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Greetings!



Bowling for Babies

Life Services is planning a fun event that is designed for the entire family. No great skill is required. In fact we will have a prize for the worst bowler in this league. It will be 6:30 PM Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at Anastasia Lanes in St. Augustine. You may get more information from Donna McGuire at 904-814-3359 or in the office at 904-429-0159. You need a captain and three team members. Each member is asked to get \$100.00 in pledges. (That is only 10 sponsors at \$10 each.) This event raised over \$7500.00 for us last year and everyone had a great time. Please get your team together and call us.t



Gayle's Story

Gayle thought she was calling an abortion provider. When she was told she could get a free ultrasound to ensure she was having a normal pregnancy, something told her this was the place to go. Gayle arrived on the Image Clear Ultrasound mobile unit not knowing what to expect. The staff on board asked if she had made plans for her pregnancy. She was undecided, but definitely was leaning towards having an abortion since her relationship with her boyfriend was probably over. Finally she blurted out, "You're not going to recommend that I have an abortion are you? My friend who has had abortions told me not to come here since you would try to talk me out of having an abortion." The counselor said, "If there was anything positive for you about having an abortion, we would tell you. Instead of talking you out of it, we are going to give you medical information about medical and surgical abortions so you can make the best decision for yourself." After confirming that she was pregnant, the sonographer established that she needed to be seen by an Ob/Gyn right away due to her medical history. As they talked further about the relationship with her boyfriend, other women in her life whom she trusted who regretted their past abortions and the obstacles she had overcome in being a single parent, Gayle felt connected to the staff and could more clearly assess the reality of her life choices. When she left, she felt strongly that she would give birth and parent the child God had blessed her with.

Serve Sunday with Anastasia Baptist Church

On August 14 Life Services hosted Anastasia Baptist Church as they turned out in force to serve and be hands-on in ministry at our Administrative Offices which are on campus at Ancient City Baptist Church. We also had the Mobile Unit on site to clean, sanitize and beautify this vital piece of equipment. There was janitorial, clerical and organizational work performed by the 25+ servants that turned out. Thank you Anastasia Baptist. We need volunteers like that who will partner with us in ministry. If you or your church, Sunday School class or small group would like to do likewise; give me a call in the office 904-429-0159.

What Does it Mean to be Pro-Life

In an article from ACLJ recently the answer to this question was presented. Following is a condensed portion of that article.

Over the past four decades, since abortion was legalized in Roe v. Wade, the term "pro-life" has been distorted and discredited. We are told that if we are pro-life we don't care about babies outside the womb, even as we care for men, women, and children through non-profits, ministries, and pregnancy resource centers. We are told we only care about saving the child from abortion, even as we foster and adopt children in need of homes.

Opponents have often misrepresented the term "pro-life" by pointing out only that which it stands against - abortion. Yet the term encapsulates so much more than simply an opposition to abortion. In fact, it is everything we stand for, rather than simply what we stand against, that motivates the pro-life movement.

To Be Pro-Life is to Be Pro-Science. In the age of technology, there are near constant innovations and discoveries that deepen our understanding about human development. Scientific knowledge about the development of human life inside the womb is infinitely more advanced today than it was in 1973 when Roe v. Wade was handed down by the Supreme Court. The 7 members of the Roe majority referenced the science of their time, yet abortion jurisprudence has not kept up with scientific advances ever since. With the improvement in ultrasound

technology, now more than ever, we are given a window into the womb to confirm what science has always been very clear about - life begins at conception.

We now know that the heart begins beating in the first several weeks after conception. The brain, spinal cord, and other organs begin to form during those early weeks as well.

Through 3D ultrasounds, we see the babies reacting to stimuli, see them wiggling their tiny fingers. We are able to see their precious faces, confirming what science has already exposed - this is a unique human life with unique DNA and in fact represent a 100% human being not a facsimile or a potential. As we fight for life at all stages of development, we are supporting and promoting that which science continues to reveal - life begins at conception and thus deserves the full protection of our laws from that very moment forward.

To Be Pro-Life is to Be Pro-Women. The abortion industry has successfully peddled the fallacy that in order to be pro-woman one must be pro-abortion. But nothing could be further from the truth. Those of us who advocate for life know that to be pro-life is to promote the empowerment and well-being of all women - born and unborn. As the revered suffragist Alice Paul said, "Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women." Abortion tells a woman that she is not strong enough to handle tough circumstances she might face during her pregnancy. Abortion tells a woman that her distinctive ability to bear children is an obstacle to her success, rather than a unique quality worth protecting and supporting. Abortion tells a woman that she must be more like a man before she will be valued as a member of our society. But in stark contrast, the pro-life movement believes that life is the empowering choice for women. To Be Pro-Life is to Promote Human Flourishing for All. But above all, the pro-life movement is deeply rooted in the fundamental belief that all life, no matter how small or poor or unwanted, is worth protecting. Whether pre-born or in the sunset years of passing from this life; all life should be honored and respected. Those of us who are pro-life fight for the inherent dignity within every human life, no matter what the age or stage of human development. To be pro-life is to defend the unborn, the widows, the disabled,

and the orphans.

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We welcome Robin Hoffman on the Board of Directors to serve with our other capable Director Volunteers. We were very sorry to see Michael Doyle go off the board but give him our thanks and pray God's blessings to him, his business and his family.

You can support Life Services today and help provide a life-saving ultrasound. This ministry is a 501c3 non-profit organization supported entirely through donations and is completely tax deductible.

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