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The Pro Life Union of Greater Philadelphia is committed to the sanctity of every human life. We work in the four areas of the pro-life movement: outreach, education, public affairs and alternatives.

The June 27<sup>th</sup> Supreme Court decision allows the abortion industry to continue to defy reasonable and necessary regulation. Restrictions on abortion protect women and unborn children from an industry that serves the almighty dollar and fails to meet the most basic needs of women facing unexpected pregnancies.

The Pro Life Union of Greater Philadelphia strives for the day when the humanity of the unborn child is once again recognized and thus protected by the constitution. Until that day, the Pro Life Union and its members throughout Greater Philadelphia will affirm the sanctity of life through our activities. We will continue to speak in defense of the unborn by standing witness at abortion facilities and offering tangible help and support so that every woman can choose life.

### Harrisburg News

Great news from Harrisburg last week. The Pain Capable/Dismemberment Pro-Life Legislation, House Bill 1948 passed! The bill would limit abortion to five-months of pregnancy and end the barbaric procedure of dismemberment abortion. People are often surprised when they realize abortion can be done until six months in Pennsylvania. The discussion about this bill was a wonderful opportunity to educate about the reality of abortion in our own country. We give our heartfelt thanks for the leadership and courage of the reps who moved this bill forward. Gov. Wolf will likely veto the legislation, so we encourage you to call, and pray that his heart may be softened.

### Guiding Star Grows

We welcomed our newest resident into the home this week so we have a very full house. Seven moms, four small children and four babies on the way are living in our little home! One of the unique aspects of Guiding Star Ministries is that our

residents share a meal together each night. This allows relationships to foster within our families. Living in community is a challenge, but it can be a time for true healing and growth. Please pray for everyone at Guiding Star and for all those who will be led to this special place.

### The Joy of Community

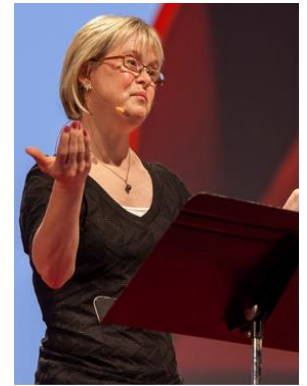
Our Community Baby Shower was held on June 17<sup>th</sup> and it was a wonderful success. It was awesome to have pregnant and parenting moms together with volunteers and the community to celebrate life. There was music, food, gifts and raffles and there are so many people to thank, particularly Catholic Social Services, Guiding Star Ministries and Johnson Daycare. Local businesses Chic-Fil-A (Cheltenham) and O'Neill's Market (Glenside) provided food and beverage for the attendees. Women participated in hand-painting onsies and received lots of useful information, and one dad that joined us proudly introduced us to his smiling newborn son. In a time, when people run from the city – the Pro Life Union is committed to being a part of its transformation. Our outreach activities in the city, like the baby shower, are just one way to be a witness for the value of every life. Thanks to all for their support of the baby shower.



## Stand Up For Life Dinner

Don't forget to save the date of November 20, 2016 for Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia's *Stand Up For Life Dinner*. Once again, the dinner will be held at the beautiful Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel and our speaker this year is the impressive and inspiring Karen Gaffney. Karen is the president of the Karen Gaffney Foundation, a non-profit organization headquartered in Portland, Oregon "dedicated to championing the journey to full inclusion for people with Down syndrome and other disabilities." In 2001, she became the first person with Down syndrome to complete a relay swim of the English Channel. Her 2007 swim across the nine mile span of Lake Tahoe became the subject of the documentary "Crossing Tahoe: A Swimmer's Dream."

Don't miss out on this wonderful event. Visit [www.prolifeunion.org/dinner](http://www.prolifeunion.org/dinner).



## Summertime Giving

Consider a gift today to support our activities like the Hotline, Sidewalk Counseling, efforts in Harrisburg or Guiding Star. These activities are tangible signs to the world that every Life matters. Thank you for being a part of all of this, it would not be possible without your prayers and generosity. Consider joining our Monthly Giving Program or send in a onetime gift today!

- ♥ At Guiding Star, many mom & babies = increased costs. We have a pressing need for a new stove and a commercial refrigerator at Guiding Star Ministries.
- ♥ Support our Sidewalk Counseling Effort and Our Hotline Service
- ♥ Sponsor a student for the Stand Up For Life Dinner

## Golden Gems

The Pro-Life Union is blessed to have the assistance of some very active seniors who come to our office faithfully to fold, stuff and seal the materials for our mailings, empty and count the coins from our Baby Bottle Campaigns, make copies and many other tasks. We don't know what we would do without them.

92 year old Ana Ochoa from Nebraska gives over 1,000 volunteer hours a year working as a hostess in a cancer center and a translator in a hospice. 78 year old Ernest Bradbury of Texas visits hospice patients, giving them companionship and love at a time when they need it the most. All across our nation, seniors are contributing in so many ways – being volunteer grandparents, holding premature babies in the hospital, teaching children to read.

At a time when California has passed a law to allow medically assisted suicides, we applaud and thank our seniors for their invaluable gifts of life, wisdom and time. They are truly our Golden Gems.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 7<sup>th</sup> – NaPRO Road Show** – 7 p.m. St. Agnes Church, 445 N. Main St., Sellersville. Learn about the life-affirming technology assisting women with various reproductive health issues. For more info, visit [www.fertilitycarefriends.org/events](http://www.fertilitycarefriends.org/events) or contact Kerry Monastra, 610-202-8947, [TeamMonastra@verizon.net](mailto:TeamMonastra@verizon.net)

### **July 16<sup>th</sup> - Witness, Summit & Sidewalk Counseling Training**

We hope many of you can attend and will register for the upcoming Sidewalk Counseling Training at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The basics of sidewalk counseling will be covered along with strategies for engaging in conversations and there will be time for questions and answers. The day will begin at 7:30am with a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Philadelphia at 12<sup>th</sup> & Locusts St. Mass will offered at 9am at the Cathedral Chapel. Special thanks to the [NFP Alliance](#) and the [Office for Life and Family](#) for bringing us together for this training.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – Pro-Life Union of Greater Phila. Open Board Meeting** – St. Anthony Church Ambler, 6:00 pm. Call our office for more information – 215-885-8150.