



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the babe in her womb leapt for joy.
Luke 1:41

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New Life News

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Celebrating *Life* with Tears and Joy



Vivian Koob, Executive Director

This year, as never before, Elizabeth's New Life Center has been faced with the loss of friends (pg. 3) who have worked with us shoulder to shoulder on the front lines and behind the scenes.

Their lives, so valuable and so short, also serve as tender reminders of those lost to abortion before they get the chance at life outside the womb. I can't help but believe that if we had the opportunity to embrace each one, we would never find the heart to let a single person go.

As executive director of Elizabeth's New Life Center I am deeply

appreciative of sophisticated tools like our 4D ultrasound machines, but I am also so grateful for our human resources. I am blessed to be surrounded by selfless people who live out God's call on their lives to be His servants.

Recently I heard a touching story of an employee whose kindness made a profound impact. In the words of Adrienne, a young mom: "Twelve months ago, I was homeless and pregnant, seven months along. I was strung out on drugs, in an abusive relationship. I needed help. I was panhandling at an exit near the highway when a man who worked for

Elizabeth's New Life Center gave me \$5 and information on the Darlene Bishop Center Home for Life. I called the center, and they accepted me. I have been there ever since. I now have a beautiful child and a real relationship with Jesus Christ."

My co-laborers make me proud. I am privileged to know and serve with them—and heartbroken when one is taken from us so soon. I've been reminded: **Yes, life is precious.**

Stay close to Him,

Vivian Koob

New Ultrasound Machines from the K of C

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Mission

Empower individuals and families to make healthy life choices respecting the value of each person created by God.

Vision

By the grace of God, we humbly labor in the culture of life where chastity is the norm, marriages are enriched, children are nurtured, and abortion unthinkable.



Featured Partner

Bottling Hope: Brazilian Couple Finds Help and Comfort

Right from the start, Paula da Silva wanted to participate in Elizabeth's New Life Center's Bottles for Babies campaign to raise money for unborn babies. The native-born Brazilian and her husband Carlos received a bottle at Our Lady Queen of Peace on Wright Patterson Air Force base.

Soon, however, babies were on both of their minds. Paula and Carlos worried that she was pregnant. As visitors to America, they wondered if they could get medical treatment. Would Carlos have to withdraw from the Air Force Institute of Technology and return to Brazil?

The couple's eyes fell on the bottle from Elizabeth's New Life Center. "Maybe they will help."

They went to Women's Center-Kettering, where the pregnancy was

confirmed. Paula was distraught and refused an ultrasound scan.

But Women's Center personnel's loving reassurances had already begun to ease their fears. They learned that they would not have to go back to Brazil. As they embraced their unborn baby, they put more money in the bottle.

To celebrate Day of the Enamored on June 12, Brazil's version of Valentine's Day, the da Silvas dropped by Elizabeth's New Life Center and returned the bottle, now filled with symbols of their hope and trust. It contained \$1,710!

On July 28, the couple welcomed their son Miguel into the world. "Elizabeth's New Life Center was very important for us and helped us when we really needed it, when we were scared about the idea of becoming parents so far



from home. Now that everything is fine and our little angel is here in our arms, we ask God to bless Elizabeth's New Life Center for receiving us and for offering a hand when we were lost. Definitely we will keep filling the bottle to help more babies to come into the world."

New Way to Love Our Babies

While working hard to avert what we view as the most ignored form of child abuse—abortion—Elizabeth's New Life Center is making new and focused efforts to protect children born to our fragile families.

"It's not enough to save babies," said Vivian Koob, ENLC's executive director. "Making sure that the lives we save are good ones remains a high priority."



Elizabeth's New Life Center launched our **Love Your Baby** program last year to help prevent child abuse and neglect in Montgomery County, home to three of our largest women's centers. The program is funded through a grant from the Montgomery County Office of Family and Children First and Ohio Children's Trust Fund.

Poverty and unemployment serve to make Montgomery County a fertile ground for child abuse and neglect. In addition, Elizabeth's New Life Center clients are typically young and unmarried, which adds stressors.

"I see our parents' confidence grow as they learn practical and important techniques for nurturing their babies, disciplining children, and dealing with stress in healthy ways," said Jan Berkshire, who manages the program.

Participants receive travel systems, strollers and accompanying car seats, funded by community grantmakers to help with material needs. In the first year, 73 individuals from Montgomery County, including mothers and fathers, participated in the program.

Special thanks to our community partners!

- Community Foundation for Kettering
- Kuntz Foundation
- Reynolds and Reynolds Associate Foundation
- Walmart
- LexisNexis Cares

What if There Was No ENLC?

After receiving services at Elizabeth's New Life Center, almost 90 percent of abortion-minded/abortion-vulnerable clients choose life. The number of babies saved each year is especially significant—2,032 in 2011—when

compared to the numbers of abortions among residents in the counties we serve. If Elizabeth's New Life Center did not exist, the numbers below might have come closer to the grim reality:

County with an ENLC Women's Center	Number of Babies Saved thru ENLC 2010	Babies Lost to Abortion* 2010	Abortions Averted + Abortions Reported	Potential Increase in Abortions Without ENLC Intervention
Montgomery	1439	1367	2806	105%
Warren	174	265	439	66%
Shelby	163	45	208	362%
Total	1776	1677	3453	106%

In 2010, Women's Center-Sharonville did not yet exist. Established in July 2011 as a response to a new abortion clinic opened in Hamilton County, we saved 126 babies at risk for abortion in six months. Sadly, however, in 2010, 2,785 babies were lost to abortion in

Hamilton County. We do not want to imagine a world without ministries like Elizabeth's New Life Center.

**Ohio Department of Health, Resident Induced Abortions Reported in Ohio, By County of Resident, 1997-2010*

Knights of Columbus Raise Money for Ultrasound Machines

Thanks to the efforts of local Knights of Columbus councils as well as the Supreme Council, Women's Center-Lebanon and Women's Center-Sidney have upgraded their ultrasound machines to 4D technology.

The upgrades were made possible through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program, through which



local councils raise half the money for an ultrasound machine, which is then matched by the Supreme Council. Local Knights of Columbus councils raised almost \$50,000 for Elizabeth's New Life Center, matched by the Supreme Council, for the two machines.

"The Knights of Columbus have been hard-working and generous to Elizabeth's New Life Center, and we are very grateful," said Executive Director, Vivian Koob. "There's nothing more loving—or more effective—than showing an expectant mom or dad the infant they stand to lose if they choose abortion."

You'll Be Missed

With great grief but joy for their journey, Elizabeth's New Life Center bids goodbye to close friends and servants.



Rachel Hutzel, 56

Board Member, Ohio 12th District Court of Appeal judge and former Warren County prosecutor, wife and mother



Karen McGowan, 35

Women's Center-Kettering nurse, wife, and mother

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The St. Francis de Sales Knights of Columbus Council #14408 led the initiative on behalf of Women's Center-Lebanon. Twelve local Knights of Columbus councils raised funds for a new 4D machine for Women's Center-Sidney: Celina, Coldwater, Greenville, McCartyville, Minster, Ft. Recovery, Russia, Sidney, St. Henry, St. Mary's, Versailles, and Wapakoneta. Presently additional Dayton-area Knights of Columbus councils are working to raise money to replace aging equipment at Women's Center-Kettering.



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Ever wished you could stretch your limited financial support to Elizabeth's New Life Center? You may be able to leverage the resources of the company where you work and multiply your gift.

Many corporations care so much about their employee's charitable interests that they offer generous matching gifts programs. For example, Elizabeth's New Life Center recently received the largest matching gift in our history. A generous donor contributed \$3,000 to our organization—but didn't stop there. The donor applied to have his initial gift matched through his corporate foundation at an amazing 3-to-1 rate. Elizabeth's New Life Center received an additional \$9,000. Wow—and wow again!

To learn whether your financial gift to Elizabeth's New Life Center qualifies for a matching gift:

1. Check with your corporate foundation or community relations department to see if your company offers a matching gifts program.
2. Conditions vary, so review the qualifications for eligible organizations. As a health and human services non-profit organization, Elizabeth's New Life Center is very likely to qualify.
3. Fill out the required paperwork and return to us; we'll do the rest. If your company has an online application, we'll be automatically notified.

Whether your initial financial gift is \$3 or \$3,000, matching it means double or triple the blessings.

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