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**TryLife Center** is a life-affirming pregnancy and family resource center dedicated to promoting physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being through confidential counseling, education and material support.

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## Always Welcome

- Diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6
- Baby cereal & jars of baby food
- Children's pants in sizes 2 to 7
- New baby clothes size 0—3 months for our "new moms" gift bags
- Gift cards for gas, pantry needs
- Paper and office products
- Help with upholstering chairs

## Don't Forget!

WHAT DAY  
WILL IT BE  
FOR YOU?  
A DAY OF  
families.

Day of Giving  
May 5, 2015

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# Life Lines

## Director's Corner

By Vera Marelli, Executive Director

### Are you standing or sitting for this one? 2015 has brought many opportunities and chances to stand up for life.

The most obvious, and perhaps most well-known, opportunity is the March for Life held each January 22 in Washington, D.C., which coincides with the anniversary date of Roe vs Wade. This year's theme was Every Life is a Gift. Also in January, Americans observed Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in hundreds of churches as a day to celebrate the intrinsic value of all human life.

From February 18 to March 29, our community had the opportunity to take part in 40 Days for Life, a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization of prolife believers. This peaceful, prayerful and effective

prolife campaign has been embraced by more than half a million people worldwide. Locally, 40 Days for Life included prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigils outside the "bubble zone" of an abortion clinic in Pittsburgh.



At TryLife Center every day brings the opportunity and another chance to stand up for life as we embrace young mothers and fathers often facing difficult decisions and situations. We cherish you as a donor for giving us this privilege to continue serving others in this way.

## Open House

Enclosed you will find an invitation to our Open House, Saturday, April 25, 2:00-3:30. During that time our board members and staff will be waiting to show you the many recent updates and changes we've made to the building. One of the exciting additions is a new playhouse, "Lois' Cottage", specifically intended to create a safe place for our little ones to play while mom and dad are taking classes at the center.

"Lois' Cottage" is named in honor of Lois Weidner for her dedication to the Center since its inception – and we think this playhouse does her proud! The dedication of the cottage will occur at 2:30.

Every child and parent who visits TryLife Center loves our new play area! This cheery, life-sized playhouse is the center of attention in our client area, created especially for clients and their children, ages one and above. There's fun waiting to happen everywhere you look! Interactive

walls inside include toss and throw, hide-and-seek memory boxes, a big chalkboard, a Lego wall, games, puzzles, toys and more. There's even an age-appropriate library where reading stories happen every day and children have the opportunity to earn story books to take home.

Please join us April 25 and see the many improvements including the cottage. We think you'll love it as much as we do!

Lois' Cottage and other improvements were paid for by a generous grant from the R.K Mellon Foundation specifically intended for this purpose.



Trylife Center's Twitter account name is @TryLifeCenter

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## Blessings & Recognitions

- ♥ Catholic Daughters of America, New Ken, gave a basket full of baby items and a financial gift.
- ♥ Holy Martyrs Church gave a Christmas pickup truckload of diapers and wipes.
- ♥ Lee & Antoinette Blayden donated 13 big boxes of baby diapers and wipes.
- ♥ Mary Queen of Apostles Church donated all sorts of new baby items: diapers, cereal and other food, bottles, nipples, wipes, and clothes.
- ♥ Lower Burrell Church of God held a baby shower for TLC in December.
- ♥ Joe & Jane Thimons donated 4 large packages of diapers in honor of their grandchildren.
- ♥ Jerry's Custard donated discount coupons for our clients and their families.

## Gifts Given\*

### IN MEMORY OF...

Andy & Nancy Olczak  
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### IN HONOR OF...

Jesse & Leah Simendinger  
 Joe & Anne Funai & Lee & Margie Fay  
 John Fisher Family  
 Sue & Bob Beatty's 60th Anniversary  
 The work that TLC does

*\*To have a name listed in our newsletter and/or acknowledgement sent, we ask for a minimum donation of \$25 per individual or couple name. Additionally, to have an individual or couple's name placed on a permanent plaque, we ask for a minimum donation of \$50 per name/couple.*

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Please join us for a spot of tea.



Your invitation is enclosed for our annual Ladies' Spring Tea **Saturday, May 16**. Wear your finest hat and come prepared to have a fun and relaxing time. Tickets are on sale for \$30 a person. Call 724.339.9399 x105 for reservations.



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## The Fruit of Our Labor



### A Client's Testimony

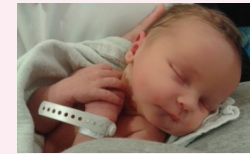
Jessica, a long-time client, finished our series on parenting recently and sent us a note as follows,

"Just wanted to let all you beautiful ladies at TryLife Center know how I really feel about each and every one of you. You have been a tremendous blessing to my family for seven years and you never gave up on us.

The education I received from the parenting classes made me a better mom. The points I earned supplied my six children with clothing, formula and diapers.

I love and respect you and hope to one day return the blessings."

Love, Jessica



## Did you know????

**Board member Jennifer Sanders and her husband, Aaron, welcome the birth of their first born child, Taggart Anthony Sanders on March 22.**

Aaron and Jennifer adopted Taggart as an embryo and Jennifer carried him to term. He had been frozen in storage for almost a decade after being left over from another families' invitro fertilization. Aaron and Jennifer couldn't be more thrilled about their miracle.

During their first 12 months, babies don't need TV or computers. In fact, these screens can hinder baby development. Babies develop language and other skills best by direct human interaction because they need immediate feedback. The feedback they get from TV is artificial.

On average, we distribute 218 dozen of diapers each month.

Breast milk or formula is the only food babies need for the first 4 to 6 months of life, at which point solid foods can be gradually introduced. Ideally, baby will be fed only breast milk until 6 months of age.

Currently our parents have 4 sets of baby twins with 2 more sets on the way.

Babies' tears caused by crankiness have a different chemical composition than those caused by eye irritants. One soothes with stress hormones, the other cleanses with a saline solution.

In 2014, our parents had 47 babies, 24 girls and 23 boys.

A fetus develops a sense of touch at eight weeks and fingerprints at three months.

All of our excess items received are given to other community groups in our area.

## The Secret to Increasing Your Giving

**Tuesday, May 5**, is the date scheduled for Westmoreland Gives, Day of Giving.

Increase your giving to TryLife Center on this special day. Please consider helping our families by giving at [westmorelandgives.org](http://westmorelandgives.org). Questions? Call 724.339.9399 x106

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 A DAY OF families.**

**Day of Giving  
 May 5, 2015**

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## Classes to Enrich

On Tuesday evenings for the next several months classes will be conducted at the Center from 6:15 to 7:15

- April: Stress management
- May: A Roundable relationship class
- June: Money management
- July: Giggles N' Games (geared for parents of babies and toddlers).