

The Life Sentinel

Building a Culture of Life
One Community at a Time

“How precious is Your loving-kindness, O God!
And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings,”
Psalm 36:7

PROTECT
THE VOICELESS

NIFLA's 2012 Online Auction
March 2-15, 2012

www.protectthevoiceless.com

On March 2, 2012, **NIFLA** will open bidding for our 2012 Online Auction to help “Protect the Voiceless.” You are an important part of the auction. Whether you make an item donation, are a financial sponsor, or an active bidder, we have had you in mind for months. Scouring the country for the best items has been very exciting. The money from your auction purchases will help thousands of women choose life for their unborn children.

In the auction, we have a variety of books, DVDs and CDs. For those individuals that like to be on the go, we have tickets to concerts, family events and fun tourist attractions. If you are a traveler, we have unique experiences, meals out and wonderful places to stay. Our list of items for the auction continues to grow almost daily.

PASS THE WORD! Auctions are the most fun when many people are participating. We need your help. Please contact as many people as possible know about the auction. Post the link on your Facebook and Tweet it to your friends. This event is sure to be a highlight for all.



Behold, I will do a NEW thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19

In contemplating the beginning of 2012, I meditated upon this passage. A new year brings many challenges. Financial stresses in a bad economy appear to be prevalent for Pregnancy Resource Centers. The same holds true for **NIFLA**. But in the midst of such anxiety, God wants us to trust him to do a **new thing** in our lives and in our ministries.

The year of 2012 should be a time when we seek God's direction as never before and enjoy the **new thing** he wants to accomplish through our work. He wants to lead us through challenges into new directions that will transform lives and change our communities forever. Through this journey, He reminds us to have no anxiety over anything; but through prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let our requests be made known to Him as His peace will keep our hearts and minds. (Philippians 4:6)

Let's resolve to trust God in 2012 for new things to happen that will make an eternal difference in the lives we touch every day. Let us live each day in faith expecting God to accomplish much and bring us closer to the time when every human life in our nation, born and unborn, is valued and cherished.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Glessner

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“It’s not a blob!”

Those were the words of 18 year-old Natalie who saw her baby on the ultrasound screen for the first time. She was 10 weeks pregnant. “I thought it was only a blob like they told me,” she said in amazement. She continued, “it’s not a blob. It’s a baby!”

Natalie had come to the clinic for a pregnancy test. As the counselor invited her to sit down, Natalie asked for a referral to an abortion clinic if the test was positive. She explained that she already had a 7 month-old baby and could not have another right now.

The test was positive. Natalie cried.

With a silent cry to the Lord for help, the counselor began to talk with Natalie about her options. She reminded her that abortion is final and she should take her time to really think it through. Natalie agreed to think about it and promised to return in a week. During that week we called on many CPC prayer partners and asked God to be with Natalie and help her to choose life for her baby.

A week later Natalie returned. She was still unsure about her decision, but she had been thinking about all that had been said. When the nurse did the ultrasound, Natalie saw her baby doing a cute little dance with arms punching the air and legs kicking! Natalie fell in love with her baby in that moment and she realized it was very much a human life, full of energy and personality. It was not “just a blob.” She decided that day to continue with her pregnancy and give life to her baby. We at the CPC continue to pray for her and her baby, and continue to offer her support.



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Multiply your impact with the power of asset-based giving

Many people think that in order to give more to charity, you have to cut into your personal lifestyle expenses. While sacrificial giving is a wonderful, God honoring act of faith, there is another way to multiply your impact: asset-based giving through the National Christian Foundation (NCF). By donating non-cash assets, such as stocks, real estate or business interests before the sale, you can reduce taxes and send more to the Kingdom than you ever dreamed possible.

To learn more about encouraging Kingdom giving, please visit www.nationalchristian.com/raleigh.



COMING TO THEATERS IN MARCH 2012! NIFLA is pleased to partner with Provident Films in the release of *October Baby*. Get yourself and friends to a pre-release screening. Click this link, www.octoberbabymovie.net/events/evite/, to find a theater near you or someone you know. The screening is free but the seating is limited. If you attended a screening for *Courageous*, you know how this works.

OctoberBaby is a coming of age story of Hannah, a beautiful 19 year-old college freshman. In spite of her energetic (if somewhat naïve) personality, Hannah has always felt like an outsider. Something is missing. She has always carried a deep seated sense that she has no right to exist. When she discovers she was adopted, it comes as a shock but Hannah’s world is rocked even more when she learns why she was never told before – because she was the survivor of a failed abortion. Desperate for answers, she embarks on a road trip with some friends (including her oldest and closest friend Jason) to find her biological mother. In the process she unexpectedly discovers hope, love and forgiveness.

This uplifting and beautiful film may change the way you look at the world, your loved ones... and life.



Corrine C. Stryker

Corrine Catherine Stryker, infant daughter of Richard and Paula Stryker, passed away Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011. Corrine Catherine was born the same day, Dec. 17, 2011, at 12:27 p.m.

Corrine Catherine started bringing people closer to God the day her parents knew she was inside her mommy. When she was diagnosed in the womb as “incompatible with life,” it did not stop her family from loving her or valuing her place in their lives.

Through the love her family received from her presence, even in the womb, Corrine opened people’s eyes to the beauty of life. For someone so frail, she lifted mountains of stone and rock that once had encrusted the hearts of people unable to see the potential for her beauty and meaning. Without uttering a word, she communicated the meaning of unconditional love, directed people closer to their faith, and explained the redemptive power of suffering.

In only an hour and a half, Corrine Catherine shared her special grace with all of her family, giving each of them special moments and memories that they will always treasure. She received a sacred birthday party while being passed around in loving arms. After one final embrace by her mother, Corrine Catherine peacefully fell asleep for her final rest. Corrine Catherine was called back by her heavenly Father after what, for her family, will be an eternity of love.

Her parents and family are comforted to know that she will continue to bring people closer to the Father, and they look forward to being united with her again in their heavenly home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Be Not Afraid. Donations will be used to support other families carrying their pregnancies to term. Benotafraid.net is an outreach to parents who have received a poor or difficult prenatal diagnosis. The family stories, articles, and links within this site are presented as a resource for those who may have been asked to choose between terminating a pregnancy or continue on despite the diagnosis. The Be Not Afraid families faced the same decision and chose not to terminate. By sharing our experiences, we hope to offer encouragement to those who may be afraid to continue on.

Real Estate for LIFE



**\$1,000 for your PRC
(a NIFLA exclusive)**

If someone you know buys or sells a \$190,000 home, your PRC could receive \$1,000 just by utilizing Real Estate for Life.

In the fall of 2011, **NIFLA** began promoting a new partnership to benefit Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs). Real Estate for Life will pay your PRC \$500-\$2,000 when a home-buyer, or seller, contacts them and mentions your center’s name. **But, you must contact Real Estate for Life before calling an agent.** Their network of agents across the US and Canada are experienced and have a proven track record. In addition, these agents are committed to upholding the sanctity of life!

PRCs that promoting this relationship will begin to reap the benefits without spending a dime. Ways to promote this opportunity include: your center’s website, writing an article for your newsletter, placing flyers in local churches and posting on any social media communications.

For more information contact Real Estate for Life – 877-543-3781 or proliferealestate@yahoo.com.

You can visit the website for PRCs:
<http://www.realestateforlife.org/PregnancyHelpCentersPSA/>



**YOU ARE A
STAR!**



The NIFLA Staff would like to say thank you to everyone who serves so faithfully in the pro-life ministry. You are all STARS! We hope you have a happy and blessed New Year.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, thank you that you look upon me with eyes of mercy.

Thank you that your healing spirit rests upon me.

It is through your power that I was created.

You created me from nothing, you have made me new.

You have filled me with your healing power.

As your life flows into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, I choose to surrender those things that keep me from living life as you intended.

Heal my brokenness.

Renew my strength & may I choose your kingdom above all else.

You have touched my soul with your compassion for others.

You have touched my heart with your courage and your infinite love for all.

You have touched my mind with your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim your praise.

I choose to share these things with others despite my own circumstances that surround me.

It is you that I choose to meet my needs.

Teach me to lead others to you because of your example.

I choose to serve you with all my strength as you have loved me with all of yours.

AMEN

The Endowment for Human Development

Have you noticed the new video posted on NIFLA's website? The Endowment for Human Development (EHD) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of health science education and public health. "Applying the science of human prenatal development is increasingly recognized as an indispensable and unique way to improve children's health, enhance their development, and prevent certain birth defects and chronic diseases."



7 ½ Week old embryo

The EHD website offers resources that include pictures taken from inside the womb. A wonder to see, the brochure and DVD give a developmental timeline starting with fertilization and ending with birth. Both are a powerful way to show the miracle of fetal development.

For more information or to sign up for their free e-newsletter, please visit www.ehd.org.



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Justice for All**