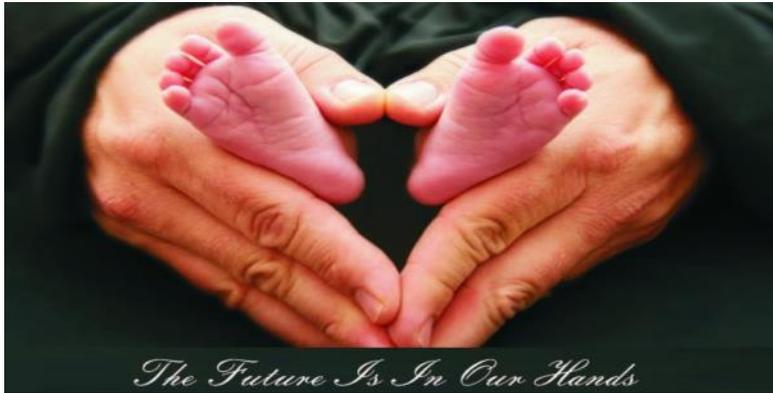


LIFE CONNECTIONS

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**Sanctity of
Human Life
Sunday**
January 22, 2017

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is January 22, 2017. Your partnership with Stillwater Life Services is so vital as we move forward to carry out the mission God has entrusted us with. We know that LIFE issues are not solely reserved for SOHLS, but that Sunday is an important time to remind us of how important sanctity of life issues are.

"For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them." Psalms 139:13-16

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states). Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

There are so many ways that you can partner with Stillwater Life Services as we celebrate the sanctity of human life throughout the year - volunteer support, financial support, and prayer support are three very tangible ways to do so. Find out practical ways to live out your LIFE convictions by emailing nabele@stillwaterlife.org or lhatfield@stillwaterlife.org or calling us at 405-624-3332.



Meet Our New Administrative Assistant

Haley Haynes is the new administrative assistant at SLS. Haley graduated from Moore High School in May of 2014. After high school, she moved to Seattle, Washington to be a student in the City Church's Leadership Experience. In May of 2016 she moved back to Oklahoma to pursue her calling to ministry. She joined the SLS staff in October of 2016.

A Hope That Doesn't Disappoint

By Nile Abele



Romans 5:5 tells us, *"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."*

For those of us who walk with Jesus Christ, we have that Hope (confidence) that is not based on our circumstances, but rather on the assurance of a *"I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you, so that we confidently say, The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid."*

It is that Hope that motivates us at Stillwater Life Services to work so diligently to make our Center a welcoming place where women and men can come and find Hope for the crisis they face - ultimately seeing their lives transformed through a relationship with Jesus Christ!

If you would like to be a "partner of hope" through volunteer opportunities, through your financial gifts and through your prayers; then the time is now to get involved! Contact me at nabele@stillwaterlife.org or Center Director Lori Hatfield lhatfield@stillwaterlife.org for more information. Or you can stop by SLS for a brief tour and learn ways to be a "partner of hope!"

**2017 Banquet:
March 7, 2017**

- Put it in your calendars!
- More details coming soon!



Generous Volunteers

By Lori Hatfield

November and December seem to be the time of year when we think of others more often. It could be due to the cooler temps, the daily social media reminders of being thankful, the gift shopping and receiving season or all the 'feels' of Christmas letters and cards. This time of year truly brings out the best in us all! It is a wonderful reminder to be thankful. Sometimes those reminders come in young packages. The 4th grade class at Stillwater Christian School combined all of these aspects into the decision to bless others instead of a class gift exchange and SLS was

the beneficiary! They arrived in our office with cans of infant formula that SLS will be able to give young mothers in our community that are in need of this life necessity. God loves a cheerful giver and these kids were cheerful indeed to offer a small amount of help to young mothers. What a beautiful picture of selfless grace. Thank you to SCS leadership and to the families who participated in this amazing learning opportunity and teaching moment for me as an adult. Helping and encouraging the choice for life doesn't end after the decision is made, it's only the beginning, and meeting the physical needs for that life is critical! Thank you all for supporting SLS through prayer, volunteering, physical or monetary donations. God uses each and every one.

Interested in Volunteering?

Please email lhatfield@stillwaterlife.org if you are interested in learning how you can help.

If you would like to make a financial donation, you can do so at www.slspartners.org or mail your donation to our office at 1509 W. Avenue Stillwater, OK 74074

Our Mission

Stillwater Life Services exists to promote a Christ centered view of life and sexuality by offering hope and healing to women, men, and their families so they are enabled to make positive, life-affirming choices.



Life Packs

Stillwater Life Services is one of five ministry partners through the Connect Locally ministry at LifeChurch. We are blessed throughout the year with volunteers in various areas of need as well as being a recipient of LifePacks each December. We are grateful to those who

participated in giving items that we utilize for our clients as well as those in emergency need within our community. We received several truckloads of necessity items such as diapers, formula, infant clothing, strollers, car seats and much more! Thank you to all who participated in the local LifePacks event! Your donations truly help young mothers and fathers as they transition into being parents. Small things matter and open the door to share the gospel!