

# HLA Action News

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Dear Pro-life Friend,

**W**hat a busy spring and early summer it's been for HLA. If you follow us closely, you'll note you didn't receive a spring *HLA Action News*. It's just been that busy! I'll give an update as best I can below.

I'm grateful to everyone who voted for the National Pro-life Leaders Luncheon Impact Award this past spring. HLA received a \$5,000 grant to support our efforts. Since you're likely one of the 4,200+ volunteers who use HLA magazines and materials, that means these funds will help you change hearts and save lives in your own community.

Joe Langfeld traveled to Dallas, Texas to receive the award at the one-hour prayer luncheon honoring the nominees. People in attendance interceded for pro-life needs across the nation. "It was an honor to represent HLA," Langfeld noted. "The generosity of Heroic Media, who sponsored the award and hosted the event, was overwhelming. Someone said it was like the pro-life Oscars."



***Langfeld (second from left) receives the NPLL Impact Award in April. Hosts Brett Attebery and Karen Garnett from Heroic Media (on edges).***

One area people seem most interested in learning more about is HLA staff. These people dedicate their lives to a season of service. During and after the pandemic, we've had a change in two positions.

First, let me introduce you to Sarah Monge our new graphic designer. When I say new, please note that's a loose term since she's been with us for more than a year. If you recognize the photo of Sarah on the next page, that's because she joined us after many years with Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust and Stand True. You may even remember a newsletter story from several years back. Sarah organized teams of young people to hand out HLA magazines at the San Francisco Pier.

It turns out Sarah isn't just a bold and courageous pro-lifer on the streets, she's also a talented



***Sarah with her husband Justin and first child Abby.***

graphic designer. If you liked the updates to the street magazine for sidewalk counseling, *Just4Girls/Just4Guys*, the new Planned Parenthood edition, or last year's *Ready or Not*, it was Sarah's skill that brought the layouts and images to life.

I asked Sarah about her calling to work with HLA. She said, "I love working for HLA. You let me pursue three things I'm passionate about: being a mother, helping women and babies, while creating meaningful artwork."

Next up, and truly new to the staff is Patience Griswold. She's HLA's Program and Marketing Coordinator. That position includes responsibility for everything from writing magazine articles to engaging young people on their mobile devices.

Patience comes to HLA after time in the policy development field with the Minnesota Family Council. Her heart for public debate makes her an excellent speaker. You should consider inviting her to present to your church or youth group. Her role at the Family Council included coordinating the world view and leadership teen camp.

Patience has been passionate about the pro-life movement for as long as she can remember. I asked what drives those beliefs. "Having grown up with foster siblings and a sister with disabilities, many of the 'hard case' abortion arguments have names and faces for me. Working in the pro-life movement gives me the opportunity to help others see the value and dignity of every human life, especially the most vulnerable." She not only has passion, but compassion based on her personal experiences.

Both Sarah and Patience have been busy developing the 2023-2024 Campus Edition. You may have heard a rumor about the title or theme for this coming academic year—*What If?*

## About HLA

Human Life Alliance (HLA) is dedicated to creating a culture in which all human life—from the process of fertilization to natural death—is respected and cherished.

HLA's pro-life materials have reached 238.2 million readers in more than 88 different countries. They include high school and college students, church members, young women on the streets, medically vulnerable individuals, and those who care for them.

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I'm always amazed at the creativity and insight HLA staff bring to our comprehensive magazines. One definite advantage these young women bring to the work is an understanding of a new generation.

All too often I hear us "older" folks criticize Gen Zers. We say things like, "Young people don't read anymore" or "That woke generation wouldn't know the truth if it hit them right in the face!"

Recently Patience shared with me how young people get information today. She said, "Gen Zers are the first true digital natives, but that doesn't mean they don't read. They use all forms of communication."

Miss Griswold explained what we know about reading and learning from various studies. 1) All people read 25% slower on a screen. 2) The internet has changed how people read. They browse more. 3) To understand complex topics, people can best learn information through reading on paper.



***Patience hard at work on the new "What If" magazine articles.***

"The science of reading tells us that the tactile feel of a book or magazine helps with the process of learning. It's true. What's more complex than the hottest cultural debate today—abortion!" proclaimed Patience.

Next up, I'd be remiss if I didn't take a moment to remind you to request HLA supplies for summer fairs and festivals. HLA is happy to share our pro-life magazines and fact cards with you. Laptop stickers and temporary tattoos draw young people to pro-life booths.

One of HLA's best kept secrets are those tiny tattoos. I asked Joe Langfeld why churches and pro-life groups use those items. He said, "Teens seem to always gather in packs. You know, five to eight kids together at a time. When they come up to a fair booth or table at a church picnic, they stop and want the tats," responded Langfeld. "The key is to have a spray bottle with water, a sponge, and someone to help the kids apply the tattoos. Once they start that process, we get five minutes to share a pro-life message. It's simple, but it starts a conversation." Joe noted the teens become walking billboards who promote a good message as well.

Lastly, I'll quickly mention a new book entitled *Hope Happens*. The author, Madeleine Carroll, wanted to share a simple story about a mother providing life to her child. This black and white book

## Support HLA

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New 2023 Temporary Tattoos!  
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includes illustrations inspired by HLA's baby development layouts and is published by Isaiah Books in the UK. You may see her other books online at [isaiahbooks.co.uk](http://isaiahbooks.co.uk). The first 100 responses to this newsletter will receive a free copy.

Thanks for your encouragement and support. Please let me know how HLA can serve you in your community.

For Life,

  
Melanie A. Freimuth  
HLA Board President

***P.S. Please pray for both Sarah and Patience. These young women put their personal and professional lives on the line in response to God's call. You might even consider a donation in their honor—what a blessing that would be for them.***

## Memorials & Celebrations

Honor a loved one or donate in someone else's name to advance the cause of life. Your gift to HLA as an honorarium or memorial will encourage pro-life efforts and help share compelling, comprehensive information across the nation. HLA will send an acknowledgment card to the honored person or family of the deceased and confirm receipt of the gift to you. By acknowledging these gifts in the quarterly newsletter, your contributions encourage other pro-lifers to see the value of this life-saving work—you may remain anonymous. Your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law and sincerely appreciated. THANK YOU!

**In Memory of George J. Forster**  
by Ellen Guarente

**In Memory of Thomas J. & Harriet Cadden**  
by Carmen D. Swaroop

**In Memory of Mary Ann Mertens**  
by Bernandine & Wayne Nitz

**In Memory of Joy Rose Rooney**  
by Anita Rooney

**In Memory of My Martyred Grandchild**  
by Lois Schmidt

**In Memory of Bill & Barbara Bohigian**  
by Gary Bohigian

**In Memory of Christina Thielen**  
by Jane M. Dopp

**In Memory of My Wife Olga (+ 5/5/23)**  
by Dr. Raul E. Chao

**In Memory of Gregory Allan Mack**  
by Michael & Christine Mack

**In Memory of Clint Juffer (1928-2018)**  
by Marvin & Sandy Juffer

**In Memory of Clara-Jean Abbas Krick**  
by Joe and Caroline Langfeld

**In Honor of Dolores McClernon**  
by Jacqueline McClernon

**In Honor of Helen & Edwin Birchess**  
by Damian E. Birches

**In Honor of John McCartney**  
by Carroll Bourrillion

**In Honor of Enkrateia House of Hope**  
By Bill & Dorothy Arockiasamy

**In Honor of Br. Charles Auwagaba, Brs of St. Charles Lwanga**  
by Wanda Glitz