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Dear Pro-life Friend,

So often in *HLA Action News* I share with you stories about dynamic organizations or individuals who reach tens of thousands of people with a powerful pro-life message.

This edition will be different.

Instead of telling you about successes like Pro-Life Wisconsin's efforts to reach 470,000 people with HLA magazines or how four Pennsylvania churches conducted a newspaper insert which reached 42,000 readers, I thought you might like to read how one pregnancy center cares for young women, their children, and even entire families.

It happens all across the nation. Your support ensures this important work continues every day.

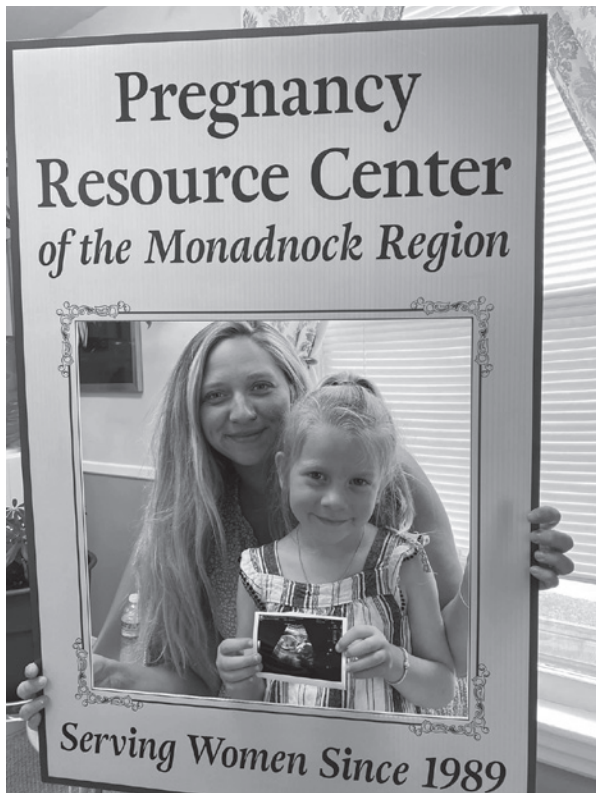
When HLA's new campus impact magazine, *Do I Matter?*, was released last month, orders quickly flowed through humanlife.org and the new student landing page at studentmag.org. Each time an updated magazine is released there's an uptick in requests.

A pregnancy center in New Hampshire called for just their second time and requested 100 copies of *Do I Matter?* Evelyn Konig, Executive Director of the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Monadnock Region, called in this request.

Missy Giles answered the call. She's HLA's point person on new resource development. They had a quick conversation that helped Missy understand how a small amount of magazines really do make a difference.

Since Missy seeks feedback each time new materials are released, it was the perfect moment for her to ask, "Can you tell me what has you requesting this magazine today?"





Mom and daughter pose for a photo with a new baby after an ultrasound at the Mondabock Region center.

Director for the past nine. They offer parenting classes, ultrasounds, and more. “I like being part of these young ladies’ life decisions,” remarked Konig. **“We had an influx of 15-year-olds, they were so scared.”** They see a lot of young adults. Some girls 15 to 16, other women over 20 years old. There’s a Planned Parenthood about a block and a half away from the center. “The homeless population is 42% in Keene. We work with recovering moms, women in domestic abuse. Keene has a huge foster care population. Parenting supplies are constantly needed. We even have a parole board across the street.”

The pregnancy center is recognized in the city for parenting classes. They see a lot of young women from local churches and many young adults who cohabitate.

One night, as the center was closing up for the evening, a mother and her 20-week pregnant daughter walked up to the door insisting on a free ultrasound. They needed it to confirm the age of the child for an

Director Konig’s response was insightful. **“It’s a wonderful magazine. Arming our young college students to advocate for life. The front cover was the catcher. Girls—possibly pregnant—that come in don’t speak in first person. They have no identity, no reason for being. They will identify with the girl on the cover.”**

It may seem obvious that young people who see an intriguing cover on any HLA magazine would open and read the content, that’s what Missy’s efforts are all about. But there’s more...

The work of this pregnancy resource center in Keene, New Hampshire often moves beyond performing ultra sounds for young women in crisis. It helps them and in turn saves babies in the womb. It also keeps boyfriends, husbands, grandparents, brothers, sisters, and others from a lifetime of post-abortion regret. All of this happens when a young woman finds her way to a pregnancy center.

The Pregnancy Resource Center of the Monadnock Region has been open for 33 years. Evelyn has been its Executive

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 233.6 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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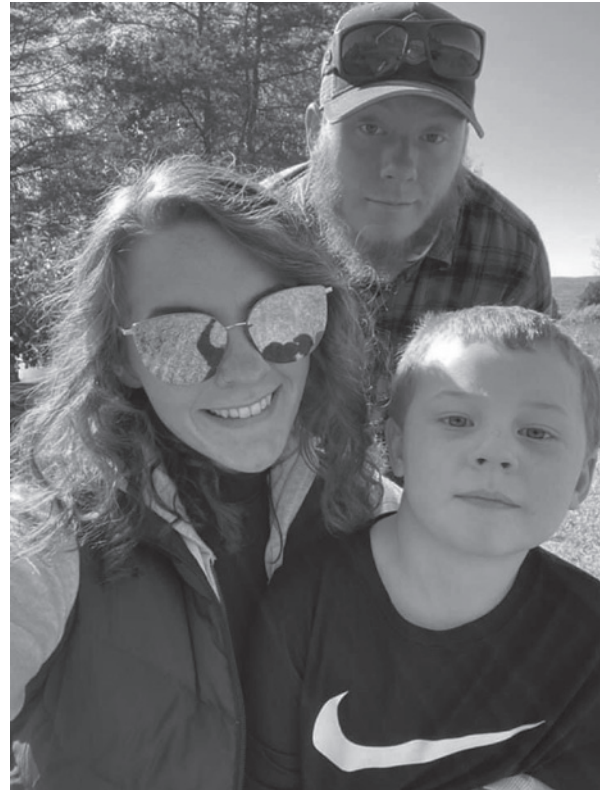
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abortion. “What I kept hearing was, ‘we can’t go home pregnant’ from mom. She was terrified her husband would disown their daughter,” Evelyn recalled. “We did the scan and spoke to both the mom and daughter. Mom said, ‘I can’t look at the scans.’ The daughter said, ‘help me, I don’t want to abort my baby.’”

“After some prayer and discussion, these women chose life. Not just for the baby, but for the entire family,” commented Konig. “The girl finished high school and gave birth to baby Joshua. She is now in her second year of college and engaged to the boyfriend, father of her child. They both had to grow up real fast. They’re doing great, I’m really proud of them both. We build relationships and trust. God gives them hope!”

Now Joshua is six-years-old. Grandpa and the boy are inseparable. **“We’re not just a pregnancy center, but a total pro-life center. We help women, boyfriends, even husbands. We really do push marriage here, trust is huge in this type of work,”** Evelyn said.



Mom, Dad and Joshua.

When asked what philosophy guides the work of the pregnancy center, Director Konig reflected, “We often look at some moments as a detriment, but the Holy Spirit can inspire beyond. We are not called, but commissioned.”

The center’s entire work helps young woman make critical life decisions, but remains rooted and grounded in faith. “I want to note that giving our clients hope by sharing Jesus with them is key. I can’t change their heart, but God can!” exclaimed Konig.

Last year, the center requested *The Truth Behind Planned Parenthood*, *Stay Woke*, and *She’s a Child, Not a Choice* for their use. Its first contact with HLA came through a pregnancy center outreach mailing. Now they keep these pro-life magazines in their counseling rooms.

So back to the new *Do I Matter?* magazine. The center will use their first 100 copies to reach pregnant young women and local high school students. Evelyn says, “It’s a preventative opportunity.” The center will share the new material this fall.

Support HLA

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When asked again why she requested *Do I Matter?*, Director Konig simply stated, “The cover.”

HLA materials are part of a mosaic of support which allow pregnancy centers to reach young women and save lives—a mother’s, a father’s, a child’s, and even an entire family’s life.

When you support pro-life efforts, you create life-saving opportunities in your own neighborhood, across the nation, and even around the globe. Thanks again for joining with us. Please let us know how HLA can help you share a powerful pro-life message in your own community.

For Life,



Melanie A. Freimuth

Board President



Recent graduates of the center’s parenting classes.

P.S. Watch for updated fact cards which support both pregnancy centers and sidewalk counselors next month. These make great pamphlet rack inserts at churches, grocery stores, and high school nurse offices.

Memorials & Celebration

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 in your own community and 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!

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by Kathleen Shaffer

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by Harry Winterroth

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