

Life Lines

A quarterly newsletter



TryLife
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Spring Edition 2019

The long awaited day is here...our mobile medical unit was finally delivered and is on the road!

There were times it seemed our dreams would never become a reality - but they have. The unit was delivered Friday, April 18, and three days later, the first stop was at WCCC, New Kensington location. One visitor screened positive for Hepatitis C, and by day's end, we had her set up at a Northside clinic specializing in Hep C treatment. A few days later, a young man passed the front of our building, read the mobile unit's graphics, and stopped in for STD and Hep C testing. Next stop was New Ken's Central City Plaza parking lot near the bus stop. Five individuals stopped in for various tests, including a sonogram.

And so, it's working, *just as we had believed*. We're confident that we're addressing an unmet need for impoverished girls, women, and men to access no-cost basic health screenings for pregnancy, ultrasounds, STDs, HIV, and now Hepatitis C testing. We offer pregnancy education and prenatal vitamins, as well.

Many local families simply are unable to access this type of preventive medical care. In addition, some women from our disadvantaged communities are unable to afford the \$4-10 round trip bus fare from their homes to TryLife Center for these screenings. Instead – we're able to take these medical services *into* their neighborhoods.

Miracles still happen, and we thank the Lord and you, our donors and friends, for making this miracle a reality. Please stop by and share our joy on May 21.

Vera Marelli, Executive Director

You're Invited:

**Please see the mobile unit for yourself
Tuesday, May 21st, 1:00-7:00pm
1155 Wildlife Lodge Road, Lower Burrell**

Baby Bottle Campaign Blessings



We extend our gratitude to the following churches and organizations for completing Baby Bottle Campaigns since January 2019:

- *Crosspointe Church
- *First Baptist in Upper Burrell
- *Holy Family Catholic
- *Holy Martyrs Catholic
- *Oakmont United Methodist
- *Rock of Ages
- *St. Paul's Lutheran
- *St. Peter & Paul Byzantine
- *Trinity United Christian
- *Knights of Columbus, Council 1381

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

Our Clients Tell Us...

How does your support impact our clients? When asked how TryLife Center makes them feel, our clients respond with positivity and gratitude.

Cared for Happy Accepted

Wanted Grateful Welcomed

Worthwhile Appreciated

2019 Walking for Babies

This fun event takes place on Saturday, June 8, 9:00-11:30 am at Northmoreland Park, complete with tee-shirt, music to walk to, prizes, refreshments, and lunch.

Check <http://trylife.center/upcoming-events/> for details. Please join us and have friends and family pledge to support you.





United for Life, Inc. (UFL)

United For Life originated when Susan Bolden, a member of National Episcopalians for Life, met Deborah Hayes, a member of Mission Possible Ministries at a pro-life meeting. They had the same desire: to help pregnant mothers and their children. Since both of their churches were in Oakmont, they decided to get together and enlist other Ministerial churches.

The five churches comprising UFL were St. Paul Baptist, St. Thomas Episcopal, St. Irenaeus Roman Catholic, Riverside Community, and St. John the Evangelist Anglican.

United for Life was often called the "Miracle of Oakmont".

Funds were raised by much hard work and dedication from the churches. TryLife Center and Genesis Pittsburgh were the primary organizations supported by UFL contributions.

As UFL ends its organizational status, we are so grateful for the many years of support that they provided to us and to our clients. They will be missed.

Check Out TLC's Blog

The blog on our website, www.trylife.center, is updated each month with topics of interest to families. Past topics have included:

- * Count Your Blessings
- * Let's Save More Women from Cervical Cancer
- * I Wish My Dad Cared
- * Your Guide to Finding True Love

Be sure to post your comments to the discussion. We'd love your feedback!

If you have a relevant topic you would like to discuss, let us know by email at outreach@trylife.center.

Did you know?

In this country there are 1.2 million babies killed by abortion every year.

In the U.S., there is an average of 36 couples waiting for every child that is adopted.

Every baby is priceless to the Lord. *"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."*
Jeremiah

Real Alternatives Helps Pregnant Moms Make the Right Choice

There is encouraging news as far as abortion goes. The PA Department of Health reported in December 2018 that the number of abortions performed in Pennsylvania during 2017 was the lowest number ever recorded—just over 30,000. It's a decrease of 870 from the prior year and way down from the all-time recorded high of nearly 66,000 in 1980.

While 30,000 marks a low point, it is still 30,000 too many with much work to be done. One of the groups doing that work—and one that deserves credit for bringing the number of abortions down—is Real Alternatives. It's a group that has been offering free pregnancy support services for 24 years.

Over the last 23-plus years, they have served over 300,000 clients. There are 91 centers across PA that are affiliated with Real Alternatives including TryLife Center.

"In Pennsylvania, we have 400 plus counselors who will take the time and listen, walk with her, and be with her from the moment of conception through 12 months after birth," said Real Alternatives President Kevin Bagatta. "That empowers her to overcome obstacles so she doesn't feel she has to abort the baby. Surveys show that a lot of times women choose abortion because they are alone," Bagatta said. "They don't have anyone—parents, boyfriends. They are by themselves."

Among the many testimonials that Bagatta has received is a letter sent last summer by Vice President Mike Pence.

"I send my special congratulations to everyone with Pennsylvania Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program as you celebrate serving 300,000 women and families over the past 22 years," Pence wrote. "With your caring and compassionate work, I have great confidence that we can continue to restore a culture of life in our Nation and build a brighter future for generations to come.

You might notice our TryLife billboards in various places in the area. The funding for the boards is provided by Real Alternatives. That's what we mean when the billboards read, "We offer Real Alternatives, 1-888-LIFE AID."





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What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.

The Loss of a Friend

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Ruth Hazley.

Ruth and her family have been friends of the ministry of TryLife Center for years. In most recent years, Ruth was a volunteer receptionist for us, earning the Most Valuable Volunteer Award for the past 3 years for volunteering the most hours for the year. Ruth volunteered in the evening on Thursday, March 21. She said "Good night, see you tomorrow," as she left the Center, and peacefully passed into the Lord's arms the next morning. All who knew Ruth, miss her.

Leaving A Legacy

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 nonprofit corporation as described in section 170 (e) of the Internal Revenue Code with location at 1155 Wildlife Lodge Road, Lower Burrell, PA 15068

*To have a name listed in our newsletter and/or an acknowledgment sent, we request a minimum donation of \$25 per individual or couple's name.

To have an individual or a couple's name placed on a permanent plaque, we request a minimum donation of \$50 per name/couple.





Our mission:

TryLife Center is a faith-based, 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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Upcoming Events

May 21st: Open House to tour the Mobile Medical Unit
1:00—7:00 p.m. at the Center

June 8th: Walking for Babies

Can You Help? We're Looking For:

- Radiologists or OB physicians proficient in reading ultrasounds via email on a voluntary basis. Call 724.389.7195
- Volunteers for our Parent & Baby Program. Please contact parentbaby@trylife.center; 724.339.9399 x100
- Child care helpers for Lois' Cottage

We are excited to welcome two new board members since our last newsletter.

Michael Korn
Quandra Nickols

Applause, Applause

The PA State Council of the Knights of Columbus have sponsored 22 sonograms machines, becoming one of the leading councils in the nation for distribution. They are responsible for raising the funds for our sonogram machine and we are so grateful.

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