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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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Needed. Can You Help?

- Sponsors, advertisers, patrons for our 2017 fundraising events**
- Volunteers for our Parent & Baby Program. Please contact Patti Samuels: pattis@trylife.center; 724.339.9399 x101.**
- Child care helpers for Lois' Cottage**
- Gift cards for critical pantry needs**
- Formula, especially Similac**
- Diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6 and all sizes of Pull-ups**
- Cases of individual packages of baby wipes**
- Baby cereal & jars of baby food**
- Batteries, all sizes especially AAA**
- Paper & office products**



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Director's Corner

By Vera Marelli, Executive Director



2016 was an eventful year in the news with stories like Flint Michigan water crisis, Zika outbreaks, the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, riots in the streets of America, the situation in Syria and Donald Trump winning the Republican nomination and then defeating Hillary Clinton in the national election for President of the United States.

But for us, one of the biggest news stories is that big abortion is in trouble—worse every day, in fact. The actual number of abortions being performed in the US is down and Planned Parenthood closed five of its abortion mills since early November. The Pittsburgh location is still open and People For The Unborn (PFTU) encourages pro-lifers to consider being available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays or Saturdays for counseling outside the Pittsburgh site.

We are not protesters, we are pro-lifers who serve a pro-life God.

Please read on for good news.

2017 Upcoming Events

- Spring Tea**
Saturday, June 3
- Biking for Babies**
Saturday, September 9
- Annual Fall Fundraiser**
Thursday, September 14

Attention Marathon Runners:
Please consider sponsoring TryLife Center for your events.

How to Make a Bequest

Would you consider making a bequest to TryLife Center to continue its work in promoting the pro-life movement and saving babies' lives? It's a simple process. Please read it below.

I, your name, give, devise and bequeath a specific dollar amount or an item of property to Tri-City Life Center, a non-profit corporation as described in section 170 (e) of the Internal Revenue Code with location at 1155 Wildlife Lodge Road, Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Baby Bottle Campaign Blessings



Since September, these churches have sponsored campaigns for the Center:

Abundant Joy, Our Lady of Victory, Trinity United Christian, Knights of Columbus with St. Margaret Mary, Mount St. Peter, St. Mary and St. Joseph in New Kensington, Holy Family & Holy Martyrs Parishes, Rock of Ages, Oakmont United Methodist, St. Peter and Paul, Crossroads Vineyard & Harvest Baptist.

Bottle campaigns remain a very important way for us to partner with area churches and organizations, while providing a source of funding for the Parent & Baby Program. April or May would be a perfect month to schedule a campaign.

Will your church or business consider supporting us with a campaign this year? Please contact Mallory: admin@trylife.center; 724.339.9399 x105.



Mallory receives the check from Knights Tim Shields & Bob Krajci.



Biking for Babies

On behalf of TryLife Center, I would like to thank everyone involved with last year's "Biking for Babies" spring fundraising event. I am sorry that I was unable to meet some of you who joined us for the event as I was struggling on the "Challenge 12". Indeed it was a challenge for me as I grow older. I heard that most everyone enjoyed the "Easy 11" ride and especially the food afterwards sponsored by Chris & Beth Kaminski.



I am personally grateful for the fundraising efforts and support of our cycling team, the "Killer Bees". Yes, there has been a team of cyclists riding thousands of miles over the last 21 years who coined this name way before the Steelers! Special congratulations for two riders, John Ward and Wayne Decroo, who raised over \$1,300 each for TryLife Center. The Ward family deserves a place in our honor roll for their efforts! I was told that when the "many" children and grandchildren of the Ward family heard that we were raising money for babies, they literally cracked open their "piggy banks" and gave donations to their Grandpappy John as he elected to cycle and raise funds for this event. Thanks again to all the Wards... big and little!

Again, we would like to deliver a huge thanks to all of our sponsors that were mentioned in our last newsletter. A special shout out to the North Apollo Church of God for

permitting us to use their precious church grounds and Kistaco Farm who gave us permission to use their parking area for a much needed rest stop.

There were companies who donated prizes and gift items including: Disney, McDonalds, David's Diner, QVC, Trib Total Media, Oriental Trading, Carnegie Museums, Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, Pittsburgh Steelers, R.A. Foster & Son Company, R. Alan Adams Photography. Included here is a special THANK YOU to Dale Smith and Toys R US for their extreme generosity and donation of truckloads of items after the ride.

We are currently in the planning stages for the 2nd annual "Biking for Babies" event to be held on Saturday, September 9. If everyone who participated last year would be kind enough to spread the word to fellow cyclists and friends, we could certainly double not only the number of riders, but also increase pledges and sponsors for this event! Last year, nearly \$10,000 in pledges, sponsorships and donations were received from this challenging event.

God bless all of you who participated in this inaugural event. Thank you for raising funds, cycling in the event and most of all bringing further awareness of the mission of TryLife Center: to save babies and help families succeed!

Sincerely and appreciatively,
Wayne J. Decroo, DDS

A Personal Fond Farewell from Lois Weidner

Watching TryLife grow over the past 20 years has been such a blessing to me. You as generous donors have made it happen. You as board, clerical, client assistant, and construction volunteers have made a difference in so many valuable ways. I am so grateful to all of you for the tremendous joy you brought to my work.

Our mission here is two-fold: 1) to share the love and hope of Christ with those who enter our door; 2) to provide life-affirming alternatives to abortion with practical support. If we are faithful with the first, and successful with the second, we will enrich the culture around us. Our clients have been changed as they have received the unconditional love and acceptance we have offered them, expressing their gratitude as they bring their newborns to show us.

Thanks to all of you who have wished me well in my retirement. Working with all of the beautiful, wonderful people I've been with is what made it difficult to leave. Retirement isn't easy, yet in my heart I knew the time was right. Roy and I have been blessed and busy with 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. At age 83, it's time to distribute to them things they may cherish and rid ourselves of excess to make it easier for them when we are gone.

I pray our nation will return to its founding beliefs in the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness so that babies will be safe in the womb.

God's blessing and love to all.



Blessings & Recognitions

- ♥ Thanks to Maliki Zbikowski, graphic designer for serving as photographer at our Spring Tea.
- ♥ Kudos to all of our donors who sought matching gifts from their employers.
- ♥ Thank you to all the May & September donors for the Day of Giving.
- ♥ We want to thank Anthony Testa for his donations of Christmas toys, baby & mom supplies & paper goods.
- ♥ Thanks to the anonymous donor of the fleece baby blankets.
- ♥ We so appreciate our sponsors for the fall fundraising events: Allegheny Health Network, The Fruitful Kitchen, Huntley & Huntley Energy Exploration & Quality Life Services.
- ♥ Nancy Walzer brought TLC a package full of her homemade tote bags & knit scarves. You are appreciated.
- ♥ Thanks once again St. Kilian Church women for the beautiful handmade baby items.

Gifts Given*

IN HONOR OF...

Christmas
Diane Albert
Ezra Myers
Fran Jankosky
Sandy & Gary Palyszeski's
50th Wedding Anniversary
Women of United Presbyterian
Church of New Kensington

BY...

Penny & Paul Olijar
Susan Pollock
Sarah & Kevin Myers
Danetta Jankosky
John Krumenacker
United Presbyterian Church
of New Kensington

IN MEMORY OF...

Betty Anderson
Patricia Bair
Richard (Bosco) Brzozowski
Harry B. Cornelius
Amelia Fortuna
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Dolores Giunta & Family
Valencia Yajko
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Joan Caicco
Frank Klukaszewski
Dana & Rob Beatty
Jane & Dale Gormley
Deborah & Richard Nugara
Mimi Owens
Patti Samuels
Robert Mazgaj
Lois Stanton

**To have a name listed in our newsletter and/or acknowledgment 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.*

TryLife Center Has Hit the Road!

Beginning in 2016, we meet at the Salvation Army, New Kensington, one morning each week, by appointment only, in order to make our services available to pregnant clients living in that area who have difficulty getting transportation to our Lower Burrell Center. We are able to do many of the same services, such as pregnancy testing, the Learn to Earn program and discussion of pregnancy and parenting issues. Through these visits, parents are able to earn points just as they can at our main site. With the accumulated points, they can then shop at the Center and get their baby's material needs met. This new site has been successful in assisting a small, but growing number of clients

Did you know?

That baby's DNA is different from his mother's? That a baby cannot taste salt until she is 4 months old? The delay may be related to the development of kidneys, which start to process sodium at about that age. That famous premature babies include Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Mark Twain, Stevie Wonder, Johannes Kepler, and Sir Winston Churchill?