered leaving a legacy that preserves and honors life? Did you know that you can gift your appreciated stocks to our ministry? Explore opportunities for tax-wise giving today. Their tomorrow is made possible through your gifts. For more information contact your financial advisor for guidance. Need help, we can connect you with our partners. Email: office@humanlifeservices.org



Remember us when Christmas Shopping!

To purchase the Amazon or Walmart items, use the QR codes to view our wish lists and purchase online.

(NOTE: You'll have to log out of your own Walmart account to see our wish list.)



Amazon



Walmart



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

Danielle Besecker
Client Services Manager



Let us come to Him with Thanksgiving and praise Him for all those who come to Human Life Services. Two years ago, I met Talyn. She thought she came to us by mistake. She was searching for Planned Parenthood, and as a first-time mom, she was scared and didn't know if she could walk this path alone. However, she ended up calling HLS. We talked her through the emotions she was having, and she made an appointment for an ultrasound. This is when she got to see her baby and learn about the baby's growth at that stage of pregnancy. Talyn was excited to hear about our Care Program and the classes we offer and that the baby's father could come, too. They started their journey working full time on 3rd shift and coming to classes before heading to bed. They

may have been exhausted, but they loved coming to fellowship with us while being taught key pregnancy and parenting skills. This couple came to classes for 22 weeks and together learned things such as: what is safe in pregnancy, eating for two, labor and delivery, loving and practical discipline, being a role model and being a consistent dad.

They welcomed a little baby boy that June and immediately fell in love with their new bundle of joy! They quickly realized it wasn't easy to be a working parent/provider, but they were so thankful that we had an available client advocate so they could come back for our First Year and Life-Skills classes. Talyn really looked forward to earning "Baby Bucks" so she could get the items she needed for the baby. Through these years she was not only a client. She became family. We prayed together, talked about life, good and bad, and watched her baby grow and begin to walk.

Talyn was also involved in the Embrace Grace group that was held at a local church. She even offered to take another HLS client, also a young single mom, to the group because she didn't have a car. Talyn has grown so much in these past few years and is being the best mother she can be, while co-parenting her son. Life is hard, but finding the joys that come each day from God are the blessings we don't want to miss. It wasn't a mistake that she found us, but a blessing ... not only for her, but also for the staff, her advocates, and all of the friends that she has made at HLS. We have that urgency to share God's love with them and pray for them during each visit. This is a great reminder, especially at this time of the year, of all the things God has done for us. He gives us protection, guidance, wisdom, love, and mercy every day. We continue to thank Him. Please pray for God's protection and provision in the physical and spiritual realms for all of our clients!



Please PRAY For:

- Community Outreach Opportunities, college campuses, youth groups, festival participation.
- Appointment calls and options counseling for abortion-minded/determined women and men.
- The Winter post-abortion healing class "Surrendering the Secret." May God lead those needing this help to our door.
- Opportunities to pray with clients and share God's word in all our appointments.
- Strength and mental well-being of our staff/advocates, as they compassionately listen and seek ways to mentor our clients.
- Clients whose Christmas is an unhappy season due to abuse and trauma in their past.

Bringing beauty from ashes...

Surrendering the Secret

Our post-abortion class helps women banish the shadows of deep wounds in a loving, compassionate environment.

Next session begins
February 2024

For more information, call
Danielle at 717-846-2384.

Client Needs:

Immediate Needs of NEW Items

- Diapers - Only Size Preemie, 5 and 6
- Complete Outfits for the Winter (up to 4T)
- Baby and Regular Detergent
- Big Loofah Sponges for Moms and Dads
- Toys for Infant/Toddlers (2-4 year olds)

You can access our full Needs List as well as our Walmart or Amazon Wish Lists 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:

- Female and Male Client Advocate
- Admin/Boutique/Front Desk Helpers
- Teams to Assist with Building Projects

For more information, email danielleb@humanlifeservices.org.

**Thank you for
your support!**



*We can't help them if
they can't get here...*

Many of our clients don't have reliable transportation. Your monetary donation in any amount will help us offer bus passes!

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From the desk of
Leona Rega
Executive Director



What joy, unspeakable joy we encounter in the presence of the Lord! How beautiful it is when a client discovers **His real joy**. They come to us with brokenness. But, through kind words and reassurance, it's revealed they are worthy and capable. How? Through compassionate medical care and weekly classes filled with grace, gentleness, and discipleship. It may be the woman who has an abortion in her past, or the young girl who feels a pregnancy will ruin her future plans, or the one filled with shame and child raising unbearable. It may be the couple who feels overwhelmed and financially strapped, the father who made a choice to parent alone, and it can be the woman who has suffered abuse time and time again, afraid to bring a child into the world. **YOU** are part of their journey; a path to learning what it means to be joyful in all trials before us and the beautiful gift of life in the womb.

"These things I have spoken to you that my joy may be found in you, and that your joy might be full." John 15:15 KJV

We have been **blessed abundantly** as **God provides** for HLS and our clients! Last year supporters helped us:

- Purchase a new **ultrasound machine**.
- **Increase** available **hours** for **client appointments**.
- Add **sexually transmitted disease testing**.
- **Increase marketing** to "reach her." Attended community fairs, festivals, and events. Handed out magnets and window clings with QR codes to our client website.
- **Trained** 3 medical staff on limited ultrasound sonography and sent 5 staff to training on all aspects of pregnancy center services, legal matters and medical best practices.
- Started a **college campus** outreach program.

To make abortion unthinkable, we have much more work to do! **Will you help us in this mission? We need your support to reach our end of year appeal goals.** Your gifts directly support **FREE** services for all, future operations, and expansion of services.

- **\$125,000 - Development of an Educational Resource Building.**
To assist with the growing waitlist of clients, we need to expand our footprint for services.
- **\$3,500 - Go 4 the Gold sexual integrity curriculum.**
Training for advocates, materials and supplies teaching teens and young adults on topics such as, healthy relationships, dating, and setting boundaries. Replacing an aged curriculum, these materials will bring a modern message, reaching more youth in the community.

May God place on your heart our needs and guide you in your end of year gift giving. *No gift is too small, when given in obedience to Him who works all things for His glory!*

You may make your year-end gift by mailing the enclosed envelope by December 31 or on-line at **www.friendsofhls.org** and clicking "donate." Thank you for supporting the mission and work of Human Life Services. Your generosity of time, talent, and treasure is genuinely appreciated!



Did You Know?

Approximately 511,000 abortions were performed in the U.S. in only 6 months from January to June 2023 across 36 states.



PA ranked 8th highest.

Human Life
SERVICES

Giving
Tuesday!



Give on
November 28!

2023 Fall Fundraising Banquet



On Friday, October 6th, almost 300 people attended our annual fundraising banquet at the Out Door Country Club. We were inspired by a client testimonial video from Taly, and challenged by thoughts from our keynote speaker, Dr. Marc Newman to continue shining our light in a dark world. We thank you all for standing with us in the ongoing battle for the lives of the unborn. **Our Staff and Board were touched by your generosity to our ministry. Heartfelt appreciation goes out to all the underwriters whose significant support made our banquet possible.**

Thank you:

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We sincerely thank our amazing volunteers for their help during the evening!

Linda Chronister, Michelle Conley, Pat Cosden, John Ellis, Lorraine Greco, Paris Hoffman, Angela Irwin, Tori Kauffman, Alex Lemus, Brenda Martin, Robin Steyer, Ron Workman.

SAVE THE DATE: October 11, 2024
for next year's annual Fall Fundraising Banquet!



SAVE THE DATES



GIVE LOCAL YORK

HLS will once again partner with Give Local York **beginning 9pm on Thursday, May 2, 2024, and ending at 11:59pm Friday, May 3, 2024!** Thousands of people will come together to support York County's charitable organizations over the course of this specific 24+ hour period! We invite you to support HLS with a gift of any amount. Stay tuned for more details.

SAVE THE DATE  **12th Annual Golf for Life Tournament & Silent Auction**

Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Heritage Hills Golf Resort

More details to come ... consider sending your sponsorship during **Give Local York.**

Donations to the Silent Auction begin January 2024!

