



A Sacred Trust

God's Gift Of Life

WELS Lutherans for Life

April 2013

Client Story

The caller was desperate for relief. The volunteer who answered the phone could tell right away. Cinda (*not her real name*) wanted abortion information. She was suffering from extreme nausea and vomiting, and was worried about her new job – she had already called in sick too many times. Cinda had already visited Planned Parenthood to find out about abortion and now her boyfriend was angry with her, telling her she was being selfish. He didn't seem to understand how bad her morning sickness was.

Our volunteer listened carefully as Cinda described all that she was going through, and explained that we work with a physician who is very helpful in situations like hers. Cinda agreed to have the volunteer arrange for the doctor's office to call her in hopes of getting her in to see him that day.

The volunteer called the doctor (a pro-life Christian ob/gyn) with the necessary information, and heard back from him later the same day. He reported that Cinda came with her boyfriend that afternoon. He prescribed medication for her, and also performed an ultrasound. She and her boyfriend were very excited

to see the baby and were happy to learn s/he was doing well. The doctor scheduled a follow-up visit and wrote a note for Cinda's employer to allow another week of needed rest.

Cinda called the center the next day to say thank you for the kind help she received – especially for the connection to the doctor. She was starting to feel better, and had come to realize that abortion is not the answer. Our volunteer responded with encouraging words and an invitation to our Loving Moms parenting class, where Cinda can receive Christian support through her pregnancy and beyond.

Abortion averted and baby saved. Praise God we were here, thanks to you!



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"To share the gospel of Jesus Christ through compassionate care, information, education, and support services while empowering women and men to make informed, life-affirming decisions about lifestyle and pregnancy issues."

Upcoming Events:

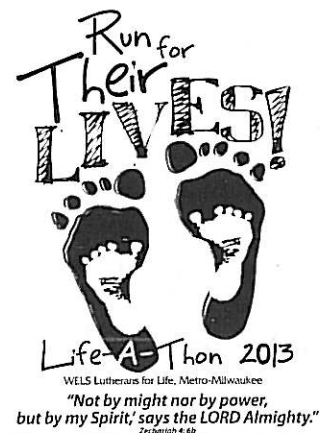
The Life-A-Thon, one of our major annual fundraisers, is a run/walk that has been operated for more than 20 years. This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals, groups, and organizations to make a stand for LIFE on Saturday, May 11, 2013.



Consider "virtual participation" if you want to participate but can't because of time or location. Do you prefer to bike? Then the Calvary, Thiensville location is perfect for you, where bikes are in the mix.

This year we are introducing a Diaper Dash for kids under 3 at McCarty Park. This promises to be fun for families with little ones as well as for the rest of us to watch. Stay tuned for all the details.

See the "Save the Date" card or visit www.Life-A-Thon.org for details and to register.



Evening for Life!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Thursday, October 10!

Join us for a night of LIFE and laughter at our annual fundraising banquet. You'll be inspired and entertained by one of the funniest men in God's kingdom, comedian Mike Williams! Mike has a very compelling life story you won't want to miss.

Plan to attend and invite your friends for this fabulous night at Country Springs. Email or call our office to request a Table Host packet or Corporate Sponsor Packet, to pre-register, or to ask questions. office@ALife2.com; 414-727-8176. Watch for more details at www.eveningforlife.org.

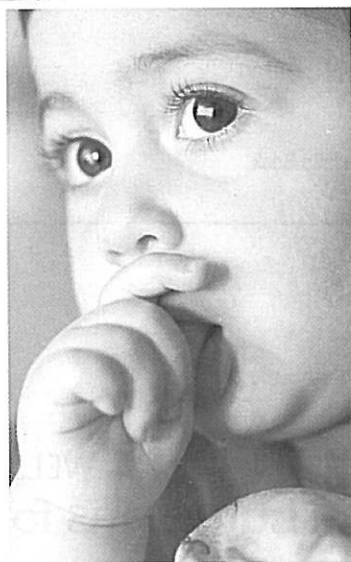
\$694 for a day

Our operating budget for 2013 is just over \$253,000. This breaks down to \$694 per day to operate our pregnancy centers in Milwaukee.

This ministry is possible only because of, and with many thanks to dedicated individuals, congregations and schools, and our three events – Life-A-Thon, SOUL Ride, and Evening for Life.

We currently have 18 Friend of Life monthly electronic donors. These partners consistently contribute \$795 per month. There are other donors contributing on a near-monthly basis averaging about \$620 per month. We are extremely grateful for the dedication of all these donors.

We need to continue to grow our monthly donor base as our client services and budget needs continue to grow. We hope to double our Friend of Life monthly electronic donors in 2013. If you haven't yet become a Friend of Life and would consider it please contact us. Also, please share our need with your friends and ask them if they could help. Thank you for believing in what we do and helping us share the truth about Life.



New Website: ALife2.com

Introducing our new website www.ALife2.com. The new website name will be more user-friendly and will better communicate who we are and what we do.

The new URL stands for “Abundant Life 2.” We’ve selected this name because as a Christian organization encouraging a culture of life among our community and with our clients, we share an abundant life in Christ. This expresses our desire to share the abundant life we have through Jesus Christ with our clients: Abundant life for 2 – mother and child.

For more than 30 years we’ve been sharing the love of Jesus while compassionately caring for mothers and their children, especially seeking to protect the babies in the womb from abortion – as we do our best to help their mothers make informed decisions for life.

Please explore ALife2.com and let us know what you think. Thank you!

Thrivent Members & “Choice Dollars”

You must advise Thrivent before March 31, 2013 that you wish to direct any remaining 2012 Choice Dollars to WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee. After March 31, your 2012 undirected Choice Dollars will expire.

In 2013, you must advise Thrivent on a quarterly basis (January, April, July, and October) where you would like your 2013 Choice Dollars to be directed. This is your opportunity to help support WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee through Thrivent.

Go to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800.847.4836.

2012 Wrap-Up

Evening for Life

Last October Mrs. Pam Tebow spoke at our Evening for Life banquet, a night of ministry highlights, inspiration, and fellowship. The financial goal for the event was \$78,000. To date we've received \$49,215 and monthly pledges are still coming in. Thanks to everyone who attended, contributed, and pledged. Your support is vital!

Christmas Appeal

Our special Christmas appeal, "The Ultimate Gift," received a very good return. To date we've received \$16,885, the best response to our Christmas appeal ever. Thanks to everyone for your contributions that helped us finish the year in a strong financial position. We also appreciate everyone who let us know they liked the format of the appeal.

2012 Client Statistics

Total Client Visits	1212
New Clients	363
Pregnancy Tests	156
Helpline Calls	983
Abortion Minded Calls	191

Client Comments

- *Nice and helpful, very kind, with a lot of information available for many different situations. Very concerned!*
- *The lady who made my appointment worked with my schedule almost immediately. The counselor made me feel welcome on a personal level.*
- *I was able to talk about how I felt about keeping the baby and abortion. The counselor really cared about my feelings and opened my eyes up about keeping the baby and abortion.*

Memorials and Celebrations

Given in honor:

By:

Virginia Vollbrecht's 90th birthday	Audrey Barnes
Orval Behnke	Ron and Sue Schmitz
Callista Carlson	Ben and Renee Carlson
And thanksgiving of Jesus our Savior	Robert and Sheila Jester
Ada Ebert's 100th Birthday	Joan Ebert
John and Marcia DeGrothy	Fred and Patty Schuettke
Callista Carlson and	
her Christian parents, Ben and Renee	Evan and Trudie Roloff
Sharon Aderman	Paul and Rachel Learman
Winnie Reineking	Jerry and Vicki Raddant

Given in loving memory:

By:

Lucy Wonoski	Grace Mey
	David and M. Kathleen Michlig
Glen F. Proeber Sr.	Carol Proeber
John Metzger	Badger Homecare
	Todd and Kristie Grunze
	Bob and Chris Baker
Alice and George Gallepp	Carol Gallepp
Dorothy Ebeling	Fred Ebeling
Robert Kitzerow	Eugene and Renata Kitzerow
William Engelbrecht	Eugene and Renata Kitzerow
Margaret Schneider	Prof. Forrest and Sue Bivens
Delores Gruell	Douglas and Marlene Duerr
Dona Destrampe	Donald and Jean Villwock
Ervin Drall	Beverly Drall
Martha Hoffmann	Faye Hoffmann
Calvin Harder	Mark and Linda Harder
Richard Rick	Mark and Linda Harder
John and Charlotte Bock	David Bock
Sandra Burzynski	Evelyn Drews



Lutherans for Life

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- gives more time to ministry

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