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## God Loves You, Baby!

by Karen Patota

**D** ECEMBER NEWSLETTER BROUGHT THE SAD NEWS OF A MOTHER NOT CHOOSING LIFE. We wish we could report that no lives were lost between then and now, but unfortunately, we can't. A married couple who were wealthy enough to support their child decided that the right time to have a baby was in two years not six months. The father of the baby responded to our website – particularly, he wanted to know about the consequences of abortion.

Our counselors fought valiantly for the life of the baby. They showed pictures of the developing baby, they offered information about the consequences of abortion, but the father was mostly interested in the physical consequences – the spiritual and emotional – he could deal with later. The couple made a subsequent visit to Planned Parenthood and he was assured that the physical consequences were only 1%. An abortion was scheduled.

We made one last effort to try and show the truth. We sent information in the mail detailing the consequences of abortion. The package arrived too late, however. By the time the information reached them, the baby was sacrificed to convenience – another casualty of Planned Parenthood.

Choosing life is not an easy decision and we never make that promise. All we know is that the decision to abort leaves a mother and a child in pieces. One of our new volunteers had a tough decision made easier through her parents love.

Gina's parents were floored when presented with their daughter's crisis pregnancy, but their support never wavered. Gina's parents did what we do at *A Baby's Breath*, and dealt with the matter at hand, as well as supported the game-plan out of a crisis. Gina is now helping our clients who might not have that same support system at home.

She chose life because she could see the hope in that path. Now, she has a beautiful son who is the inspiration for her path in *A Baby's Breath*. Gina's doing an internship from Immaculata University with us.

We are working together on her first case. "Janet" typifies the clients that we are helping. She's thinking about what a father for her baby needs to be. It's hard to imagine that when you've never known a father, but we help her to understand what a good father needs to be. Faithful. Loving. Providing. She's not known much about the Father who created her either. I thanked her for coming to us and then I said a little prayer with her

*God, loves you.*



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## A Baby's Breath, MAINLINE

August 15, 2006 should be another occasion to rejoice as we are planning our newest center for the Mainline. Monsignor Daniel Thomas has graciously accepted our invitation to be the new center's Spiritual Director. We are planning a kick-off meeting April 1st, after the first Saturday Mass, at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Strafford.

If you are interested in helping to get our new center started, we have a variety of tasks that you can help with. Please put April 1st on your calendar and call Emily Rebalsky (610) 687-9298 for more details.

## Testimonial

**M**Y NAME IS VERONICA CARDEN AND I AM A VOLUNTEER FOR A *BABY'S BREATH*. I was overjoyed at the thought of having such a wonderful and influential organization in my hometown of Collegeville. I immediately jumped at the opportunity to aid this long crusade toward righting a major wrong in our society. Because of the fact that I am only 14-years old, not many people take me seriously in my goal of "saving the babies." I, however, am very committed to this wonderful cause.

Upon the start of my educational journey at St. Eleanor's School, I was informed of the wrongness of abortion. Abortion is the killing of an innocent life and is always, under all circumstances, wrong. Upon obtaining this knowledge, *I know that everyone in society has a part in trying to correct this injustice*, and I thought that it was time to do my part. I joined the Respect Life Club at St. Eleanor's and am now with the help of my parents, teachers and friends committed to spreading the ever important message that life, no matter how big or how small – should be respected, honored, and esteemed.

After joining the Respect Life Club, I heard about the opening of *A Baby's Breath* and I thought that it was a wonderful opportunity to branch out and get involved in other organizations that are also committed to this cause. At *A Baby's Breath*, I have learned not only to respect the lives of others, but also to respect myself. I will continue volunteering and spreading the "Pro-Life" message to others, and I encourage you as a member of our society to aid me in this journey toward protecting our fellow man.

*Veronica is a motivated, intelligent young woman who gives us hope for the future.*

## Volunteers/Services

### PRE- NATAL CLASSES

Delores Baldassari, RN, *Pre-Natal Class Coordinator*  
AnneMarie DeLuca, RN      Amanda McLaughlin, RN

### PARENTING CLASSES

Margaret Malloy, *Parenting Class Coordinator*  
Tim Seiders, *Financial Planner*  
Maryanne Crowe

### PREGNANCY COUNSELING

#### Collegeville

Maryanne Gullick, *Crisis Counseling Coordinator*  
Maryse Bayard      Veronica Carden  
Gina Barbuto

#### Jeffersonville

Margaret Malloy      Maryanne Crowe  
Connie Edford      Jean Coates  
Marti Cunningham

#### Norristown

Maria Berg, *Crisis Counseling Coordinator*  
Francine Webster      Barbara JanFrancisco  
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### BABY STORE

Mary Larkin, *Baby Store Coordinator*  
Kathleen Tomczak  
Linda Connor, *Barn Attic Coordinator*  
Chris Baran  
Rita Wade

### TUTORING

Francine Webster, *Tutoring Coordinator*

### POST ABORTIVE SUPPORT

Connie Edford, *Post Abortive Support Coordinator*  
Melissa Estevez      Anita Mikhail

### ADOPTION SERVICES

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**If you want to join our volunteers,  
or join the Angel Club, go to  
[www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org) or call (484) 571-5541**

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## Baby Store Update

Because of all the hard work of our Baby Store volunteers, we have a beautiful bounty of donated items available for our clients. **Mary Larkin**, the Baby Store coordinator; **Kathleen Tomczak**, the artist who puts together the beautiful baby baskets delivered to moms in the hospitals; **Chris Baran**, who fastidiously folds, and organizes the incoming donations at Jeffersonville; and **Linda Connor**, the Barn Attic organizer and arranges large items such as cribs, high chairs and strollers; are all a part of a team who make *A Baby's Breath* the place to come for those who need us. Thanks to all of our generous donors – they make it possible for us to help parents become better parents, and to line the choice for life with lots of love.

### IN 2005, WE DISTRIBUTED:

505 packs of diapers  
23 diaper bags (*more needed*)  
508 onesies  
81 fleece sleepers  
52 terry cloth sleepers  
116 boys outfits  
128 girls outfits (*more needed, in all sizes*)  
35 snowsuits  
51 hats/gloves (*more needed*)  
19 jackets/sweaters  
26 shoes/sneakers  
216 pairs of socks (*more needed*)  
288 jars of baby food  
72 bottles of juice  
48 boxes of cereal  
18 baby biscuits  
142 cans of formula (powder) (*more needed*)  
140 cans of formula (liquid) (*more needed*)  
93 receiving blankets (*more needed*)  
45 towels (*more needed*)  
72 washcloths (*more needed*)  
31 crib sheets (*more needed*)

**God bless our baby store team! Thanks to our donors for helping us "...to help a mother see her child take his/her first breath".**

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## Upcoming Events

Spring Training is underway for volunteers who want to work directly with clients.

**APRIL 1, 2006:** *Barbara Rose, RN, FPC, NFP*  
**Creighton Model**  
Jeffersonville, 8:30am

**APRIL 22, 2006:** **Run for Life**  
Norristown Farm Park  
Call Rhonda Hammond at  
(610) 831-9270 for more details.

**MAY 13, 2006:** *Delores Baldassari, RN*  
**Fetal Development/Abortion Techniques**  
Jeffersonville, 8:30am

**JUNE 3, 2006:** *Connie Edford, RN*  
**Post Abortion Healing Program**

*Margart Malloy*  
**Parenting Class Program**

*Karen Patota*  
**Baby Store Program**

For more information about training,  
please contact Karen at (484) 571-5541.

*Joseph Michael Burdett*



JOSEPH MICHAEL BURDETT, 10.5 WEEKS  
died: 1/25/06  
born/baptized: 2/12/06  
buried: 2/18/06

*See!  
I will not forget you...  
I have carved you on the  
palm of my hand.*

- Isaiah 49:15



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 St. Teresa of Avila | Mount St. Carmel, Bridgeport | Mary Mother of the Redeemer | Play & Learn Day Care  
 Lil' Angel Day Care | Mrs. Eleanor's Hentschel's 4th Grade Class from Visitation B.V.M. School,  
 wrote letters for our parents in the Parenting Class | St. Mary's, Schwenksville, Church event  
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Louise Alba, crocheted blankets	Maria Shackelford
Natalie Baldassari, baby items	Linda & Ron Storbeck, crib
Lisa Brogan, crib	Sandy Sholtis
Anne D'Ascanio	Stephanie Tierney
Sr. Jeanne Patricia	Laura & Richard Keckley
Barbara Tulio	Eva Gambone, blankets
Caroline & John Paul, toddler bed, crib	Teresa Scharz
Becky Cosgrove	

*A special thanks to our Angel Club members. If you would like more information in joining the Angel Club, go to [www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org) or call (484) 571-5541.*

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**9:00AM** 1-Mile Fun Run  
**9:30AM** 5K Run  
**10:30AM** Awards Ceremony

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**Registration**

*T-shirts are guaranteed if pre-registered by March 28, 2006.*

Adults: \$20, Children under 18: \$10  
 Family: \$35 (includes two t-shirts)  
 Extra-T-shirts: \$5.00/each

**Post-Registration: 7:30AM day of race**

*(t-shirts available while supply lasts)*  
 Adults: \$25, Children under 18: \$15  
 Family: \$40 (includes two t-shirts)  
 Extra t-shirts: \$5.00/each

*Teams registering with 25 or more registrants will receive colored T-shirts.*

*A non-refundable check or money order made payable to A Baby's Breath must accompany your registration and is to be mailed to: A Baby's Breath, 2118 W. Main Street, Jeffersonville, PA 19403.*

*For additional information, contact Rhonda Hammond at 610-831-9270 or email at [rhonda.hammond@lmco.com](mailto:rhonda.hammond@lmco.com) or visit our website [www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org).*

**Prizes & Categories**

A \$50 cash award will be given to the top male & female finisher in the 5K race. Medals will be awarded to the top three males & females in each 5K age group.

**5K AGE GROUPS**

10 & under	15-19	30-39	50-59
11-14	20-29	40-49	60+

Awards to the top 15 finishers 14 & under in the 1-mile Fun Run. All children participating will receive a participation award.

**A Baby's Breath Run for Life 2006 Registration**

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