

LIFE SENTINEL

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FEATURE STORY:

NATIONWIDE NIFLA NETWORK GATHERS FOR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2025



264 PARTICIPANTS

44 EXHIBITORS

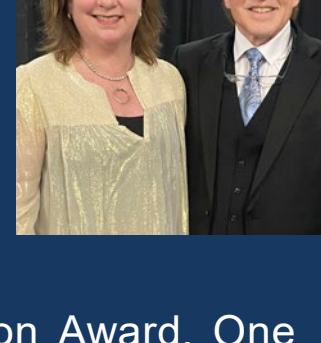
28 SPEAKERS

The Solid Rock of Christ is our Foundation, the Gospel of Life is our Mission, and an Abortion-Free America is our Vision.

"What a blessing to attend the Summit," shared Sharon of We Care Pregnancy Center on the last afternoon of the Leadership Summit. "So many of the speakers touched on topics that we have been talking about at our center...Thank you to NIFLA for organizing this, thank you to every speaker, and thank you to my 5+ new friends!"

The NIFLA team was likewise blessed to be surrounded by our pregnancy center family. The joy filling the halls and auditoriums was contagious! The sun shone brightly into the exhibitor hall as if to say God was sharing in the cheer. Just outside the exhibitor hall, ICU Mobile (now a division of Care Net) gave tours of its excellent mobile medical unit, inspiring everyone to ponder the good it could bring to our own communities.

Marjorie Dannenfelser of SBA Pro-Life America inspired us during the annual Celebration of Life Dinner - what a champion of life she has been for decades! We know you joined with us as we honored her with the 2025 Pro-Life Champion Award. One highlight of the prior evening was the memorial service to honor the unborn. We often hear from pregnancy center staff about the emotional burden they carry when their clients choose abortion. We so appreciated Pastor David Stout guiding attendees to place that grief into the hands of God the Father.



HEARTFELT MESSAGES PENNED AT

THE MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN:

*To precious patient's baby,
Oh how beautiful you were when I saw you and oh what a beautiful mama you have. She just didn't know what a great mama she could be to you. My prayer is that she'll see you, hold you and worship with you one day.
Love, your nurse*

*To the three little triplets who did not make it in this world,
I saw you. I love you.*

*To my niece or nephew,
Your daddy wanted you. Your grandparents and I wanted you. We can't wait to meet you in heaven some day to be a family for the first time. And we all love and forgive your mommy. Your daddy has never forgotten you or given up on the dream of holding you and knowing you.
Love, Auntie*

To patient's baby: You were loved and are loved by the Heavenly Father. I can't wait to see you when my time comes to go home.

You didn't feel you could be a mom. Your life was very complicated, and because of that you chose to abort your precious baby. Then in the turmoil of that decision you took you own life. I have mourned the both of you for years. You both are loved. I am committed to fighting for others just like you.

ON THE COVER: MAP OF THE NIFLA PREGNANCY CENTER NETWORK ACROSS THE NATION. PINS REPRESENT CLINICS OR RESOURCE CENTERS.



INTERVIEW WITH GREG AND ANN GETTY

NIFLA Supporters, Attorney, and Pregnancy Center Board Chair

Please tell us about where you're from.

Ann: 1st Way Pregnancy Support Center is a small facility in the mountains of western Maryland, operating with an all-volunteer staff. As an attorney, Greg offers assistance for their legal matters, and I have continued as their board chair for a number of years. They have been blessed for more than 40 years to have the opportunity to support women in our community.

What inspires you to expand that support to NIFLA?

Greg: Since its inception, NIFLA has been dedicated to ending abortion in America. We have always tried our best to be pro-life advocates. No organization has been more important to pregnancy centers than NIFLA. The expertise it provides - legal, medical, and educational - is unparalleled.

Ann: 1st Way would not be able to function in this day and age apart from NIFLA. Our director and I have marveled at the fact that we have always gotten a response and sound legal advice from the same team that has tried cases in the US Supreme Court. We are truly blessed!

And we are truly grateful! So, you attended the Summit a few weeks ago. How was it?

Greg: The Summit is always an exceptional experience, and this year was no different in that regard. The ever-present friendship, camaraderie, love, and devotion to a common cause, augmented by dedicated professionals and lay people sharing critical information, is unmatched anywhere.

Ann: I was fortunate to have been able to attend the conference and observe an opportunity to address issues of bereavement experienced by pregnancy center workers in their dealings with loss and grief. Pregnancy center workers were encouraged to write a name, situation, or burden on a piece of paper and lay it on a table, which became, for that time, an altar of healing and hope. It was for me, and I believe for those in attendance, a deeply profound experience.

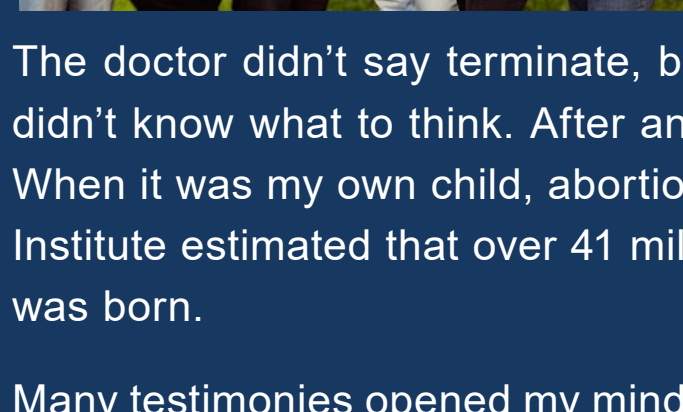
Thank you for your time. Is there anything else you'd like to share with our readers?

Greg: There is nothing in our minds more important than defending the lives of defenseless, voiceless, unique human beings, and we are thankful to be able, in a small way, to offer assistance and support to NIFLA.

Ann: Despite living in a small rural community, we are blessed beyond measure to have access to a team of professionals whose expertise and services we could not otherwise contemplate being able to approach. Thank you, NIFLA!

MEET JOHN HINSON

NIFLA Board Member



"My name is John Hinson, a Marine Corps veteran, husband of 25 years, father of 22 years, member of New Life in Christ Church where I serve as Deacon, and former board member of IMGN Life and Choices Women's Center in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

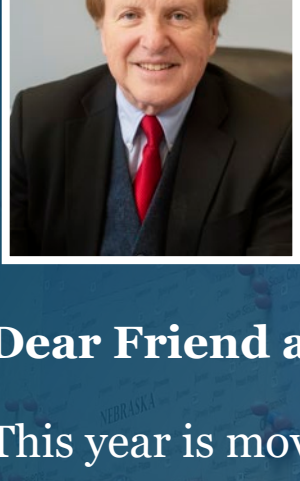
I remember our doctor speaking to my wife, Judy, and me about our first pregnancy. The doctor offered us testing. "Testing?" I asked. It was prenatal testing for birth defects and genetic conditions, in case we wanted to (pause)... discuss options. The doctor didn't say terminate, but we understood what he meant; I was appalled and stunned. I didn't know what to think. After an awkward and pregnant pause, I remember simply stating, "No." When it was my own child, abortion became more real. Yet, I was still oblivious, as the Guttmacher Institute estimated that over 41 million babies had been aborted at the time when my own daughter was born.

Many testimonies opened my mind to the horrors of abortion. I felt I should help in some capacity, as I have been called to serve in other areas during my life. I am privileged to serve NIFLA alongside many who have been in this fight for decades. This was reaffirmed by my attending the recent NIFLA Leadership Summit in Williamsburg, VA. The Leadership Summit was an inspiring event, uplifting, very informative, and eye-opening - it was quite a sobering event but complete with tools and training to help local pregnancy centers and a forum to build networks as we collaborate our efforts towards an abortion free America."

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PRESIDENT'S HIGHLIGHT

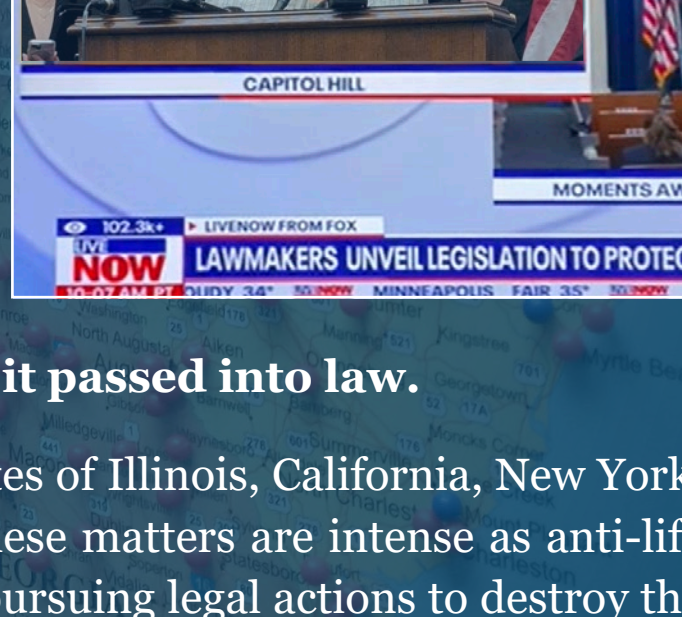
THOMAS GLESSNER, J.D.
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER

Dear Friend and Supporter,

This year is moving quickly, and it is hard to believe that we are already into May.

In March, we held our annual Leadership Summit in Williamsburg, Virginia, and it was wonderful to see hundreds of NIFLA members represented. Our worship leader for the event was Jeff Steinberg, who, as a thalidomide baby disabled from birth, also shared his inspirational personal story. Check out Jeff's website (tinygiant.com) for more information on him and his incredible story.

At the end of March, our friend Congressman Chris Smith introduced legislation protecting the work of pregnancy centers -- the *Let Pregnancy Centers Serve Act*. If passed into law, this will give stronger federal protection for the work of pregnancy centers and medical clinics. NIFLA Vice-President Anne O'Connor represented NIFLA at the press conference announcing the bill, which was carried live on Fox News.



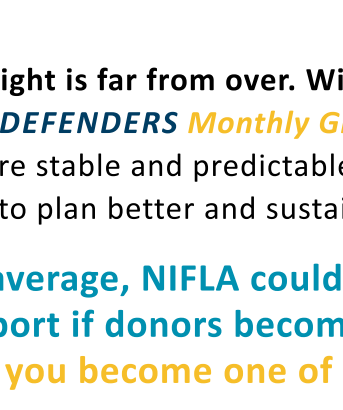
Contact your congressman and let him/her know that you support this bill and desire to see it passed into law.

We are currently battling hostile state actions in the states of Illinois, California, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, and Minnesota. These matters are intense as anti-life state legislators and attorneys general are aggressively pursuing legal actions to destroy the work of pro-life, NIFLA-member pregnancy centers. Your prayers are coveted as we engage in these battles.

Thank you for all your support for NIFLA and our work. To achieve an abortion-free America, we must never surrender in the war pursued against life. Your ongoing support makes all the difference.

Under the Mercy,
Thomas Glessner, J.D.
President

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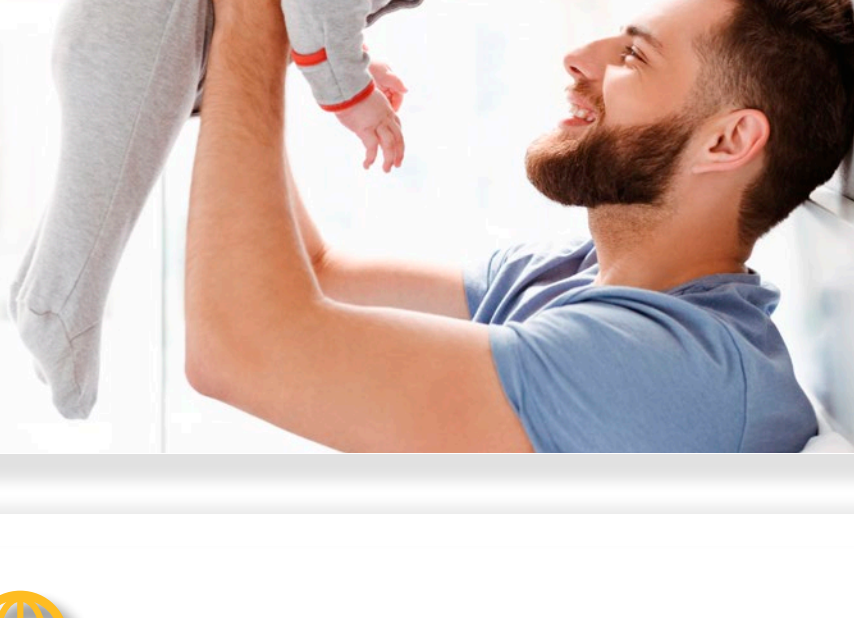
LIFE DEFENDERS Monthly Giving Society

The fight is far from over. Will you help us defend women, men, and babies by joining the LIFE DEFENDERS Monthly Giving Society? Statistics show that monthly giving provides a more stable and predictable foundation of giving, allowing organizations like ours to plan better and sustain our programs more effectively.

On average, NIFLA could receive 42% more financial support if donors become LIFE DEFENDERS. Will you become one of them?



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