

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FAMILY AND LIFE ADVOCATES

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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF GUIDANCE, EDUCATION, AND SUPPORT!

On April 1, 1993 — nearly thirty years ago — NIFLA opened its doors with a vision for the nation. This vision was spelled out in one sentence — “to protect pregnancy-help centers so that mothers will always choose life.”

In 1982, the New York City offices of Planned Parenthood launched a national campaign of smear, slander, and lies against the fledgling movement of pro-life centers. These ministries of compassion exist to provide life-affirming alternatives to abortion for mothers considering abortion. Yet, these pro-life centers were targeted (and still are) by the abortion industry as “deceptive,” “fraudulent,” and “bogus” because they do not provide abortion as an alternative.

Over the years, as the pregnancy center movement grew across the nation, the attacks against them accelerated. Lawsuits against their operations as well as legislative attempts to close them down, have occurred regularly since the 1980s. NIFLA was launched to provide legal counsel, education, and advice to help pro-life centers overcome these attacks and stand firm in their communities as life-affirming agencies.

NIFLA membership centers now stand at over 1,700 and exist in every state in the nation.

In the late 1990s, NIFLA launched its medical clinic program to convert counseling centers into licensed medical clinics. As such, these clinics use the medical procedure of obstetric ultrasound to confirm pregnancy for an abortion-minded patient and, in doing so, introduce the mother to her unborn child via the ultrasound screen. Most of such mothers (80-90%) choose life. Of our current membership, over 1,400 operate as medical facilities. NIFLA has trained more than 6,000 nurses and other health care providers in the “how to” of providing limited ultrasound at pro-life medical facilities.



In the legal arena, NIFLA provides to its members with legal audits, education, training, and consultations on legal issues of critical importance. In 2018, we won a landmark case before the United States Supreme Court protecting our members in California from a law that mandated they advertise abortion on the walls of their center — *NIFLA v. Becerra*.

It has been a monumental thirty years that has culminated in the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*. Our vision for the future is that our nation becomes an abortion-free America, where abortion becomes unthinkable, and a culture of life exists in every community in the land. **Thank you for your many years of support of this ministry, which is saving lives and changing the communities of America.**

NIFLA'S ANNUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

OCTOBER 24-26, 2023
CHESAPEAKE, VA

Let God's victories of the past
propel us into the future!

MEET OUR STAFF

CIARA - MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Being a mother myself, NIFLA has a special place in my heart. Upon being hired here, I found out I was pregnant with my baby boy, Massiah. Throughout my whole pregnancy, the NIFLA staff was caring, loving, and supportive, praying weekly over my pregnancy. To see people who care meant so much. NIFLA exemplifies what it stands for - family and life.

I have people all the time asking me if I ever imagined working for an agency as this. My response is always, "God has me where I belong." I am so grateful to be on this amazing team, to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and to be helping and providing resources for centers that care for and support mothers and their unborn children like me.



MEET OUR DONORS

PATRIOT INSURANCE AGENCY

Patriot's Pro-Life Insurance Program is a direct result of the vision Tom Glessner communicated to our founder over 30 years ago. Tom knew pregnancy care centers could not thrive without proper legal defense and insurance coverage. His life's work has been a constant dedication to protecting centers and improving their ability to save lives.

We at Patriot congratulate NIFLA and Tom on this 30-year milestone and wish each of them many more years of service as pillars in the pro-life cause!

MEET OUR MEMBERS

CLEARWAY CLINIC - SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

One of the most valuable pieces of training for our new director here at Clearway was the NIFLA Directors Institute in Pregnancy Clinic Management. We are implementing two new initiatives:

Public Advocacy Initiative - We have served our community without controversy for over 20 years, but our environment has drastically changed. Those who support abortion are growing increasingly hostile and are lobbying to shut us down. Our Worcester Clinic was vandalized one day after the MA Attorney General issued a Consumer Advisory Warning against Pregnancy Resource Centers. This new environment will require a significant investment to educate the public and advocate for both the legitimacy and necessity of our mission. We are standing firm!

Telehealth Initiative - There is no requirement for telecare providers to medically verify how far along a woman is or to rule out ectopic pregnancy, significantly increasing the risk to women's health from mail-ordered medical abortion. We are very concerned about this, so we are working with two pro-life organizations, Life on Belay and CompassCare, to develop a telecare option at Clearway with the hope that by providing this service, more women will make the decision to come for in-clinic pregnancy verification.

Our mission is to rescue men, women and the unborn from abortion and abortion trauma. We are a place for them to pause, have someone listen, and receive options, thus empowering them to make life-affirming decisions. **Since our ultrasound program began, we have had the great blessing of celebrating the births of 1,819 Clearway babies! We are grateful to serve in this ministry with you!**



PRESIDENT'S HIGHLIGHT

THOMAS GLESSNER, J.D.
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER

For thirty years, NIFLA has stood in the gap on behalf of pro-life pregnancy centers in America. By providing legal counsel, education, consultation, and training we have built a solid network of 1,700 pro-life centers, of which over 1,400 operate as licensed medical facilities.

This growing NIFLA network is changing our communities across the nation into cultures of life where abortion is unthinkable and the life-affirming resources necessary to a mother considering abortion are readily available. NIFLA envisions an abortion-free America. Through the work of these pregnancy centers, lives are being saved, and alternatives to abortion are being made available, paving the way for this vision.

The *Dobbs* decision from the United States Supreme Court last year overturned the abortion decision of *Roe v. Wade*. In doing so, the ability of every state to limit and even ban abortion was restored. As states deal with the intense political decision to protect the unborn under the law, the work of pregnancy centers and medical clinics is essential to providing the resources necessary to empower mothers to choose life.

For three decades, the work of NIFLA has only been made possible because of your support. YOU are the reason that this network of pro-life pregnancy centers and medical facilities is making a difference for life. Thank you so much. Please continue partnering with us as we change America together.

NIFLA's corporate sponsors share a vision to train, equip, and protect life-affirming pregnancy centers. They receive ongoing updates on the political and social trends that affect the work of pregnancy centers and the pro-life movement at large.

Would you consider standing behind nearly 1,700 centers serving communities in every state across the nation?

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