



Sacred Trust

WELS Lutherans for Life

February 2018

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Helpline Assistance Reaches Far

I picked up the phone at the LFL center a few years ago. The young lady on the phone was from Olympia... Yes! Olympia Washington! She got our number from OptionLine. “I’m pregnant! This will be our first baby, but my husband is paying child support, and we just don’t have the money for a baby right now!” This young, Christian, Filipino woman had no family to talk to, and even though she and her husband really didn’t want an abortion, they felt they had no other choice.

They had saved the \$500 needed for the abortion and went to an abortion clinic quite a distance away. When they arrived, the clinic was closed. They scheduled a second time to go. On the way the radiator ‘exploded’ on their truck. The \$500 had to go for truck repairs. They struggled to save the money again. When they finally had enough, the money sat on the dresser for a number of weeks. Neither of them could bring up the subject.

“God knows what you are going through! He loves each one of you – yes, your little girl, too! He has a purpose for her and means her to be a blessing to you!” I told her. We talked often. We prayed. She confided that it was like talking to her mother.

One day she told me, “My husband has agreed! No abortion!”

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“Protecting a child’s right to live and be loved.”

Helpline Assistance Reaches Far

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Her due date was to be December 25th that year. Jean and I quickly filled a box with blankets, sleepers, outfits, onesies, and even a darling pink snow suit for their little girl! She sent a "Thank you" saying she cried when she opened the box!

We talked a few other times. I was able to coach her on nursing and encourage her with health issues and her step-daughter coming to live with them. "God will give you strength to handle each situation!" She emailed several pictures of her beautiful baby girl. Our last contact was the Mother's Day card I sent.

I really wish we lived closer so we could have met in person... but we will meet in heaven. I really look forward to that!

Sharon Rosenau shared this story to illustrate how far-reaching this ministry has been throughout our history. With your help, we serve mothers near and far with encouragement and resources to make life-decisions possible for their preborn babies. Thank you Sharon!



Message from the Executive Director

As you may know, 2017 was an outstanding year for WELS Lutherans for Life. We're thrilled with what God has done through you, but as the saying goes, "You ain't seen nothin' yet."

2018 promises to be a year of challenge, of hope, and of incredible opportunity. This year we plan to

- improve our volunteer training to better serve the moms and dads we see;
- extend efforts to reach more abortion-vulnerable mothers in and around our community;
- work more intentionally with dads, involving them in support for the mom of their child;
- and save more lives with our ultrasound services.

We believe accomplishing these objectives takes plenty of faith, and it will. In addition, meeting these goals will take ordinary people—like you and me—who believe God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary tasks.

Together, we can do this.

As we soar into 2018, one way to prepare is to make sure our financial resources are in order.

To go full speed we are looking for additional monthly partners for consistent, reliable financial support. We currently have 58 *Friend of Life* (FOL) monthly electronic partners supporting with \$2,686 on a monthly basis. Can you consider becoming a FOL monthly partner? We'd love to have 20 or more new FOL monthly partners at \$50+ per month sign up this year.

These funds will help 2018 keep going strong without skipping a beat as we work on what God is placing in front of us.

You can donate online or with the enclosed envelope. Either way, your investment will go to work immediately to change lives, and save lives as well.

Are you ready for this year? We are, and we can't wait to hear from you. Let's do this...Together!

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For Life in Christ,

Peter Georgson

Executive Director

Ambassadors Needed

An Ambassador for Life is a person who transfers information between WLFL and their church or organization, encourages others to become involved in the WLFL events (walk/run, banquet, etc.), and motivates those who have signed up. We can ALWAYS use more Ambassadors! If you would like to volunteer in this capacity, please let us know.

Impact Report

The 2017 annual report of your contributions' impact through WLFL will be available soon. We will post it on ALife2.com. If you'd like to receive one directly, email a request to Contact@ALife2.com and we'll send it as soon as it is available.

Year-end Statements & Prayer Calendar

If you donated \$200 or more in 2017, you should have already received a year-end statement of your contributions. If you did not receive yours, please contact us and we'll send it out.

This year we included a Prayer Calendar for the year. Hang it on the frig or place it near your Bible or devotional material so you can pray for this work every week. If you did not receive a prayer calendar and would like one, please let us know. We'd love to send one to you.



PRAYER CALENDAR
And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Eph. 6:18a



January Pray

- Week 1** for the Advocates and their boldness to share God's Word
- Week 2** that we reach a host of new clients this year
- Week 3** thanks for the smooth medical conversion and donors
- Week 4** for legislators who uphold the rights of the unborn

February Pray

- Week 1** for a volunteer or new staff to take over our events
- Week 2** for dedicated Board members and new, dedicated volunteers
- Week 3** for the staff and volunteers in their personal struggles
- Week 4** for a leader for our post-abortion counseling group

March Pray

- Week 1** that the Life-A-Thon raises needed funds and informs
- Week 2** for the health of our clients and their babies
- Week 3** that Healthy Choices makes a difference in many students
- Week 4** for speaking engagements in our churches and schools

April Pray

- Week 1** that Life-A-Thon participants tell friends/sponsors about LFL
- Week 2** that our marketing will be successful, reaching many
- Week 3** for the churches and donors that regularly support LFL
- Week 4** for families grieving the loss of a child

May Pray

- Week 1** for the success of the Life-A-Thon
- Week 2** that our Advocates are a blessing to our clients
- Week 3** that our clients experience God's love this week
- Week 4** thanks for a successful Life-A-Thon

June Pray

- Week 1** for abortion minded women who come to the center
- Week 2** that God brings clients to us
- Week 3** for more volunteers to join us
- Week 4** that we reach the partners of our clients

Want More Regular Updates?

Do you enjoy the Sacred Trust newsletter? Would you like to receive more timely messages? Sign up for our email newsletter at ALife2.com/e-news-opt-in.html. When you sign up, we'll send you one of our favorite videos.

Encouragement from our Partners:

- *"God's Blessings in 2018 and keep up the good work!"*
Darlene A.
- *"Bless everyone who is taking part in saving these little souls. God has a plan for these little ones whose life is cut so short."*
Barb T.
- *"May God continue to bless your work of saving the unborn and spreading the love of our Savior."* Annette N.





Help & Healing

Talia came in for a pregnancy test, and she brought her boyfriend. During her conversation with the client advocate, Talia shared that she had been pregnant before and was pressured by family members to have an abortion. She gave in. She stated that if she was pregnant she would not do that again. She would carry this baby and make an adoption plan.

While the test result was negative and a relief for Talia and her boyfriend, this is not the end of the relationship between Talia and the center. We are here to support her, both from the trauma from her past abortion and through the change in her life that a commitment to abstinence may bring. Please pray for Talia, her boyfriend, and the others we are privileged to help find healing after their abortion decision.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

From 4th Q of 2017

Show how special people are or how their lives have touched yours. Send a gift in memory of someone who entered eternal life or honor someone for a milestone (*birthday, baptism, adoption, anniversary, confirmation, graduation, etc.*). Each gift is gratefully acknowledged and noted in future Sacred Trust issues.

In Honor

Donor Name

Christine and Kent Raabe
Scott and Rebecca Klitzke
Scott and Rebecca Klitzke
Joel and Darlene Weiss

Rachel DiGiorgio
Marv and Sharon Rosenau

Celebrating

Vicki Raddant's birthday
Callista Marie Carlson's 5th birthday
Solomon Charles Carlson's 1st birthday
Rev Stephen Weiss's birthday,
adopted son & LCMS pastor
Grateful for my Grandchildren
Christmas gift from daughter &
son-in-law to our favorite charity

In Memory

Donor Name

Lynette Hopp
Faye Hoffmann
Beverly Flechsig
Joe and Julie Romas
Bob and Chris Baker
Judi Tevich
Andrew and Bonnie Huth
Helen Swanson
Diane Williams
Bill and Karleen Liedtke
Bill and Karleen Liedtke
Wayne Lueck

In Memory of

Marian Henke
Rev W G Hoffmann's birthday
Robert A Flechsig
Amanda Romas
Beth Workman Philbin
Kyle Peter Tevich
Victor Weitzer
Bernard Beyl
Taylor Williams
Penney Liedtke
James Gurgel
Christina Lueck

What Will Your Legacy Be?

We all want to be remembered for making our world a better place through our families and the impact we have on our communities. With WELS Lutherans for Life you have the opportunity to leave a legacy of LIFE.

Why WELS Lutherans for Life? Every day we work with moms and dads to save babies' lives. WLFL works on all fronts of pregnancy issues: prevention, intervention, empowering the choice for life after the decision to parent or healing after a decision to abort. All this is done with a focus on sharing the gospel.

We know there is a long road ahead until abortion is unthinkable. Even if abortion becomes illegal, WLFL will continue to work to save lives and transform families. Everything WLFL does is dependent on the generosity of friends like you. By remembering WLFL in your will, you will continue to be part of our life-saving and life-changing work.

For more information, including specific details such as our Tax ID number, contact Peter at Contact@ALife2.com or 414-727-8176.

Thank you for your continued generous support of LIFE!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members, you must direct your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars before March 31, 2018. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide funding to WELS Lutherans for Life. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.