



# LIFE LETTER

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## BOWLING BENEFITS BABIES

*by Mary Viz*

It's time to join your friends at TLC for our annual "Bowling for Babies" fundraiser on Saturday February 1, 2020. The event will be held at Streamwood Bowl, 1232 E. Irving Park Rd., Streamwood from noon to 3:00 p.m. (Check-in starts at 11:30 a.m.). **We ask that each bowler raise a minimum of \$50.00 in pledges** for 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, pop, and a door prize entry ticket. **However, the sky's the limit!**

**The more money you raise, the more moms and babies you help.** If you're a top pledge collector, you will get to pick out a nice prize for your efforts. **It's never too early to start rounding up donations and get a jump start.** Invite family, friends, and neighbors to participate, too. It's a great way to have fun while supporting a worthy cause. For more information or to download a pledge sheet visit our website at [tlcpregnancyservices.com](http://tlcpregnancyservices.com) or call our office at (847)622-1235.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### **Pastors' Gathering & Luncheon**

Thursday, January 23

Noon – 2:00 p.m.

At: TLC Pregnancy Services  
825 Dundee Ave.  
Elgin, IL 60120

### **Sanctity of Life Sunday**

Sunday, January 19

*What will your church do?*

(Call TLC for speakers, resources or fundraising ideas to save babies!)

### **Surrendering the Secret Class**

Abortion Recovery Program

*Coming this winter*

Call Vivian for details

ph. (847) 622-1235

### **Bowling for Babies**

*(see article on left)*

Saturday, Feb. 1

Noon - 3 p.m.

At: Streamwood Bowl  
1232 E. Irving Park Rd.,  
Streamwood, IL

### **Spring Banquet**

Thursday, April 30

Speakers: Dr. Tony & Ceil Levatino (Former abortionist from the movie *Unplanned* and his wife share their story)

#### **Location:**

The Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre,  
2401 West Higgins Road,  
Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169  
Seating 6:30 pm, dinner 7:00 pm.



## Thoughts from the Director

by Vivian Maly,  
Executive Director



*The statue given to  
Vivian by a client.*

**Did you ever sense that God was trying to get your attention by arranging unusual occurrences in your life?** This happened to me just the other evening as I left the TLC office. I was pulling out of the parking lot. The temperature must have been about 9 degrees. I looked at my car dashboard and saw a yellow symbol showing dangerously low tire pressure, especially in my back tires. I was surprised since my tires had recently been checked and rotated. I started praying and asking God to lead me to a safe, warm, well-lit place to have this checked out. As I prayed, I headed south on Dundee Avenue towards home.

As I proceeded, I saw a tire business and wondered if I should enter their lot. However, next door was another business in which it looked like a mechanic was inside working on a car. The sign OPEN appeared on a door. I went inside and a nice young man greeted me. I explained my tire situation and asked if he could help me. He said that he could and invited me to sit and wait in another room. I noticed a young woman sitting behind a desk. I began talking with her. Just about then, **an older woman came to me and asked, "Do you remember me?"** Stunned, I looked at her. She went on to tell me that I helped her when she was pregnant with two of her younger children. She seemed very grateful. The young woman behind the desk, piped up and said, "My mother would make me volunteer at your center!" I chuckled at that. Then I asked the woman, **"Did we really make a difference in your life when you needed help with your pregnancies?"** The woman nodded her head in affirmation and started weeping and hugging me. **I thought, Lord this is a holy moment!** You brought me just to hear about this!

And in addition to this story, there have been three others in the past month that I have heard about the help a pregnant woman received from our center many years ago! **Another story involves a woman who came in looking for me** just after I had stepped out of the office. **She stated that she had given me a statue of a mother and child as a gift years ago and now wanted to see me and talk.** I remembered her and felt bad that I missed her because she didn't leave a telephone number. **There were two other similar situations in the last few weeks causing me to wonder, Lord, what's going on?** Why are these people from the past thinking about me and mentioning the ministry they were given years ago?

I began to think about the ages of their children. They were probably in their late teens by now! I thought, **because we are here at 825 Dundee Ave. instead of the abortion clinic (Crossroads) we have been able to offer these women life-giving alternatives. Today they have grown children which are a gift to their families.** It's so humbling to think that God could use "little old me" or any of us here at TLC/Life Choices to bring light in the darkness and hope when it's needed. Maybe God is telling us, **"Keep it up, don't stop, you're making a difference!"**

## Medical Corner



## Schaumburg Baby

by Ruth Feldmann, R.D.M.S.



Meet the giggling baby, one of our Schaumburg babies! **This is a baby you prayed for. This is an ultrasound your gifts funded.** This baby was at risk, but his mother changed her mind and he was born 2 months ago! November is the month marked by Thanksgiving, and we are so thankful for you and your gifts of time, money, and intercession! Thank you!



## A Thankful Woman Chooses Life

By Jan DeFily, R.D.M.S.

A young woman and her two-year old son came into our Schaumburg location. The little boy was very polite and you could tell he was very well cared for. His mom had just moved back here from another state and was living with a friend.

Upon returning to IL, she got together again with her old boyfriend and she became pregnant. She wasn't sure what she was going to do. Not only was she now unexpectedly pregnant, but she had also learned her boyfriend got married after they got back together and then, a few weeks later, had been shot and killed. We might roll our eyes if we were watching this scene unfold in a movie, **but this was a real woman's actual situation, and it was heartbreaking.** Needless to say, she was very upset and confused, and experiencing a lot of mixed emotions about his death, marriage and her pregnancy.

We talked for quite a while and performed an ultrasound. The ultrasound found an 8-week, 1-day old baby with a good heartbeat. I gave her prenatal vitamins and literature on healthy pregnancy and fetal development. And because she had a history of abortion, I told her about our *Surrendering the Secret* Bible study.

She just wasn't sure what she wanted to do with her unborn baby so we carefully went over her options. Then, with her permission, we talked about her faith. She stated she was raised in a Christian home. **I encouraged her to seek the Lord and ask Him to help her in her decision-making.** I asked her if I could pray with her and she accepted. **Before leaving, she thanked me and expressed that she felt much better.**

As time passed, I sent her several text messages that all went unanswered. When at last I finally heard from her, she stated she was keeping the baby and thanked me for my help.



# Two Hearts Changed, Two Decisions Made

*By Jennifer G.*

Two young clients, a man and a woman, came into our clinic together for sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing. I spoke with the young man about abstinence and went over our STI education materials. Then we talked about spiritual matters. I learned that he had been attending church a couple of times a month. After I shared the Gospel with him, he said that he was confused, so I explained to him that God has to punish sin. It doesn't matter how much God loves us, God wouldn't be holy and righteous if He dismissed our sin. **By having Jesus pay the penalty for our sins, God is able to offer us forgiveness while still adhering to His righteous standard.** I could see that this clicked for him, so I asked him if he wanted to receive God's forgiveness and start a relationship with God. He said yes!

Meanwhile, our nurse Rosalie was speaking with the young woman in the other room. Rosalie talked to her about STI education, abstinence, and spiritual matters. The client stated that she didn't subscribe to any religion. She had never been to church, but was interested in checking out Buddhism. She also said that her friend who had come with her was very "religious." Rosalie asked if she wanted to hear about her faith and she said sure. **She went through the Gospel message and then asked the client if she wanted to pray to make Jesus Christ her Savior. She did!** After they finished, the girl proclaimed, "Amen!" This came from someone who had never been to church before and had just a few minutes ago professed to not subscribing to any religion!

Afterwards, Rosalie told the young man that his friend had prayed with her and responded affirmatively. The young man got a big smile on his face. He was making eye contact with Dawn, our administrative assistant, and seemed excited. We sensed that he was assisting his friend and that it was his idea that they come to our clinic. **Perhaps he was hoping that his friend would be ministered to, but as it turned out, he needed to be ministered to as well!** Although he was going to a Christian church, he hadn't comprehended the message of the Gospel.

Isn't that like our God? We try to help someone and in the process, we receive the help that we never knew we needed!

## SURRENDERING THE SECRET SURVEY

Take our quick quiz to see how abortion is affecting your life today.

If you identify with any of the symptoms below or have questions, please call us at 630-715-5875.

Please leave a message and we will get back to you regarding our Abortion Recovery Program.

- I can't tell anyone about my abortion. They just wouldn't understand.
- There are details about the abortion that I cannot remember.
- I have lost interest in things I used to love since having the abortion.
- I often feel angry and irritable.
- I have difficulty maintaining relationships.
- I used alcohol, drugs, or prescription medications once per week or more.
- I find that I am repeating the same mistakes in my life.
- I avoid people, places, and things that remind me of my abortion



*Vivian and Pat Layton,  
author of Surrendering the  
Secret, at a recent Conference*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



*Vivian spoke at the monthly Women's Club at St. Marcelline's Church in Schaumburg. The ladies' group collected a huge amount of baby items for TLC.*



*Mark Handrock, creator of our 6' baby bottle, is willing to deliver it to any church or organization willing to display it.*



*The rain held off just long enough for participants to complete their laps at our 5K Run/Walk.*



*Max the dog (# 55) came in 2nd place along with his best friend, Scott.*

## Keep the Men's Program in Your Prayers

By Dave Pipitone

Our men's program Advisory Committee is preparing a strategic/implementation plan for the year 2020. Ruth Feldmann, the Clinic Director, shared the numbers of men who accompany their partners during the first visit to the Elgin, Schaumburg and mobile unit locations.

In 2018, 174 men came with their partner at least once; through nine months of 2019, 128 men came with their partner.

**The Men's Program will encourage the expecting fathers to support the expecting mom and unborn baby, materially, emotionally and spiritually.**

Please join us in praying this prayer for the new and young fathers to choose to love and support the mom and baby:

All Loving and Gracious Father,

You made us in Your image to be members of Your family. Help us to serve the at-risk families who connect with TLC Pregnancy Services through the Men's Program.

Lead us and guide us to minister to the new and young men so that they may become fathers after Your heart with love and passion for their families. We ask for strategies, resources, favor, and pure hearts as we walk this path together, knowing full well that we are powerless without you to accomplish anything of lasting value.

Please prepare the hearts of these young men to value and receive the provision you have for them, both material and spiritual, that will enable them to fulfill their highest destinies and your kingdom purposes.

Thank You for inviting us in this work. We commit ourselves to be faithful and humble in all You bring to us to do. We give all the praise, glory and honor to You, Our Father. We ask these things in Jesus Name. Amen.

Your prayers do count. **Let's continue to ask God's blessings on those who need help to love and support their families.** Thank you.

## A DIVINE APPOINTMENT

By Jennifer G.

A client came into our Schaumburg clinic for a pregnancy test, which was positive. As we began talking about spiritual matters, she admitted that she hadn't been to church in a long time, but that not too long ago, she'd been encouraged by two different people to begin attending church again. **I told her that God must be trying to get her attention, because we had prayed that morning for a divine appointment, and then she called and came in.** Her face lit up when I shared this and she eagerly accepted our list of local churches.

Please lift this client up in prayer. As of the time of this writing, she is undecided as to what to do about her pregnancy. She has an upcoming ultrasound scheduled since she was not far enough along for an ultrasound with her first visit. **Please pray that the Lord would open her eyes to His miracle of life when she sees her baby's heartbeat during this important appointment.**

## BOOKS ARE NOT OBSOLETE

Even though we are inundated with all kinds of information available at our fingertips today, books are still a great resource. Did you know that TLC has a small library containing a variety of Pro-Life and Parenting topics? We welcome you to come and look through these books anytime or even borrow them to read at your leisure. Students especially, may find them useful. You might be surprised at some of the information you'll find including useful advice, answers to questions, or just interesting research. Check it out – expanded knowledge awaits!





# Volunteer Corner

## HANDYMAN'S SPECIAL

Do you like using your remodeling and repairing skills for God's kingdom purposes? If the answer is, "Yes," we have an opportunity for you to serve at our pregnancy resource center which will brighten our services and make us smile (and others will feel uplifted as well!).

We need help renovating our kitchen at our Elgin location as half of the counters (circa 1950?) are leftovers from the old pharmacy that occupied that part of the building.

Kudos to Jim Robinson who has been working hard at both our Elgin and Palatine locations. Any volunteers willing to come and help him would be most appreciated.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – FOR SCHAUMBURG AND THE MOBILE UNIT

- **BACKUP DRIVERS** for our mobile unit (you do not need a special license for being a mobile unit driver; you only need to have a good driving record!)
- **VOLUNTEER PHYSICIAN** to assist our Medical Director with reading ultrasound scans



## TLC PREGNANCY SERVICES

### GIFTS FOR GREATEST IMPACT:

- Sam's gift cards for gas for the mobile ultrasound unit
- Meijer and Jewel gift cards for supplies for the center
- Large packages of paper towels, bath tissues, and Kleenex
- Diapers – sizes 4 & 5
- Baby wash and baby wipes
- Neutral colored baby blankets – (yellow, mint green, white, etc.)
- Baby clothes 3-6 mos.
- Newborn baby items

## WISH LIST



### OPPORTUNITIES TO OFFER GIFTS & TALENTS:

- Volunteer for Mailings & Special Events (such as the Pastor's Gathering, Flower Sale & Mothers' Program)

## Opportunities for Prayer Warriors

*"Watch and pray..."  
Matthew 26:41a*

- ◆ Pray for wisdom for TLC as we complete needed improvements at the Palatine location.
- ◆ Pray for additional dedicated staff and volunteers.
- ◆ Pray that IL Senate Bill 1564, forcing pregnancy centers to refer for abortion, would be overturned. We have a temporary injunction but are hoping for permanent relief.
- ◆ Pray for medical staffing at our Palatine location.



WISHING YOU A  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

*The staff of TLC Pregnancy Services wishes you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



*"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)*

## **God's Gifts in 2019** *(Some of the babies born to moms who visited our clinic)*

Sylvia	Andrew	Ava	Kaitlin	Armando G	Shivansh
Janie	Jose Angel	John Carlos	Julia	Dulce Sofia	Stella
William	Prince M	Chase	Christian	Amir	Skylar
Yaneli	Matteo	Xavier	Kelsie	Brandon Jr	Ezekiel
Evette	Emiliano	Leianna Rose	Melanie	Anova	Sebastian
Omar	Rebecca	Damian	Sean	Jett	Marco
Lenya	Dayton	Ashton	Mateo	Leo	Benjamin
Samuel S	Gael S.	Anliana	Alonso	Zayden	Saori
Ivy Rose	Emiliano	Rose	Ariella	Om	Marcello
Yahir	Jesus	Julienne	Noah	Coulton	Kailen
Alonso	Sophia	Romeo	Ailyn	Julianna	Christopher
Ayden	Micah	Sophia	Cecilia	Layla	Brock
Kael	Naomi	Valeria Isabel	Josiah	Owen	Xochipilli
Jazmin	Tayshaun	John Ian	Damaris	Benjamin	Santiago
Liam	Kai	Axel Sebastian	Maya	Sofia	Violet
Genesis	Ryan J.	Maximiliano	Yareli	Demi	Tyler
Marisol	Addilynne	Vanessa	Eliana	Georgina	Serenity
Elizabeth	Elias	Isaiah	Christian	Laci	Izlani
Angel	Cristopher	Diego	Ibrahim	Caelin	Phoebe
Javian	Nathaniel	Amanda	Andres	Stella	Hayden
Salvador	Guillermo Jr	Kalani	Isabel	Renae	Olga
Kaila	Theodore	Miguel Angel	Yalian	Lucille	
Marcelo	Aaliyal Vita	Erik Isaiah	Olivia	Hannah	
Yuliana	Genesis	Elizabeth	Citlali	Bradley	
Jesus	Aalyah	Frida	Leilan	Naila	
Madison	Emily	Scarlet	Nathan	Nelson	