

# Life Lines

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## Director's Corner

By Vera Marelli, Executive Director

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (also known as Micah's Law) is a United States Congress bill to ban late-term abortions nationwide after 20 weeks post-fertilization on the basis that the fetus is capable of feeling pain during an abortion at and after that point of pregnancy. With the U.S. Senate failing to pass this act in January, along with North Korea, China, and Vietnam, the United States is one of just seven nations on earth that allow an abortion that late in a pregnancy.



In Ezekiel 22, God confronts the nation of Israel with the sins that eventually brought God's judgment, the most prominent being the shedding of innocent blood mentioned eight times. At the end of the chapter God says, "I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one."

Standing in the gap is costly because it is there that the battle is most fierce, and in pregnancy center ministry, we have seen the battle intensify. \*See page 2 to learn more about a recent attack on TryLife Center.

Sadly, in Ezekiel's day, God found no one to stand in the gap. However, today we have chosen to stand in the gap at TryLife Center. This would not be possible without faithful support from friends like you making this possible. Your support does battle against the shedding of innocent blood, to rescue precious babies, and see their mothers and others redeemed by God's grace. Thank you for being a contemporary hero of faith!

**HE IS RISEN!**

**HALLELUJAH.**



TryLife Center sends a heartfelt thanks to the sponsors of our annual banquet last fall: Allegheny Health Network and Quality Life Services.

## Baby Bottle Campaign Blessings



We are very grateful for the following churches doing Baby Bottle Campaigns since January 2018:

Arnold United Methodist  
Crosspointe Church  
First Baptist Church, Upper Burrell  
Holy Family Catholic  
Holy Martyrs Catholic  
Oakmont United Methodist  
Our Lady Most Blessed Sacrament  
Rock of Ages  
St. Peter & Paul Byzantine Church  
Trinity United Methodist.

Current campaigns are proceeding with Sheep, Inc. Bottle campaigns are a very important way for us to partner with area churches and organizations, and they provide a source of funding for the Parent & Baby Program. Any time is a perfect time 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.

**The Fruitful Kitchen** is sponsoring a pie sale for TryLife Center from April 10 to April 27. The cost is \$15 per pie. Flavors include **Apple**, **Dutch Apple**, **Peach**, **Triple Berry**, **Cherry**, **Peanut Butter** and **Coconut Cream**. **Quiche Lorraine** is also available. Please call or text Cindy Sakala at 724-889-7368 or email her at PieLady2224@gmail.com to place your order. Be sure to mention TryLife Center when you do. Thank you for supporting us in such a sweet way.



## 7 Years, 3 Months and 11 Days Later...

### A Client's Story

I have been down a long but happy road....since finding TryLife Center!

Here is how it goes: I had spent 30 years on and off drugs, mostly alcohol, which led to a treacherous way of living. After a short courtship with a friend's brother, being 5 months clean and sober, I found myself pregnant.

He had never had children, and I had twin boys that I gave up for a "better life" when I was 21-years-old. I realize now, that back then, I was extremely selfish and did not have concern for anyone but myself. Don't get me wrong, I loved my boys, but my addictions and mental illness, kept me from being the best I could be. I chose me above them.

During my second pregnancy, good friends suggested that I look into TryLife Center in Lower Burrell. When I went to TryLife I was scared, confused, and still unsure how everything was going to work out. But the staff and volunteers offered me unconditional love and support. I watched videos on baby's stages of development, natural and C-section births, STD and STI diseases, etc. After considering my options, I decided to go through with the birth of my child, still unsure if I was going to place her for adoption or parent.

TryLife and my dear close friends, brought into my life by God, have made an important impact on me, and continue to do so. The help and support they all gave is astonishing to me.

I had my daughter that May. She has just turned six and graduated from kindergarten. She is so special and endearing to me. I can't imagine life without her.

Having almost given up hope of being a good person, I have been clean and sober for 7 years, 3 months and 11 days. I have started back at college, doing online classes. We have a nice place to live and support and love. My daughter and I are in a stable environment and home.

Thank you TryLife Center. Through you I learned that we are NEVER TRULY ALONE!

## Did you know?

A 4-month-old fetus will startle and turn away if a bright light is shone on it's mother's belly.

A newborn first masters movement of the head, then progresses to movement of the trunk, hands and legs.

The human gestation period is 40 weeks.

Man will go to the end of the universe to discover any type of living organism and yet fight to destroy the tiniest life on Earth.

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To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device and designate Tri-City Life Center, Inc. as your charity. Add a bookmark to AmazonSmile to make it even easier to return and start your shopping and giving at AmazonSmile.

## 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, \_\_\_\_\_, give, devise and bequeath a specific dollar amount or an item of property to Tri-City Life Center, Inc., 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*

### \*Recent Attack

International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed for more than a century, bringing attention to various women's causes. This year, during the early morning hours of March 8, the official IWD, a copper pipe with a message proclaiming International Women's Day, and signed by a radical women's group, was thrown through our entrance, shattering the glass door. Interestingly, TryLife Center, with an all-female staff, opens its doors every day to young women facing obstacles most of us will never know. Obviously the battle for life continues to intensify.





## Gifts Given\*

### In Honor of...

Donna Ducato

Bill Englert, Jr.

Anne & Joe Funai &  
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Ben Jankosky & Ann Conroy,  
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### By...

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### In Memory of...

A Special Baby

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Lois & Ronald Peck

TryLife Center Staff & Volunteers

## Blessings & Recognitions

The Knights of Columbus purchased a new portable ultrasound machine for TLC Clinic. (more to follow)

First Commonwealth Bank managers Mike Lozer and Scott Vidovich delivered a generous donation of \$2,000 after choosing TryLife Center as its Charity of Choice for 2017.



1,170 diapers were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Long.

Bill Englert, Jr. made a donation of gift cards to be used at Christmas.

Crocheted hats were hand-crafted by the Catholic Daughters #1108 of Vandergrift.

Thanks to Indiana Regional Health Center for the donation of a sterilization unit.

Sally Littell created a variety of crocheted baby items.

Sharon Arabia and her daughter bought toys for a client family at Christmas.

Debbie Nugara donated a variety of children's books.

An abundance of baby items of all types were donated by Amplify Church last fall.

*Thank You*

## Upcoming Event for Your Calendar

The 2018 **Walking, Running, Strolling for Babies** event will take place on Sunday, June 3, 1:00-3:00 pm at Pavilion 11 by the Northmoreland Park lake. Check our website, [www.trylife.center](http://www.trylife.center), for upcoming details. Please consider joining us and getting friends and family to pledge to support you.

\*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.





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### Can You Help?

- Volunteer RNs & ultrasound technicians to help with sonograms Call 724.389.7195
- A part-time OB/GYN sonographer for paid position
- Volunteers for our Parent & Baby Program. Please contact marionb@trylife.center; 724.339.9399 x100
- Child care helpers for Lois' Cottage
- Gift cards for critical pantry needs
- Toiletries, soy-based baby formula, Pediasure, Desitin, baby wipes and diapers



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