

*The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all His works.*



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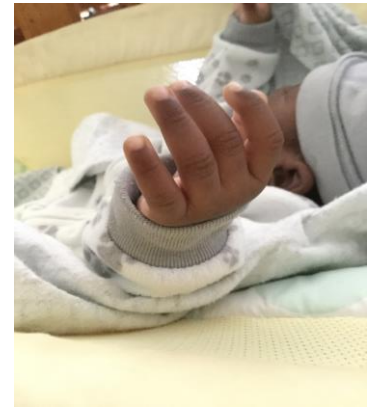
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Happy Thanksgiving!

Stories from the Sidewalk

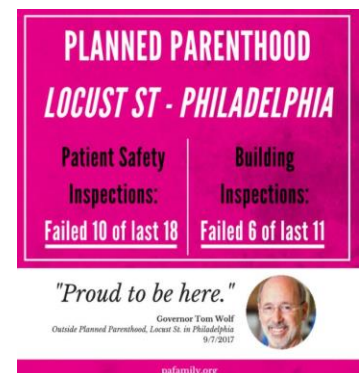
We've heard so many amazing stories from participants in the 40 Days for Life in Philadelphia - many beautiful encounters and conversations are occurring daily. There have been difficult days and many hours to fill, but, through the grace of God and our faithful prayer warriors, the women entering abortion centers in Philadelphia have been able to encounter love, hope and help!

The truth is that just being present at 40 Days for Life has an impact. We also receive confirmation that we are doing what is right through what we see and hear every day on the sidewalks. Many women have taken the information cards and brochures created by the Pro-Life Union and we know that lives were saved by this effort. There are a few weeks left and we still have hours to fill, so please prayerfully consider signing up for an hour at www.40daysforlife.com.



Inspection Reports

The most recent inspection reports show once again how the abortion industry disregards the most basic standards of care expected of healthcare providers. This may be because abortion is not healthcare, and it certainly isn't caring for patients. In April of this year, Gov. Wolf (a former Planned Parenthood clinic escort) and the Planned Parenthood chief visited the Warminster Planned Parenthood. Now, months later, a recent inspection report noted violations and found that the facility "failed to conform to all applicable State Laws." The Warminster Planned Parenthood failed to report the fact that a woman's uterus was perforated during an abortion. This is a serious incident requiring notification to the state, but, according to the report, the woman was discharged and then needed care at the emergency room. Violations, failed inspections, wounded women, and lost lives: that is the abortion industry.



Thank You Church Reps & Volunteers!

On a beautiful evening in September, we gathered once again to honor the great people who keep the Pro-Life Union up and running through their volunteer work or by serving as our parish representatives. This year's Annual Appreciation Dinner was a wonderful time for all to get together to chat about being involved in various pro-life activities and to get ideas from others. Father Chris Walsh addressed the group and acknowledged them for their many accomplishments. We would like to thank St. Anthony of Padua Church in Ambler for allowing us to host this event in their beautiful Friendship Hall.



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Did you get your tickets yet?

We are so excited for this year's *Stand Up for Life Dinner*! Don't miss this wonderful event on Sunday, November 19th, 2017. Cocktail hour begins at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year, we are excited to have as our speaker Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor. Melissa was fourteen years old when her adoptive mom told her 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.

Our award recipients this year, Det. James Wood, Dr. Monique Ruberu and Carly Freeth will be recognized for their respect for all life. Det. Wood was crucial to the conviction of the notorious abortionist Kermit Gosnell. Monique Ruberu has been instrumental in expanding outreach through 40 Days for Life and Carly Freeth is a young leader who served as our intern here at the Pro-Life Union.

If you haven't reserved your tickets, time is running out! 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. Tickets can be also purchased on our website at www.prolifeunion.org/stand_up_for_life_dinner_2017. Please call or email us at either 215-885-8150 or mail@prolifeunion.org for more information.

Fall Harvest!

We love the fall and so do the moms, children and staff at Guiding Star Ministries. In October, staff hosted the second annual Pumpkin Carving and Painting Contest. Everyone gathered around the table for some fall fun and had an enjoyable time creating pumpkin masterpieces and sipping apple cider. One of the residents remarked that she felt it had been therapeutic for her to paint and commented that she felt really relaxed. Residents decided to give their pumpkins names and staff and residents were heard laughing over the choice of names each one picked. Events like this, along with Faith Sharing and Volunteer Brunches, help to build community while residents and staff get to enjoy each other's company and the gifts of the abundant harvest! Please continue to pray for Guiding Star Ministries! We welcome your support for Guiding Star. The website is www.guidingstar.org



Celebrating Ability



October is Down syndrome awareness month. It is a time set aside to honor the unique abilities of those with Down syndrome. We love the photo on the left from Feminists for Life that has information about how children are impacted by a sibling with Down syndrome. To celebrate, we thought we'd highlight a few incredible folks who were born with Down's and are enjoying remarkable success:

- **Michael Johnson** has painted more than 500 commissioned portraits and had a solo exhibition at Vanderbilt University; his art has been featured in posters and on the cover of the American Journal of Public Health.
- **Sujeet Desai**, a graduate from Berkshire Hills Music Academy, plays seven instruments including the violin, trumpet, and saxophone, and was featured in Time Magazine and the Wall Street Journal as well as on 20/20 and the Oprah Winfrey Show.
- **Bernadette Resha** is a public speaker and artist; she and her work have been featured on television shows, in music videos, commercials and magazines.

One in Seven

Did you know that the United States is one of only seven nations that allows late-term abortion? The Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act is currently being debated at the Federal level. This is much-needed legislation that would end late-term abortion. Studies show that at 20 weeks, babies can feel pain and babies born prematurely are surviving earlier and earlier with medical advancements. We encourage support for the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act on the federal level and SB 3 here in Pennsylvania.

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.