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Abortion is Thriving in NE Florida

And It Comes With A Black Box Warning

WARNING: SERIOUS AND SOMETIMES FATAL INFECTIONS OR BLEEDING

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.



Angel Closet News

The Sarah Collins Baby Blessings Closet on the Southside has a new home! Women and families needing diapers, clothes, formula, and other baby items may now receive items at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church grounds at 6320 Bennett Road, Room 107. We are grateful for the beautiful room and additional storage space that Prince of Peace lets us use for this vital aspect of our ministry.

A dedicated team of volunteers works each week to sort and distribute the baby items. They go above and beyond to ensure every mother and child feels welcome and valued. New volunteers are welcome! Call Mel at 904.398.5143 for more information.

Donations may be dropped off at the Closet between 9 AM-1 PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

MISSION STATEMENT

Women's Help Center is pro-life and pro-family. We empower women facing unexpected pregnancies with the help, hope, and skills they need to **CHOOSE LIFE** for their unborn children through parenting or adoption.

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The black box warning on the abortion pill package begins with the statement above and continues with details on some of the life-threatening complications women can experience when they take the medication. Tylenol does not have a black box warning, but the abortion industry and its supporters insist that the abortion pill is safer than Tylenol. This duplicity worked: the abortion pill is now the preferred method of abortion across the U.S.

Vulnerable women faced with an unexpected pregnancy are led to believe that the abortion pill is easy. Simply take a pill, have some bleeding and cramping, and all your problems will be solved. The abortion industry fails to mention that the pain will be labor pains, and the bleeding can be so excessive that many women think they are hemorrhaging.

A woman will forever carry with her the image of her aborted child, who was not a clump of cells, but a tiny human being. A few women have shown me pictures of their babies after their chemical abortion. Those pictures are the only memorials of their children that these grieving mothers have. I will never forget the images of those precious, defenseless children. Neither will their mothers, who trusted the abortion clinic workers and believed the lies they were told. Those women became their own abortionists, and their bathrooms became their abortion clinics.

It's been over a year since the Dobbs decision overturned Roe v Wade. As triumphant as this decision was, it brought many new challenges to our ministry. We did not expect the vitriol that came at us from everywhere: fake clients coming into our centers multiple times a week to try and catch us in a lie, ploys by the abortionists to try and make women think that we are not who we say we are, and that we don't have licensed nurses and ARDMS sonographers. The list goes on.

These challenges only made us work harder to bring abortion-vulnerable women through our doors. We respect women enough to know that providing them with the truth about their pregnancy and options will help them choose life for their unborn children the vast majority of the time. Offering free ultrasounds so they can see the humanity of their child and letting them know that we have diapers, wipes, formula, and clothing for their children are just part of what we provide. We assure them that they are not alone in their journey. This support empowers women to choose life.

Many people assume that abortion is no longer an issue because Roe is gone. Nothing is further from the truth. While we await our state's Supreme Court ruling on a life-protecting change

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to our state abortion laws, Planned Parenthood is focused on making abortion a constitutional right in Florida. A group called Floridians Protecting Freedom is circulating a petition to get an abortion-on-demand amendment on Florida's 2024 ballot. If successful, the ballot would ensure that **abortion for any reason** is protected in our state constitution, nullifying the existing laws limiting abortion and putting the lives of 100,000+ preborn children and their mothers at the mercy of abortionists each year. This cannot happen! Please read and share the insert in this newsletter, which addresses the Planned Parenthood petition.

Thousands of babies are killed through abortion every year in Northeast Florida. Many babies die in abortion clinics, but many more now die in their mothers' bathrooms. I ask you to continue to fight with us. We need your support, we need your prayers, and we need you to share the truth with your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

I also invite you to join us at our upcoming Gala for Life on September 26, where we will celebrate the triumphs in the battle for life over the past year and hear from keynote speaker Kristan Hawkins about new ways to minister to today's abortion-determined women.

We change hearts and minds through truth and God's grace. Let us reveal these virtues in our daily actions and interactions so others may also know the infinite joy of being a child of God.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

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~Nancy Basham, Executive Director

Center News



Jenni DeNicola

I'm Jenni DeNicola, Women's Help Center manager at our Westside location. I am a Navy wife of 18 years and mother to three amazing boys ages 16, 13, and 10. Life in our house is always busy, but I love it! I found out about Women's Help Center through our parish, Mary Queen of Heaven, and instantly felt a calling to apply. While excited to interview, I was nervous that this would be a challenging job. While it is often demanding and sometimes stressful, my job has become a passion of mine! It is amazing to minister to abortion-minded women, and work alongside incredible co-workers and volunteers as we save the unborn, one baby at a time.

Mary Queen of Heaven Donates Ultrasound Table

Special thanks to Fr. Timlin and the parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish for donating a new ultrasound table to our Westside Center. Fr. Timlin blessed the table during a recent parishioner and WHC staff gathering. We appreciate the ongoing prayers and support from this wonderful parish!



*Gifts for
Life!*

First Saturday Mass is celebrated in the Women's Help Center Chapel of the Unborn on University Blvd. S. The Rosary begins at 9 AM; Mass follows at 9:30 AM.



In Memory Of

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2023 Gala for Life

Women's Help Center Invites You to Join Us at Our Upcoming Gala!

Featuring Kristan Hawkins

President of Students for Life of America

BBC News recently featured an in-depth article on Kristan Hawkins titled *She Helped Kill Roe v Wade - Now She Wants to End Abortion in America*. The article explores Kristan's journey into the pro-life movement, which began when she was just 15 years old. Part of her training to volunteer at her local pregnancy center at that young age included watching a videotape of *Silent Scream*, which depicts the abortion of a 12-week preborn child.

"I remember that first day at the pregnancy center, walking out and saying, 'Oh my God, how is life going on as normal when this is happening?'" Kristan said. "That changed everything."

Since then, Kristan has made it her mission to end abortion in America. Full stop! She is well on her way to doing just that. President of Students for Life of America (SFLA), Kristan proudly proclaims to be "unapologetically pro-life" as she leads thousands of college students on campuses across America in the fight to make today's youth understand what abortion is and what it isn't. She educates her teams with strategies and talking points to counter the lies spread by pro-abortionists.

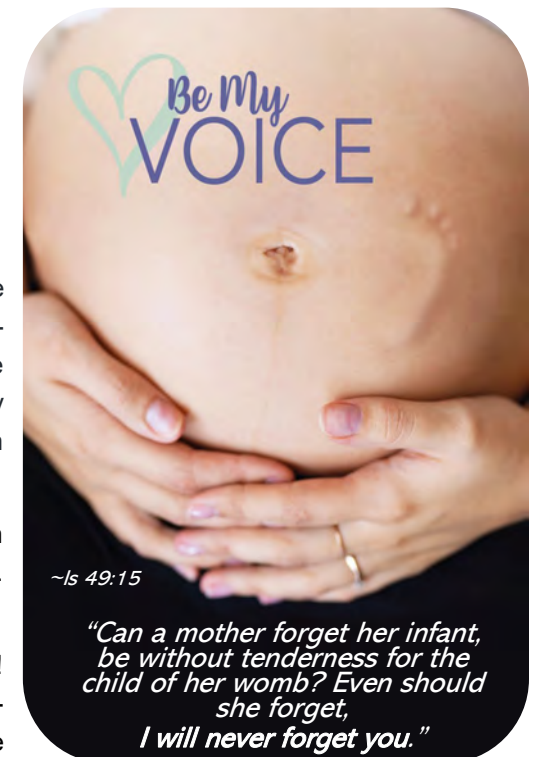
"We launched SFLA to be this post-Roe generation," she said. "We were going to have that trained army."

Now her trained army is taking that message to the masses. After Roe's reversal, the SFLA army mobilized to help direct dozens of anti-abortion bills through various state legislatures, and they are not stopping. "I always tell our team: winners envision the win."

Kristan's message is frequently met with opposition, as demonstrated by recent protests at Georgetown and Virginia Commonwealth universities. "It [the protests] emphasizes that we have to continue to forge ahead," she added. "We have to continue to force conversations to happen even when people don't want to have those conversations."

No entity has more mind-changing conversations about abortion, on campus or online, than Students for Life. A frequent speaker and media analyst, Kristan's expertise includes abortion, feminism, and more, as she navigates the social conditions and public policy that impacts today's human rights issues.

Kristan will bring her unique insight and mind-changing strategies to our September 26, 2023 Gala. Tickets and sponsorships are still available. Contact JJ at 904.398.5143 or jjopoff@whcjax.com. We hope you join us!



Gala Details

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
World Golf Village Renaissance
St. Augustine Resort
500 South Legacy Trail
St. Augustine, Florida

5:45 PM Cocktail Social
6:30 PM Dinner and Program

Tickets are by reservation at
\$150 per person

To register, go to the Events—Gala for Life Page at
<https://www.whcjax.com>
Or call 904.398.5143

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