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It's Not Political!

Dear Friends –
WARNING: God may be prompting you to have a renewed passion and perspective for how you can make a difference in “Your Own Backyard.”

As a chronic insomniac, I do much of my “staying informed” reading with regard to our industry in the middle of the night. One such night, a few months ago, I found myself searching the internet for help understanding a call I received that day from a local faith affiliate, letting me know they would no longer be financially supporting LaVie. Their stated reason, “We don’t feel it is appropriate to be involved in such political matters, and don’t want to appear to our congregation that we favor LaVie over Planned Parenthood.” I must admit, if there was ever a jaw-dropping moment, it was following this statement in our conversation.

In my research, I came across an article written by Human Coalition’s CEO/Founder, Brian Fisher, entitled, *Abortion is not a “Political Issue”*. Every word Mr. Fisher penned was spot on with regard to how I was feeling in that moment. Mr. Fisher boldly stated, “*When we say abortion is political, we give ourselves an out. We can wash our hands of our responsibility to care for mothers in crisis pregnancy situations. That’s the government’s job. We can refuse to talk about it in public or in private,*

“Thank you so much, everything you are doing helps!” *citing the oft-repeated*
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Cindy Nordstog, C.E.O.

A Case for Life



In Our Own Backyard

Save the Date –
LaVie’s Annual Fall Fundraiser
September 28, 2017
at the Northern Hotel

Keynote Speaker:
Scott Kluesendorf,
author of *The Case for Life*

Scott is a passionate and engaging nationally acclaimed pro-life speaker and author. Scott contends that the pro-life message can compete in the marketplace if properly understood and articulated.

He has appeared on many syndicated Christian programs such as: Focus on the Family, Faith Under Fire, American Family Radio, Billy



Scott Kluesendorf

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Thank You for Your Material Donations...

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Material Needs List

New Items Only Please

Items for EWYL Raffles:

- Infant Car Seats
- Bouncy Baby Seats
- Pack-n-Plays
- Strollers
- Baby Monitors
- Baby Swings
- Exersaucers
- Baby Carriers
- Baby Bath Tubs

Items for Layette Baskets:

- Daytime Outfits, Girl/Boy, Size nb-6mo.
- Socks, Girl/Boy
- Infant Baby Toys/Rattles/Teethers/etc
- Gender Neutral Baby Clothes
- Premie Sized Baby Clothes, Girl/Boy



"Thank you for making this place possible!"

EWYL Raffle Winners!

In-Kind Donations

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 Rocky Mountain Community Church
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 Danette Gustin in honor of **Anisia Begger**
 Steven Howe in honor of **Louis & Lora Mae Howe**
 Gary Ostermiller in honor of **the young families of Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church who bring their little ones to worship with us.**

Thank You for making LaVie's 16th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign a great success!

Did you miss this year's campaign? Would you like to host a summer or fall Baby Bottle Campaign? Contact us to find out how.

LaVie's Baby Bottle Campaign continues to be our 2nd largest annual fundraiser. The Campaign is twofold; it provides significant cash injection preceding our busiest time of the year – summer, and it provides significant community awareness for new partnerships to be formed and potential patients gained.

We are extremely grateful that, once again, dozens of churches in Billings and the surrounding area made LaVie bottles available to their congregations in the weeks before Mother's Day.

While baby bottles continue to be dropped off, we are happy to report that this year's funding, which continues to serve mothers and their unborn babies, is currently at \$45,398.

With sincere appreciation, we thank everyone who donated to LaVie and to the many church representatives and volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make this fundraiser possible. We wish to recognize the following individuals for their help with wrapping, packaging, counting, recording, etc.:

Marlene Benner
Carol Lawrence
Charlotte Lindberg
Betty Lilleberg

Jean Brown
Alvina Buck
Toni Clemmons
Anisia Begger
Valeri Bender

Lavern Woosley
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Nancy Watson
Joyce Christensen
Vonna Hamann

Pastor Joe Dillabaugh
Courtney Lujan
Patty Williams
Charles Bratton
Mrs. McCoy's 3rd graders



...A Case for Life In Our Own Backyard continued from cover

Graham's Hour of Decision, and many more. Each year thousands of students at Protestant and Catholic high schools are trained by Scott to learn how to make a persuasive case for life.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's banquet. You may purchase your tickets early by contacting Carol Tinnes at carolt@billingspc.org or 652-4868.

Individual/Corporate Banquet Sponsorships are a great way to help us cover the event costs not fully covered by individual ticket purchases. If you would like more information, please contact Cindy Nordstog at cindyn@billingspc.org or 208-5693.

Also, "Thank you" to First Interstate Bank for again providing us with one of their coin counting machines which saved us "countless" hours (pun intended) counting coins.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the many church representatives and participating churches. The following are the churches that participated in our 2017 campaign.

Absarokee Evangelical
Columbus Assembly of God
Chapel of Hope Assembly of God
Beartooth Mountain Baptist
Berea Baptist
Bethel Evangelical
Calvary Chapel
Christ the King Lutheran
Columbus Evangelical
Cornerstone Community
East Gate Wesleyan
Elevation
Emmanuel Baptist (Billings)
Evangelical United Methodist
Faith Chapel
Faith Evangelical
Family Christian Center
Grace Bible (Laurel)
Heights Baptist
Hope Center

Hope Chapel
Hope Church
Joliet Wesleyan
Laurel Baptist
Living Water
Luther Community
Mary Queen of Peace
Mount Olive Lutheran
New Life Church
New Life Foursquare
Church & School (Laurel)
Nye Community
New Hope Fellowship Lutheran
Our Redeemer
Our Savior Lutheran Evangelical
Parkhill Assembly of God
Pilgrim Congregational
Rapelje Evangelical
Red Lodge Alliance Chapel
The Rock
Rocky Mtn. Community

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St. John's
St. Benedict's
St. Bernard's
St. Mary's
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St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox
St. Patrick's
St. Paul's Lutheran
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Trinity Baptist
Trinity Lutheran School
Valley Baptist
Valley Bible
Valley Christian
West Side
Wicks Lane Baptist
Yellowstone Lutheran Brethren

WE ARE EXPECTING!



Early Pregnancy Services

Providing an ultrasound for a patient considering an abortion is crucial in helping them see what is going on inside their body, and is often a game changer in helping them consider carrying their baby to term vs. having an abortion. With the generous help of many individuals and faith affiliates, we are very close to raising enough money to help us purchase a new ultrasound machine. Would you like to help us raise the final \$10k needed?

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Donate online at www.billingscpc.org

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Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CID # _____

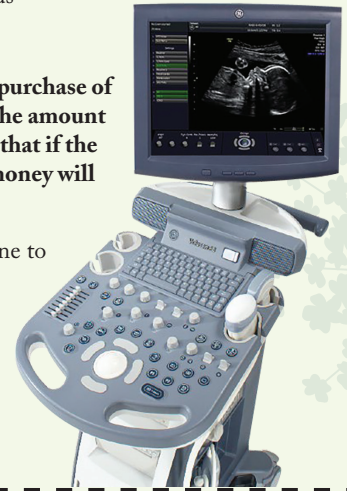
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Signature _____

Yes, I want to support the purchase of a new ultrasound machine in the amount of \$ _____ . I understand that if the purchase goal is reached, my money will be utilized where needed.

I vote for the ultrasound machine to be named:

- Zoe
- Lilly for Life
- Hope
- Rosie
- Lady Impact



Knowledge is Power and Relationships are Power-full

Recently a young couple signed up for our new Earn While You Learn (EWYL) program following their ultrasound appointment. They were excited about starting the classes because, as first time parents, they needed to learn all they could, additionally commenting, "There's no way we can afford to pay for prenatal classes. This is great that you offer them for free!"

The Earn While You Learn program is an established DVD/worksheet-based curriculum that provides a holistic approach to pregnancy and parenthood. LaVie was able to purchase the EWYL program through a grant from the Gianforte Family Foundation.

We have found that clients are asking to learn more about specific topics. Some of the requests for additional topics are coming from the dads-to-be, which is supporting a future phase of providing lessons specifically in support of fathers. These lessons will not only focus on fatherhood, but also on manhood and the importance of a man's role in society and in the life of their child.

Our immediate next phase is to implement lesson facilitators. Facilitators will allow a more robust implementa-

tion of the initial phase by using the discussion worksheets to reinforce learning, and really building a supportive relationship with our clients, a relationship most lack in their lives. It is our hope that our clients feel encouragement from the facilitators by developing a relationship that aids in learning, healing and empowerment.

We believe that knowledge is power and relationships are power-full. The extensive education and resources that are provided through the EWYL program can provide a platform for both knowledge and relationships to be added to the lives of our clients, thus creating the empowerment women need to become the moms they desire and hope to be and potentially enriching their lives in a way they've never known.



...It's Not Political! continued from cover

"We don't talk about religion or politics." When we say abortion is political, we cheapen it, relegating it into the same dustbin of taxes, foreign policy, and deficit spending. Churches who claim abortion is political have an excuse to avoid it..."

Regardless of the world's view on abortion, all of us working and volunteering at LaVie are not motivated by what's going on in Washington D.C. or Helena, Montana. We are energized by what is going on in our own backyard. Those who come through the doors of LaVie, seeking hope in their very broken circumstances, serve as our motivation. We are encouraged by the decision of one of our recent patients to cancel her

surgical abortion appointment. She is carrying twins! Praise God!

No, we don't wake up each day expecting the government will fix the problem of abortion. We get up, ready to serve those in need because God has called us to do so, and with His help and yours, we are making a difference in our community.

You can read Brian Fisher's full January 23, 2015 article by visiting his website at humancoalition.org.

Serving Him Together,

Cindy Nordstog

We Love our Volunteers!



Joy Holman

“I love volunteering at LaVie on Tuesday afternoons! It is such a wonderful service to the moms in Billings to provide free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and loving care and support to choose LIFE! My favorite things to do are making the layette baskets (full of cute baby clothes and items) for the moms and also being a chaperone during ultrasounds. Ps. 139:13 “You made all the delicate inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb.” I count it a privilege to support and be part of LaVie!”

Ron Scariano

“Lovie is an organization that fits 100% in line with what I believe to be most important. The babies are truly a gift from God and to be valued and protected. I love the opportunity I have to be Santa for LaVie; it’s a chance to see the children excited, smiling, and celebrating life.”



Marj Miller

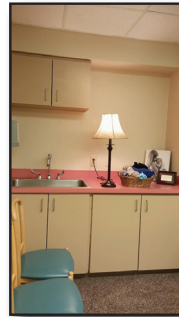
There has always been a burden in my heart for young women facing unplanned pregnancies. While LaVie is a caring organization staffed with caring people, supported by a caring community, I wondered if there was a way to personalize the experience a little more with a gift specifically for these women, reminding them that there are many individuals who care about them.

One day while thumbing through a catalogue I saw a container of mixed Jelly Bellies. That gave me the idea of creating little care packages of Jelly Bellies themed for different times of the year. I include the verse from Psalm 139:13, 14:

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful...”

I realize it doesn’t seem like much but it gave me a way to fulfill the passage, “Thy will be done on earth...”, to use my creative energies and talents and to hopefully touch someone’s life and show that there are people, unknown to them, who care.

“Your gift is very much appreciated! It gave us great encouragement to know people genuinely care.”



Before

Yellowstone Lutheran Brethren Church

Adopt a Room Project.

We are so appreciative of Yellowstone Lutheran Brethren Church and congregation, as they blessed LaVie with a complete room make-over at our Heights location. Ruth Vallevik spear headed this project along with Jim and Nancy Skramsted. Our staff and patients absolutely love the room!



Trinity Lutheran School – Laura McCoy’s 3rd Grade class

“The third grade students at Trinity Lutheran School so enjoyed wrapping the baby bottles for LaVie. What an honor to help out such a wonderful organization that helps so many moms, babies and families in our community!”



After



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Brooklee's Story, Year 2014

My heart was pounding as I waited those three agonizing minutes. Three minutes, that is all it took for that pink line to appear and turn my world upside down. I was pregnant. I am only 16, I thought to myself, how would I do this on my own, I just can't have a baby.

My name is Brooklee. I would like to introduce you to my son, Ayden. I am so thankful to YOU for this little guy and let me tell you why:

I was distraught with finding out I was pregnant. I needed to have an abortion, I had no choice. I lived in a Christian home, and knew abortion was immoral, but the father of the baby told me I could not keep my child. He was so adamant about it he was pulling out money to pay for the abortion. I was stuck, and went ahead and scheduled the abortion.

Something drew me to LaVie; everyone was so kind and friendly. I thought I would just be going in to get the confirmation of pregnancy, and the paperwork I needed so I could go get the abortion, but something changed in my heart when they flipped on the ultrasound's television. The baby's little heart was pumping so fast, almost as if it was fighting for its own life. At only 5 weeks and 5 days it looked so real. I felt like I was in a movie. Their prayers over me gave me strength to tell my Mom and bring her with me to another ultrasound. As I watched my Mom cry tears of joy when she saw the baby, I realized then how important it was for me to be the mother to my child. My determination to be a mother and give life to my baby impacted the father and his family; they began to see it as a life as well.

If I had not walked through the doors of LaVie, I wouldn't be holding my baby right now. I wouldn't be able to share my story with YOU. I thank the Lord every single day for making that one decision that saved my son's life. I could never have imagined the feelings I have. I have never been so in love with someone so little before. The Staff at LaVie are Ayden's super heroes! Thanks to the love and support of this ministry, I have the chance to be a mother and not a statistic.

Hear directly from Brooklee and baby Ayden on how they are doing now at this year's upcoming banquet (September 28th).

Ayden

