

# LIFE Lines

News from Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center

## Every day is a new adventure

*"Let us run with perseverance the race marked for us." -Hebrews 12:1*

Since January we have welcomed more than 30 new clients, 12 babies, and 4 new volunteers (with another 2 scheduled to start soon). Summer months often see our numbers drop, but this year we remained steady. We have successfully increased the financial gain in two of our major fundraisers. God clearly has favor over this ministry!



As we have been working towards filling the now vacant office administrator position, it has been asked many times, "What does a typical day at Lifeline look like?" I always pause when this question is asked. The short answer is, we see clients, we help fulfill needs, we present the gospel. But that's not all that our day is. We do not have "typical" days. Just because it's Tuesday, does not mean it will be anything like last Tuesday. Each day is different. Each day brings its own set of challenges and triumphs. We usually come into the day with a plan on how things will flow. Very rarely does our day flow according to our schedule. But we know that His schedule is always better than ours. One of our daily prayers is that those who need us on a given day would come. Some days we have every appointment booked, several walk-ins and the phone does not stop ringing. Some days we have cancelations and no-shows. Some days are filled with busyness and projects being completed, while other days we leave a pile of things to be done the next day. But every day our clients are served.

Every day we pray over our clients. It is not unheard of for us to stop what we are doing because there is a need. Client needs do not always come in the form of a class. When we become like family, we also become that listening ear, the place to go when there is nowhere else. A client's needs come before the projects we are doing. They are, after all, the reason we are here. We have had tough conversations, in love, with clients. We do not shy away from the hard things and trust me, some days there are lots of hard things!

Even in the uncertainty of what a day holds or the busyness of a day, we know we are right where God has called us to be. We, here at Lifeline, have been called to be on the front lines of the battle around us. Some days are hard, and some days make us feel like we have it all together. But no matter the day, we know that God has us. He did not call us to something and then abandon us. Instead He went before us and claimed this battle as His. Though we never know what we are walking into on a given day, we know we are supposed to run with perseverance because He marked this race for us! He continually proves His faithfulness to us and to this ministry. There have been many times we have prayed for a specific item or a certain size diaper and then God used someone else to fulfill that need. Thank you for helping us to meet those needs. Thank you for remembering this ministry in your prayers and your generosity. Without you, none of what we do would be possible. Lifeline is such a beacon of hope in our valley and you play such a vital role!

*~ Heather Weaver, Managing Director*

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### Center Hours:

Tuesday  
1PM-4PM & 6PM-8PM

Wednesday  
1PM-4PM

Thursday  
1PM-4PM & 6PM-8PM

Friday-Monday  
Closed

### Did you know that an average baby bottle can hold \$30 or more in loose change?

To date our 2019 Baby Bottle Campaign has brought in:

**\$18,753.02**

*This year 48 churches and businesses participated in our campaign; 849 bottles went into our community!*

(There are still over 100 baby bottles out. If you have one, please return it to Lifeline. When bottles are returned, it saves on costs for the next campaign.)

*From the client services director*

## Staff, board members inspired by conference

On Wednesday, July 24, two Lifeline staff members and 3 board members were privileged to attend the Pennsylvania Family Life Institute Conference held at Lancaster Bible College. Through a gift of five free tickets from the Institute, we were able to hear inspirational and educational speakers, network with others in the prolife movement, and have a free Chick-Fil-A lunch.

Scott Kluzendorf gave us numerous tools in making the case for life. He reminded us to assert

rather than argue, how to defend life in the "hard" cases, and to keep the most important thing the most important thing: human life is sacred. We are made in the image of God.

We were encouraged by the young people from City on the Hill, who joined us for a session. City on the Hill is unique one-week experience for high school students that is designed to teach worldview principles and develop leadership skills. We also had the opportunity to meet Kristan Hawkins, the president of Students for Life in America, an organization on high school and college campuses which defends life. These young people are taking a stand in their peer environment and casting a vision for a Post-Roe America. If you are the parent or grandparent of a student who is interested in making a difference in the prolife movement, please have them contact Cheryl at Lifeline (717-692-2183.)

I was also very interested in a program which certifies instructors in Sexual Risk Avoidance Education in local schools. Lifeline has an abstinence education curriculum, but we have not been

successful in breaking into the public school with our talks. We are hoping this certification may increase our ability to present in schools.

I did not know what the Susan B Anthony list does before I went to this conference; but I do now! The four current requests of SBA to the President are:

- 1) Protect Hyde (which blocks foreign aid for birth control)
- 2) Defund abortion to Planned Parenthood
- 3) Nominate prolife judges
- 4) Activate fetal pain (pain capable) legislation

Scott Kluzendorf summed up the day for us by defining the new relativism and tolerance. He pointed out that one of the inalienable rights guaranteed in the Constitution is the right to life. It is inalienable, it cannot be refused. It is why the prolife movement continues the fight.

We met the director of a pregnancy care center that accepts State funding. While the services at their center closely mirrors ours, there are some fundamental differences: the center is monitored annually by the State to insure that no funding is used to promote religious beliefs; mentors may not pray with clients- a separate person who may not have a relationship with the client would do that; funding sources must be tracked individually and audited (creating a lot of paperwork and record keeping, requiring more staff.) While the money is quite generous, the guidelines for which the money may be used is subject to change at any time at the whim of the current governing party. At Lifeline, we believe it is not enough to teach behavior and principles for living. We believe that we cannot teach the law without teaching the Lawgiver. We also believe that the

personal relationship between the mentor and the client is instrumental in leading our clients to Christ. Your donations to Lifeline are vital to keeping our mission Christ centered. Thank you for your support of our program. Your contributions insure that we are able to continue our mission without interference from any government body.

*Do you like surprises?*

I do!

I like surprise parties and surprises when I go to the mailbox, a surprise gift, a surprise visit, and a surprise evening out for dinner.

On the other hand, I don't like secrets. I have found that when a secret comes out, it hurts someone. Secrets kept of sexual, verbal or mental abuse, abortion, gossip, lying, stealing, and cheating leave scars on the perpetrator and the victim.

Teach your children the difference between surprises and secrets. When a surprise comes to light, everyone is happy! When a secret is revealed, hurt and destruction often are the result.

At Lifeline, we have programs that help people heal from the damage of secrets: Healing from Abuse, Surrendering the Secret- a Biblical approach to offering healing after the trauma of a previous abortion. God is able to restore and redeem loss and injury. What a pleasant surprise for those who have been bound by the past to find that there is freedom and forgiveness in Jesus!

*~ Cheryl Frank, Client Services Director*

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### ***Interested in helping us to make your donations go farther???***

*At Lifeline we are always looking to be the best stewards of all God has entrusted us with. Would you consider helping us to achieve this by:*

- Switching from receiving a donation statement every time you donate to a year-end summary?
- Receiving your donation statement via email?

- Receiving your copy of Lifelines via email?

If you feel you would want to do any of the above options, simply contact us at the center at: (717) 692-2183 or [lifeline@pa.net](mailto:lifeline@pa.net), or include the information with your next donation.

## Volunteer Spotlight

### 'Everyone ... brought here for a reason'



I remember going to many Lifeline banquets. When they would ask for volunteers, I would think, "One of these days, when my life is not so hectic, I will volunteer." Then one day as I was approaching the Lifeline center, I heard "Now is the time to stop in and volunteer." I was running late, so I ignored the prompting and kept on going. I heard the prompting again, "now is the time." So I got to Millersburg Post Office, went up an alley, and down a few more, until I was in front of the Lifeline center. I went in and talked to the girl at the front desk and told her I was here to volunteer. She took my name and phone number and told me they would be starting a training class soon and that someone would give me a call. That was in 2008.

I had volunteered for several years and then had to take a leave of absences. In January of 2013 one of the other volunteers called to see if I could work for her in October and I agreed to do so. In the meantime, my husband went to be with the Lord. As October approached, I did not want to go, but there again God knew what was best for me. When I went in, I found out one of the girls was going to the hospital, another had left, and they needed volunteers. I stayed.

God is so amazing, and He knows what we need and when we need it. I shared this with you so I could also share what I enjoy about volunteering. Everyone that comes through the doors at Lifeline is brought here for a reason. He loves each and every one, and we are

all valuable to Him. As a volunteer, we can be a witness for Him.

Our clients have a choice of which classes they want to take. There are classes on parenting, labor and delivery, what to expect when the baby comes home, budgeting, Bible studies, etc. I like the idea that we are not a giveaway program. This is an earn and learn program. Clients can earn up to three 'baby bucks' per class. If the client comes on time for their class, they earn one baby buck. If a client does not show up for their appointment and does not call, they do not receive that baby buck. When a client watches the dvd and participates in the discussion, they earn a second baby buck. If the client completes their homework, they receive a third baby buck. Clients can purchase brand new items with their baby bucks. We also have items that clients do not need to use their baby bucks on but can earn for free for participating in our program. Clients can earn formula, baby food, baby supplies, clothing and beautiful blankets women in the community have made. When a client purchases new items with their baby bucks, it often makes the client feel good that they can earn these items.

My most favorite thing about volunteering is, this is a Christian organization and we can talk about Jesus. Another favorite thing is building a relationship with the client. Once you built that relationship there becomes a trust on their part, and so many need to know they can trust you. Before class starts, we get together and pray, as staff and volunteers.

I like to let the girls I am working with know how valuable they are to God and that He loves them. When I pray with the client and their prayer is answered, they get excited. I let them know that the God we serve, He is truly waiting and all we must do is trust Him.

If you like talking about the Lord and doing His work, Lifeline may be the place for you to volunteer. When you do it for the least of these, you do it for Him.

~ Lena Messersmith, Volunteer

## From a Pastor's Heart

### God is creator and finisher

It's hard to believe school will be starting soon. I used to love having my children home for the summer; but, I knew if I truly wanted the best for them, they needed an education.

You know, God is our creator and finisher of all things. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Have you ever noticed an artist, whether a painter, sculptor, or writer always look at their finished work and are not quite happy? They still say, "I should have added or removed something, or just changed something.

God is like that. He sees beauty He created in the womb. He sees the very best in us and is willing to meet us wherever we are in our life, to help us find that person. If only we would reach out to Him and ask Him into our lives. We only see our faults and other's faults; we get off course. The choices we made in our life may not have been the best choices, but because God gave us the ability to choose we can struggle on doing it my way, or we can allow the Author and Creator in our lives to come and help us in our journey.

Will I still have struggles? Yes. But He will continue to encourage you to look deep within yourself to see what He sees- an individual with compassion, gentleness, kindness, wisdom, and love just waiting to be released in your life, and as a gift to be shared by those around us. That kind of confidence comes from the One who loves us best, even in our worst moments. That is our Creator. God loves unconditionally enough that He gave His only son to die for our sins so we can come home to Father when this life ends.

I love many people, but not enough to give you my child, to suffer on a cross for people who hate me so others can have eternal life. Only our Creator knows true unconditional love. Pray for the lost and broken so that they too will know how much He cares. May God bless each and every one of you. Reach out to someone hurting, struggling and alone.

~ Pastor Susan





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*Save the Date!*

**Monday, October 14, 2019**

*28th Annual  
Fundraising Banquet*

Grace United Methodist Church,  
Millersburg

5:45 pm Doors Open  
(registration, silent auction)

6:30 pm Program Begins

*For reservations  
contact Heather at (717) 692-2183  
or lifeline@pa.net.*

## **Other Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

*3rd Annual Benefit Auction*

9:00 am for viewing; auction begins at 10:00 am

**Monday, May 18, 2020**

*Pennsylvania March for Life*

in Harrisburg

*This is a pivotal time for Pennsylvania.  
Please plan to attend this march.  
It is so important that we all continue to take steps  
to raise awareness and to take a stand for life.*