

Right to Life League Life and Times

The Right to Life League of Southern California is an education and service organization dedicated to the support and protection of innocent human life from conception to natural death.

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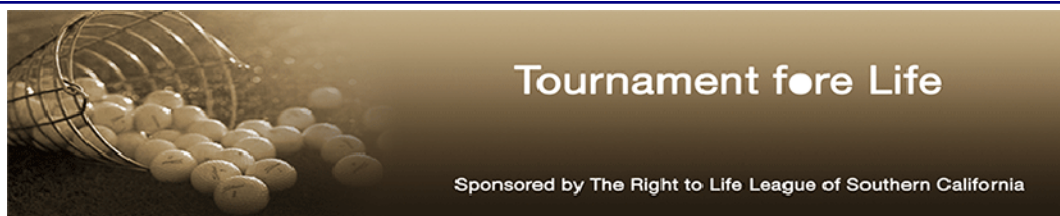
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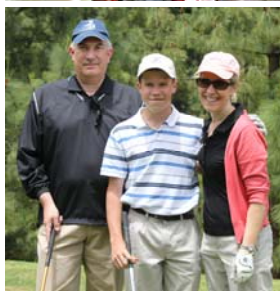
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Center Locations

Duarte
Lancaster
Los Angeles
Ojai
Palmdale
Ridgecrest
Riverside
Temple City
Yucca Valley



Guests enjoyed a day of **FUN** on the Golf Course, Dinner, Contests, Auction, Raffle Prizes and **MORE!**





Top 5 Five

Urgent Needs

1. Be a Legend for Life

Visit www.rtlisc.org to learn how you can save lives by becoming a Monthly Donor.

2. Be a Volunteer

Call us at **626.398.6100** to see how you can dedicate your gifts and talents to support our mission.

3. Be a Voice For the League

Invite us to speak for your youth group, Respect Life Group, Pro-Life Club, Women's Council, etc.

4. Be a Trained Counselor

Provide compassionate, one-on-one care to anyone struggling with the aftermath of abortion. **Project Rachel** is designed to provide confidential and skilled help to each individual who comes to the ministry.

5. Host Coffee for 10 Couples

Invite us to talk to your closest friends, family or loved ones about our programs.

Gianna Jessen was aborted at 7 1/2 months. She survived. Astonishingly, she has forgiven her mother for trying to kill her.

Gianna Jessen grew up believing that she was born with cerebral palsy because she had been delivered prematurely in a traumatic birth. That was the story told to her by her adoptive mother, and it was not until she turned 12 years of age that she discovered the truth about what made her different from the other children at school.

"I had an innate wondering," Gianna says. "I wasn't satisfied for some reason, so I kept asking [my adoptive mother] why I had this disability. She tried to break it to me gently and then, just as she was about to tell me, I said 'I was aborted, right?' She said 'Yeah, you were.' And my reaction was 'Well, at least I have cerebral palsy for an interesting reason.'"

From the very beginning, Gianna survived in spite of herself. Her mother, Tina, a 17-year-old single woman, decided to have an abortion by saline injection when she was seven-and-a-half months pregnant. But in the early morning of April 6, 1977, the abortion failed. A nurse called the emergency services and the child was taken to a hospital. She weighed only 2lb and the abortionist had to sign her birth certificate.

Then, at 17 months, Gianna was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, caused by her brain being starved of oxygen during the termination. "[The doctors] said I would never be able to lift up my head, but eventually I did. Then they said I would never be able to sit up straight, but I sat up straight. Then they said I would never be able to walk, but by the age of three I was walking with a frame and leg braces." She pauses before adding: "I have a little bit of feistiness in me."

It is this "little bit of feistiness" that has enabled her to become a full-time disability rights and anti-abortion campaigner. Although she lives in Nashville, Tennessee, she travels the world to talk about her experience and, last year, ran her first marathon in seven-and-a-half hours.

Does she ever blame her mother for leaving her with this condition? "I've never been angry with her because she's a stranger," Gianna says. "She hasn't said she's sorry and I know that she had another abortion after me. But I don't feel sad or bitter because we can choose to overcome and be sweet or we can overcome and be angry. I want to be the former."

*Copied in part from an article by Elizabeth Day, December 4, 2005
 Published in The Telegraph*



The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16

Sometimes, our only hope in powerless situations is the power of prayer.

One of our pregnancy help centers received a call from a concerned mother who's daughter's friend was being forced to have an abortion. This young girl, only 16-and 4 months pregnant was living under her parent's roof, and yet had no protection for her and her unborn child. The

caller felt helpless and was searching for an effective intervention as quickly as possible. The clinic director assured her that she did everything in her power to save this beautiful creation of God. Sometimes, the only interceptions are our intercessions.

Thanks to your generous support, our programs are able to assist anyone coming to us in pain after an abortion.

Save the Date!



ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER **LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE**
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011 SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011

Thank you for making a difference this Mother's Day!

In our last newsletter, we asked that our supporters and benefactors honored the special women in their lives, by giving a gift in their honor. In return, a mass was said for these special women, and the League will use these monetary gifts to save lives through our clinics and centers!

Your response was a blessing to the League, and we are honored to feature the names of these remarkable women in this issue:

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| ≈ Violet Crouch | ≈ Laura Durant | ≈ Abigail Saldana |
| ≈ Ruth Varni | ≈ Veronica Huerta | ≈ Maria Martinez |
| ≈ Agnes Liederbach | ≈ Concetta Preston | ≈ Carmen Garcia |
| ≈ Peggy F. Drellishak | ≈ Crystal Campos | ≈ Veronica Saldana |
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| ≈ Gloria Hennessy | ≈ Lydia Seusoff | ≈ Norma Saldana |
| ≈ Erin Talbot | ≈ Gladys Danz | ≈ Irene Ornelas |

Through your donations, the League will **continue making a difference in the lives of young mothers facing unplanned pregnancies!**

Will you join us in supporting, loving and encouraging these women? If you would still like to donate, please contact us at **(626) 398-6100**, or visit our website, **www.rtlsc.org**! Thank you for your generosity.

With warm appreciation, *Right to Life League*
Board, Staff, Volunteers



Prayer to God, the Father of All Life

Eternal God, You have revealed Yourself as the Father of all Life. We praise You for the Fatherly care which You extend to all creation, and especially to us, made in Your image and likeness.

Father, extend Your hand of protection to those threatened by abortion, and save them from its destructive power. Give Your strength to all fathers, that they may never give in to the fears that may tempt them to facilitate abortions.

Bless our families and bless our land, that we may have the joy of welcoming and nurturing the life of which You are the source and the Eternal Father. Amen.

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The League asks that you join us this month in praying for all **Fathers, Fathers-to-be, and those mourning lost Fatherhood.**

Happy Father's Day!



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“Thank you for caring.”

For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13)

One of our centers recently witnessed the indispensable value of educating expectant mothers about the facts surrounding the unborn lives they carry in their wombs. A post-abortive mother entered the clinic with her husband, seeking a 'solution' to her fourth pregnancy. She had carried two pregnancies to full term—one from a previous relationship, and another with her husband. She had terminated her third pregnancy at 8 weeks. Even though suffering marital problems, her husband secretly wished to keep his child. Thankfully, his wife had agreed to visit the center after having heard about

one of our locations through her church. In shock upon seeing the ultrasound of her 8 week child, she asked how soon the baby's heart started beating; She had no notion that the heart starts beating on Day 21, when most women don't even know that they are pregnant! This information, coupled with the realization that this child was the same age as the life she had terminated previously, led this mother to give life a chance. She and her husband are currently getting counseling and are thrilled to welcome their new addition! “Thank you for caring”, she said through tears to the center director. What a noteworthy testament to the power of education, one of the dual missions of the League!

It is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

(Matthew 18:14)



From Our Executive Director, Anne Hennessy

I want to thank you for uniting your prayers and works to those of the League; as Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, *Prayer united to sacrifice is the most powerful force on earth.*”

You have been instrumental in saving many precious new lives. Thank you for helping us convey to our clients the love

they seek—because these mothers and fathers are worthy of love, and capable of being loving parents!

As we celebrate Father's Day, may we remember all fathers, fathers-to-be, those facing uncertain fatherhood, and those mourning lost fatherhood. May God continue to bless you!

~ Our Mission ~

Since 1969, the Right to Life League has fulfilled its mission to support and protect innocent human life from conception to natural death by providing critical educational and support services through its pregnancy health clinics and hotlines, maternity homes, prenatal care and adoption referral services, ultrasound screening, counseling, support and new baby supplies programs.