



Our Mission

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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Director's Corner

By Vera Marelli, Executive Director

By now, I'm sure you've seen and heard the disturbing and heart-breaking news of the practices of selling body parts of aborted fetuses by Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood receives more than \$500 million yearly in government funds — including state payments — more than one-third of its annual \$1.3 billion in revenue. Its annual report says it provides services for 2.7 million people annually, mostly women.

The Senate blocked a Republican drive to terminate federal funds for Planned Parenthood, setting the stage for the GOP to try again to terminate funds this fall. The measure called for funneling Planned Parenthood's federal dollars to other providers of health care to women, including hospitals, state and local agencies and federally



financed community health centers. The vote was 53-46, seven short of the 60 votes needed.



In our last newsletter we wrote about the need for pro-life believers to stand up and be counted. Little did we know then how crucial that need was becoming. Those believing in life for all, including those not yet born, are urged to contact our senators and let them know where you stand. This crack in the wall of Planned Parenthood may just be the beginning of change.

PA Senator Pat Toomey 202.224.4254 www.toomey.senate.gov/contact

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Needed. Can You Help?

- **Formula, especially Similac**
- **Baby cereal & jars of baby food**
- **Children's pants in sizes 2 to 7**
- **New baby clothes size 0—3 months (bibs, booties, infant outfits & receiving blankets) for our new moms' "Welcome Baby Bags"**
- **Gift cards for gas & pantry needs**
- **Paper & office products**
- **Help with upholstering chairs**
- **Floor stand for a 5x3 foot USA flag which was donated by our local Republican Committee**
- **Gently used electric skillets and crock pots for our clients' use following their cooking classes**

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The Power of Love

TryLife Center's fall fundraising events are scheduled for Thursday, October 8. "The Power of Love" themed luncheon will be held at Hill Crest Country Club from 11:30 am to 1 pm, with dinner from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Willow Tree, Comfort Inn in RIDC Park.

Our featured speaker, Father Ken Zaccagnini of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, will bring an impassioned message on life issues that you won't want to miss.



This year's Spirit Award will be presented at the evening event to Bill Englert, President and CEO of Allegheny Valley Hospital. Bill has honored God through his individual life by his personal achievements, a concern for others and a generous spirit toward our community and we're pleased to acknowledge Bill in this special way.



This is our main fundraiser for the year and proceeds undergird our Parent & Baby Program. While many nonprofits

rely on selling tickets to their fundraising events, we rely on members of the community to attend and give a generous gift from the heart. Your invitation is enclosed and we hope you will join us and perhaps consider being a table host. Please call 724.339.9399 x105 or email admin@trylife.center or or call 724.335.4966 or email Ziringer@comcast.net to make your reservation.

We are also looking for those businesses and individuals who will sponsor the events in a variety of ways including underwriting the costs of a table. Contact joana@trylife.center for more info.

See you October 8!!!





Gifts Given*

IN MEMORY OF...

Alice Joyce Brown Kerr
 Faye & Dennis Lasher
 Floralee Sutton
 Helen Kennelly
 Jimmy Sober
 Joann Mazgaj
 Margaret Foster
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 Neil Jankosky Sr.
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IN HONOR OF...

Dorothy Wyant's 90th Birthday
 Jesse & Leah Simendinger
 Lois & Roy Weidners' 60th Wedding Anniversary
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BY...

Mona May
 Robert B. Lasher
 Jacqueline Hilton
 Mary G. Murphy
 Hope & Regis Wetter
 Robert Mazgaj
 Rose Mary & Dennis Rupert
 Susan D. Pollock
 Toni & Bob Jankosky
 Joan Dlubak Kunkel
 Rene & Bill Pierce
 Vera & Mary Swiergol
 Lois & Roy Weidner
 Lois & Ronald Peck
 Joan & John Runco

BY...

John Krumenacker
 Dolores & Robert Aiken
 Sheila & Donald Mydock
 Rita & Ed Sokulski

*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.

Biking for Babies

Your Board of Directors has been busy planning a spring fundraiser that involves two wheels, one strong body and one big heart filled with a desire to help raise money and certainly awareness for the mission of TryLife Center. The concept of "Biking for Babies" is for individual cyclists, or teams of cyclists to ride a challenging course and seek pledges of money for participating in an "above and beyond normal" type of event.

The event will be held Sunday, June 26, 2016 so please tell your friends and those who are cyclists and make them aware of

this inaugural event that will be happening here at TryLife Center the Sunday after Father's Day 2016.

Further details will be forthcoming and registration forms will be available soon. Please check the Upcoming Events on our website, www.trylife.center, for details as plans are confirmed.

If you and/or your team is interested in participating, email board members Wayne at waynedecroo@gmail.com or Jennifer at jennifersanders521@yahoo.com.

Baby Bottle Campaigns remain a very important way for us to partner with area churches and organizations, and provide a source of funding for the Parent & Baby Program.

Recent church campaigns include those at Abundant Joy Fellowship, Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran, Burrell Community, Christ the King Catholic, Cadogan Union, Crossroads Vineyard, Grace Community Presbyterian, John Huss Evangelical Lutheran, Kiski Valley Assembly of God, Logans Ferry Presbyterian, Lower Burrell Baptist, Puckety Presbyterian, Real Life, St. Peter and Paul Byzantine, Trinity United Christian and United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington.

Will your church, business or organization consider partnering with us in this way? For more information or to schedule a campaign, please contact Mallory at admin@trylife.center; 724.339.9399 x105.

Did you know????

79% of Americans do not support the current abortion-on-demand policy, saying abortion should be legal only in some cases (68%), or illegal in all circumstances (11%).

Reasons women abort: having a baby would interfere with their lives (79%); inability to afford a child (73%); no desire to be a single parent (48%).

One-third of all pregnancies worldwide are unplanned.

A baby's eyes are 75% of their adult size, but its vision is around 20/400. By six months, vision should reach 20/20.



Blessings & Recognitions

- ♥ Judy Yount donated four beautifully handcrafted baby blankets.
- ♥ Thanks to Bob & Anthony, Freeport Monumental Works, for their help with engraving the commemorative bricks for Lois' Cottage.
- ♥ TLC's Spring Tea sponsors: First Commonwealth Bank, Hornack Health Center and an anonymous donor. You helped make the day a success.
- ♥ The Retired Activities Club Fraternal Order of Eagles #533 donated over 2 cases of baby formula. Thanks men for thinking of our clients.
- ♥ Whitaker House donated numerous new items that will be used during the holidays for our clients.
- ♥ A special thanks to the Iron Men for spending an evening volunteering at the Center making the place look great.
- ♥ The Diaper Bank of Pittsburgh donated over 1,000 much-needed diapers. Thank you Rev. Phillip and Cathy Battle.

Clients Paying it Forward...

We received this email from a couple who were with us through their recent first pregnancy. While at the Center, the father received an out-of-area job offer and it was a bittersweet departure for all.

"We had a safe journey to Harrisburg and we can't thank you and your organization enough for what you've done for us. You made a huge impact in our lives and we are sad that we had to move and heartbroken that we can't see your faces as regularly as we would like. Words alone can't express our gratitude.

Thank you for guiding us on the right path that we've intended to be on, but never had enough faith to walk. You have touched our lives in so many positive ways. You cried with us, laughed with us and loved us.

The hearts and souls you each have is ten times more than the norm and know you have turned our lives around.

You might ask how, or say it was all us, but we cannot take full responsibility, because without your fellowship and grace, we would've continued to ignore God's calls to our hearts. Being able to ground ourselves in such a good foundation of faith allows us to start fresh and truly be the parents God intends us to be for our son, Gabriele.

Thank you again, and know that when able, we will pay it forward."

~ S. and S.

The Red Door

The red door, found in the center of our building, is the place to drop all in-kind donations. If you leave a donation other than during our hours of operation, it will be outdoors and exposed to weather, etc.

Hours of operation:

**Monday-Wednesday,
Friday – 9:00-4:00**

Thursday – noon-4:00

**Tuesday and Friday
evenings – 6:00-8:00**

Employer Matching Programs

One great way to maximize an investment in TryLife Center is through an employer matching fund. Companies that have matching donation programs include:

- General Electric
- Highmark
- ALCOA
- Citizens Bank
- BNY Mellon
- Chevron
- Dominion
- PPG

Your employer's Human Resources Department is able to tell you if it has such a program.

Board Member News

Welcome David R. Ross of Vandergrift to our Executive Board.

Our recent board elections resulted in the new officers you see on page 4 of this newsletter.

We must say good-bye to Linda Fergus and Nina Martin as they depart, finishing their terms. Thank you, Linda and Nina, for your years of service and for the positive influence you have been.