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Dear Pro-life Friend,

HLA staff are back from the January March for Life events in Washington, D.C. They spent several days promoting our powerful pro-life materials to people who attended.

This year we participated in March for Life Expo, Cardinal O'Connor Conference for Life, USCCB Pro-life Leaders' Mass, and the National Pro-life Religious Council Prayer Gathering. HLA Executive Director Joe Langfeld presented two breakout sessions at the Cardinal O'Connor Conference for Life entitled, "The Snowball Effect of Pro-life Messaging on Campus."

With the defeat of *Roe*, requests for HLA materials have skyrocketed. Each month, after easing pandemic restrictions, we've seen rising requests for pro-life resources. In this newsletter, I share with you five examples of how HLA materials are used across the nation thanks to your generous support.

Down in Katy, Texas, the Pregnancy Help Center of West Houston assists young women with their pregnancy decisions. As Houston is the fourth-most populous city in the United States, they can be busy. Now that abortion is banned in the state, the need for the center's services has increased dramatically.

"Thanks to the *Dobbs* case we're swamped," exclaimed Dina Purdy from the center. "We use HLA materials to reach women and help them see the value of the child in the womb." In 2022 HLA shipped 2,816 magazines, fact cards, fact sheets, and stickers to the Pregnancy Help Center of West Houston.

For eighteen years, Wynette Sills led the Sacramento 40 Days for Life campaigns, reaching thousands of women with a message of hope and help. She also served as the Director of CaliforniansForLife.org which seeks to bring pro-lifers together for greater impact in a hostile-to-life state.

As a longtime sidewalk counselor, and now full-time farmer, Mrs. Sills provided significant input into the development of HLA's *This is not your only choice* street magazine.



Langfeld presents "The Snowball Effect of Pro-life Messaging on Campus" at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Last year Wynette shared 2,000 copies of the street magazine with 40 Days for Life participants throughout the state, conducted numerous sidewalk ministry training classes, and shared HLA materials with legislative staff in California. “That little magazine is a great resource. It helps people learn the truth about abortion and equips us to be pro-life messengers on day 41 and beyond,” remarked Sills. “HLA is kind enough to share these magazines with us, I know it costs a lot.”



The Vox Vitae team

Staying in the western abortion capital of the U.S., California, Vox Vitae has a vision to protect the sanctity of life through culture and legislation. They’ve found HLA fact cards and magazines to be crucial for their efforts. In the middle of the pandemic Vox Vitae teens and adults shared 2,480 fact cards and 4,700 magazines with high school students and other young adults. They also use HLA materials at their annual ProLife Teen Leadership Training Camp.

“In Los Angeles we need both English and Spanish language materials,” commented Catherine Contreras, founder Vox Vitae. “We’re on the streets, at churches, and in schools. HLA materials help our youth and adults share a pro-life message.”



HLA designed Abortion Pill Reversal billboard in Danbury.

Skipping across the nation to Connecticut, Caitlin and Angela sidewalk counsel outside the Planned Parenthood in Danbury. These two women are a dynamic duo when it comes to sharing a pro-life message. Angela is a bold, “what you see is what you get” gal, while her counterpart Caitlin is a little quieter, but always thinking ahead.

Even though the Planned Parenthood in their community doesn’t perform surgical abortions, they see the dangers young women are up against. “If we can’t reach them, these girls come out with a small brown paper bag.

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 237.6 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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Those are abortion pills. We have to help them,” Angela said.

Caitlin spearheaded a billboard campaign to reach those young women. “I just asked if HLA could make me a billboard. Then I raised the funds to put it up. It ran for the entire month of December,” she said. “It was a short time, but Heartbeat International said the calls to their abortion pill reversal hot line from our area went up 300% that month.”

Between Angela’s hustle and Caitlin’s perseverance, they shared 2,480 HLA fact cards and 4,700 HLA magazines in Danbury. These two pro-life activists certainly do make a difference in their community.

Finally, we’ll come back to the Midwest, Illinois, and the Chicagoland area.

Carroll Bourrillion and John McCartney have a heart for high school kids. They know the challenges teens face in this modern world. “I’m so grateful to HLA for sharing their magazines. During the quiet time of the pandemic, HLA shipped us 4,500 magazines that we put in students’ hands after school,” said Bourrillion.

Carroll, John, and a small contingent of volunteers greet students outside local Public and Catholic high schools. About half of the publications they hand out are the *Just4Girls/Just4Guys* teen magazine and the other half, HLA’s campus edition on abortion. This one-two punch helps high school students learn about the “Success Sequence” (*finish school, maintain a full-time job, and wait until they marry to have children*) as well as discover the dangers of abortion and the humanity of the child in the womb.

I may have rambled a bit to share these five examples, but one consistent comment from these volunteers was how the generosity of HLA in providing materials helps them do their work—over 21,822 copies at a cost of \$8,925.60. All of that and more happens because of you. It’s your generosity, your commitment to this unique, life-saving, life-affirming ministry that makes it all possible.

Our work isn’t over now that *Roe* has fallen. In truth, we’ve really just begun. Tom Glessner from NIFLA shared a fantastic historical analogy that helped me better understand where we’re at as a pro-life movement. He said, “If you think of World War II as our model, the fall of *Roe* is the landing at Normandy. It was a tough bloody battle to take the beach and set up the final defeat of the Nazi regime. But it was a key moment that allowed for the ultimate victory.”



John McCartney standing by a bus shelter near Lakeview High School.



Teen reading Just4Girls/Just4Guys last fall in the Chicagoland area.

Support HLA

humanlifealliance is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible organization supported by people like you. Several options are available for those who wish to make a financial gift to HLA. Credit card donations may be made online at humanlife.org. Special memorial or honorary cards can be sent by HLA staff at your request. You may also want to consider a “Legacy for Life” bequest to support pro-life efforts long after your passing. Becoming an *Ally for Life* or monthly donor ensures your donations get spent directly on outreach and keeps overhead costs low. Please call the office at (651) 484-1040 or email jljangfeld@humanlife.org for more information. **Thank you!**

It's true. Landing at Normandy was just the beginning. Much more was needed for the drive toward Berlin. Now we know the work to defeat *Roe* was only the start. We pro-lifers have a lot more to do. Knowing that, I leave you with Tom's final challenge, "It's time for the pro-life movement to get off the beach!"

Please join with all of us at HLA to help your friends and family, neighbors and church members, engage people with a compelling pro-life message. Like the stories of our friends above, we can all do our part to end abortion.

For Life,



Melanie A. Freimuth

HLA Board President

P.S. HLA's been nominated for the National Prayer Luncheon for Life Pro-Life Impact Award! We need your vote to help us win the top grant of \$50,000. See below for more information or visit nationalprayerluncheonforlife.org.

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 Mrs. Helen G. MacCaffray (RIP)
by Glen Keller

In Memory of Miss Catherine Hay
by Paul & Mary Quin

In Memory of Ramona Clairmont
by Thomas Clairmont

In Memory of my sister Mildred Klein
by Therese Vaughn

In Memory of deceased members of branch #5443
by First Catholic Slovak Ladies Assn #5443

In Memory of Jack Glesener
by Dolores Glesener

In Memory of Judge William R. Moser
by Mary-Bernadette R. Moser

In Memory of Barbara Jimenez (deceased 10/24/20)
by John Jimenez

In Memory of all babies who lost their lives to abortion
by Kasey Winkler

In Honor of David Cortems
by Richard Marciniak

In Honor of Joe and Caroline Langfeld & Family
by Joseph and Jeanne Polaczyk

In Honor of Kristina (45)
by Maria Mann

In Honor of Rob K's conversion (46)
by Lynn Kemmetmueller

In Honor of Eleanor Staler
by Brenna MacMillin

In Honor of Lawrence J. and Mary Ann Smisek
by Gregory Smisek



Human Life Alliance is among six pro-life organizations selected as finalists for the **National Prayer Luncheon for Life 2023 Pro-Life Impact Award** with a total of \$100,000 in Pro-Life Impact Grants available.

Voting will close on April 15, 2023. Winners will be announced live at the end of the NPLL 2023 Event on Friday, April 21, 2023, 12 -1 PM Central Time.

Read about all nominees and cast your vote for HLA at nationalprayerluncheonforlife.org!