

Houston Coalition *for* Life

...ending abortion in Houston, peacefully and prayerfully.

Dear Pro-Life Friends,

She was crying when she drove out of the abortion facility but stopped when a sidewalk counselor lovingly waved and beckoned for her to stop.

She said that the abortionist told her that she was too far along for him to do the abortion and referred her to Planned Parenthood of the Gulf Coast (the one in Houston) because they were an ambulatory surgical center and could do the later abortions.

Because of the pro-abortion clinic escorts, they only had a minute to speak to each other, but the counselor was able to offer her a free ultrasound in our second mobile crisis pregnancy center, Baby Blue.

Thanks be to God, she took him up on the offer for the free ultrasound with us, even though she had just received one from the abortionist.

She was very tentative when she entered Baby Blue, not knowing what to expect or who we are. We greeted her warmly and engaged her in a conversation about her situation. She was in college and stated that she just could not have a baby at this time. We talked about her options, including adoption. When we offered her the ultrasound, she said "yes".

As soon as the ultrasound began, a big baby was seen jumping and kicking! She was blown away because this is not what the abortionist had shown her. But she was still really scared, did not want to tell her parents, and wasn't sure even about the boyfriend. She left Baby Blue not completely choosing life but leaning towards it.

Because we do extensive follow-up with the women we are privileged to serve, I called her the next day to see how she was doing and to invite her back. She said that her parents now knew about the pregnancy and were going to be supportive and asked if she could bring her mom back to see the baby. Of course, I said "yes".

A week later she returned with her mom and the baby seemed to delight in the audience "he" had. We were able to see the sex during one of his many moves and they were thrilled.

We stayed in touch with her throughout the pregnancy, as we always try to do, and were able to even give her the baby items she was going to need when he was born. She was so grateful for this additional help.

On November 9th, I texted her to see how she was doing and she texted me back that she was in labor! I replied that it was no wonder because I had been thinking about her. A few hours later she sent me a picture and is eternally grateful that she did not abort her adorable son.

Because this mom is one of very many pregnant women we have been able to serve and because we want to be able to do much more for them after the pregnancy test and ultrasound, we decided to expand our services. Checkout the number of clients we have seen as of Oct 31st of this year, listed on page 3.

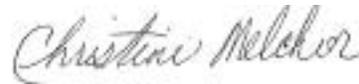
I am so happy and excited to tell you that we are now in an office where, after the first of the year, we will be able to offer "learn to earn" programs and baby items to our moms.

The numbers of women we have seen are incredible, and is more than we ever had dreamed was possible. But with this work, we are constantly reminded that "All things are possible with God". We just have to make ourselves available for Him to use.

Please consider a year end gift to help us to keep our Big Blue Bus and Baby Blue on the road and open our new office, where we can further help our pregnant moms.

Thank you so much for your prayers, involvement and support! Without you we would not be able to do this important work.

The Staff and Board Members and I wish you & your family a truly joy-filled Christmas, a celebration of the birth of Christ, the Word Incarnate!

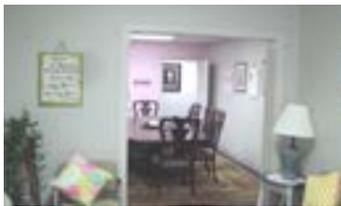


Christine Melchor
Executive Director



Announcing HCL's new office gradually becoming a CPC

Houston Coalition is so proud to announce that we moved into a new office in June, and plan to gradually provide crisis pregnancy resources within the office, including:



Learn to Earn Programs

- + Parenting Classes
- + GED Classes
- + NFP Classes

Baby items for new-borns

- + Clothing: New Born - 6m
- + Diapers: Size 1

Hoping to offer in the future:
pregnancy tests and ultrasounds



Yes, we are already distributing baby items to HCL's clients most in need. Already, we have been blessed to present a woman with a car seat, a stroller, a play pen.

Want to donate items? We collect:

- * Diapers
- * New Clothing
- * New and gently used cribs, Baby car seats, strollers
- * New packages of wipes, baby shampoos, etc.



(Classroom and Baby items store)

For a more specifics see www.HoustonCoalition.com or contact Christine@houstoncoalition.com

A Letter from the Assistant to our Nurse Manager...

Each newsletter we like to share one of the stories of the hundreds of girls who decide to choose life, many of them after seeing their baby in the ultrasound monitor! As you will see from Sharon's story the change occurred even earlier because of *volunteers like YOU* who come out to the sidewalk!

The name of this girl has been changed for confidentiality. "Sharon" had gone to Planned Parenthood a month before she came into the Big Blue Bus. Before entering, one of sidewalk counselors had talked with her and given her one of our coupons for a free pregnancy test and a free ultrasound. Sharon left without coming to the bus or Planned Parenthood. She was facing her fourth pregnancy and she was feeling overwhelmed because her youngest was a 2 year old. Sharon had changed her mind on her own with the little talk she had with the sidewalk volunteer.

However, she returned to the bus because she still hadn't gone to the doctor and wanted to see the baby. She was 27 weeks and 1 day when she finally saw him. She had her baby on Sept 7, 2015.

What made her special to me is how thankful she was in her text messages and her conversation when we talked. This is her and her husband's fourth boy. She texted me, saying:

"[T]hank you all so much for the help you all gave me, I thank God for you all now. I'm able to enjoy my blessing from above and [I'm] forever grateful. You all are doing such a wonderful thing because I was about to make a terrible decision and how you all reached out to me made me see things different. It is amazing and now I try to reach out to others feeling the way I felt like you all reached out to me when I was lost and discouraged."

I let her know she can reach out to me anytime she needs to or she can come by the bus.

PRAISE GOD!

Jane Colunga

Assistant to the Nurse Manager

*I will never forget you.
See, upon the palms
of my hands
I have
engraved you"*

— Isaiah 49:15b-16



Update...Meet just a few of the 2015 Babies!

Introducing some of the precious little ones, first seen on the ultrasound monitor of our Big Blue Bus. Each of their mothers were so thankful for the help they received and they sent us pictures!



An Announcement from our Director of Development...

Dear Friends,

Over the last few months, Planned Parenthood has come into the spotlight, again. Many of you have seen the videos made by the Center for Medical Progress... callous discussion of price, "useful" parts of the specimen, etc. While the true tragedy is the abortion; the baby's humanity is on full display, but that humanity is never discussed. The harvested organs are recognized as human, but the baby isn't given the same dignity as his parts.

How about some good news?

Houston Coalition for Life is still present on the sidewalk. Our volunteers still pray and sidewalk counsel, and our staffers still offer free services and help. Together we are making life an option for many women who only considered abortion before.

Last year we helped more women and families in crisis pregnancies than ever before... and this year, we are doing it again. We've seen evidence that the abortion numbers from Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast are down. We believe this is due in large part to our Big Blue Bus, and your involvement!

As you know, Houston Coalition for Life has expanded operation, and is now present outside of other Houston area abortion facilities with Baby Blue, a second mobile CPC. When the pro-abortion crowd tries to organize protestors, you know that we are doing something right...and they've tried several times. As soon as we are able, Baby Blue will have dedicated full-time staff to operate it.

As Christine told you on page 1, we've also geared up to open our new Pregnancy Resource Center north of downtown, where we can help girls and families who are needing additional support... and help them end the crisis, instead of destroying the child.

While we rely heavily upon our volunteers, and require time, talent, and lots of prayers, Houston Coalition for Life needs your donations to keep functioning, and to expand our life saving services, all of which are FREE. Please give what you can. Politicians and lobbyists might debate until we are all very old, but Houston Coalition for Life is making real headway, affecting lives, and saving babies and families, 6 days a week.

One step at a time... we are ending abortion in Houston, peacefully and prayerfully.



God bless you!

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FROM OPENING OUR BLUE BUS DOORS IN 2011 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2015:
HCL HAS BEEN HONORED TO HAVE 9181 VISITS FROM ABORTION VULNERABLE WOMEN
ON THE BIG BLUE BUS; OF THESE CLIENTS, 3847 HAD POSITIVE PREGNANCY TESTS,
AND 3535 CHOSE LIFE FOR THEIR UNBORN CHILDREN!

Concert for Life

Aug 13th, a crowd of 927 individuals (including 16 unborn babies) came out to Sagemont Church to help raise funds



for over 12 Houston Area prolife organizations, including Houston Coalition for Life. Each group offers free services to pregnant women and their unborn children throughout

the Houston area! An inspirational evening with original music written and performed by two seminarians! David Michael Moses from the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston lead a high-energy event performing vocally, on the piano, guitar, and drums! He was joined by Alexander Mishork, from the Diocese of Dallas, who also accompanied vocally & on the guitar!



Women Betrayed Rally

July 28th, over 380 participants gathered outside of Planned Parenthood of the Gulf Coast in Houston to send a clear message through the media: we no longer want an organization that sells baby parts to receive tax payer funding! Over 40



Cities across the country united with this theme!

In Houston, speakers from 7



different prolife groups addressed the crowd, including HCL's Board Member Karen Perez and Executive Director, Christine Melchor stating: "Planned Parenthood betrays & deceives women...by

using deceptive words & downright lies about the unborn child & the hurt caused by the abortion."



40 Days for Life - Fall 2015

Houston Coalition for Life would like to send a resounding “Thank you” to all 50 leaders and 71 churches and groups and to all of the individuals who united to pray for an end to abortion during the 2015 Fall 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign in front of the largest abortion facility in the Western Hemisphere!

As we united with over 300 locations around the world through the International 40 Days for Life, our Houston theme was “Even while in the womb, Christ brought mercy and love!”

We will never know in this life how God used our prayers, yet we do know that during this 40 Days for Life, the Big Blue Bus had 320 visits, 149 pregnancy tests and 123 pregnant moms who chose life for their unborn children!

Also at least three new individuals who joined us as prayer warriors shared their story of conversion with us. Each had supported abortion previously, but now after seeing the



reality of the horror of abortion either from the graphic videos released by Center for Medical Progress or after having a positive experience with a prolife advocate, they are now prolife and fellow prayer warriors on the sidewalk!



(Bishop Cahill and Fr. Tommy Chen, Prolife Coordinator for the Diocese of Victoria, with 6 other priests, 4 religious & 160 laity.)

Even with the closing of this 40 Days for Life, many individuals commit to joining HCL in prayer and in offering practical help to pregnant girls so they choose life for their unborn baby!

To get involved, contact: Theresa@HoustonCoalition.com

March of the Surviving Youth 2015



Imagine 500 young people circling in the prayerful “Jericho March” and then finally dropping to their knees outside the giant Planned Parenthood abortion facility as they begged for God’s protection of the unborn, for the pregnant mothers to choose life for their unborn children, for the facility workers to leave the industry. Their voices raised

in united supplication for each person “only one prayer away” from God, the very Source of Life and Love!



This occurred Oct 10th as part of the bi-annual March of the Surviving Youth lead by the Catholic Organization of Life under the direction of the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston! The event included Mass, said by Bishop Sheltz and Fr. Dulce at the Catholic Charismatic Center, a speaker and music and then a prayer procession and Jericho March in front of the largest abortion facility in the Western Hemisphere. The red T-shirts announced the message of “Born to Love,” which reflected their peaceful prayerful youthful vibrant presence!

For more info, please see: www.thecoolhouston.shutterstock.com



Run/Walk for Life 2015

The 2015 Run/Walk for Life, funding the work of Houston Coalition for Life, was an amazing success this year! Thank you to your hard work and many generous sponsors, we were able to raise over 150% of our goal! THANK YOU to everyone who made this event and the continuation of HCL’s prolife work possible!

Our two top fundraising groups are

Our Savior Lutheran : \$40,533.00

Our Lady of Walsingham: \$17,339.50



#1 Walker, Karen Perez, raised \$15,330
Karen has been a prolife advocate for years! She is a Board Member of HCL & leads

the Houston Chapter of Silent No More!



#2 Walker, Max Volanski raised \$12,038
Max is just 9 yrs. old & has been one of our top ten walkers more than once! Max

is on a mission to end abortion !