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Stand Up for Life

We are just weeks away from the annual Stand Up for Life Dinner. Please join us for this incredible night as we celebrate the gift of life. We have a great evening planned. The work of our Award recipients will be highlighted and you'll hear great news about the Pro Life Union and Guiding Star Ministries. Our member organizations will host display tables during the general reception. Our Keynote Speaker, Karen Gaffney, is sure to inspire! Karen became the first person with Down Syndrome to complete a relay swim of the English Channel. Karen received a standing ovation for her witty and inspirational TEDx talk entitled "All Lives Matter" in Portland, Oregon. Tickets are \$65 per person, tables of ten discounted to \$600. Student tickets are \$45 per student. Visit www.prolifeunion.org/dinner. Call 215-885-8150 for details.

Sunday, November 20, 2016 Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel 4:30 p.m. Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Dinner

Planned Parenthood

The nation's largest abortion company celebrated its 100th birthday in October. And, the President congratulated them with a "tweet," avoiding the very basic reality that abortion is big business for Planned Parenthood. The local PP's 2015 Annual Report proudly boasts that 9,745 abortions were performed and 4,537 doses of emergency contraception distributed. That's their "Community Service." **The latest financial reports show the salary of their notorious abortionist to be an incredulous \$545,875 a year.** Women's lives are not determined at the expense of their own children. Abortion is not the answer.



40 Days Finale

Another successful campaign will come to a close in the next week. The impact being made is an inspiration. The National Campaign keeps track of the nationwide effect. So far during this campaign, three people have left the abortion industry and 399 lives have been saved. So, please commit to joining the campaign in the final hours in West Chester, Warminster or Philadelphia. Call our office for specifics. Our prayer, witness and outreach also continue throughout the year at any of the following locations.

Pro-Life Vigils

Catholics – (The Rosary will be prayed after each of these Masses. Location in parentheses.)
3rd Friday – 8 am Mass – Nativity of Our Lord, 625 W. Street Rd. (PP Warminster)
1st Saturday – 8:30 am Mass – St. Laurence, Upper Darby (PP Upper Darby)
1st Saturday – 7 am Mass – Christ The King, Morell & Chesterfield (PP Comly & Blvd.)
1st Saturday – 8 am Mass – St. Agnes, West Chester (PP West Chester)
3rd Saturday – 7 am Mass – St. John, 13th & Market (PP 12th & Locust)
4th Saturday – 6:30-8:30 am – (Phila. Women's Ctr., 8th & Cherry)

Support the work of the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia and our maternity home Guiding Star Ministries through a gift which can be made online or mailed to our office.

The Pro-Life Union and Guiding Star are both 501C3 organizations.
www.prolifeunion.org or www.guidingstar.org.



The PLU is pleased to welcome AlphaCare (formerly Alpha Pregnancy Services) as our newest Member Organization. Their mission is to offer life-affirming hope and help to women and families facing pregnancy or related concerns in a safe and caring environment. Alpha serves women and their families who are facing challenges related to pregnancy and to teach from a Biblical perspective, values and skills for a healthy physical, emotional, and spiritual life. Alpha was

founded in 1980 and continues its life-saving work in the City of Philadelphia. AlphaCare's executive director, Karen Hess, and her talented and committed staff are a beacon of light in our City. We are so grateful for their support for 40 Days for Life and Philadelphia is blessed to have the resources of this great pregnancy center. To learn more about Alpha Care please visit their website at www.alphapre.org.

Guiding Star Update and Needs

The last few months have been very busy at the Guiding Star Ministries (GSM) home. We have celebrated two new births, a one-year old birthday and the baptism of our only baby girl resident! In September Fr. Chris Walsh, joined the residents and staff for a communal meal and blessed each room. We also welcomed our Alternatives Coordinator, Amy Grace Miller. Amy Grace comes to us from Louisiana and has focused her time and skill at Guiding Star. In a recent interview, Amy Grace was asked what she wished other people knew about Guiding Star. She replied, "One complaint I frequently hear from those who support abortion is that those in the pro-life movement only care about saving the life of the baby but don't follow through with any support for the mother once she chooses life for her baby. GSM helps to disprove this argument, as we strive to support a mother throughout her pregnancy and afterward with spiritual, emotional and physical/practical help and support. I feel honored to be involved in a mission that furthers the pro-life movement through such a tangible expression of love for mothers and their children."

Amidst this life-changing work in which we are blessed to participate, our reality is that we face the ever-present practical matters of covering the costs of ongoing maintenance for the home, the next needed repair, staff and training expenses, and other basic bills for the home. We trust in God's Providence, and humbly ask for your continued and ongoing support. In addition to financial support, IKEA gift cards would be a great help for home improvements and linens, Home Depot and Lowes cards for paint and ceiling fans, newborn and size one diapers and unscented laundry and cleaning products.

Men for Life

We have so many great people who help us out here at the Pro-Life Union and at Guiding Star. And we need some more help from the wonderful pro-life men in our area. If you are interested in doing some heavy lifting, home repairs at Guiding Star Ministries or have an area of expertise, please call our office and we will add your name to the "Men for Life" file.

Volunteer Celebration



This past September, we gathered at St. Anthony's in Ambler with about 100 volunteers, church reps and supporters of the Pro-Life Union to introduce our Member Organizations, discuss our goals and say "thank you" to those who work so hard to make our mission a success. Our volunteers and church reps are the heart and hands of the Pro-Life Union and ambassadors for life. It was great group from all over Greater Philadelphia. Betty and Dave Maier were honored for their service to Guiding Star Ministries and for the faithful witness at the Planned Parenthood Comly Road abortion facility. They exemplify the beautiful gift of married love to all they meet. What an inspiration! Thank you to St. Anthony's Church, our helpers that night and everyone who attended. We love hearing your thoughts, appreciate the input and new ideas and please know you are an inspiration to all!

"The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man." – Dr. Mildred Jefferson