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## For Such a Time as This

Those who understand the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice have no choice but to fight for the lives of preborn babies and their mothers



Those who understand the magnitude of our Lord's sacrifice have no choice but to stand against the attack on life. This November, Floridians will vote on Amendment 4, a vague and undefined pro-abortion amendment would make Florida one of the most extreme abortion-providing locales in the world if it passes. The amendment reads:

da Physicians Against Amendment 4 feel driven, as I do, to speak out against this proposal that would have devastating effects on our patients for generations to come. People who are counting on us to live up to our oaths."

The vague wording of the amendment is a deliberate attempt to confuse voters, who may mistakenly believe that it adds additional protections from abortion. Let's break down what the amendment really means:

### Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

"No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion."

● **Viability is not Defined**  
Amendment 4 will enshrine abortion in our state constitution, allowing abortions for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy.

● **Parental Consent is Abolished**  
Amendment 4 will repeal parental consent laws in Florida. Parents will have no say in whether or not their underage daughter can have an abortion; they will simply be notified of their daughter's abortion plans.

Abortion would become the only medical procedure in Florida that a minor child can have without the consent of her parents. A minor child can't get a tattoo or have her ears pierced without parental consent, but she can have an abortion if the amendment passes.

● **Doctors are No Longer Required**  
Amendment 4 allows any healthcare provider to determine if an abortion is

In a recent Miami Herald op-ed, Dr. Grazier Christie, a Miami-based fetal radiologist and founding member of Florida Physicians Against Amendment 4, warns of the amendment's dangerous loopholes and the horrifying impact it will have on women and their preborn babies if it passes. She states, "The hundreds of concerned physicians who have joined me in launching Flori-

### Never has the battle for life been more crucial than right now.

American theologian and pastor RC Sproul once stated that "the most dangerous place in the United States for a human being is inside the womb of a woman." He was tragically correct. Alarming, the sanctity of the womb may face even greater threats, despite the overturning of Roe v Wade.

This battle can sometimes feel overwhelming, especially when it seems as if the majority of Americans are fighting against us. So why do we continue to fight?

The answer is clear for those who truly believe in God. We are driven to stand firm by the profound love of Jesus Christ, who showed the ultimate act of agape love by sacrificing himself on the cross for the sins of all humanity.

## First Saturday Devotion

Devotion to First Saturdays is a gesture of our dedication to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and a desire to make reparation for the blasphemies against our Blessed Mother.

Women's Help Center celebrates Mass on the First Saturday of every month at 9:30 AM in the Chapel of the Unborn at the Women's Help Center office on University Blvd. South. The Rosary precedes Mass at 9:00 AM.

We invite you to join us as we pray for an end to abortion and for the salvation of souls.

Join us on Saturday, September 21, 2024, for the 17th annual Texas Hold'em for Life Tournament! All proceeds benefit the women, babies, and families of Women's Help Center.

Presented by the Knights of Columbus Council 17182, this fabulous evening features delicious food, a silent auction, and of course the finest Texas Hold'em tournament around. Come to play or to cheer on your favorite player.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person; adults only please. For tickets, donations, and more information, call or text 847-778-8824. You may also email iHoldemforlife@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

**HOLD 'EM FOR LIFE XVII**  
*Benefiting Women's Help Center*  
Saturday, September 21  
Social Hour 6:30-7:30  
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necessary to protect the mother's health or if a pregnancy is viable. Under Florida law, "healthcare provider" is not limited to OBGYNs and other trained physicians, meaning abortion clinic employees who are not doctors could make life-and-death decisions for women.

Of this Dr. Pozo Christie writes,

"This isn't only vague because of the wide-open definition of 'healthcare provider.' It also fails to specify the term 'health', thus allowing any condition one could dream up to be used as justification, including anxiety, panic attacks, or mental health issues."

It should be noted that voting NO on Amendment 4 will not deny care for miscarriages or to save the life of the mother. Saying otherwise is a lie that's promulgated by those pushing abortion. Even people who are pro-choice should be alarmed by the amendment!

It is for such a time as this that we have been called. Ensure your voice is heard and make time to vote this November. We must not weary from the battle or doubt our ability to make a difference.

As the hands and feet of Christ, we are called to help others understand His eternal agape love. Let us go forth in faith, loving others and educating them about what's at stake this November. Ultimately, the question isn't why we continue to fight, but rather, how can we not?

*"Be thankful that God has allowed you to see what is unfolding. Others that remain asleep are not as lucky as you. Ask yourself in prayer, why you. Why now?"* From "The Last Refuge"

May God bless you and your loved ones!

In Christ,

~Nancy Basham, Executive Director

You can read Dr. Pozo Christie's complete Miami Herald op-ed here:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/article290956509.html#storylink=cpy>



## Juana's Story

### Finding a Path Through the Storm

*My youngest son Juan had just been diagnosed with bone cancer. He's only 4. Seeing him suffer through the treatments was so hard. He had only been through one round, and it was awful. Each round would be for five days and in the hospital. How many could he handle? I couldn't leave him there alone and scared, so I quit my job. And I still have to worry about taking care of my other kids. Even if I wanted to, there was no way I could have a baby now.*

I didn't even notice I missed my period. When I realized I was late I told myself it was from stress. I went to Women's Help Center because I had been there before. Even though I knew they would want me to have my baby and I did not want it, I remembered how kind they were. I prayed God would find another answer for my late period, that it really was just stress. All I could think about was Juan, and how having a baby now would not be fair to him.

Ms. Sue (WHC Nurse Manager) talked with me about how far along I might be, and we talked about my options. I did not want to let Ms. Sue down, but I knew in my heart I would have another abortion. She offered me an ultrasound. Seeing my baby on the screen and hearing its heartbeat was overwhelming. I wished things were different, and that I could have this baby. Ms. Sue talked with me about God and what he might have in store for me. She mentioned that this baby might be here to help save Juan through the cord blood, but it didn't matter. I knew I could not meet my baby here on earth. I knew God would take care of him in heaven. I wished the timing were different and that I could bring my baby home. She invited me back the next day for another ultrasound.

In my heart, I knew I would abort this baby even if I had another ultrasound. I didn't want to disappoint Ms. Sue. She didn't really understand my situation.

When I came back for the second ultrasound, both Ms. Sue and Ms. Sam, who did my ultrasounds, were so upbeat. They did not know what was in my head. I told them that I went to the abortionist today and that the place was full. I had already had two abortions and was fine with it.

I saw my baby again, and for a moment I thought it was possible to bring him home with me. But then I found out that my landlord was trying to evict me. Now I knew without a doubt I could not have this baby. I did reach out to Ms. Sue and also 'Let Them Live' for more help. Maybe they would understand why I had to abort, but they didn't. They prayed with me and advised me to fight the eviction, and I did. I started to realize that they really wanted to help me, and not just talk me out of another abortion.

They asked me about getting help from some nuns in New York and I said I would take help from anyone. I talked with Sister Hostia (with the Sisters of Life), who was so nice and easy to talk to. She also told me that God loved me and all my kids, including the baby inside me. She talked about different women in the bible and how strong they were because they let God help them. She said I was just as strong as those other women. So many women wanted to help me, Juan, and this baby!

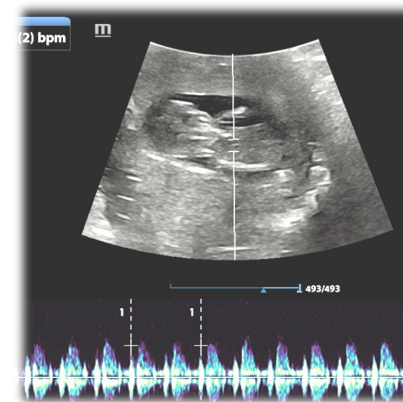
## EPS Joins Women's Help Center!

We are delighted to share that Emergency Pregnancy Services (EPS) is now part of Women's Help Center! This union is not just a merger of our two life-affirming pregnancy care centers; it is a celebration of unity that strengthens and amplifies our impact on the Northeast Florida community like never before.

From life-affirming counseling, life-saving ultrasounds, and Abortion Pill Reversal, to material aid and empowering education classes, we remain on a mission to end abortion and uplift and transform vulnerable families throughout our communities. The former EPS office on Merrill Road is now a Women's Help Center office, where women and families in need receive all of the WHC services and can also participate in the Earn While You Learn education program that EPS was known for (the EPS office on King Street now houses a different organization). Earn While You Learn classes are also now available at the Women's Help Center Callahan office. Earn While You Learn is a comprehensive curriculum that supports vulnerable moms, teaching them about pregnancy, parenting, and life skills. Dads are encouraged to also attend. The moms and dads earn baby supplies throughout the program and have their choice of a car seat, pack and play, or bedside bassinet upon completion of the program.

Three EPS board members have now taken seats on the Women's Help Center Board of Directors. Together with our existing board, staff, and volunteers, we champion the cause to ensure that Florida stands firm as a pro-life state.

As we turn the page to this exciting new chapter, our hearts are filled with profound gratitude for your steadfast support. Your belief in our combined mission fuels our journey forward and your continued role in our mission is crucial. Side by side, let us continue to impact lives, nurture hope, and build a future brimming with promise for all life, born and preborn.



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I was able to stop the eviction for a while and went back for another ultrasound and to discuss the situation. Again, no one thought abortion was the right answer. Ms. Sue told me I deserved better. I told her the truth: I was ready to give up. Being alive was not helping my kids. At this point, I was sure they would be better off without me.

Ms. Sue would not hear it. She reminded me of all the things I had overcome, and that God was in control. She asked what would happen to my kids. How would I feel knowing they were suffering even more without me? At the end of the visit, I felt like she finally understood, though she still did not agree abortion was the answer. She said God has always been there, and He will be there again every single day. Ms. Sue encouraged me to take it

to God and come back for another ultrasound. I went home and prayed as hard as I could. For Juan and my other kids, for me and this baby. I had another ultrasound and this time I kept the photos. I finally believe I can have this baby, and that everything will be okay.

My legal problems have continued but God has kept me calm even though the times are rough. He has given me people and resources to make this journey possible. Juan is almost finished with his treatments and has hair again! My mom and I have started talking again. I have been able to get to this point with the help of Women's Help Center, especially Ms. Sue and Ms. Sam. I do not know what tomorrow has in store, but I know they really care.

*Update: Juana's baby, Jaime, was born in July. He and Juana are doing great. Juan has two cancer treatments remaining. We ask you to please keep Juana and her children in your prayers. Also, WHC is proud to have played a small part in Sister Hostia's journey. Sister was a volunteer and employee with us before she followed Jesus's call to religious life!*