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The Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia affirms the sanctity of life through leadership, service to those making the choice for life, and witness to a culture of love. We accomplish this through our support of Guiding Star Ministries and offering alternatives, and through education, outreach and public affairs.

The Story of His Life

About two weeks ago, we called the client whose story we shared earlier this year to tell her that we had gotten her a car seat. She sounded stressed on the phone and explained that she was currently in labor!! We quickly arranged to have her mom pick up the car seat and we offered her prayers and encouragement for the delivery of her baby.

While we awaited the baby news, we reflected on this woman's journey to the day of her baby's delivery. The story could have been so different if this woman had taken a different turn. When we first talked to her on the phone, she was looking to find an abortion facility. Instead, she found our Hotline. We listened to her concerns so we could understand her situation. We asked some questions about her family, the baby's father, and her hopes for her life. As we listened, her heart and mind changed. This simple act of understanding made all the difference.

Over the next few weeks, this young mom began to embrace motherhood; she shared the news with her boyfriend and her mom, who were both overjoyed. She attended our Community Baby Shower and received resources and counseling that same day at Guiding Star Ministries.

How different this story could have been, had she never called our hotline, she would have walked into an abortion facility and ended her child's life. Her boyfriend and mom would never have known and she would have suffered in silence.

Because of your support and faithfulness to our work, a little baby boy was born on June 16th. A healthy 8lbs, 4oz. The car seat and baby items were given to this sweet child and his mom all because of you! Thank you for being part of the story of his life!

Sidewalk Servants

The Pro-Life Union invites the community to join the pro-life movement by giving their time as a Sidewalk Servant. Our goal is to ensure that during the morning hours, someone is present to offer resources and to pray as women enter abortion facilities. If you are hesitant to commit to this effort, please know that we understand. This activity can be overwhelming. People wonder what they are to say and how to direct the women they see outside. The Pro-Life Union offers sidewalk counseling training sessions, creates resources and has them available for distribution, and has trained volunteer counselors that can accompany you during your time outside the abortion clinic. Please contact us to learn more!

Guide Posts for Sidewalk Servants

Pray: for women, escorts, friends & community
Affirm: women in their motherhood & dignity
Offer: hope that there is another way
Offer: information on resources & support
Offer: a suggestion to speak with a counselor

Area Vigils

3rd Fridays – Planned Parenthood Warminster – beginning at 7:30 a.m.
1st Saturdays – Planned Parenthood Upper Darby – beginning at 9 a.m.
1st Saturdays – Planned Parenthood Comly Rd. & Roosevelt Blvd. – beginning at 8 a.m.
1st Saturdays – Planned Parenthood West Chester – beginning at 9 a.m.
3rd Saturdays – Planned Parenthood 12th & Locust – beginning at 9 a.m.
Every Saturday – Philadelphia Women's Center – 8th & Cherry – beginning at 6:30 a.m.

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Membership Gathering

For many years, the Pro-Life Union led a witness outside of the former Gosnell facility. Prayers were offered that abortions would end at that horrible place, and that life would be given a chance. So, it was an utterly beautiful experience to gather with our Member Organizations in June at the new Alpha Care facility. Alpha is next to the site of the former Gosnell facility and being there with pro-life leaders allowed us to experience the fruit of so many years of perseverance and prayer. Those prayers were answered abundantly! Lives are now being saved at Alpha, while Gosnell's facility remains a symbol of the Culture of Death.

At our meeting with our Member Organizations, we reflected on our shared commitment to affirm the sanctity of life. We recognize that it is "essential for those who take up the work of the pro-life movement to remain united in our vision and strategy so that our mission is realized in every generation." We shared ideas and discussed ways to strengthen and grow our movement. We talked about the best way to combat the lies and misinformation of Planned Parenthood. One of the most important things we can do is to share information so you are equipped to share the truth with family, co-workers and friends.

328,348 abortions performed by
Planned Parenthood

Taxpayer funding is up, actual
health services are down.

Planned Parenthood DOES NOT
offer mammograms.

In 2015, PP President Cecile
Richards took home a salary of
\$957,952.

www.plannedparenthood/about-us/annual-report

Mark your calendars and join us for these upcoming events

- ❖ **July 15th at 12:30pm.** The semi-annual Pro-Life Summit will be held at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. The film "Hush" will be shown and the guest speaker will be Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, co-founder and president of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute. Hush is a documentary that uncovers an array of important women's health information that has been hidden by the explosive political battleground surrounding the subject of abortion.
- ❖ **July 26th at 7pm.** The Friends of Fertility Care Presentation and Film, with a screening of "A Quiet Revolution." 7:30 pm presentation and Q&A with Dr. Delia Larrauri & Dr. Monique Ruberu. Register online, www.fertilitycarefriends.org
- ❖ **September 24th.** Walk for Life & 40 Days for Life Kick Off at Sister Cities Park, Philadelphia. Youth Rally at 4 pm, General Rally at 5 pm and Walk for Life at 5:30 pm. Music, prayer and special guests Shawn Carney, President of 40 Days for Life and Kristan Hawkins, President Students for Life of America. Vendors, food, fun!

DINNER DETAILS

The 2017 *Stand Up for Life Dinner* is just around the corner! Sunday, November 19, Cocktails 4:30 p.m.– Dinner 5:30 p.m. This year, we are excited to have as our speaker Melissa Ohden, abortion survivor. Melissa was fourteen years old when she found out from her adoptive mom that she had literally survived a failed abortion. She will tell us her amazing story and how her life came full circle when she gave birth to her own daughter at the same hospital where her life was almost ended.

There are several ways to be a part of this event, the largest annual pro-life gathering in the Greater Philadelphia area. Tickets are \$75 per person with a table of ten discounted to \$700. Student seats are discounted to \$50 per student. Paid reservations may be mailed to 88 Pennsylvania Ave., Oreland PA 19075.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our Dinner Program Book is a great way to show your support for this wonderful event.

Full Page: \$300

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Half Page: \$175

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