



Dear Friend,

Hello from everyone at Focus on the Family! Another school year is in the books — and if you have kids in the home, I imagine you're switching gears, preparing for a break from the structure the school day brings, and looking forward to a more relaxed schedule. I hope the next few months will bless you and your family with some wonderful memories and meaningful connections!

As we usher in the month of June, our staff is busy with final preparations for our SeeLife 2022 event that's been scheduled for Tuesday, June 14. If you've been following our ministry for any length of time, you know that we are passionately devoted to helping preserve life in the womb. Our unwavering belief in the sanctity of human life is based not just on the clear, scientific evidence that preborn babies are fully human, with beating hearts and distinct DNA, but also on what we're told in God's Word. All throughout the pages of Scripture, it's abundantly clear that the Lord places high value on the life of children in utero. The most beloved passage along those lines is found in Psalm 139:13-16:

*... you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*

What a powerful portrayal of God's intentional, loving, and unique design of each and every human being. He is intimately involved in the "weaving together" of preborn babies, and He has even written out the day-to-day story of each individual before he or she is even born.

In other words, every single baby in the womb is a priceless treasure specifically created by Almighty God.

This is why we strive so tirelessly to encourage women to choose life for their babies. Tragically, we're living at a time when there are forces at work who are determined to facilitate abortion-on-demand by convincing women that the tiny lives in their wombs are not actually human beings. The fallout of this campaign has been devastating — men and women all over the world have bought into that lie and, as a result, must often grapple with a lifetime of sorrow and regret following the decision to abort. My heart goes out to anyone who is dealing with this type of pain, and Focus desires to minister to post-abortive men and women even as we work to save preborn lives.

The good news is that the tide seems to be shifting. Pro-life legislation is being introduced in states around the country — and while a narrow majority of Americans believe that abortion is morally acceptable, we're seeing increasing numbers of younger Americans desire to see restrictions placed on abortion.<sup>1</sup> That's encouraging news!

### Revealing Life in the Womb

We're doing all we can to build on that momentum by continuing to shine a light on the beauty and value of life in the womb. We approach this objective from a number of different angles, one of which is our *Option Ultrasound* program. This initiative was established back in 2004 in an effort to make ultrasounds more widely available to abortion-minded women. Through our active and vibrant partnership

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dailycitizen.focusonthefamily.com/new-gallup-shows-more-americans-believe-abortion-is-morally-acceptable-but-is-that-really-the-case/>

with pregnancy clinics around the country, women facing unexpected pregnancies are able to see images of their little ones on the sonogram screen. This astonishing “window into the womb” has proven to be a life-changer (and a life-saver!) for countless women who realize beyond a shadow of a doubt that what they are carrying is not a “clump of cells,” but rather a living human being.

Ultrasounds are so effective at changing hearts when it comes to abortion, that we estimate that nearly half a million babies have been saved by this facet of our outreach!

We’ve now expanded this endeavor so that even more people can have an opportunity to see the powerful images offered by ultrasounds. While the *Option Ultrasound* program is geared toward reaching one woman at a time, we’re also seeking ways to reach larger numbers of people with the truth that is revealed by ultrasound images. It was with that goal in mind that we began hosting pro-life rallies designed to celebrate the unmistakable humanity of preborn life.

## **SeeLife 2022**

We have held an annual pro-life event each year since our 2019 Alive from New York gathering in Times Square, and now we’re gearing up for our next SeeLife event on June 14. This program will be available online, and it promises to be another powerful, inspiring celebration of life!

I’m especially excited to announce that Ben Shapiro and Candace Owens have agreed to serve as speakers for SeeLife 2022. As you may be aware, each of these individuals is a cultural commentator with unrivaled gifts for eloquent persuasion. They are wholeheartedly dedicated to advocating for the sanctity of human life — and, what’s more, Candace is expecting her second child in July! We’re honored that Ben and Candace are willing to participate in this event, and we have no doubt they’ll be delivering dynamic, moving messages that will resonate strongly with those who attend or tune in.

Please consider joining us online as we gather to shine a light on the God-given value of preborn life. For more information, visit [www.FocusOnTheFamily.com/SeeLife](http://www.FocusOnTheFamily.com/SeeLife).

In the meantime, we will continue carrying out our ongoing pro-life efforts here at the ministry. We’re tremendously grateful for the many dedicated pregnancy center workers and volunteers who are serving on the front lines for the sake of expectant women and their children. It’s always heartening to receive the testimonials they send us, which point to the incredible impact of the *Option Ultrasound* program.

## **Real life stories**

I’d like to share just two of the stories that have come our way recently from our friends at a couple of pregnancy clinics that have benefitted from the *Option Ultrasound* program:

*Shana called us and asked about getting a sonogram. She had just left a sonogram appointment at a local abortion clinic. They told her that they did not see a heartbeat. Shana told us that when she looked at their sonogram monitor, it was very poor resolution. “I have had kids and lots of sonograms and I could always see better than that,” she said. “Something in me said I just don’t believe that, and I want to be sure.” We scheduled Shana for an appointment the next day.*

*We met with Shana and discussed her reasons for seeking an abortion. She said that she already had her hands full with her kids at home and had been struggling with depression. She also said her last pregnancy was traumatic and ended in preterm labor.*

*Our nurse performed a sonogram for Shana and talked her through everything she observed. The nurse measured Shana’s baby and told her that she was about six weeks along, then she pointed out*

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*the clearly visible pulsating flicker of the heartbeat and let Shana listen to the strong, steady beat.*

*Shana said that she knew something was not right about her sonogram at the abortion clinic the day before and thanked us repeatedly for helping her. She told us that she would not be going back to the abortion clinic later that day to pick up her abortion pills. The sound of her child's heart changed her mind, and she now plans to parent.*

*On her exit survey, Shana gave us a response that we hope all of our clients feel — she said her experience was “good” and added “I felt like I was being treated with honesty.”*

One of the most reprehensible tactics of the abortion industry is the effort to deceive vulnerable and frightened women in an attempt to perform as many abortions as possible. Thankfully, pro-life clinics like the one that cared for Shana are working diligently to counter the lies of the abortion industry by gently pointing women to the humanity of their preborn babies.

Here's Jessa's story:

*Jessa came to Assure stating she was “terrified” of being pregnant. She was 23 at the time and had never been pregnant before. Jessa said the father of the baby was also terrified, and she didn't know what he would like her to do. She also had support in her life from those close to her to abort. She was able to see a viable pregnancy at her visit when she was seven weeks one day along, and Jessa asked for pictures.*

*Jessa came back a week later and said she was feeling well, but her boyfriend didn't want the baby. She was able to see her baby on ultrasound again at the eight-week mark. She left stating that she was “leaning towards parenting.” Then, even though she felt nervous to tell the father her desires to keep the baby, she brought him with her a week later to her third ultrasound appointment. Jessa and the father of the baby were able to see a 10-week, active baby on ultrasound. Both smiled and held hands, and Jessa left Assure intending to parent.*

*We lost contact with Jessa after her visits with us, but about a year later Jessa walked into Assure holding her baby! She said she wanted to come thank us for everything that we did. She said at first she was overwhelmed and unsure how things were going to work out because the father wanted her to abort. But when the father came to her third ultrasound, that is what changed his mind. Jessa said how grateful she was for our services.*

Testimonies like these demonstrate the power of ultrasound images. For so many abortion-minded women, all it takes is one sonogram to convince them to carry their babies to term.

I hope you're as encouraged as I am by the amazing ways in which God is opening eyes to the inherent worth of life in the womb. We will not give up our pro-life efforts as long as the Lord enables us to move forward. I'm reminded of that powerful passage from Isaiah 61:1-3:

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.*

I can't think of a better summation of our pro-life outreach. We seek to play this kind of life-

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giving role in the lives of those who are considering abortion — and also in the lives of those who are grieving past abortions. A message of hope, comfort, freedom, beauty, joy, and praise is precisely what so many hurting people need to hear.

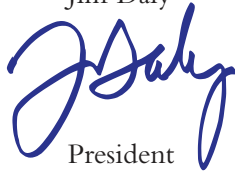
### **Here's what you can do now**

Your compassionate support makes that possible. As a nonprofit ministry, we depend on the gifts of friends like you for efforts like the *Option Ultrasound* program. Would you give today to rescue mothers and their babies from the tragedy of abortion? It takes just \$60 to save a life through our *Option Ultrasound* program.

And here's some wonderful news . . . through a \$4 Million Match provided by friends who value life, your gift today will be doubled, dollar-for-dollar, to save twice the babies! Whatever you can share today will be deeply appreciated and will go twice as far to reach even more mothers considering abortion. Please give now, if you can, so that we can take advantage of this God-given opportunity to save even more moms and babies from the pain of abortion.

As always, your interest in our mission is deeply appreciated. Please give us a call at 1-800-A-FAMILY (232-6459) or send us an email at [Help@FocusontheFamily.com](mailto:Help@FocusontheFamily.com) if there's something we can do to minister to you and your loved ones. May the Lord's blessings, grace, and peace rest upon your entire household throughout the days and weeks to come!

Jim Daly



President

P.S. I believe that you care about life and hope that you join us in rescuing mothers and babies from abortion. Remember, just \$60 saves a life through our *Option Ultrasound* program. And now, through our \$4 Million Match, your gift will be doubled to save twice as many lives. Please let us hear from you now, using the enclosed response card and return envelope, to see your gift doubled to save more mothers and babies from abortion.