



Sacred Trust

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Help for a Helper

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Cassie called seeking assistance with diapers.

“Of course, we can help you!” was the encouraging answer she received. *Cassie* came to the center. As she fumbled about in her purse to pull out a paper, she was surprised to learn that we didn’t require her to “prove” her need.

I sensed *Cassie* was embarrassed to have to ask for help. She laughed a little hesitantly, explaining that she is usually the one who helps everyone else.

Cassie described her work situation. Even though her employer knows she has two children at home and is pregnant, they refuse to make the proper accommodations that her doctor said were necessary to keep her baby safe. *Cassie* wasn’t going to risk her baby’s life.

Cassie explained, “I had to choose! Either protect my baby OR keep my job. I chose my baby. Oh, there were all kinds of voices out there warning me that I had to consider my other two kids and my husband.” We were able to provide her with diapers, wipes, a newborn gift pack, and a few other items to help relieve some of the burden.

Excitedly *Cassie* asked if we might be able to help her sister too. She has a newborn and is living in a shelter. “Yes we can help her. Have her come in and see us.

”Oh, thank you!” she replied.

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“Protecting a child’s right to live and be loved by loving moms and dads.”

Looking Forward With Hope

It's coming! That time of year when we're reminded of Mary and what some might call an "unplanned pregnancy." In truth, Mary's pregnancy was the most planned pregnancy of all time. God foretold this through Old Testament prophets with many specific details, even one telling us this child would be born in Bethlehem.

The challenge however, was the shifting of Mary's thinking about the natural ("How can this be, for I am a virgin?") to the supernatural ("be it done to me according to your word").

We at WELS Lutherans for Life rarely deal with planned pregnancies like Mary's. But we do have opportunities to help shift the thinking of those we see. Those who come in our door often see their babies as anything from an inconvenience to an unfathomable crisis which must be stopped in its tracks.

In a time of confusion and pain, we understand their fear. We understand the desire to get out of what might appear to be a hopeless situation.

As those we serve share the storybook of their broken and stumbling lives, not unlike our own, our privilege is to show them, through encouragement of Scriptures, Jesus and the hope and joy He brings. He says, Look! This is my plan for your life! As you walk my path, you'll smile again as your story unfolds!

Like Mary, our clients need a change of thinking. Mary's thinking went from the natural to the supernatural. Our hope is that their thinking—even in crisis will shift in the same way.

You are a part of this. Because of your willingness to step into their storybook, many who walk in our door will leave with a new perspective and a new way of thinking. Praise the Lord!

You make the difference. As we close 2020, we're so thankful for you!!

Launch 2021 with an investment in changing more perspectives and giving more moms and children hope in the New Year. Visit our web site www.ALife2.com and add your name to those giving special year-end gifts.

Here's to a great 2021! A year with more hope, more joy, and more stories being rewritten.

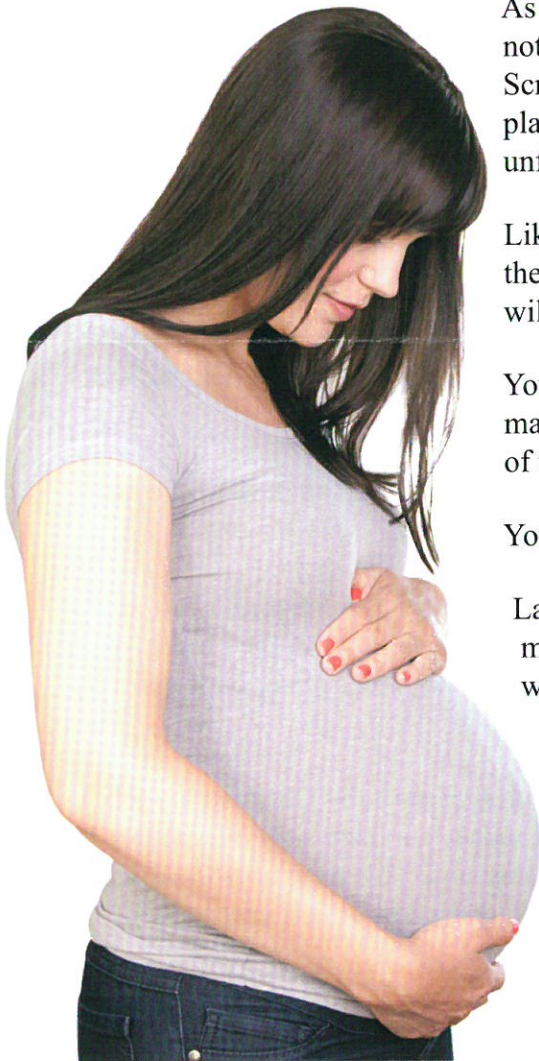


For Life in Christ,

Peter Georgson
President & CEO

Encouragement from our Partners:

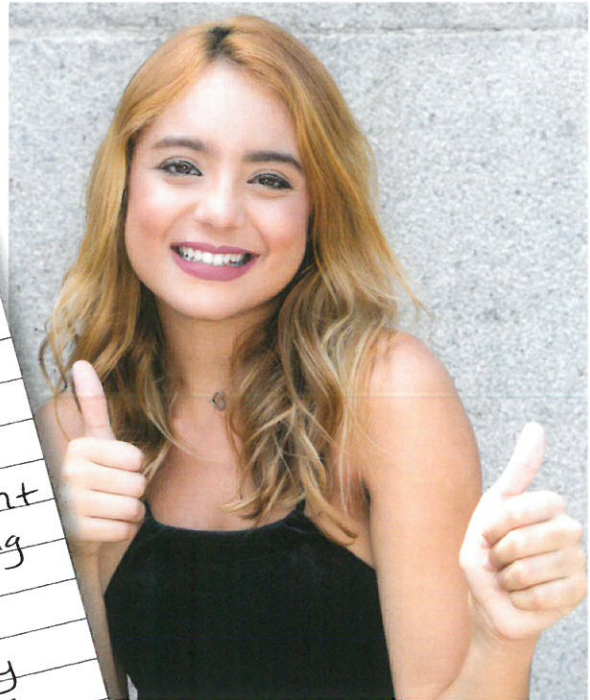
- Thank you for the birthday card. Thank you again for caring for the persons you see daily. Duane & Ida P.
- May God bless the work performed by you and your staff in providing spiritual counseling and material aid to your family of mothers and their newborns. Joel and Darlene W.
- May our Lord continue to shower His love and blessings through your work for these tiny babies and their moms & dads. Jim and Deb C.



Client Story

Thanks to you, our faithful financial partners, we receive wonderful, heartfelt thanks from the folks we serve. This is one letter of appreciation. Even though it was delivered to Rachel, it was written to you – because without you and your consistent investment moms, dads, and families would not be served with compassion, action, and the Gospel.

APS Medical
APS has helped me so much in my time of need. My first time at APS was so pleasant that I've continued attending classes ever since then. I was offered support in many areas including group sessions, ultrasounds, free diapers with every session, and magnificent personal advice. I love how caring and supportive everyone on the staff care team, and I also learn something new with every class. I come for the female bonding experience and continued loving support. I would absolutely recommend APS to everyone I know because it is an amazing resource. I would like everyone to know that once you attend one class, you will never want to stop coming.



Help for a Helper continued

We were a refuge, a shelter. We had a chance to chat for a few more minutes. I told *Cassie* about the Loving Parents program and other ways we could support her and her sister. I explained how we were able to be more generous recently because our donors have been so generous, wanting to help moms, dads, and babies. I wished we could do more!

As she was leaving and thanking me again, she turned and said, “God Bless you and everyone here for helping!” I watched as she got into the car where her husband and kids were waiting. She waved goodbye and they drove away. I’m praying she’ll show up for Loving Parents classes and become a part of our family.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

From 2nd & 3rd Quarters of 2020

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.

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Don Babinec
Rolf Reineck finished the race!!
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Jerome Witt's Birthday
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Honoring

the birth of our great grand-daughter
Vivian Rae Blattler
Motherhood
grandchildren Keller, Teagan, & Myla
Evelyn Schneider, Madelyn Huth, & June Trede for
Mother's Day
Paul Koester
Mother's & Father's Day - Carol & John Schram
My Savior
Marion Schweitzer for Mother's Day
Jeanette Adams for Mother's Day
Mother's Day
Rev. Stephen Weiss
Lois Stichmann's birthday & Mother's Day
18 Healthy Beautiful Grandchildren
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
Walter Johnson
Jean Krug's 80th birthday
daughter Melissa's birthday
Jeremy and Courtney Husby
Thankful for 90 years on Earth
61 years of marriage
thanking God for Great - Grandchildren
grandson's birthday
Viola Georgson's birthday
Scott and Becca Klitzke's 15th wedding anniversary
Ben and Renee Carlson's 11th wedding anniversary
Bruce Eckert's 81st birthday
15 girlfriends birthdays
Peter Georgson's birthday

Julie's "Twins"

You may remember that Julie, who designs this newsletter, was expecting twins. This is the reason that you'll find tributes from the last two quarters.

The girls, born at the end of May, are doing great and have been an added joy to the now family of five. There is nothing more precious than the gift of life. Julie and her family are very thankful for these two gifts and especially thankful for the gift of life eternal through Jesus.

