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*Garments of
praise over a
spirit of
heaviness.*

Isaiah 61:3

From the desk of
Leona Rega
Executive Director



Have you ever found yourself in multiple, yet separate conversations, and in each one the same topic surfaces? It's a moment when you pause and say "God, what message are you sending me?" I've recently had several conversations on the transformative power of Christ. Those "wow moments" and witnessing how God got a hold of a life and changed it forever confirm our purpose - to know Him and make Him known. I see and feel this weekly at Human Life Services.

Most clients come to us not understanding or knowing the lifestyle they live is not a place they are stuck in forever. Some have never made a

connection between sexual integrity, drugs, and alcohol, to living a life of sin from which they can be redeemed. They know it is not healthy yet lack a path of support to help them make positive, life-altering changes. HLS is here to help! Every appointment we have weaves in the message of God's love and healing power. Today, they can make decisions differently than they did yesterday.

Isaiah 61:3 reminds us of what Christ can do for hurting people. When sought, He places a crown of beauty over a pile of ashes. Pain, fear, and regret of past sin are bondages of mourning. But Christ washes them away with an oil of joy! You know, that kind of oil that sticks to you and beads up when you try to wash it off. It covers you thoroughly. He replaces despair with a garment of praise which inspires hope! And this is exactly what our clients need.

This October, our keynote speaker Kelly Lester will share her own transformational testimony. In her bio she speaks to how amazing our God is at taking all the dirty parts of a painful life story and makes them brand-new. Her painful life story started somewhere, and long before God got a hold of her life. One pain, one shame, built upon another. Much like the stories of many of our clients. These stories are why Human Life Services exists. We provide the alternative to abortion. No matter the pain, no matter the journey, we welcome each woman and man to a place of love, compassion and care. And we do so in the example of our Christ.

We invite you to the annual Fall Fundraising Banquet on October 11. We encourage you to bring someone who needs to learn more about Human Life Services and hear stories that will touch their heart in support of life. Whether it is through sponsorship or individual interest, set this time aside to be part of our saving and restorative ministry!

PRAYER GROUP



Luke 18:1

Prayer is one of the most powerful ways you can support HLS. Would you like to take part in a formal virtual prayer time? Join us monthly. Two different times available to accommodate schedules:

- 1:00pm first Tuesday
- 7:00pm third Tuesday

To learn more and receive a link to participate, contact Bob Sieffert, rbsieffert@comcast.net.

Did You Know?

At 6 weeks, the embryo begins to make reflexive movements. In fact, just before the seventh week, a touch to the mouth area will cause the unborn child to reflexively withdraw their head.



MARCH FOR LIFE

Join the HLS staff!

<https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania>

September 23, 2024
Harrisburg, PA

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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.

Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet

When: Friday, October 11, 2024

6:00 p.m. – Doors open

6:30 p.m. – Prayer and Dinner

Where: Wyndham Garden York

2000 Loucks Rd

York, PA 17408

Join us as we explore God's transformative power in support of life! Invite others and introduce them to the ministry of HLS. Seating is limited, do not wait!

Sponsorship Deadline: Thursday, September 12th

Individual Attendee Deadline: Friday, September 27th

Keynote Speaker: Kelly Lester

Have you ever wondered what would lead a woman to thoughts of abortion and how we can reach her before it is too late? Join us as we explore Isaiah 61:3, giving "beauty for ashes, oil of joy for mourning, and put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." Kelly is a testament to how God cleans the parts of a painful life story and makes it brand new. Kelly is a wife and mother of six children. She is a client advocate for LoveLine Ministries, works in Outreach and Government Engagement for *And Then There Were None* and *ProLove Ministries*, and is a board member for *Village Ansanm: Living Stones Ministries*.

To learn more, sponsor a table or register, visit our website at www.FriendsofHLS.org and click on "Events." Have questions, email: hls@humanlifervices.org, or call 717-854-7615. All are welcome!

We invite you to invite others!



Volunteer Spotlight

Pat has been volunteering at HLS for over 9 years. Why does she continue to give of her time in various ways? Pat shares, "HLS is a place of genuine love. When I walk in the front door I feel the presence of God. After completing the class on Surrendering the Secret, I knew HLS was the place for me. At HLS, the staff & volunteers are one big family. We celebrate, pray and give glory to God in all the ups and downs of life. What a blessing it is to celebrate the news that a mom has decided to give life to her baby, and then share in the joy as the tiny miracle arrives."

There are many opportunities to volunteer at HLS within client services, as admin support, and as a voice in the community at events. Each is a blessing to serve others, giving one a feeling of fulfillment.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40 NIV



Construction Updates

At the end of May, we started construction on the Educational Resource Building. By mid-July, the building was gutted, framed, and received a new roof! We are on track to excavate the parking lot, designate new handicapped parking spaces, install a new ADA accessible ramp to our main building and finish the interior design in September. Our goal is to host an Open House in October. Many thanks to Kinsley and Campbell Construction for their design, service work and oversight of contractors on this project. We thank them for their many cost-saving efforts.

Pray as we continue to raise the last of the funds needed for this project. If you would like to donate to the remaining \$22,000 to cover the gap, please note "Building Project" in the memo section of your gift. Thank you!



“Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great **JOY** which will be to all people.” - Luke 2:10, NKJV

OPTION 1: CLIENT CHRISTMAS BOXES DONATIONS DUE DECEMBER 2, 2024

Every client will receive a joy-themed gift box for Christmas. By donating some of the items below, you can be a part of bringing more **JOY** to our clients' holiday season. In lieu of material donations, we will also accept monetary donations in any amount.

ANY # of \$25 Giant gift cards, which will be both given as gifts and used to purchase additional Christmas box items

(2) 3-lb Bulk Party Packs of Individually Wrapped Almond Joy Miniature Bars

(25) EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- *A Charlie Brown Christmas* DVD
- Jolly the Reindeer teether
- Via Mercato Joy Candle
- St. Nicholas Square Red and White Holiday Kitchen Dish Towels
- Almond Joy Novelty Crew Socks for Men
- Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer Coloring Books for Kids - 4 Pc Bundle
- Red Heart Shaped Pop Bubble Heart Christmas Gift Sensory Toy with Alphabet
- Elegant Comfort Luxury Velvet Super Soft 50x60 inch Peace & Joy Christmas Print Fleece Blanket
- Primitives by Kathy Joy, Snowman Christmas Block Sign
- 12.6 oz Joy Lemon Scented Ultra Dishwashing Liquid



Items purchased must match the items above *exactly* to ensure that all clients receive the same high-quality gifts. Shopping our Amazon wish list is quick and easy; just scan the QR code above!

OPTION 2: ADOPT-A-CLIENT PROGRAM SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Through the Adopt-A-Client program, individuals, families, and churches may “adopt” a client and bless them and their children with Christmas gifts! Tell us what size family you’d like to adopt, and we’ll pair you with a client in our CARE program. We’ll provide you with the age, gender, and wish list of each family member; then you get to do the fun part: shopping! **Please wrap and label each gift with the recipient’s name.**

GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED TO HUMAN LIFE SERVICES BY DECEMBER 6, 2024.

ALL items and gifts donated to either program must be *NEW*.
For more information, or to sign up, please call Whitney or Lisa on our client service line at 717.846.2384.



Client Corner

Danielle Besecker
Client Services Manager



It is hard to believe it is time to start thinking about Christmas and how we can bless our clients. When you stop and think about your day, no matter how hard it is, do you have joy? Joy isn't something someone can take from you; it is a deeper gift from God. The Bible says, "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8:10). It says God gives us joy and peace. It also says that real joy comes from God and is ours forever.

This year, our Christmas theme will be JOY! So many times, life throws us hardships and yet we still have joy knowing God's got us! However, for many of our clients they do not

have that hope or joy which comes from being a believer in Christ. I can't imagine going through what some of them are dealing with and not having Him to lean on. Joy is a powerful asset to have in our lives as there are many benefits to having a joyful heart. As we use these next few months sharing God's love and the joy that comes from Him, please pray for our staff and volunteers. May God break our hearts for what breaks His and open our eyes to the things unseen. Pray for the hearts of our clients to be open to the eternal gifts that God can give them. One of the key characteristics of the Kingdom of God is JOY, as it helps establish His Kingdom in our lives and spread the love of God through us. You can help us pass this Joy on to our clients! This year, consider blessing others during our client Christmas programs. For more information, read the Christmas insert on all the ways to bring extra Joy to the world!

NEW STAFF MEMBER

Please welcome Whitney Wagner to the team of HLS! Whitney is our new Client Services Administrative Coordinator. She will become the first voice, text, and face to interact with our clients. As she reflects on why she feels God has called her to our ministry, she shares from her own heart. *"As someone who has been personally impacted by services and programs offered by HLS, I am thrilled to join the Human Life Services team and to be a part of helping other women who are experiencing situations similar to my own."* As a professional marketer, she brings to HLS a passion for both effective communications and women's ministry.



Whitney has been married for 16 years, and she and her husband have four daughters (two who are married), a dog, four cats, and a rabbit. Whitney loves reading and writing and is a published author and blogger. She also enjoys art and music and serves on the worship team at York Alliance Church. Pray for Whitney as she begins an extensive training program preparing for her new role. May God bless Whitney and her family as she joins our ministry!

PRAY FOR:

- Clients who are going through hard life situations. May they find peace through any outcome.
- Protection against spiritual warfare as our staff and volunteers go out into community events and share our services.
- Guidance and wisdom in conversion of calls and contacts to appointments kept.
- Seven women who completed the Surrendering the Secret class in the past year. Praise God for this healing!

CLIENT NEEDS

Our client and volunteer needs change rapidly. For the most up-to-date list, visit www.FriendsofHLS.org/get-involved/.

Here are some **URGENT** needs we have:

- Formula - Similac Advanced, Soy, & Sensitive
- New Toddler Toys
- Laundry Detergent for Babies and Parents

Surrendering the Secret

Have an abortion in your past?

Unlock the door to *hope* and *healing* through our free post-abortion class.

100% compassion
0% judgment

New class starts
October 14, 2024

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



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 code 50146, and HLS 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 Carlise Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA**

2024 Golf for Life Tournament



We were blessed with tons of sunshine at our 12th Annual Golf for Life Tournament on Tuesday, June 25th! Heritage Hills Golf Resort was picturesque as 132 Golfers enjoyed putting contests and bucket golf before hitting the course at noon on a shotgun start. Because of our sponsors and participating golfers, Human Life Services continues to support men and women facing an unplanned pregnancy, seeking parenting and materials support, and for some, post-abortion healing. Together, we are accomplishing what God has called us to do in the York community. We are protecting, defending, and affirming life!

Our deepest appreciation goes to the following sponsors:

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 The Van Dyke Family
 Darrell Williams
 Lindi Williams
 Wayne Williams

As always, our special thanks to Total Golf, Duff & Sue Forsythe for all their guidance, support, and expertise! We could not host this event without them!

We are very grateful for the assistance of our volunteers who helped leading up to the event, the day of the event, and cleanup afterwards. We couldn't do this without their help!

Silent Auction Recap



With 48 INCREDIBLE packages up for bid, we raised a total of **\$6,264**, which will directly support our clients! Thank you to all who helped to organize the auction and for the dozens who donated items. A special shout-out to our volunteers — Michelle Conley, Lorraine Greco, and Nancy Walton who gave of themselves behind the scenes to help make the auction a success. All glory to God!

Save the date now: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 and join the fun next year!