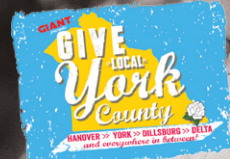


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 **Partners  
for Life,  
One Heartbeat  
at a Time**



*Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.. Isaiah 43:19*

From the desk of  
**Leona Rega**  
Executive Director



The year 2025 marks a momentous occasion — Human Life Services celebrates 40 years of serving the women and men of York County and surrounding communities through an unplanned pregnancy. That is a lifetime for most of us. Take a moment to close your eyes. Think about all the people blessed by an opportunity to share pregnancy fears, barriers to becoming a parent, and the option of placing their child for adoption, while being shown the possibility of a life decision.

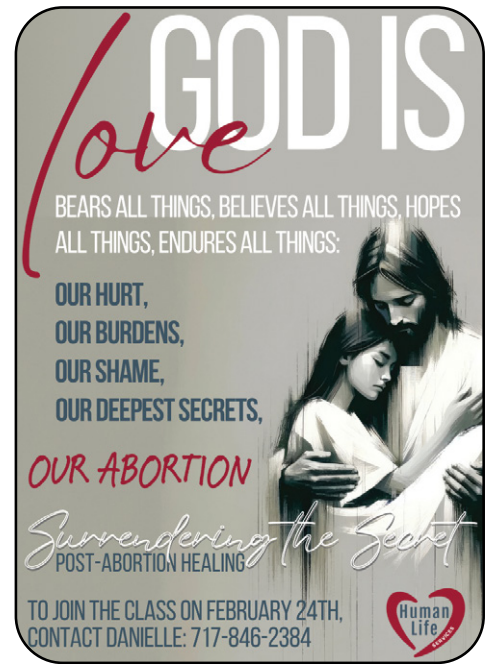
In 1985 when the first client was seen, volunteers persisted day by day. They never imagined that forty years later, we would be retelling their story, still seeing clients, and astonishingly, seeing second and third generations of clients who ripple from those early years. This story is a testimony to how

God has a purpose for each one of us. There is a season of time when he calls us to serve Him. He uses us for His purposes, to advance His kingdom by doing the work he has prepared us to do. Challenges have been faced, spiritual warfare present, and yet God's people have persisted, and for the first time since 2008, we are seeing a decline in the number of abortions recorded in York County. **AMEN!**

A comprehensive detailed history of HLS is currently being written by a former Executive Director, Susan (Lias) Manges, who served from 1994-1995. This collection includes historical information, stories from past and present volunteers and staff, pictures, articles, and more. As I have had the pleasure of being part of her process, I am in awe of our Lord and Savior. I am humbled to be part of a ministry that has catapulted York County into a safe place for women who may have otherwise thought abortion was their only option. Each person, including you, has played a vital role in ensuring HLS remains through great and small challenges. They've included changing the building location multiple times, renovations, expansion of services, staff/volunteer/board turnover, and financial gifts to cover expenses.

These collective efforts ensured healthy family relationships and parenting skills have been developed, generational curses were broken, sexual integrity was taught, the gospel shared, and many have come to know the Lord as their personal Savior. As we continue the work God has set before us, we know the future will present more challenges. We are ready and place them at the feet of our Lord so that we can focus on God's truth and meet the needs of clients. *Isaiah 43:19 says, "Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

Your prayers and financial support help to make a way, even when there seems to be no way. Thank you for ensuring the life of the unborn child is respected, cherished, and protected.




**love** **GOD IS**

BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS:

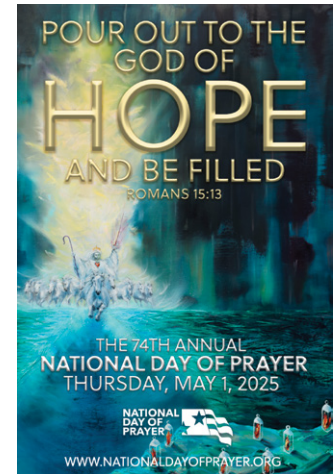
**OUR HURT,  
OUR BURDENS,  
OUR SHAME,  
OUR DEEPEST SECRETS,  
OUR ABORTION**

*Surrendering the Secret*  
POST-ABORTION HEALING

TO JOIN THE CLASS ON FEBRUARY 24TH,  
CONTACT DANIELLE: 717-846-2384



We invite you to a time of prayer and fellowship with us on the National Day of Prayer! May 1, 2025 @ 10:00am Coffee & Donuts provided Kindly RSVP to 717-854-7615



**Romans 15:13**  
**Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.**

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[www.FriendsofHLS.org](http://www.FriendsofHLS.org)



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

# Save the Dates!

For more information on these events, please call 717-854-7615, or email [hls@humanliveservices.org](mailto:hls@humanliveservices.org). You can visit [www.FriendsofHLS.org/events](http://www.FriendsofHLS.org/events) for details on Golf and Banquet sponsorship opportunities, registration, and details of the silent auction.

## Give Local York

May 1 @ 9pm through May 2 @ 11:59pm

Help us **celebrate 40 years** through a single 24hr period. You can help Human Life Services meet our **goal** of raising **\$150,000**. Monies raised at this year's event directly support 100% free services to our clients AND ensure we can increase the number served within the year.



### Why give through GLY?

Each single donation counts toward the stretch pool. The more individuals who donate, HLS receives a larger % of the stretch pool. Ask the entire family to join in a gift personalized from them. No amount is too small.

### How to give...

1. Donate on-line between 9pm May 1 through midnight May 2. Visit [www.FriendsofHLS.org](http://www.FriendsofHLS.org) and click the "Donate Now" button.
2. Make a donation by mailing or hand-delivering a check to HLS (742 S. George Street, York, PA 17401). This donation must be **received** by HLS between **April 1** and **May 2**. You **must** write **"GLY 2025"** on the memo line.

## 13th Annual Golf for Life Tournament & Silent Auction

Sponsored by: The W. Dale Brougner Foundation

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Heritage Hills Golf Resort

9am Registration, 12pm Shotgun Start

Sign up as an individual or form a Team. Space fills up quickly!

**Corporate Sponsorships available!**

**Golfer and Non-golfer packages available.**



Check out the online Silent Auction that coincides with the Golf for Life Tournament! All are invited to bid from the comfort of home using the Bidding Owl auction website.

## 40th Anniversary Celebration at the Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet

Friday, October 17, 2025 @ 6pm

Wyndham Garden, 2000 Loucks Road, York

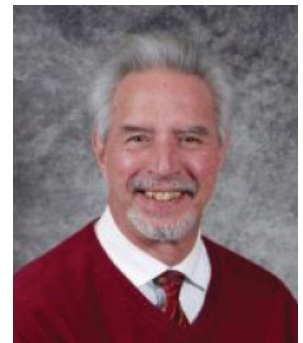
**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Anthony Levatino**

Join us as we celebrate the past 40 years of service to God and community!

Share in a time of reflection on how God has used our ministry to help countless women, men, and families through their unplanned pregnancy journey.

Dr. Levatino shares his unique perspective about why a physician who had been trained to give life would take it away. The story of his conversion to pro-life has educated and motivated audiences worldwide. From selfish motives to real understanding, now 40 years from his last performed abortion, Dr. Levatino discusses what it was like to perform abortions and the toll it took on his family. His full bio can be found at

[www.FriendsofHLS.org/annual-fundraising-banquet/](http://www.FriendsofHLS.org/annual-fundraising-banquet/).





## Thanks to you...in 2024

- 21 babies were SAVED!
- 66 babies born...18 enrolled in our Care Program!
- 3 clients received Abortion Pill Reversal through HLS
- 331 clients received pregnancy tests and ultrasounds!
- 78 clients were enrolled in our classes
- 85 clients received STD testing with 188 tests administered!
- 6 women completed our post-abortion healing class!
- 86 youth received 282 sexual integrity presentations at the YDC.
- 3,900 HLS-branded items were given out at 18 community events.
- More than \$28,000 of material support items were provided.
- We completed our new Educational Resource Building
- 19 clients were adopted in our Adopt-a-Client Christmas program!
- 39 individuals/groups participated in blessing clients during our Christmas programs, including donating items for the Joy-themed gift boxes!

In 2023, a total of 1,026,700 abortions were performed in the United States with 63% of abortions chemically induced. While the state of PA saw a slight increase in the number of performed abortions, **York County recorded a decrease** for the first time since 2008. This marks a meaningful milestone and highlights the impact of our collective, ongoing efforts which empower women in a choice for life!



## NEEDS

Our client and volunteer needs change rapidly. For the most up-to-date needs, visit [www.FriendsofHLS.org/get-involved/](http://www.FriendsofHLS.org/get-involved/). Here you will find items and service opportunities.

**Become an ambassador for life today!**

## Client Corner

Danielle Besecker  
Client Services Manager



It has been a busy year at HLS and December was no exception. JOY, JOY, JOY!!! I can still hear those Christmas songs, but where did 2024 go?! It seems like it was just July, and we were trying to think of a theme for the client gift boxes. This is when God laid the word Joy on our hearts. As you think of the word JOY, it is deeper than happiness and a gift given to us by Christ. Yet even believers can feel a loss of that joy when going through challenging times.

Amanda came to HLS just after leaving an abusive relationship. She already had a little girl and certainly did not want to have another baby with the same man. When she found out she might be pregnant, devastation took over. She didn't know what to do.

Through a Google search, she found Human Life Services. God knew that is exactly where she needed to be. Amanda was greeted for her second ultrasound appointment by the only person she would have wanted there during this time...a dear family friend who volunteers at HLS. Neither one of them knew the other would be there, but God did. He lined this divine appointment up so perfectly; for Amanda it was like having her second mom there in the room. Amanda had lots of support at home, but the abusive relationship stood in the way. Through the tears, together they saw not just one, but two precious babies during the ultrasound and Amanda chose life for her twins!

But God did not stop there! He met the need through another volunteer who could meet with Amanda in the evenings, making it possible for her to be a part of our Care Program. Christmas was right around the corner, and we quickly helped Amanda get a list together so she could be a part of this special program. One of our weekly client advocates adopted her and her children for Christmas. These were not just material gifts that were given to her. She received the gift of hope and comfort knowing she was loved and prayed for daily. That joy was never gone...she just needed help to recognize it. Amanda remembered that God loves her and never leaves. Amanda wrote, "I would like to thank everyone involved immensely. I have never felt so automatically loved and cared for. You are truly a blessing!"

We are reminded daily that God is in control, and He's got this! He has placed HLS on the hearts of many as they volunteer, support, and pray for our clients. Praise God we are growing and need more help. Please consider being a part of our team! Together, we can come alongside our clients and walk this journey with them.

## 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](mailto:rbsieffert@comcast.net).**

## Did You Know?

A baby's circulatory system starts developing remarkably early!

Approximately 18 days after conception, early blood cells start forming in the yolk sac, early blood vessels start to form a network throughout the embryo, and the embryo's earliest heart cells appear.

