



LIFE LETTER

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TLC's Annual Fund-Raising Banquet The Legacy of Life—A Mother-Daughter Miracle!

*You will not want to miss our upcoming annual banquet on Thursday, April 26th.
This year's event will take place at the Seville in Streamwood.*



Our speaker this year is Pat Layton and her adopted daughter, Julianna. Pat is a wife, mother of three, grandmother of five and the Founder and President of **Life Impact Network** located in Tampa, Florida. Founded 22 years ago under the name **A Woman's Place Ministries**, this national ministry has since expanded to over 20 staff members reaching over 50,000 men and women across the nation. Services include a licensed adoption agency, a national abstinence education program, and a national post-abortion recovery program. Pat is a national speaker and trainer. She is the author of many published articles

and her personal story was published by Baker Books, appearing in *Loved by Choice* (2002). In March 2007, LifeWay Christian Resources released her post-abortion healing Bible Study entitled *Surrendering the Secret*. This was followed in 2008 with a leadership training curriculum and a DVD series. Pat's work includes training and motivating churches, women's ministries and pregnancy resource centers around the nation to help heal and prevent the heartbreak of abortion.

Pat's daughter Julianna Layton was born to proclaim God's miraculous plan for all life. Born to a 17-year old birth mother in a hospital emergency room, Julianna has defied all odds since the day of her three-month premature birth.

Born at 22 weeks gestation, 1 ½ pounds, and 10" long, the doctors' predictions were grim. "She will probably not

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual TLC Banquet:

Thursday, April 26

Seating: 6:30 p.m.

**New location: The Seville,
Bartlett, IL**

*Speaker: Pat Layton & daughter
Julianna*

The National Day of Prayer:

Thursday, May 3

Elgin, Geneva, Your Town

Annual Mother's Day Program

Tuesday, May 15

From: 3:30 -5:30 p.m.

At: The American Legion Post, Elgin
We need volunteers!!



Thoughts from the Director

by Vivian Maly,
Executive Director

Things keep heating up on the political front. People are taking sides. Some are getting discouraged with the negative campaign rhetoric. Although we hope and pray that we will have leadership in Washington who will defend and protect human life from the moment of conception until natural death at the end, we know that we can't count on that happening. We can pray and vote (and we should) as citizens in a free nation, but as a person working within the pro-life movement for almost three decades, I have been disappointed after many an election. Therefore, our real hope must be in God; for Him to rule and reign in the hearts of the people in Washington, D.C. and the rest of the people in our land. We must pray for an awakening in the U.S.; that the moral compass of our nation will turn back to the truths in God's word and that we would once more value life and the family.

But while we wait and pray for this to happen, we must be about the Father's business (Luke 2:49b). Even though people are getting discouraged with the prolonged downturn in the economy, we trust in a "heavenly" economy in which there is never any lack. We experienced our greatest giving slump from the summer into the fall 2011, yet God has been so faithful and brought us through "in the black" by year end!

So as we wait, watch and pray to see what will happen with the next Presidential election, or what the national economic prediction says, we will continue to serve the many confused and hurting people who come to our door. We will continue to minister the love of Christ and try to reach as many "abortion vulnerable" clients as possible this coming year. I see the tears and regret the women share as they come for the *Surrendering the Secret* abortion recovery program. These people will tell you as they grieve the loss of their child, that abortion was not the right "choice". For that reason, we want to be available to reach these women before they have to experience the pain of making the "wrong choice". We are here wanting to make a difference with each life saved...one life at a time.

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survive," they said, "and if she does she will face many handicaps." Today Julianna is the healthy and happy adopted daughter of Pat and Mike Layton and a student at Palm Beach Atlantic University. It is her desire to tell the world about her miracle-making God.

As in the past, there is no charge for the dinner; however, an opportunity to support the work of TLC Pregnancy Services will be presented. **Reservations are necessary and must be made no later than April 23rd.**

We are looking for individuals, businesses or organizations to help underwrite the cost of the banquet so that all financial gifts received that evening would go directly to benefit the ministry. All contributors will have their name or business name listed in our program as an underwriter. We are also looking for table hosts who would be willing to invite friends who may be interested in supporting the work of our pregnancy outreach (10 to a table).

To underwrite a portion of the banquet, to host a table or make reservations to attend this event, please call Mary Viz or Gretchen Runyan at 847-622-1235. Or, go to our website: www.tlcpregnancyservices.com for more information. Hope to see you there!

REACHING OUT, ONE AT A TIME... *by Vivian Maly*

You may remember from a previous newsletter article that for a year our mobile ultrasound unit ventured weekly to Rockford to park near the abortion clinic, Northern Illinois Women's Center (NIWC). We had been invited there by two different pro-life organizations to be a life-giving alternative to the abortion services of the NIWC. For most of the first year, Jan, our ultrasound technician, and I rode to Rockford and later Dr. Winters took Jan's place in driving to Rockford to provide pregnancy support for women entering the abortion facility.

This was a particularly challenging place for us to park the mobile unit as we experienced so much harassment from the owner of the abortion facility. He would print slanderous messages on signs that were posted on vehicles parked around our mobile unit. The clinic owner would also call the police when we parked our unit near the abortion facility. Eventually, the mayor, city attorney and police came to our defense as a required permit for our mobile unit seemed to be tied up in the Rockford City Council meetings. With their help, the necessary parking permits were

finally granted, but the whole experience was quite an ordeal especially since we had to be in Rockford and parked by 7:00 a.m. each visit!

We continued to pray about the opposition we were getting from the clinic. In the meantime, NIWC, which was located in an old schoolhouse since 1985, had its license suspended in September of 2011 as the result of conditions that were described as "a threat to the public" by the Illinois Department of Public Health. On January 13, 2012 abortion clinic officials announced that they would close their doors! A direct answer to our prayers, NIWC chose to remain closed rather than pay \$9,750 in fines along with not having certain repeat health code violations. Praise God!

Looking back, we remember the faces of many women we helped on board our mobile unit during the year that we drove to Rockford. These were hurting, confused women who needed to hear words of hope and life.

Not too long ago, I received a letter from a lady we met with there. She wrote, *"Thank you for stopping me from making the biggest mistake in my life! Thank you for saving my son's life!"*

Thank you for reminding me about God's love! Thank you for being loyal to God and obeying His word and giving people like me hope. Thank you for helping me to believe that 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'" She went on to thank us for the gift cards, the groceries and the clothes, and most of all the prayers and words of encouragement! (Dr. Winters and I drove to her home one morning with our 31' unit to deliver food, clothing and gift cards that we and the fine pro-life folks in Rockford had collected.) In her letter she also thanked a young woman named Brittany, who approached her before she took her first step into the abortion clinic and led her to our mobile unit, commenting that she "is eternally grateful!" She gave birth to baby Hayden on December 27 and asked that we keep her family in our prayers.

Letters like this make me thankful for our mobile ultrasound unit, our ultrasound medical staff including Jan and Dr. Winters and for the opportunities the Lord lays before us to serve wherever He leads.



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

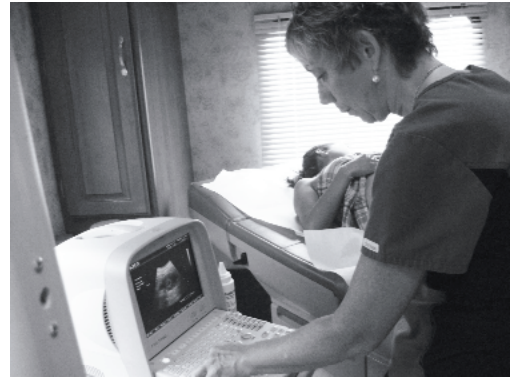
Another Life Saved On Board the Mobile Unit *By Jan DeFily, R.D.M.S.*

Recently, a young unmarried couple came to our McLean Boulevard location. They had been dating for about a year and found out they were pregnant. The young girl had a daughter from a previous relationship. She was a Christian involved in ministry that helped young women who were in a similar situation. Ironically, she now found herself back in the same shoes as the girls she was helping.

Although in agreement for an abortion, each had their own reasons for wanting this. The young woman knew that she would be a poor testimony to the girls she was ministering to and that this would hinder the work she was doing with them. Her boyfriend felt they needed to abort their unborn child because they were not on their feet financially. In addition, as he was growing up his own father deserted him and he feared repeating that same pattern with his own child.

After talking for a while we explained the growth and development of their unborn baby. We also talked about God's plan for sex, love and marriage. We encouraged them to commit themselves to each other in marriage. We talked to the boyfriend and counseled him to forgive his father by first accepting the forgiveness God has given him through Jesus. Tears came to his eyes as we prayed together. He asked Christ to forgive him of his sins and to help him forgive his father.

A few weeks later, I spoke to the young mom. She thanked me for talking with them and said that after her boyfriend saw the baby on ultrasound he fell in love with his child and they agreed to keep the baby.



Of Farmers and Firemen *By Ralph Schultz, Men's Mentor*

My name is Ralph Schultz. I'm 55 years old, by trade I'm a Manufacturing Engineer and by grace a servant of Jesus Christ. I am blessed to serve at TLC with other men from many different backgrounds. What do we have in common? We all love God and we all have hearts for young men who are confused and frightened because of a pregnancy or a past abortion.

Thirty-seven years ago I was the frightened young man who, when confused over an unplanned pregnancy, agreed to end the life of my child.

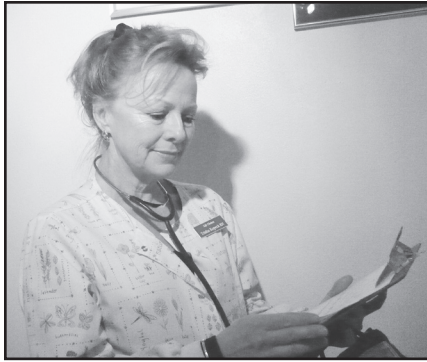
Today I have the opportunity through TLC, and with the help of the other men that serve, to help take the crisis out of *crisis pregnancy*. Our desire is to tell men in this position that there is hope and help and most importantly to show them God's grace and tell them how much God loves them through the good news of the Gospel.

I laughingly say we are like firemen and farmers. In this ministry we are like firemen because firemen many times aren't putting out fires. They work around the station until a fire alarm rings. Many times we aren't talking to a young man in crisis, so we help out where we can, or spend time in Bible study. The main thing is that we are there when a young man walks through the door and needs counsel.

We are like farmers because sometimes we only get the opportunity to plant a seed into a young man's heart and mind. Then we pray that God will make that seed grow and the young man will come back for more counsel.

My hope is to save a young man from the pain and shame of abortion that I hid for 32 years.

If you are a man whose heart is to follow Christ and you realize that men also suffer from abortion, then God may be calling you to be an instrument of grace and healing to a young man. If you would like to find out more about what it means to be involved in a ministry "of farmers and firemen", then e-mail me at gottinhimmel56@gmail.com and let's talk.



Nurses Corner

God Works in Amazing Ways

by Trish Kopeck, R.N.

Although it shouldn't, it always surprises me when I see God work in such amazing ways! Recently, He sent us a couple that initially called to request information on their options concerning an unexpected pregnancy. It was the father of the baby who called to schedule the appointment and who showed up a half hour before the appointment time, pacing the waiting room until his girlfriend arrived.

Usually, I like to talk to the mother first but he insisted on joining us. It was probably the most challenging experience I have had in the three years since working with Life Choices.

The couple shared with me that they already had a two year old daughter and they weren't ready to have another child. The mother said, "I do want one more though, just not now!" The father seemed agitated by our conversation.

We talked about their faith backgrounds. She admitted that she is Catholic and he, a Muslim. Yet neither one of them were practicing their faith. I gave them, "*The Father's Love Letter*" explaining that the content of the letter was based on Biblical truth.

As our conversation continued, he seemed increasingly unsettled and closed-minded but she became very open and wanted more information. As I started explaining the growth and development of the baby in utero, he said that they already knew all that, as they have been researching on-line. She expressed that she wanted to know as much as possible before they made a decision. He became more upset and said, "Why are you telling us this? Isn't this an abortion clinic? I thought this was an abortion clinic." I told him that we are not an abortion clinic, and explained our services. I reminded him that he had called asking for information on their options, and that's what we do. I explained that they would receive a verification of a positive pregnancy test. In addition, we could do a limited obstetrical ultrasound to confirm the pregnancy and determine the gestational age of the baby.

Becoming concerned with the belligerent attitude of the father, I asked Latoya to come sit in with us. We discussed adoption as an option but they both said adamantly that they could never consider that option. I then explained the risks and consequences of abortion. Everything I explained, he refuted. I told him that it was important to understand the risks and gave several examples of actual situations.

I suggested that abortion would be as painful emotionally as a miscarriage. He was horrified at the thought of losing a child through miscarriage. He stated, "I couldn't handle that!" However, he felt that choosing an abortion would allow him to be in control of the situation. Latoya calmly said, "We really don't know how we will react to either until we experience it ourselves." He was quiet and thoughtful for a moment and then said, "I just need to get out of here!"

I asked if I could pray for them before they left. They both said that that would be fine. After we prayed I noticed his eyes filled with tears and he said, just above a whisper, "Thank you, that was really nice." He then thanked us for "putting up with him."

They got up to leave and I reminded them that they could return to do an ultrasound in a week. He said, "No, we'll get one with her doctor." He seemed to be in a hurry to leave our office. Honestly, I did not expect to ever see them again, but God had a different plan.

Six days later he called to schedule an ultrasound! We prayed and thanked God for bringing them back and left God in charge. We brought the mother of the baby into the ultrasound room and I asked how they were feeling about everything. She said, "We've decided to keep the baby." The ultrasound revealed a baby measuring 6 weeks 1 day with a beautiful heartbeat! Every patient, every situation, is different but in every one God has the power to change hearts.

Another True Blessing! *by Latoya Stallworth, LSW*

A teenage girl came into Life Choices one afternoon. Just two weeks earlier she found out that she was pregnant. She was planning to go to the hospital to confirm her pregnancy, and to find out how far along she was, but she looked online and found our Life Choices Clinic and came to us instead.

I learned that the young woman had been in a relationship with her boyfriend for three years, and unlike many other young men in this situation, he was willing to support her and the baby. However, she stated that she was not ready to be a parent.

I informed her about the growth and development of the baby and the services available to her if she would continue with her pregnancy. She was very surprised to find out the baby's heart had already started beating. During her ultrasound we learned that she was 17-weeks pregnant. Seeing her baby

on the ultrasound screen for the first time, she was amazed at the size and activity of her baby. When asked how seeing the baby made her feel, she quickly replied, "I'm happy," she continued, "now I have to find out the sex of my baby." At that moment we knew that she had fallen in love with her baby and she realized this was a human life.

After the ultrasound, we gave her some information about the services available to her and she agreed that she would go apply. We prayed together and with a huge smile she said, "now I have to go shopping for my baby." She was very thankful that she had come in. A few days later I called to follow up and she stated that she already had her first doctor appointment and found out that she is having a girl. What a true blessing this baby girl will be!

The BEST Version of Ourselves

At the beginning of each EMPOWER! presentation, a piece of candy is passed out to every student. Students are invited to either eat the candy right away, or hold off until the end of the class to eat their candy *and get a bonus*. It's their choice.

We discuss what is necessary to hold off eating that piece of candy. (*Put it away and out of sight so it is not so tempting, and focus on other things*). Sometimes eyes light up when they realize they will get something extra if they choose to wait, "You mean I get **more** just for waiting?!" Sometimes when they show me the candy at the end of class to get their bonus, it doesn't resemble what it originally looked like... The candy may be mashed, because it was so tempting, but they did wait, so they get the bonus! You see where we are going with this, don't you? This simple, but powerful tool, allows **every** student the opportunity to experience firsthand that they CAN exercise self-control in the little things. If we can exercise self-control in the little things, we can have it for the big things in life, too.

After two years of working and waiting for opportunities to bring EMPOWER! into local, public schools, God's hand has opened doors for the presentation. EMPOWER! has just finished a series of 40 presentations to a Streamwood Jr. High.

As part of the program, a **pre-presentation** and **post-presentation survey** is administered to the students. Both surveys measure attitudes before and after the presentation. Some sample questions are the following: "My parents/guardian want me to save myself sexually for my spouse" and "I will be sexually abstinent until I commit for a lifetime to my spouse in marriage, and then remain faithful to my spouse." Students can answer these questions as: **Agree, Disagree or Not Sure**.

Not too surprising, we have discovered a **measurable correlation** between the students that answer **Not Sure** on the first question, and the students that answer **Not Sure** on the second question. Our children reach the potential we set for them. Ninety-three percent of teens feel that they should be given a strong message about abstinence. National surveys show that **teens report that parents have more of an impact on their views about sex and relationships than their peers!** Parents, many of you feel awkward or ill equipped to talk to your child about sex...*don't let that stop you*, your teen hungers to hear from you, today.

Looking forward +
Connie, EMPOWER! Coordinator

Surrendering the Secret

We just finished another *Surrendering the Secret* Program. Friendships blossomed, tears flowed and healing took place. We witnessed the sweet presence of the Lord during the memorial service. What a joy it is to see broken hearts mended!

The next eight week abortion-recovery program will begin April 9th. We now have a volunteer, Phyllis, who will be leading an evening class.

Please call 630-715-5875 for more information about this program.

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"To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment for praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they might be called the trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified".  
*(Isaiah 61:3)*

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### *Memorials*

*A gift was given to TBC Pregnancy Services in memory of:*

*In memory of:  
Laurie Slachetka-Moser  
Henry Kaczmarek  
By: The Sitasz Family*

*In memory of:  
Fred Geske  
By grandchildren: Eric, Audrey and  
Grant Gustafson*

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*In memory of:*

*Timmy*

*By parents: Phil & Marsha Gruenbaum*

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*Memorial to Fred Doerderlein*

*In Memory of:*

*Fred Doerderlein, former board member of TBC Pregnancy Services, passed away on Friday, September 23, 2011 at age 84 after a long fight with bone cancer. Fred and DeLoris (wife) Doerderlein were founding board members and did a tremendous job of helping to raise funds as a down payment for our building at 825 Dundee Ave. Thanks to their help, we were able to sign a contract for the present building (next to an abortion clinic which soon went defunct) in December of 1995.*

*Fred will be remembered for his willingness to volunteer to work on building repairs, as the building we purchased was very old and in much need of repair. Besides being very active in the community of Dundee for many years, he was also the owner and operator of Fred Doerderlein Lumber and Fred Doerderlein Enterprises. This background gave him expertise in solving various problems that were building and property related.*

*Fred leaves behind "a legacy" of serving faithfully "behind the scenes" for the cause of "helping people and saving lives". We are grateful that we knew him and that he was an important part of our Board of Directors.*

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## TLC EVENTS

### BOWLING FOR BABIES

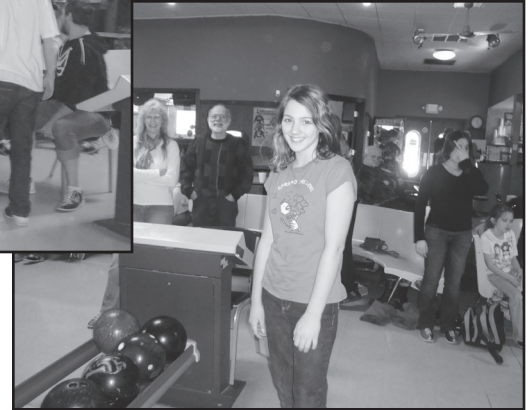


#### *Bowlathon top prize collectors:*

*Top row: 1st place Pat Spangler, 2nd place John Breault,  
bottom row: 3rd place, Bryce Maly*



*Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, energy and financial support to make this event a success!*



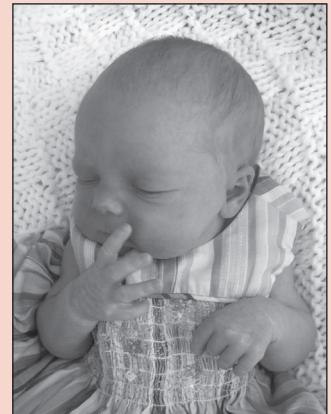
## TLC PREGNANCY SERVICES WISH LIST

### BUILDING AND OFFICE

- A new computer for our administrative assistants
- Locking, fireproof 4-drawer cabinet
- A large, fireproof safe
- New sinks for our restrooms
- New water efficient commodes

### BABY ITEMS

- New outfits, sleepers, or onesies 0-3 months & 3-6 months
- Gently used childrens' clothing---- 12 months – 5 yrs
- Baby towels
- Baby socks
- Baby wash and shampoo
- Diapers sizes 1 & 4
- Maternity clothing (gently used is fine)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Ultrasound Backup Needed!

We are looking for experienced female ultrasound technicians to serve as backup support for our medical staff. For more information, please call Vivian Maly at TLC Pregnancy Services, 847-622-1235, or email us at: [hope4lives@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hope4lives@sbcglobal.net)

#### Volunteers Needed for the following:

- church liasons
- various painting projects.
- help with yard work such as: leaf-raking, clean-up, etc.
- help throughout the year with various mailings
- help in serving or preparing food, baking cookies, etc.  
*(Especially for our upcoming Mother's Day Program!)*

Please call our center or email us at the above email address if you can help!

