



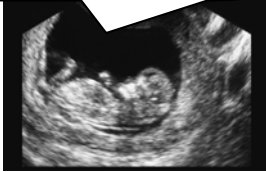
Life Lines

1st Way Pregnancy Support Center Newsletter

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The 1st Way to a mother's heart is to see her baby's heartbeat!



In the News:



"We've been losing fight after fight after fight." - U.S. Senator

Dianne Feinstein (D.-CA)

reacting to partial birth abortion decision.

Bioethics Defense Fund Blog: (4-24-07) *"Senator Feinstein is right. Those who shamelessly promote the brutal death of unborn children are losing battle after battle. Those who perpetuate the continued exploitation of vulnerable women who lack the love and support they need to choose life are being handed defeat after defeat.*

... the Bioethics Defense Fund continues to educate the U.S. Supreme Court that abortion unleashes traumatic health risks upon women, and that abortion is a crime against humanity, not a constitutional right."

"Finally, after 34 years of legalized abortion for any reason, at any age of the unborn child, and at any cost to the pregnant woman, today we celebrate a monumental breakthrough! The United States Supreme Court in a 5-4 ruling held that the federal law prohibiting partial-birth abortions is constitutional!"

(Center for Arizona Policy Blog)

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... "Speaking for the Court, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote: "The government may use its voice and its regulatory authority to show its profound respect for the life within the woman." Justice Kennedy further acknowledged the impact of abortion on women, stating that "...some women come to regret their choice to abort the infant life they once created and sustained. Severe depression and loss of esteem can follow."

The *Bioethics Defense Fund's* legal team filed two friend-of-the-court briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court outlining the significant medical risks that the partial-birth abortion method poses to the mother.

Dorinda Bordlee, BDF senior counsel said, "The mask is now off on the abortion industry's ruse of promoting abortion in the name of so-called women's health."

Explaining that abortion in general has significant health and psychological risks to the woman, Bordlee also noted that the American Medical Association supported the federal ban on partial birth abortion, explaining that the brutal procedure is "not medically indicated," and is "not good medicine."

"Today's victory shows that with perseverance, prudential judgment and strategic thinking, abortion will continue to be recognized for what it is -- a crime against humanity," concluded Nikolas T. Nikas, Bioethics Defense Fund president and general counsel.

The Center for Arizona Policy added, "For those who may have been fighting discouragement following the marriage amendment defeat or the election results, be encouraged today! Our effort to impact the culture for life and for our families is one that requires perseverance. It also requires each of us to **be active in our political system by voting and making our voice heard.**"...

"...Our work makes a difference. The difference today is that living, breathing unborn children no longer will be ripped out of their mothers' wombs through the partial birth abortion procedure.

We rejoice with grateful hearts today! As the Scripture says, do not grow weary for in due time we shall reap. Thankfully, today is one step forward for our nation as we build a culture of life respecting the right to life of unborn children and their mothers." *(C.A.P. response to Supreme Court decision.)*

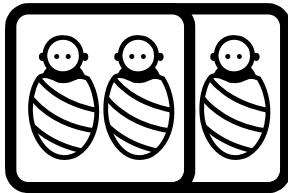


"Why should we not expect great things from God? We serve One who is All Powerful."

■ *St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)*

THROUGH OUR DOORS

You may remember that in September of 2006, we had a woman come to 1st Way for a pregnancy test who was separated from her husband and had three small children including a 6 month old child. She was very worried about the results of the test. When we told her she had a positive pregnancy test result, she was despairing. She agreed to an



ultrasound scan, and while the two nurses spent time with her

and scanned to check for viability of the pregnancy, they saw twins. Then as you may recall, she went to Dr. Chavira's office, and when they scanned her, they saw another child... triplets!

She wanted an abortion to begin with, but decided she could not abort when seeing her three children. She reconciled with her husband who got a job before Christmas.

During the Christmas season, St. Thomas the Apostle Sodality adopted the family for Christmas presents and special food for dinner. The community and extended family have been a tremendous help to them.

The husband came in to see us straight from the hospital last Tuesday. They had three healthy babies! We gave him three layettes with two dozen diapers, baby clothes and bottles, formula, wipes and hand made blankets from all of you who so lovingly knit and crochet blankets and clothes for our 1st Way babies.

When he told us about their family of 8 now, he was proud and grateful. We were all crying to see the joy and commitment in this humble and kind man.

This was a blockbuster day for us at 1st Way. The nurses who spent so much time with her here, and the doctors, who worked with the family through this high risk pregnancy, have changed the lives of these people and their immediate family as well.

Thank you for supporting us in this work. *It is such an honor to be able to see these miracles every day.* (Kay Allen, E.D.)

Thanks to you for your encouraging support in March!

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Wish List

- ✓ Larger size children's clothes, 18 - 24 month sizes
- ✓ Larger size diapers
- ✓ **Volunteers!** **1st time ever COOPERATIVE VOLUNTEER TRAINING AT ARIZONA RIGHT TO LIFE! 1st Way/ Life Choices / Aid to Women Center will train new volunteers Friday June 22 and Saturday June 23. (8:30-4:30) Call for more information!! WE NEED YOU!!**

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Another Way to support 1st Way-- the United Way! (Give at Work)

1st Way of Maricopa County, Inc is a non-profit organization that operates a pregnancy support center

The Mission of *1st Way* is to provide education and assistance to any woman or teen who is pregnant or thinks she may be This is accomplished through the free, loving, and non-judgmental provision of information, counseling, and practical services

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"Human life is sacred—all men must recognize that fact," Our predecessor Pope John XXIII recalled. "From its very inception it reveals the creating hand of God." *Humanae Vitae(II-13)*