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Pro-life Calendar

November 15-17, 2005

Generation Life
Philadelphia, PA
lecture@defendlife.org

November 24, 2005

Happy Thanksgiving
*Please pray that our country
would once again respect life.*

December 25, 2005

Merry Christmas
*May the blessings of the Newborn
Babe be in your life this day.*

January 21, 2006

Walk for Life West Coast
San Francisco, CA
www.walkforlifewc.com

January 20-23, 2006

March for Life
Washington, DC
www.marchforlife.org

To submit your group's activities
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TIRED YET? HLA's Marketing is Reaching a New Generation

by Barb Ernster

Move over, Baby Boomers, here comes the Echo Boom!

Echo Boomers (ages 10-23) think, act and re-act to things differently—way differently. And like other organizations and businesses, HLA has fine-tuned its message to reach these youth in ways that they can see, hear, feel and respond to.

HLA's newest campus supplement, *Tired Yet?* is a prime example. Besides the usual intriguing cover design and inside text full of fact-based pro-life content, images, colors, and layout, this quick read reference is designed for young people who are used to scanning and absorbing information quickly.

"The cover photo of '*Tired Yet?*' shows a young woman looking right at you, and the look on her face is immediately understood," said Jillian Roemer, HLA's Director of Campus Outreach.

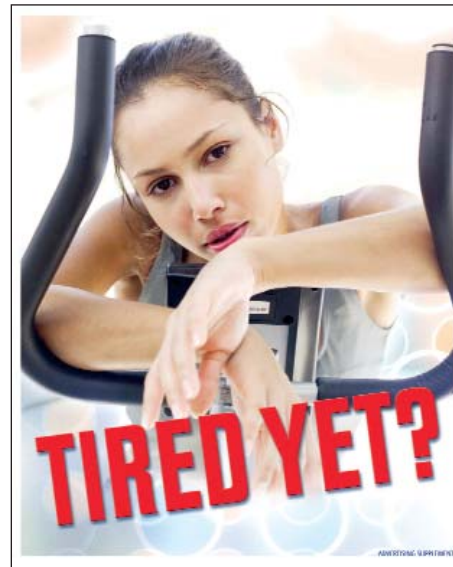
"A lot of students are tired. They're tired of homework, they're tired of working long hours, and they're also tired of the 'choice' rhetoric. What I like about this supplement is that it's graphically appealing while remaining academically challenging for college students. We're appealing to all students where they're at. We challenge pro-abortion students to consider how their beliefs might affect them," she said.

The content challenges young people to question the "choice" rhetoric and the spin on words such as a woman's "right," a "wanted" child, and a "safe" abortion.

"It's important to talk to young people in their own language. Students are beginning to realize the damage abortion has caused and they're suffering the consequences," she added.

According to generational researchers, Echo Boomers grew up during a time when society started re-evaluating kids, and putting greater emphasis on protection and structure. "During the 60s and 70s, the frontier of reproductive medicine was contraception," quotes historian, Neil Howe, in a CBS News article, *The Echo Boomers* (9/4/05). "During the 80's and beyond, it's been fertility and scouring the world to find orphan kids that we can adopt... The culture looked down on kids. Now it wants kids; it celebrates them."

With Echo Boomers, effective marketing campaigns typically focus on the good consequences of good behavior, states another article in the *American Association of School Administrators* (Sept. 2005). They are more traditional than their parents are in both lifestyles and attitudes. They are less likely to use alcohol, tobacco and marijuana. They are less likely to approve of sex before marriage and are far more conservative on issues of abortion, abstinence and divorce, say researchers.



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Perspectives

Dear Friends,

Fall is always an exciting time of the year for HLA as students return to campus. Emails pour in from around the world requesting our pro-life publications as student groups begin using *Tired Yet?* to have pro-life discussions with incoming freshmen.

In the past two years, an unexpected turn has been the mounting requests for *Euthanasia: Imposed Death* from students preparing for their first big assignment. Many professors are assigning term papers on euthanasia due to the high profile Terri Schiavo case.

In the office, fall is the time when new board members join our ranks and dedicate two or three years of service to our cause. This year I'd like to welcome two new members: Tim Graff and Greg Roden.

Tim is an independent investment counselor and Director of Sales and Marketing for a startup software company. This past summer he worked closely with Jerry Crane to organize a new accounting system and helped HLA streamline its budgeting process, keeping us more accountable to you, our donors. Mr. Graff has joined HLA as our new board Treasurer.

Greg Roden comes to the board with an expertise in pro-life law. He is an Assistant Vice President of Trust Services for Marshall & Ilsley Trust Company and earned a Juris Doctorate from the South Texas College of Law. Greg was published last spring in the *Human Life Review* with an article entitled *Roe revisited: a grim fairy tale*.

Welcome Tim and Greg, I look forward to working closely with you both.



Melanie A. Freimuth
HLA President

Michael Schiavo Honored in Minneapolis



Brs. Paul O'Donnell and Anthony Sweere address people gathered outside the Hyatt Hotel in Minneapolis, to protest euthanasia and Terri Schiavo's death.

By invitation of Brother Paul O'Donnell, spiritual advisor to the Schindler family, HLA staff members joined about 40 others to protest a Minneapolis conference on "medical ethics" focused on promoting euthanasia and assisted suicide. The conference, attended by 200 Twin Cities medical professionals, also brazenly honored Michael Schiavo as a hero.

HLA was one of several pro-life groups who joined the front lines to battle the "death with dignity" ideology and the falsity of Schiavo's heroism. While Schiavo was applauded as a hero inside, protesters and HLA staff silently marched and prayed outside, giving a stark picture of the contrast between the cultures of life and death in our society. HLA handed out its publication *Euthanasia: Imposed Death* to pedestrians and received mixed reactions of rude gestures and concerned interest.

When introducing Schiavo, conference organizer Dr. Ron Cranford, a Minneapolis neurologist who became a friend and advisor to Michael, told attendees that he was unjustly vilified for moving on with his life, referring to Michael's new fiancée with whom he has two children. That, said Cranford, "is the very thing I think is most heroic."

Schiavo responded to Cranford, "You gave me the power to be the person I am right now."

(No kidding). He then gave a tearful account of his wife's "peaceful" death in his arms (death by dehydration), and received a standing ovation.

Although the conference was advertised as a "fair and balanced" educational opportunity, one pro-life attendee, said the conference was very one-sided, pushing euthanasia and assisted suicide as compassionate physician care.

"Much of what was said was evil and inappropriate. Those who are promoting euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide (and killing off certain categories of people with or without their support) are bringing in medical people by misleading them into thinking this is about compassion and alleviating suffering. But as we know, this is just the beginning of a very evil slippery slope. We need to help them see that there are other options to helping suffering people than hastening their death."

This attendee disagreed with much of the conference's content, but was grateful that many of the speakers and organizers took time in private conversation to listen to her concerns. She is a quadriplegic who has been in a wheelchair for 25 years following a car accident. She told them that at one time, she too wanted to die, but today lives a rich,

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That fact is confirmed in the latest polls, and taking abortion supporters by surprise. A recent *Glamour Magazine* article, "The mysterious disappearance of young pro-choice women," (August, 2005), called it a "slow but seismic shift that has gone mostly under the radar." It cited a *CBS/New York Times* poll that showed only 28% of women, ages 18 to 29, believe abortion should be available to anyone who wants it, down from 49% in 1993.

The article also quotes Alexander Sanger, chairman of the International Planned Parenthood Council (and grandson to PP's founder Margaret Sanger), who finds the numbers "unbelievably shocking." Sanger noted in the article that on his tours of college campuses, they "no longer have a pro-choice group. But he has yet to visit one that doesn't have a strong, vocal faction of pro-life women turning out to hear him speak."

Roemer strongly believes that HLA, one of the leading organizations for pro-life campus outreach, has had something to do with this trend.

Marketing to New Generations through Technology and Word-of-Mouth

CBS News reports that Echo Boomers are a reflection of the sweeping changes in American life over the past 20 years. They are the first to grow up with computers at home, in a 500-channel TV universe. They are multi-taskers with cell phones, music downloads and Instant Messaging on the Internet. They are totally plugged-in citizens of

a worldwide community.

This generation gets a lot of its information through word of mouth that gets started on the Internet. Echo Boomers are educated and media savvy, immersed in technology their entire lives and spend more time online than watching TV.

Using a mixture of under-the-radar "viral" (word of mouth) and "gorilla" (unconventional) marketing tactics, HLA has been very active setting up and providing resources for campus pro-life groups.

"We've been contacting student groups through university websites and emails offering our publications. We encourage them to place our materials in student mail boxes or slide them under dorm room doors," said Roemer.

This effort is helping to grow pro-life campus clubs, and orders for HLA publications are increasing every year.

Utilizing event marketing—ones that big advertisers, like Toyota, are tapping into—to reach the youth in new ways is important. HLA is reaching students at the Final Four Basketball tournament and College World Series; and looks forward to the fall football bowls. Attending conferences to interact directly with students also encourages them to hand out supplements on campus.

So, move over, Baby Boomers, the Echo Boom is here proclaiming a pro-life message.

Memorials & Celebrations

Human Life Alliance wishes to thank those who honor their deceased loved ones or celebrate an important event by making a gift to HLA.

In honor of Oliver Becker - 70th Birthday
By Louie and Rosanne La Casse

In honor of Helen Gamrodt
By Kurt and Michelle Virnig

In celebration of Baby Larson - due April 2006
By Aunt Marie Larson

In memory of Jennifer Goossens
By Marlene Reid

In honor of Ray and Arlene Kempe - 50th Anniversary
By Gayle and Tony Stelter

In memory of Helen Gamrodt
By Kay Kuchinski

In memory of Stephen Michael (Fleming) Kraft
By Jillian Roemer

In memory of Phil McCauley
By Marlene Reid

In memory of Therese Scanlon
By Tracy Berntsen

In memory of Helen Gamrodt
By Jo Tolck

In honor of Omer E. Haug
By Susan Haug

In honor of Eleanor Staler
By Ave Lachiewicz

In memory of Helen Gamrodt
By Tracy Berntsen

In memory of baby Milless
By Paula Huss

In memory of baby Karl Joseph Johnson
By Kathy Johnson

About HLA...

Human Life Alliance (HLA) is a non-profit, non-denominational, pro-life, educational organization committed to protecting life from conception to natural death.

HLA was founded in 1977 by pro-life volunteers dedicated to:

- ♦ Raising awareness of the humanity of the pre-born child and exposing the gruesome realities of abortion.
- ♦ Opposing euthanasia in all its forms and fighting for protection of all human beings, including the elderly, disabled and medically vulnerable.
- ♦ Promoting chastity and abstinence until marriage; educating on the errors and health risks of "safe-sex" promotion.

Mission Statement

"Human Life Alliance celebrates the inherent dignity and personhood of human life, born and unborn, without exception or compromise. Human Life Alliance proclaims and defends a culture of life and chastity through education, social and political awareness and life-affirming alternatives to abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia. Human Life Alliance accomplishes its mission in a spirit of prayer and non-violence."

Support HLA

Human Life Alliance is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible organization supported through financial contributions of individuals and private foundations. Several options are available for those who wish to support HLA's mission. Credit card donations may be made through our website (www.humanlife.org) and special memorial or honorary cards can be sent by HLA staff at your request. You may also want to consider a "Legacy for Life" bequest to support pro-life efforts long after your passing. Please e-mail Joe Langfeld, HLA's Development Director, at development@humanlife.org if you need further information.

Thank you!

Stem Cell Issues

UK Professor Says Embryonic Potential Exaggerated

Lord Winston, president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and Professor of Fertility Studies at Imperial College London, has said that the scientific establishment has exaggerated the potential of embryonic stem cells. He warned that the "hype" surrounding the cells has resulted in unrealistic expectations such as the possibility of finding a cure for Parkinson's or Alzheimer's. Lord Winston said: "We do tend to hype up so many activities. The latest one in biology is the issue of embryonic stem cells. I view the current wave of optimism about embryonic stem cells with growing suspicion." (*European Life Network/Dave's Digest, 9/13*)

Osiris Therapeutics Has Three Adult Stem Cell Therapies in Human Clinical Trials

Osiris Therapeutics, Inc. hopes to have an adult stem-cell-based therapy on the market by late 2007 to combat potentially fatal tissue rejection among leukemia patients undergoing bone marrow transplants. It is one of three adult stem cell-based therapies that Osiris currently has in human trials. The other human clinical trials involve transplanting adult stem cells into damaged knees after surgery to regrow meniscus tissue, and using adult stem cells to replace tissue damaged by heart attacks. Osiris Therapeutics is a clinical stage biotechnology company founded to commercialize stem cell products from a readily available and non-controversial source—adult bone marrow.

(*Boston Globe /Osirustx.com*)

Pro-Life Update

Planned Parenthood Defines "critical" Aid to Katrina Victims

While the Red Cross, Salvation Army and Catholic Charities worked feverishly to supply basic necessities such as food, water, shelter and clothing, to Hurricane Katrina and Rita victims, Planned Parenthood and other abortion mills offered free abortions, contraceptives and abortifacient emergency contraception as "critical" aid to the victims.

Planned Parenthood asked for tax-deductible donations on its Web site to "help those affected by the hurricane." Planned Parenthood facilities in a large number of states are offering contraceptives and other "services" at no cost or greatly reduced, "to serve women and families who have nowhere else to turn." An abortion facility in Little Rock, Ark. said it had already performed six free abortions.

Peter Durkin, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood - Houston and Southeast Texas, shallowly stated, "During these calamities, sometimes you don't bring your pills with you because you're trying to get out of there in one piece." (*Dave's Digest, 9/13, Planned Parenthood web site*)

Life at Conception Act Defines Personhood at Fertilization

A bill introduced to the U.S. House in February would define the terms "human persons" and "human being" to include all stages of life, including, "the moment of fertilization, cloning or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being." The Life at Conception Act (also known as Right to Life Act, Duncan: H.R. 552) would guarantee the right to life from the moment of conception as protected under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, and collapse the case for legal abortion, human cloning and research using embryonic stem cells. The bill was referred to a sub committee on the Constitution in March. (*National Pro Life Alliance*)

Ukraine Academy of Science Getting Baby Parts from Newborns

The UK's *Times* reports that the National Academy of Science in Ukraine is under fire for trafficking in fetal and infant body parts on the internet, and human rights activists say many of the parts are coming from live newborns to fuel the increasing demand. The

Academy's Institute for Problems of Cryobiology and Cryomedicine has advertised a list of fetal body parts for sale on the internet, but the activists allege that they are exploiting a Ukrainian law that says any baby born less than 27 weeks gestational age or weighing under 2 lb. 3 oz. is registered as an "abortion" rather than a birth, which means the babies are not officially registered.

Unregistered newborn babies are disappearing from Ukraine maternity wards. Ukraine is now changing the law to protect all live births in response to international pressure.

(*LifeSiteNews.com 9/12/05, Dave's Digest 9/29/05*)

Gutmacher Institute Research Strikes Heart of Planned Parenthood's Views

New research by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, Planned Parenthood's research arm, bolsters arguments that contraceptives do not reduce unintended pregnancies or decrease abortions, despite PP's consistent claims that they do.

The report indicated that 53% of women who have unintended pregnancies used a contraceptive during the month they got pregnant. Overall, it reports that 48% of pregnancies in the US are unplanned, and 47% of those end in abortion. Furthermore, 96% of the abortions are sought for reasons other than rape, incest or the health of the mother. Planned Parenthood consistently uses "health of the mother" in court actions as a reason to oppose any restrictions to abortion on demand. (*Culture of Life Foundation 7/26/05*)

New Studies Reveal Death Rates After Abortion Exceed Rates After Childbirth

Long held presumptions that abortion is associated with fewer deaths than childbirth does not hold up according to a new series of studies that link the women's pregnancy histories to their death certificates, which researchers say is critical in determining the death rates of childbirth vs. abortion. When proper identification of pregnancy histories were linked to the death certificates of women in Finland, a group of international health experts found that the maternal death rate associated with abortion was actually three times higher than that of natural childbirth. A similar study of California women found that death following abortion exceeds that of both non-pregnant women and women whose

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pregnancies are allowed to follow their natural course.

The new findings could have an impact on the abortion debate in the United States according to attorney, Walter Weber, from the American Center for Law and Justice, because the claim that abortion was safer than childbirth was accepted as a crucial fact in *Roe v. Wade*. (*Elliott Institute 9/11/05*)

Terri Schiavo's Family Plans Book About Terri's Death

Terri Schiavo's parents Bob and Mary Schindler and her brother and sister, Suzanne Vitadamo and Bobby Schindler, plan to publish a memoir of Terri's life around March 2006, the first anniversary of Terri's death. The book will detail their legal struggle to save Terri's life from court-ordered euthanasia, and her painful two-week starvation and dehydration. The book, published by Warner Books, will be in bookstores in March, 2006, about the same time Terri's husband, Michael Schiavo's book called, "Terri: the Truth," will be released by Dutton Publishing.

All proceeds from the Schindler family book will go to the Terri Schindler-Schiavo Foundation, which the family is using to speak out on behalf of those threatened by assisted suicide and euthanasia. (*LifeNews.com, 9/28/05*)

Rap Star's Music Video Details His Near Abortion

Rap artist, Nick Cannon's latest music video, "Can I Live?" shows how his mother wanted to abort him, but then chose life. The video depicts his mother as a teenager, lying in an abortion facility while Nick's spirit pleads for her not to take his life. "Mommy, I don't like this clinic. Hopefully you'll make the right decision and don't go through with the Knife Decision." The video is playing on Black Entertainment Television on cable and MTV. (*LifeNews.com, 6/28/05*)

Baby Delivered Safely After Abdominal Pregnancy

A baby who grew in her mother's abdomen rather than her uterus was delivered healthy at 33 weeks following a Caesarean section. The safe delivery was called a "miracle" and unprecedented. The baby's umbilical cord and placenta were attached outside of the mother's

uterus, which was discovered during the 33rd week when the baby's heartbeat slowed. Doctors at St. Joseph's Health Care in London, Ontario, said this is a once in a lifetime case. (*National Right to Life News 9/05*)

FDA Investigates More RU486 Deaths

Following two more reported deaths in California from RU486, the FDA has issued a public health advisory and warned doctors of the potential for serious bacterial infection associated with the drug, Mifeprex, used in RU486 to induce abortion. Five women in the United States have now died after taking the abortion pills. Health officials are investigating the cases of four California women who have died of the same massive infection after taking RU-486. (*St. Paul Pioneer Press 9/23/05*)

Researchers Transform Skin Cells Into Embryonic Stem Cell State

Harvard scientists have coaxed ordinary skin cells into an embryonic state by fusing the skin cells with existing laboratory-grown embryonic stem cells. The resulting hybrid cells contained chromosomes from both the skin cells and the stem cells. Test results revealed that the fused cells mimic the appearance, growth rate and some key genetic characteristics of human embryonic cells, revealing that they had actually been transformed to an embryonic state. While the new technique requires an existing embryonic stem cell, the researchers hope to learn how to reprogram adult cells without the use of an embryonic cell in the first place. (*National Geographic News, Wall Street Journal 8/23/05*)

Italian Coma Victim Awakens, Says He Was Conscious

An Italian man who was in a coma for two years following a car accident, awoke suddenly and told doctors and family that he heard everything going on around him, despite doctors who told family he wasn't conscious. "I understood everything and I cried in desperation," said Salvatore Crisafulli, a father of four. At the same time, Italy's national bioethics committee had just released guidelines saying that incapacitated patients should be provided normal medical care, including food and water. (*LifeNews.com 10/5/05*)

End of Life Issues

Netherlands Using Euthanasia on Sick Children

Doctors in the Netherlands are taking the country's assisted suicide laws as far as they can, and more frequently euthanizing sick children. According to a report by researchers in the country, doctors hastened the deaths of 42 out of 64 children during a four-month period, either by withholding treatment or administering drugs. The Netherlands legalized euthanasia in 2002 and previous reports show that Dutch doctors grant most patients' requests to be killed. (*Lifenews.com 9/8/05*)

Missouri Legislator Cuts Medicaid Payment for Life-Sustaining Equipment

As of September 1st, Missouri Medicaid will no longer pay for feeding tubes, nutritional formula, breathing machines, canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchair batteries and other medical equipment necessary for the life of people with disabilities. The medical equipment and services are now considered "optional," requiring almost 340,000 adult patients to apply for "exceptions" to their medical care and get letters from their doctors. Patients needing feeding tubes are being told to apply for appeals. Of the 1048 people who have filed appeals, 427 appeals hearings have been heard and only 31 patients have won. (www.notdeadyet.org)

Jack Kevorkian Update

In an MSNBC television interview, assistant suicide advocate, Jack Kevorkian, stated he would not kill patients again if released from prison, but instead he would work through legal and legislative means to change laws. He also indicated that if the family of Terri Schiavo had come to him 10 years ago, he would have helped kill her. He regrets just "a little" the 130 assisted suicide deaths that he was involved with. Kevorkian is eligible for parole in 2007. (*FoxNews.com*)

Did You Know?

☹...that New Jersey has one of the most permissive human cloning laws on the books? While the law prohibits cloning a human embryo to replicate a human individual, it permits human cloning for the purposes of embryonic and fetal research, including maintaining a cloned human up to the threshold of live birth and then destroying him or her for stem cell research.

(National Committee for Human Life Amendment)

☺...that President Bush has named pro-life advocate, Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, to head the President's Council on Bioethics? The bioethics council is charged with examining key topics on the right-to-life debate, including embryonic stem cell research, human cloning and euthanasia. *(LifeNews.com 9/11/05)*

☺...that a September 6 fundraising letter from Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington D.C. complained that the number of doctors willing to work at its facilities has fallen from 11 in 2003 to just four? *(Dave's Digest 9/29/05)*

☺...that a bill to legalize abortion in the first trimester of pregnancy was abandoned in Brazil following strong opposition from Catholic bishops in the country? Abortion is forbidden except in cases of rape or if pregnancy poses severe danger to the life of the mother. Columbia and Uruguay continue to fight against legalized abortion bills. *(Dave's Digest 9/29/05)*

☹...that a Chinese manufacturer of injectable collagen for use in cosmetic lip and wrinkle treatments has admitted to a UK news source that the company routinely sources materials from the skin of executed convicts as well as from aborted babies? *(LifeNews.com 9/14/05)*

HLA's Abstinence Message Reaching Target Audience in Very Direct Ways



Sabina Epley stands outside the Illinois Valley Citizens for Life center to show off the new display from HLA's chastity magazine.

The "Ask the Doctor" question and answer section of HLA's abstinence magazine, *Just for Girls/Just 4 Guys (J4G)* was recently custom-made into a five-foot tall full-color window display for the Illinois Citizens for Life office in Ottawa, Ill. It's just one of the ways that HLA is reaching its audiences with the message of chastity.

The office is located just 2-1/2 blocks from Planned Parenthood, but faces the road where many junior and senior high school students walk to and from school. Georgia Kelm said IL Citizens for Life is an information center that does mostly educational outreach to area churches and schools. Its window displays are intended to reach the general public.

When HLA agreed to offer the chastity information free in a custom-sized display, they were "flabbergasted."

"It was more than I had hoped for. I have so much gratitude because we have such a low budget," said Kelm. The group plans to order some of the magazines to hand out at its events.

Marie Larson, Communications Associate for HLA, said more than 75,000 copies of the magazine are backordered after the initial run of 25,000 was depleted quickly. Approximately 150,000 copies are ready to distribute now.

The backorder is a result of the Abstinence

Clearinghouse conference in Hollywood, Calif., where Larson managed an HLA booth. More than 1000 people attended the event, most of whom were in charge of abstinence programs in some capacity, including teachers, school district personnel, abstinence educators, pregnancy resource center organizers and government employees. The event helped HLA get *J4G* directly into the hands of those who can best distribute it to the target audience.

"Every contact was an incredible resource for HLA. It was a great opportunity for *J4G* because the conference attendees can distribute it for us. That saves us insertion fees and having to distribute it all ourselves," she said.

Larson said one woman was literally crying at her booth and said she had been praying for materials such as this to distribute to students, but her organization couldn't afford to produce them. Larson also met people from England and Africa who were very excited about HLA's resources.

As part of its ministry, HLA offers publications free of charge, but asks for donations to cover the cost of printing and shipping. The more donations HLA receives from supporters and outside groups, the more it can produce and distribute these critical materials.

It's obvious from the overwhelming response to *J4G* that teens desperately need to hear a message on chastity today.

Campus Update

by Jillian Roemer
Director of Campus Outreach

Human Life Alliance has been expanding its outreach to students by using different marketing methods to maximize its efforts. This summer HLA was present at several music festivals, sports events and conferences, handing out *Tired Yet?* and *Just for Girls/Just 4 Guys* to students. HLA staff members covered events such as the Sonshine Music Festival, Higher Ground Music Festival, and the College World Series.

This fall, HLA is gearing up for the Student's Day of Silent Solidarity (SDSS) on October 25th. On this day, students from across the country will remain silent in memory of the over 44,000,000 children killed by abortion. Brian Kemper of Stand True, who was the founder of Rock for Life, started this event. Brian agreed to team up with HLA to offer *Tired Yet?* for students to hand out when they participate in the Student's Day of Silent Solidarity. This opportunity has opened up doors for us to have our publications on over 40 new campuses.

We continue to look for new opportunities to spread the word about HLA and the resources it has to offer to students. Currently we are

updating our website to attract students to order our supplements and distribute them to their peers. With exciting new colors, graphics, quizzes, articles, testimonies, and more, our website will be on the cutting edge allowing us to reach a whole new generation of students. Keep an eye on our website for our new look COMING SOON!

HLA is also preparing for several upcoming events. Look for us at Worldview Weekend (Minneapolis), various California pro-life events (Sacramento), Grand Strand Citizens for Life (Myrtle Beach), the FOCUS Conference (Denver) and the March for Life Conference, the American Collegians for Life Conference, the Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life and the Rock for Life Conference all in Washington, DC.

Let us know if you need copies of any of our dynamic advertising supplements to hand out to students at your college, high school, or youth group. And if you're in attendance at one of the upcoming events, please feel free to stop by our booth to greet us, we would be thrilled to meet you in person!



Photo for the Student's Day of Silent Solidarity that will be handed out with information explaining the protest.

From the Director

For sometime I have wanted to issue an overdue apology to post-abortive women and men.

I became involved in the pro-life movement in 1972, just prior to *Roe V Wade*. I called to donate some baby clothes and the rest, as they say, is history.

I always knew abortion was wrong, there was never a doubt in my mind. Through the years I was involved with organizations that provided counseling to pregnant women, made available clothing and furniture for poor families, provided prenatal care, and generated educational materials. My experience includes much of what is available through the pro-life movement.

So, what else did I do?

Did I protest?

Not enough.

Did I sacrifice?

Not enough.

Did I pray?

Not enough.

If I, who never doubted the horror of abortion, had done more to reach out to you and to support you it's entirely possible you would not have suffered the experience of losing children.

My apology is long overdue and inadequate to address the suffering you've experienced. I ask your forgiveness as together we work to bring about a society that once again recognizes and protects the sanctity of human life.

Jo Tolck
HLA Executive Director



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Opportunities to Support HLA's Pro-life Outreach

Did you know that Human Life Alliance has distributed more than 30 million pro-life publications around the world? Even though this use of the print medium makes our national and international outreach possible, this year HLA will receive more requests for *Tired Yet?*, *Just for Girls/Just 4 Guys*, and *Euthanasia: Imposed Death* than our budget will support.

Please consider supporting HLA through one of the following options:

- ◆ Donate through our website at www.humanlife.org.
- ◆ Honor a loved one by making a contribution to our Memorials & Celebrations Fund.
- ◆ Consider listing HLA as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or adding us to your will.
- ◆ Sponsor distribution on a local campus.
- ◆ Lead a fundraising drive at your church to support our work in your local community.
- ◆ Use ProLife Communications (www.prolifecomm/HLA) for your telephone service and tell them you want to dedicate 100% of the profits to HLA.

A gift of just \$10 a month, or \$120 a year, can pay for the printing of 1,000 supplements. \$100 a month, or \$1,200 a year, will allow us to print 12,000 supplements. Your donation to HLA really can make a difference!

...Michael Schiavo

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full life thanks to family and friends who gave her loving support.

"That would open the door to conversation. A lot of the people who are requesting assisted suicide or euthanasia are people who are depressed or in a lot of pain. We need to help support people. This is the compassionate view. They couldn't argue with that. They would respond, 'maybe we shouldn't be so hasty,' she said. "We really need to make the truth known. (Medical professionals) only hear one side and assume it's true."

Perhaps this private witness to conference

organizers and attendees was very positive, she added, because most of them were well-intentioned and were trying to find out more about the subject. It resulted in her being asked by some of the organizers to speak at some upcoming events.

During a question and answer period, Cranford did not respond to her question about when food and water, which has always been a basic human right, became "medical treatment."

At the end of the conference, an HLA staff member handed Cranford its groundbreaking publication, *Euthanasia: Imposed Death*, asking him to change his views.