

## Delaware Pregnancy Care Centers Grateful for Donated Baby Shoes



*Directors and representatives from Her Care Clinic, A Door of Hope, Sussex Pregnancy Center, NewDay, Bayard House, and BirthRight of Delaware all shared their life-saving impact for the women and children of Delaware!*

DRTL hosted a luncheon with Pregnancy Care Centers from across the state where we learned about an exciting new chapter in Delaware to support women and children: Delaware Association of Pregnancy Centers (DAPC). This new coalition meets quarterly in support of the common needs for training, communication and networking. They are planning the first statewide convention next February. Through this coalition, they see clearly

that any differences are too small when you see the bigger call to support life! They are also planning a website to help strengthen communication and outreach to women needing support.

If you're looking for ways to help, Lilybeth Otero, Her-Care Clinic in Seaford, highlighted 3 main ways to support:

1. Ensure your local churches are involved; *Cont. on p. 4*



*State Fair fans, bracelets and precious feet pins available at our booth!*

## State Fair Time

DRTL celebrates over 40 years at the State Fair, our longest-running community exhibit that reaches thousands of young people. We offer special DRTL "merch," including the newer rubber bracelets as well as the classic Precious Feet pins. Our banners help make the exhibit stand out but we can't do it without our almost 50 volunteers – the largest number of volunteers needed for a single event. Come visit our booth at the Market Tent from the 17-26 July.

## Save the Dates!

**July 17—26: DE State Fair Booth**

**August 2: Peach Festival, Wyoming, \DE**

**September 21: Newark Community Day**

**October 5: Life Chain, all 3 counties**

**October 18: *First Annual Dee Becker Memorial to the Unborn***

# Delaware Pro-Life Hero: Donna Latteri

By Grace LoPorto

Donna Latteri got involved in the pro-life movement back in 1989 when she became a single mom. “Thanksgiving day, 1989, I had my son Jonathan. It is because of him that I am now committed to the pro-life movement. Jonathan gave me my only grandson! Truth is, abortion kills for generations! God changes people through circumstances, and when I became a single mom, my heart changed; I just knew that I had to start helping people.” She knew she had to help stop abortion.

She started looking for opportunities, but there weren’t that many where she lived in Sussex County, New Jersey. When she moved to Delaware in 2009, she saw a notice in her church bulletin looking for pro-life volunteers. “I found out more,” she says, “and I got involved right away.”

For many years, she says, Jim Cordie was the “main guy” in Sussex and Kent County. When he had to step back, “He kind of turned things over to me...so, I just started doing things on my own.” She coordinates the 40 Days for Life, twice a year.

Especially meaningful for her is the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, a memorial prayer service for the unborn at Holy Cross Cemetery. “We’ve had



***Donna Latteri at her weekly prayer vigil outside the Dover Planned Parenthood***

as many as 50 people attend. My goal has been for the past few years to get post-abortive mothers to attend.” They pray for each child by name. “We remember the children through our prayers and our singing. It’s actually a very healing service for a lot of the moms.” She says she also has “amazing memories” of talking to fathers who didn’t support their child’s abortion who ended up crying on her shoulder while she gave them a hug. That happens “on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood. We touch so many hearts out there.”

She recalls the times when she was able to save babies from abortion. A few months ago, she remembers, “a lady came up to us and gave us

hugs. She said her sister was inside the Dover abortion facility, saw us out there, and walked out. Her baby’s almost a year old now.” Another time, she recalls, “while we were out on the sidewalk on a hot day a big, burly guy came up with these big arms sporting a tattoo with baby feet. He said he and his girlfriend were in the Dover facility, saw us on the sidewalk and, realizing ‘they weren’t raised that way,’ got up and walked out! How many babies will we meet when we die that we didn’t know we saved!”

“Being an advocate for the mothers is critical for me,” says Latteri, getting them the “help and assistance they need.” There was one girl who took the pill—“I couldn’t talk her out of it, but being there for her all weekend, letting her know God loves her, being the face and patience and love of God, that’s what really mattered. *Cont. on p.3*”



***Tomb of the Unborn at Holy Cross, Dover***



## Donna Latteri, Pro-Life Hero

*Cont. from p. 2* She told me later on, ‘You couldn’t save my first baby, but you saved my next baby.’ She did get pregnant again. She did keep her baby and we still keep in touch. Every October 14th I remember her because her heart is breaking.”

She says that, when she’s talking to people about abortion, “Instead of telling them a lot of information, I ask them a lot of questions and I guide the conversation. By asking them a lot of questions, peeling back the onions, peel by peel, you eventually get to what the real issue is. Then they feel better, building trust so you can start to help them from there.”

Going forward, her message to others would be

that “abortion is not love,” a quote from Dr. Bernard Nathanson, (the “King of Abortion”) who, Latteri says, stopped doing abortions when he saw an ultrasound of the unborn baby screaming and trying to get away from the device.

She also says, “We need to recognize the child as human, deserving of all rights. No matter where you are in life, God loves you. We need to see people where they’re at, like the woman at the well. We need to meet them where they’re at, not with judgmental eyes, which is so easy to do. We need to lend an ear and be a resource for them, so they have courage, and gain the inner strength to get through whatever it is they need to get through.”

## What’s in Our Drinking Water?

It is highly recommended that everyone educate themselves on the issue of abortion pills and human remains (biohazardous waste) in our water systems. <http://www.abortioninourwater.org> website from Crosstalk podcast is a good starting point. The experts interviewed are from Liberty Council Action—a biblical worldview ministry. Abigail Forman is Director of Policy for the Right to Life UK and the primary author of the White Paper which includes the following key points:

1. The breakdown of Mifepristone results in metabolites that are classified as endocrine disruptors thus blocking progesterone. This is a concern for lowered fertility rates as well as cancer. We are not testing our water at present for the drug.
2. Human waste (sadly 30-40 tons) a year estimated is not tested for at water treatment centers resultant in fetal biomarkers in the drinking water.
3. No research studies were conducted for the environmental impact of the drugs and medical waste from abortion pills before the drugs were FDA Approved.
4. Violations apparent from the Clean Water Act, EPA and FDA

*We greatly appreciate your continued prayers and financial support. If you’d like to donate **today**, you can go directly to our website using the QR code below.*



**Donna Latteri at Dover Days exhibit**

Since nearly 70% of abortions are now being done via chemical abortion there are serious concerns. We need to write to Federal, State and local leaders with our concerns after educating ourselves. Be a voice of concern since Delaware has allowed the abortion drugs prescribed in State Universities.

Other organizations investigating water quality concerns includes Students for Life: [thisischemicalabortion.com](http://thisischemicalabortion.com) SFL is asking for support for the “Clean Water for ALL life” Act, ensuring water quality and holding Chemical Abortion Drug Producers accountable.

## Pregnancy Care Centers Offer Hope and Support

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**Lilybeth Otero, Her Care Clinic director, speaking at Walk for Life in Dover**

supporting local efforts; financial gifts to help with operating costs

2. Volunteering! Always can use help sorting donations, counting change, cleaning, etc...
3. Pray! Pray! Pray! Power in prayer; for clients, staff,

volunteers.

Lilybeth Otero also shared her experience leading Her Care Clinic in Seaford. This clinic opened up two years ago and has already made a major impact on so many lives. She felt called to leave her home in New York to help the families in Delaware. The clinic offers several medical services and focuses on establishing relationships. She wants to ensure women feel empowered through hearing a full explanation of all options.

New Day Director, Britnee Finger shared the latest news for this Dover clinic that is now 40 years in operation! They perform ultrasounds, pregnancy tests and also provide new moms with access to the baby boutique. In 2021 they served 127 clients... they are now seeing over 60 every month! A 5X increase!! Britnee feels “honored to be on this mission

battlefield”.

More to come in our future issue of LifeLine!! To include: A Door of Hope, BirthRight of Delaware, Sussex Pregnancy Center, Bayard House and also support provided through Rachel's Vineyard.



**Bins of shoes collected for the Walk for Life and distributed to Pregnancy Care Centers June 30.**

## Bill to Defund PP Now Law—or Is It?

Bt Grace LoPorto

Trump's “One Big Beautiful Bill,” signed into law on July 4th, contains provisions that eliminate Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood for one year, not the ten years called for in the original version. Abortion providers are upset and many others are confused as to what the new law will accomplish.

Restrictions to prevent federal funds from being used for Planned Parenthood's abortions already exist (Hyde amendment), but this new bill would restrict the organization not just from getting any federal funds, but also state-run Medicaid funds. Medicaid, although it does use some federal funds, allows states to allocate their own funds to abortion if they wish. Because of this loophole, there are some states that allow funds to be used for abortion, even though federal funds are restricted from covering it. The Big Beautiful Bill would eliminate that exemption.

Delaware's status is unclear because according to Planned Parenthood of Delaware, abortion is not covered by Medicaid, however, according to [abortionfunds.org](http://abortionfunds.org), Delaware *does* cover it. It is

among the 19 states listed as allowing Medicaid funds to pay for abortion. In addition, the Delaware Health and Social Services website says that women may be eligible for Medicaid for “birth control and *family planning services* for up to 24 months after their regular Medicaid stops [emphasis added].” (<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dmma/medicaid/>)

Pro-choice news outlets argue that, because abortion is already not funded by the government (a lie), all the bill will do is restrict Medicaid funding from Planned Parenthood services like STD testing and birth control. Simple research reveals that Planned Parenthood *is* paid for by Medicaid, and those abortions would be defunded by the Big Beautiful Bill, if it holds up in the courts – one judge, Indira Talwani, issued a ruling on July 7 that blocks the PP defunding portion of the bill. Another drawback are the exceptions written into it that create loopholes for life and health of the mother, rape, incest, and fetal anomaly.

The battle to restore rights to the preborn is ongoing and takes constant vigilance.