



# GABRIEL'S

## GREETINGS

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### ***Dear Friend of Gabriel,***

Yes, according to *Associated Press* article by David Crary, the number of abortions is declining in most states in the nation. An *AP* survey recently indicated that, nearly everywhere, in red states and in blue, abortions are down since 2010.

Explanations vary, however, abortion-rights advocates partially attribute the drop to a shift in societal attitudes, with more women choosing to carry their pregnancies to term. Even in states which presently allow unrestricted access to abortion have seen their numbers drop by as much as 15% since 2010. These findings provide a unique gauge on abortion trends during a wave of anti-abortion laws that began gathering strength in 2011.



*Americans United for Life*, president, Charmaine Yoest, stated, "There's an

*entire generation of women who saw a sonogram as their first baby picture... there's an increased awareness of humanity of the baby before it is born."*

As the warm summer months make us forget the harsh winter just a few months past, I could think of no better news to share with you. The blessings we see from your prayers and the support you provide allow *Gabriel Network* to continue coming beside the many women who've chosen to take on the courageous journey of an unplanned pregnancy... and life... for their unborn child.

In His service,

**Stephen J. Wallace**  
Executive Director

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***Abortions by the numbers:***

**267** The number of abortion restrictions that have been enacted in 31 states since 2011.

**12%** The number by which abortions have decreased since 2010.

**70** The approximate number of abortion clinics that have closed in a dozen states since 2010.

(Associated Press, David Crary)

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***Mary C. ... what Angels do!***

Last month we shared about Maryann C., our Church Coordinator at *Blessed Sacrament Church* in Washington, DC. Maryann C. was assigned as an angel friend to one of our moms and successfully saw her through the birth of her baby.

This month, I share with you a first-person perspective on Mary (not Maryann) C. Mary C. and I went on a short trip together to Baltimore to meet another *Gabriel Network* client, Ariel.

Mary C. is a classic example of someone who will stop at nothing to assist a new mom in need. Traveling into one of suburban Baltimore's roughest neighborhoods, she and I shared a sunny afternoon delivering baby supplies and hoping to encourage Ariel, who had given birth just 3 weeks earlier to a beautiful

baby boy named Eli.

The neighborhood was... well, "sketchy," but Mary assured me, that even though Ariel's neighbors were very much aware of our presence--and made no bones about making us aware of theirs--we were okay in the daylight. Her background as a probation officer helped me feel like I was in safe hands.

What impressed me most about Mary C. was her unquenchable thirst to ensure that the young woman had the supplies she needed and her services met. Through the course of our conversation with Ariel, Mary reviewed a list of all the services and support that she might need. She answered Ariel's questions and pointed her in the right direction when she said she'd met a roadblock. Mary's goal was to come away as informed as possible as to how she might further assist the young woman and to help keep Ariel focused on hers, and her baby's, health--all the while holding Eli to help Ariel relax while she chatted and shared her life story with us.

The most enjoyable part of watching Mary in action was the obvious joy radiating from Ariel as Mary expressed her care and concern. No governmental redtape or judgment here. Just the gentle Spirit of Jesus Christ being shed on someone desperately in search of another who cares.

I learned a lot about resilience, trust, concern... and yes, even a little bravery that day and I am looking forward to our next adventure. Thanks Mary for all you are doing for the moms we serve!

To Him be the glory,

--Rick Y.

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### ***Meet Aletheia Elliott, our new Life Coach***

Aletheia is a graduate of *Capital Bible Seminary* with an M.A. in Christian Counseling and Discipleship and a concentration in Youth and Family Counseling. She is the co-founder of *Eleutheria Christian Counseling & Care, LLC*.

Over the past few years Aletheia has volunteered much of her time as a counselor at the *Bowie Pregnancy Clinic*.

Aletheia's professional experience includes counseling/caregiving, office and business administration/ management. She has a love and passion for specifically serving young women and adults and continues to counsel at the local pregnancy clinic as well as at her local church, *Grace Bible Church*, and at *Lighthouse Church* with *ECCL*. Aletheia keeps her focus and passion



revolving around others all while inspiring them to live life to the fullest while setting life goals to encourage movement in a more positive and stable direction. She is an individual who loves life and loves people. She lives in Bowie, Maryland with her husband Nathaniel. She and Nathaniel are excited to be expecting their first child this September.

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### ***More volunteers at work for Gabriel Network***

Boy Scouts from the Ellicott City area other volunteers assisted with clearing out all of the weeds and ivy from around the Ellicott City home. Thank you to all who participated that day. Your hard work made our home a very pleasant place for our moms to enjoy.

God bless you,

**---Michelle B.**

Ellicott City House Director

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### ***Bowie Open House***

It's summer and we are planning several open houses for the community and special guests to tour our Bowie maternity home. Many volunteers, donors, and community agencies partnered with us to give our home an extreme makeover. Touring the home will

give you the opportunity to see the effort that went into the refurbishment.

We are thankful for all who helped and for the many businesses that donated supplies and manpower to provide our moms a beautiful place they can truly call home. Keep a watch for upcoming house tour dates and plan to join us.

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### ***Prayer Requests***

- Please pray for additional funding to allow our ministry to house the many women on our waiting list. It is only with God's love and your financial support that we can help shorten the time frame and provide more room for the many who call us daily searching for the reassurance they made the right choice in saving their child's life.
- If you have a request, please contact our office so we may pray for you at our daily prayer time. The number is 800-264-3565 x 301.

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### ***There are many other ways you can help!***

#### **We have an immediate need for:**

- Diapers, (size 3-6)
- Baby wipes
- Baby formula (sensitive varieties)
- Metro cards
- New Car seats (new only)
- Pack-N-Plays (new only)
- New and used baby bottles (if used, please clean first)

#### **Administrative and Fundraising assistance:**

Periodically, we need help with events and administrative tasks. To volunteer, contact us by dialing 1-800-264-3565, ext. 301.

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### **GIVE NOW!**

We wouldn't be a charity if we didn't ask for money--the fuel that keeps us running. [Click here](#) to donate on our website or send a check to PO Box 2116, Bowie, MD 20718.

**For other opportunities not listed, or more suggestions on how you could**

serve, please call us at 1-800-264-3565!

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