



### Thank You!

From time to time we have someone that stops by the center to do a chore or repair for us that needs doing, expecting nothing in return. We appreciate each and every one of these acts of kindness from each of you. We want to recognize one of those people this month and to say a very special thank you to her. We know she isn't doing what she does for recognition because most of the time we never even know she is here until we see or hear her outside. Linda Prevatt has kept our yard mowed and trimmed all year. She just took it upon herself to start doing this for us. We just looked out one day and there she was mowing the grass. Each time it needed mowing she would just show up and start doing it. Thank You Linda for this very generous act of kindness. While we know you weren't doing it for attention, it definitely did not go unnoticed by us and we want you to know how much we appreciate you!

### Year End Tax Deductions...

That dreaded time of year, tax season, is quickly approaching. If you need to make year end donations to help lower your taxes, please consider Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center of Decatur. We are a 501(c)3 organization so any donations made to us are tax deductible. We operate solely off of donations so every little bit helps. Thank you to our faithful supporters that have already given to us this year! We appreciate each and everyone of you!

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### Volunteer Spotlight...



Our volunteer spotlight this quarter is on Sabrina Green. Sabrina is a God-send to Sav-A-Life and her enthusiasm for our ministry is contagious. We are so blessed to have her! Here is what Sabrina has to say about serving with us... After teaching in public schools for 33 years, I decided it was time to look outwards and find time to work in some ministries that I had felt drawn toward for quite some time. One of them was Sav-A-Life. I had gotten to know Veronna Keen (our director) on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, and knew she was a strong leader, and a woman devoted to serving God by serving young women in our area. I really wanted to be a part of that. So after I retired 2 years ago, I began to pray for opportunities to become involved in this ministry. I was willing to do whatever was needed, from coming to cleaning toilets! Not even a month went by before I got a call asking if I would be willing to help as a fund raiser for Sav-A-Life! Within just a few days after that, I got another call asking if I might be willing to teach a program called "Decisions, Choices, and Options" for Sav-A-Life. I agreed and went to training with some of the staff. On that trip, I discovered that the teacher for the Baby Care class was moving, they were in need of a teacher for that program. I was VERY excited about that, and asked if I might be a good fit. It was an answer to prayers on both sides! For the last two years, I've been serving as the Baby Care instructor in the Finding Grace program, and I can't begin to tell you what a joy it has been! I have gotten to know these young women, and walked with them through their pregnancies. The curriculum is designed to give them confidence in their abilities to parent their child, and teach them basic child care. It is an honor to be able to love them through my role at Sav-A-Life, and show them the love Jesus has for me. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

### Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

On January 22, 1973 the US Supreme Court made a landmark decision to legalize abortion in the infamous Roe vs Wade case. To counteract this devastating decision, eleven years after Roe vs Wade, a Presidential Proclamation was declared by President Ronald Reagan designating January 22, 1984 as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. President Reagan stated in the Proclamation, "The values and freedoms we cherish as Americans rest on our fundamental commitment to the sanctity of human life. The first of the 'unalienable rights' affirmed by our Declaration of Independence is the right to life itself, a right the Declaration states has been endowed by our Creator on all human beings—whether young or old, weak or strong, healthy or handicapped." Sanctity of human life means we hold all human lives up as holy, sacred and of the utmost and ultimate importance. President Reagan renewed his proclamation every year he was in office as did all of his pro-life successors, but our churches and Pregnancy Resource Centers recognize the Sunday closest to January 22 as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday every year, even without a Presidential Proclamation. President Reagan implored the Nation to, "gather on that day in homes and places of worship to give thanks for the gift of life, and to reaffirm our commitment to the dignity of every human being and the sanctity of each human life." This year, your Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center of Decatur, encourages you to heed his call to thanksgiving and commitment on January 22, 2018. Below is a list of ways you, your family and your church can celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 2018:



- ◆ Volunteer at your Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center of Decatur.
- ◆ Take a tour of the center to learn more about what we offer and how abortion affects our community.
- ◆ Invite our Director, Veronna Keen, to speak at your church or other group in the month of January (or after).
- ◆ Make a donation to Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center of Decatur.

"We are poorer not simply for lives not led and for contributions not made, but also for the erosion of our sense of the worth and dignity of every individual." President Ronald Reagan

~Kimberly Vernetti

## 30 Year Celebration Banquet

We had our annual fundraising banquet on October 24, hosted by Decatur Baptist Church. Decatur Baptist did a phenomenal job of hosting the banquet and making all of the preparations. A very special thank you to the many different teams and volunteers from the Decatur Baptist Church Family for all of your hard work!

As we celebrated thirty years of ministry, we heard testimony from volunteers, Carla Humphries and Joy Reiber. Both of these ladies have been volunteers, as well as employees with Decatur Sav-A-Life for many years. Past Directors, Board Members, Employees, and Volunteers were also recognized. A client of ours, Delila, shared how Sav-A-Life has become like family to her as she struggled with her last pregnancy. The doctors recommended that she abort because her child had a club foot and they felt it would have other medical complications, as well. She chose to carry the child and her little girl is doing well. Our Director, Veronna Keen spoke about the things that have been happening at the Center this past year. Heartsong Youth Choir, led by David Burdeshaw was our guest performers. While Heartsong performed, a special group led by Connie Speegle, did sign language to part of the songs. It was very heart touching to see the joy on the faces of the guys performing their sign language to the songs. While attendance was down this year, we still had a great night of celebrating the success of our ministry for the past 30 years!



## Peace on Earth

Every Christmas as the air cools and the world glistens with Christmas lights, Christmas carols ring out proclaiming, "Peace on Earth good will to men." Peace on Earth. Considering our world full of war, natural disasters, broken relationships and abortion, do we really have peace on Earth? The answer is a resounding YES!!! We sing in celebration of Peace on Earth at Christmas time because Jesus IS peace on Earth and he GIVES peace to all who call upon His name. When the Father sent His son to be born of a virgin, peace was born through him. It tickled the Shepherds hearts as they wondered at the angel's news. It guided the three wise men as they traveled to worship the newborn King. It poured out of the Teacher through the messages he shared and way he lived. It settled among the people as they witnessed one miracle after another. It was a gift left behind for all who called Jesus Lord from the time he ascended to Heaven until He returns again. Despite the chaos of this sin filled world, Peace is on Earth. It beats in the heart of every follower of Christ; lending us a sigh of contented relief, a sparkle of joy and a glimmer of hope in the best of times and the worst of times.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

Kimberly Verneti

## The Heart of A Child...

At a time when our society as a whole seems to have a sense of entitlement and a "What can you do for me?" mentality, we see the opposite of this at the center on a regular basis. We are very thankful for those that pour into our ministry day in and day out. While we are thankful for all of these examples of selflessness, during the month of October we had two different occasions that really touched our heart and stood out to us. We thought our readers would enjoy hearing these stories, as well.



...Rebecca is a six year old little girl with a big heart. Her mom, Marla, explained that every year around birthdays and Christmas that they encourage a clean out of old toys to share with others. They use this as a way to encourage them to share what they have with others. This year when it came time for Rebecca's birthday she decided instead of getting rid of her current toys that she wanted to do something a little different. She asked her mother if she could get something new to share with others instead of giving them something she already had. Rebecca told her mother that she would like to do something for babies.

Marla had been involved with Sav-A-Life through her church when she was younger so she talked to Rebecca about it and they decided it was a perfect fit for what she wanted to do. Marla also shared with me that just a few weeks after her birthday that Rebecca had decided she wanted to get rid of one of her big toys that she had. She asked her mother if she knew of anyone that needed a Christmas present. So, due in part to her parents teaching and in part to Rebecca's giving spirit, another little girl will have a brighter Christmas! Well done mom and dad!

...Eight year old Jax visited Sav-A-Life with his mother when she stopped by to drop off some donations. When Jax saw the baby models on the counter that we use to educate our clients they peaked his interest. After they left the Center, he began to ask his mom, Katie, all kinds of questions. Katie explained to him about what we do and how we help babies. It just happened to be about two weeks before his birthday when they stopped by the center. After his mom explained to him about what we do, he decided on his own that he wanted to help Sav-A-Life by collecting gifts for us instead of for himself at his party! Katie told his friends about Jax wishes and they all jumped on board with his plan. In addition to collecting gifts, there were also some monetary donations made to Sav-A-Life In Honor of Jax. Jax mom explained that this was all his idea, that he is just a good kid that is always trying to help others. He attends Priceville Elementary and their family attends Point Mallard Parkway Baptist Church. Thank You Jax for caring for others and for your very selfless act of love!



2 He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. 6 "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Matthew 18:2-6 NIV