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# THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

-Philippians 1:3-6

As I was having my devotions this morning and praying for some thoughts to share with our members, I was overcome with emotion of the support our small group of educators has been to this organization. As a small organization, Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> is very dependent upon volunteers. No one receives any compensation for the tireless work that is being done to educate our colleagues about the Sanctity of Life.

Our members and supporters have partnered together in so many ways. Many have donated countless hours to assist with the work of Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup>. I want to take this opportunity to recognize these individuals.

**Our prayer partners:** Most importantly, thank you to everyone who prays for this organization and for our work on a regular basis. Intercessory prayer for pro-life organizations is vital if the groups are to be effective!

Our mailing preparation volunteers: A very special "thank you" to Sally Johnson. Sally lives a couple blocks from my home and is so willing to help put together not only the newsletter mailing, but other mailings that need to be prepared. It takes time to seal, label, and sort the newsletter before it can be mailed out to approximately 400 individuals three times a year. Thank you, Sally.

In addition, there is a very special group of teens and adults who assist with the August newsletter mailing, which goes out to the entire database of approximately 3000 individuals. For the past several years, 6-8 teens and adults volunteered about 4

hours of their time to assist in preparing this mailing. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Other volunteers: For years, Gladis Hetherington volunteered numerous hours to complete those monotonous jobs that take time. She counted and bundled brochures and bags. She printed the names and other information on the membership cards, and then prepared them for mailing by putting on the address labels and stamps. About 18 months ago, Gladis and her husband moved closer to their son, so she is no longer able to volunteer her time. She has been greatly missed, but I know her prayers are still supporting this ministry. Thank you, Gladis, for your years of volunteer service.

Our computer experts: A special thank you to Tom Furr for all of his work and counsel with the computer system and software. Over the years, Tom has donated numerous hours toward the preparation of newer computers that have been owned by the Executive Director and used for this ministry. He and his wife, Bonnie, are also prayer warriors for the ministry. Thank you Tom for your willingness to donate your time and expertise for the saving of babies!

**Our members:** Your participation, suggestions, prayers, and financial support are appreciated. Thank you!

Our thanks are extended to all of you for your tireless involvement in the pro-life movement. It may be through your church, your community, a local pregnancy center, or through other means, but no matter where your involvement may be, thank you.

On page 2 of this newsletter, there is an article about one of our board members who received special recognition. In the past, we have printed newsletter articles about teens who have earned special recognition for their oratory involvement, and we have covered stories about individuals who have adopted children or who have been recognized for other significant pro-life accomplishments. In upcoming newsletters we hope to share more stories about members who are being recognized for their pro-life volunteer service. We would love to share your stories and to share with others any special awards our members receive for volunteer service. If you are not a great writer, we can set up an interview and write the story for you. Thank you for your willingness to share through our newsletter. You are all greatly appreciated!

#### 2015 SFLA CONFERENCE TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® DISPLAY

By Judy Bruns

Four Board of Trustees members -- Ruth Boyatt (OH), John Saxe (OH), John Gordon (PA), and Judy Bruns (OH) -- travelled to the January 23, 2015 Students for Life of America (SFLA) Conference in Washington, DC to manage the Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup>, Inc. exhibit, to sign up new members; also, to share ideas and get new ideas from the many other pro-life groups represented at the Conference. Those groups included Created Equal, American Family Association, Feminists for Life, Heritage Foundation, Susan B. Anthony List, Patriot Voices, Live Action, and more. Young pro-life Americans, mostly high school and college-age, visited the numerous displays and participated in the break-out sessions, which featured speakers like Lila Rose (video exposes of Planned Parenthood abortion centers), David Bereit (40 Days for Life), Peggy Hartshorn (Hearbeat International), Josh Duggar (Family Research Council), Abby Johnson (former abortion clinic worker; author; TV guest), Troy Newman (Operation Rescue), Kristan Hawkins (Students for Life of America president) and many more notable, pro-life names.

Professor Robert P. George received the 2015 Defender of Life Award. According to SFLA's 2015 East Coast National Conference brochure, he was being honored "for his exceptional work for the preborn and his leadership to the pro-life movement." Professor George is the McCormick Chair in Jurisprudence at Princeton University, a conservative, pro-life, Christian thinker and speaker. He is chairman of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.



Workers at the Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup>, Inc. exhibit provided resources on human development and brochures about Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup>. A DVD showing preborn babies played on a laptop computer, and (a new feature) large, magnetic, laminated car signs picturing preborn babies drew passers-by's attention and inquiries. One new item at the exhibit -- a hand-made, lifelike, infant doll -- prompted a man associated with NYC pregnancy centers to say, "[The presence of dolls like] this could revolutionize sidewalk counseling!"

Teachers Saving Children® members at the Students for Life of America Conference left the event with ideas to better energize our own organization. It is essential that we be highly effective if we are to reach our goals of educating about human development, exposing the abortion culture, and, ultimately, saving children's lives.

**Editor's Note:** Judy Bruns is retired from full-time teaching and is a member of the Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> National Board of Trustees.

#### HEARTBEAT VOLUNTEER JUANITA SATTLER RECOGNIZED

During the annual Association of Fundraising Professionals National Philanthropy Day, **Juanita Sattler** was recognized as a 2014 Outstanding Community Volunteer. She has been a volunteer for many years at Heartbeat of Toledo (OH) and served as their board president from 2005-2007.

Juanita is a retired educator after 31 years of teaching, the last 25 years in the Anthony Wayne Local School District in Lucas County, OH. Hanging on the wall over her desk was a saying from Abbey Press: "Education - in spite of all the ideas and all the technology and atoms in the world, it all comes down to shaping one individual at a time." Since retirement, it seems it all comes down to saving one baby at a time. Not only does she volunteer her time with Heartbeat, but she is also very involved with other activities within her church and community. In additional to her numerous activities locally, Juanita also serves on the Teachers Saving Children® Inc. National Board of Trustees.

And while she spends time saving babies through a variety of ministry involvement, her pride and joy is her family. Having been married over 50 years, her husband, Vern, went home to be with the Lord in July 2010. He was her safety and support net for all activities. They have six grown children, and twenty-six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom are active in local churches and a variety of community organizations. Her family is a smorgasbord of life and love, all supporting one another.



Congratulations to Juanita for receiving this special recognition of service.

#### "EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH UPDATE"

"Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary, praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power, praise Him for His surpassing greatness...Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."

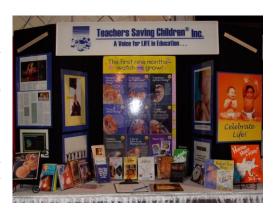
-Psalm 150:1-2 & 6

Praise God as He literally poured out His blessings through your recent monetary gifts. As of January 31<sup>st</sup> we have received \$3294.32 towards our Educational Outreach financial needs. Thank you for your gracious giving as it will help the board better plan in purchasing materials and other items for presenting the message of Life to thousands of educators.

God has been blessing abundantly with the details of our trip to Orlando. We will be driving to Orlando and transporting all of the materials for the exhibit. While in Orlando, our lodging is being provided. As a result we will only have two nights when we will need a hotel during our travels there and back. Praise God!

As for travel expenses, Connie will once again turn in mileage for the trip one way there and some travel within the Orlando area while covering the mileage for the trip back to Ohio herself. And though it may appear to be more expensive to drive, the costs to fly to Orlando, rent a car, and ship the materials are more expensive than to drive to Orlando.

Exhibit miscellaneous items as well as materials that will be distributed during the NEA Expo will be purchased in April/May. Though it is difficult to predict the exact amount needed, it appears that approximately \$1000 is still needed to cover the expenses of this great opportunity to share the message of life.



We rely on the goodness of God and His people to raise the money needed for these effective pro-life educational outreach ministries. Through your giving of \$5, \$10, \$20, or more, the Lord continues to miraculously provide the needed finances, and for that provision we are grateful. Thank you for your partnership! (Philippians 1:3-6).

**Note:** Please make checks payable to "TSC Inc. – National". Carefully note how the amount given is to be designated ("Educational Outreach") so that the contribution will be appropriately allocated. As a tax-exempt organization approved under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions received are NOT tax deductible.

## 15-YEAR-OLD RAPED BY FAMILY FRIEND REJECTS ABORTION MEETS HER DAUGHTER DECADES LATER

At the young age of 15, Kathy Anderson was raped by a family friend and became pregnant. She hid the pregnancy from her parents, and because of her petite frame, didn't show for eight months.

Kathy told LifeNews, "The night I went into labor, I thought I was suffering from food poisoning. My mother took me to hospital and the doctor announced that I was nine-months pregnant. Needless to say my mother fainted and I still had no grasped of what this meant. I gave birth to a little beautiful girl. She was perfect. I wanted her like nothing I've ever wanted before. She was mine..all mine. They allowed her to stay in room with me and I'll never ever forget the smell of her or those eyes looking at me."

However, shortly after Kathy met her little girl, her mother, doctor and social workers pushed her to place her daughter for adoption.

She said, "Even though I was young I knew I would do whatever it took to care for her. I knew I could do it. I have always survived and I saw this as just another reason to live. They finally pushed me into signing the [adoption] documents and I went into a deep depression."

Ultimately, Kathy's daughter, Katie, was adopted by a family in Minnesota and now she is 29-years-old. Katie lives in Scottsdale, Arizona and is studying to be a criminologist.

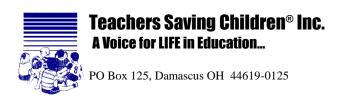
Kathy never regrets her decision not to have an abortion.

"I have wanted for so long to speak out of the horrors of abortion. I've been approached by so many people to tell my story. Adoption does NOT end your life, I'm proof. I went on to have two more daughters to replace the void left. I worked, went to school, opened a business and nothing got in my way. Both my daughters are homeowners, did wonderful in school and never missed curfews. So the pro choice people just use that as an excuse," she told LifeNews.

In the United States, there are approximately two million families waiting to adopt a child. But unfortunately, many women contemplating abortion feel they couldn't bear letting their child go once they're born. Additionally, our society favors abortion over adoption because of social stigmas and misconceptions that make women believe adopted children won't go on to have healthy and happy lives.

Nevertheless, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Services, 85% of children who are adopted are in excellent or very good health, the same as the general population. And 81% of adoptive parents described their relationships with their children as very warm and close.

Now Kathy and Katie share their story together... (Source: LifeNews.com, February 2, 2015)



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#### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

#### Prayer Calendar

"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."

II Chronicles 20:12

**Sunday:** Pray that we will "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. . .so that [we will] not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3

**Monday:** Psalm 139:14. Praise God that each baby is "fearfully and wonderfully made."

**Tuesday:** Ask the Lord to increase our membership and for many to be actively involved in Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup>. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

**Wednesday:** Pray for your local crisis pregnancy center. Pray for those they counsel to choose life.

**Thursday:** Pray that all unborn children will be born and not aborted. Pray for the overturning of Roe v Wade.

**Friday:** Pray for all elected officials, especially our Congress and President, and pray for our Supreme Court. Ask the Lord to give them a heart to protect the unborn.

**Saturday:** "For God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." II Corinthians 4:6 Pray that our light shines brightly to the glory of God

#### **NEA CONVENTION 2015**

The 2015 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Orlando FL from July 1-6. If you have remained a member of the NEA, it is vital that you know who will be casting your vote at the NEA Representative Assembly. All delegates are selected by their colleagues in the local and state affiliates to represent their views at the assembly. If you are interested in being a delegate, check with your local president. It might not be too late to run for that position. Most importantly, watch those local memos and newsletters carefully for NEA delegate election information. Many elections will be taking place between now and mid-March. Pro-life, pro-family educators will only be represented when those who have decided to remain union members take the time to run as delegates or find out the positions of the delegate candidates – and then **VOTE!** Remember – they are your representatives!

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