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*"Inform • Inspire • Involve"*

Dear Pro-life Friend,

I can't wait for you read this newsletter's story about a pro-life organization in New York who uses HLA materials to protect all human life, at all stages — even in the radical pro-abortion, anti-life New York State Legislature.

But before I get to that I want to quickly review how HLA helps individuals and organizations move compelling, comprehensive, pro-life information to people in our culture. That should give you some context for how this inspiring story fits into our work.

If you've been to an HLA event, read a promotional packet, or reviewed the mission statement and goals online, you'll note HLA seeks to develop a pro-life world view in the following mission fields:

- Reach students on campus;
- Support pro-life organizations;
- Increase community outreach initiatives;
- and Respond to global needs.

You likely know about HLA's mission to high school and college students, you've heard about how we support pregnancy centers and sidewalk counselors, and have even read inspiring stories of global outreach in newsletters over the years. It all happens because of you — through your support and encouragement. We simply couldn't do it without you.

Last summer the Long Island Coalition for Life contacted HLA in hopes to communicate with state legislators on upcoming assisted suicide legislation. That's part of HLA's "Community Outreach" initiative. Sometimes community outreach is directed at helping churches present a pro-life message to congregants or local right to life groups share information about the neighborhood Planned Parenthood door-to-door in their own community. Now a growing area of service includes helping pro-lifers share comprehensive information at their state capitols.

When the Long Island Coalition for Life (LICL), contacted HLA with a new request, we were ready to help. They've used over 61,000 magazines and reached at least 316,000 people with HLA materials.

**Volunteer Celeste Broyles, LICL Nassau County Vice-Chair, submitted the following report:**

“Advocates for assisted suicide (A/S) have been trying to pass legislation in New York state for many years, without success. Democrats hold a significant majority in both the NYS Senate and NYS Assembly. However, unlike the Democrats’ solid pro-abortion position, Democrats (as well as Republicans) are not unified for or against A/S legislation. This has given pro-life organizations time to push back against these bills.



***Long Island Coalition for Life board members review materials. (L-R): Kathleen Feldman (Secretary), George Frost (Chairman), Celeste Broyles (Nassau County Vice-Chairman).***

The Long Island Coalition for Life has been advocating for right to life issues for about 50 years. It serves Nassau and Suffolk counties, which have a combined population of about three million people. They are suburban areas that are part of the NY City metro area. While the racial makeup of the counties is diverse, the political makeup is strongly liberal. There are seven Planned Parenthood ‘clinics’ in these two counties; however, we are not intimidated by all the pro-abortion and anti-life advocates and legislation. We continue to educate through our newsletter, lobbying for/against legislation and public outreach events. With difficult terrain to maneuver, we focus on our mission to save lives and protect the right to life of vulnerable people.

The LICL has placed anti-A/S ads on a local news station’s mobile app and sent postcards to pro-lifers encouraging them to contact their legislators to vote against pending bills. So, when I received a mailing from Human Life Alliance

that described its Community Outreach to Civic Leaders, I thought this would be an opportunity for another effort against A/S legislation. After receiving particulars from HLA Executive Director Joe Langfeld, the LICL board decided to move forward with a project to educate all of the NYS Senators and Assemblypersons (a little more than 200) about the pitfalls of assisted suicide.

## 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 235.1 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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Over the years LICL has inserted HLA materials into local and college newspapers as well as handing them out at street fair booths. We find these pro-life materials to be informative in an engaging format and well-sourced.

For this Civic Leaders project, legislators received a cover letter from the LICL, the mini-magazine *Imposed Death* and a *Physician Assisted Suicide Fact Sheet*. The fact sheet is a quick read for a busy politician and I like it because it not only lists reasons to oppose A/S, but also what pro-lifers support as alternatives.

The collaboration with HLA fit well with the LICL's limited resources of staff and time. As an all-volunteer organization with no office, a key factor was that HLA handled the mailing – they had the materials on site, collected the legislators' names and addresses, printed the labels, stuffed the envelopes, added postage, and sent the packets.

Based on LICL follow-up phone calls to the legislators, I suggest follow-up happen immediately after the mailing, so it's fresh in the office aide's mind and near the top of the legislator's to-read pile. Assemblyman Michael Fitzpatrick told LICL Chairman George Frost that the materials were 'excellent.' We are hopeful that many of his fellow politicians on both sides of the aisle will feel the same."

### **Postlude:**

For the past three legislative sessions (2015-16, 2017-18, 2019-20) the New York State Legislature has inched toward approval of its "Medical Aid in Dying" act. The bills (A4321/S6140) were carried over to the 2021-22 session and referred to committee. Efforts such as the LICL Civic Leader Project are critical points of collaboration in support of the dignity of all human life. The hope is not only to delay, but halt this deadly legislation. As an exciting development, this session S6140 has been introduced to prohibit insurance coverage for physician assisted suicide.

I hope you find this update an encouraging look into the on-going partnerships and programs of HLA.

***“As a New Yorker I am acutely aware of the toxic atmosphere that is present in our Legislature towards Life Issues and still feel the sting of witnessing, from the Gallery, our elected officials celebrating destruction of Human Life! [NYS 2019 Reproductive Health Act] How can we teach Respect for All Life to those who revel in self-aggrandizement? I think it can be done with testimony from the aged and infirmed themselves and of the families who value them for their past and continued positive influence in families as they teach children and grandchildren ‘man’s responsibility to man.’”***

*—Barbara Renner, LICL Board Suffolk County Vice-Chair*

## **Support HLA**

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## HLA's latest update is saving lives!

*“Just saved another baby. We give them a blessing bag and include your “This is not your only choice” magazine. It’s so comprehensive. It saves lives. I’m part of the Pro-life Future group here and we include your magazine and a local pregnancy center brochure in the bag.”*

Get your copies at [humanlife.org](http://humanlife.org)



Again, we couldn't do any of this work without you – and for this project – our friends at the Long Island Coalition for Life. These growing coalitions help policy makers recognize and respect the dignity of all people.

For Life,

Melanie A. Freimuth

Board President

***P.S. If you, your church, or pro-life organization want to sponsor a mailing like the LICL Civic Leader Project on assisted suicide, abortion, or sexual risk avoidance contact Joe Langfeld at (651) 484-1040 to request assistance.***

## 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!

**In honor of Daniel Hamu**

*by Angelina Daly*

**In memory of Baby Collin and Baby Lawrence**

*by Edward and Carol Gorka*

**In memory of Ed Boulee**

*by Ruth Boulee*

**In memory of Richard “Dick” Collins**

*by Joe and Caroline Langfeld*

**In memory of Tina O’Connell-Duggan**

*by Cecelia Slater*

**In memory of Karen Egan**

*by Joe and Caroline Langfeld*

*by Julie Peitz*

**In memory of James M. Riley**

*by George Riley*

**In memory of My Parents**

*by Robert Cebulla*

**In memory of Kelly Lilliwitz**

*by Elizabeth Earl*