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Helping with unplanned pregnancies

The Heartbeat Pulse

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Pat Todak named new executive director

Heartbeat of Toledo is proud to announce that **Pat Todak** has been selected as our new executive director.

With nearly 30 years experience in public relations and communications, Pat most recently has been a writer for the *Catholic Chronicle* and an active volunteer at Perrysburg St. Rose School, St. Ursula and Central Catholic High School.

A Perrysburg resident, she earned a bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Toledo and master's degree in interpersonal and public communication from Bowling Green State University.

In November, she had just finished coordinating the Central Catholic auction when she saw the help wanted ad. "The position

sounded like a perfect fit for me. I became a mom through adoption. I have three beautiful daughters who are mine because three equally beautiful birth moms chose adoption over abortion," she explained.

Before becoming a mother, she volunteered for an organization, The Adoption Option, in the Detroit area, which used the media and public relations efforts to promote adoption as a loving option over abortion.

"As you can imagine, I am very pro-life and I am supportive of helping women and girls in crisis pregnancy situations to keep and raise their babies over having an abortion. I recognize that adoption is not a popular option with most unmarried pregnant teens and I understand. I've communicated



Pat Todak

with my kids' birth moms and know what a difficult and selfless decision that was for them to make. I am thrilled to be joining an organization that not only saves babies, but also helps their moms to be good parents down the road."

President's Message

New members sought for Board of Directors

Greetings to all our Heartbeat friends!

Exciting things are afoot at Heartbeat! The first step in modernizing and expanding our organization has been completed with

the hiring of our new Executive Director, **Pat Todak**. We are so pleased to have her dedication, enthusiasm and expertise on board!

The second step is finding the best people from the community and among our volunteers to join our revamped Board of

Directors in June.

From there we can focus on adding services for our clients, getting our message of love and support to a wider community audience, and providing a larger office space to accommodate and support our goals. We need your ideas, your public relations efforts, your continued financial support, and your prayers in this endeavor.

If you have ever thought you might want to become an active volunteer, remember that there are many ways to help: working directly with clients, fundraising, helping with the newsletter, becoming a Board member, and others. Don't be shy, give it a try!

We can't thank you enough for all that you do and give to support our mission for Life. May God continue to bless all our dear

friends, our wonderful volunteers, our new Executive Director, all those seeking our help, and all our vital pursuits on their behalf!

Lois Welch, President

Do you have experience and skills in finance, marketing, fund-raising, media relations, law, social work, computer and web design, etc.? Do you share the vision and mission of Heartbeat of Toledo? Or, can you suggest someone who embraces the Heartbeat message and has community contacts?

Please contact one of the Board of Directors Nominating Committee members: **Rita Arite**, 419-841-4307; **Jeni Hepner**, 419-344-3304; **Pat Bercher**, 419-478-8853; or **Marilyn Wolff**, 419-351-8160.



It's tee time! Golf outing to be May 16

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The second annual **Heartbeat Golf Outing** is being planned for Saturday, May 16. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy a day outdoors, golfing with friends while raising money for Heartbeat.

The outing at **Fallen Timbers Golf Club** in Waterville will feature a four-member team scrambles format with lunch and then a picnic supper.

We are looking for 140 golfers to participate. The cost is just \$55 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and dinner. Make up a team or sign up individually. Register **right away** using the form enclosed with this newsletter.

Committee members planning the event are **Rita Arite, Pat Bercher, Ron Cain, Carol Clark, Marilyn Jesionowski, Mary Ann McQuillen, Midge O'Halloran, Rosemary Roesner, Barbara Sackman,**

Juanita Sattler, Bill Ulmer and Dawn Weaver.

We plan again to have a live auction and are seeking items. Sporting events, vacation homes/condos, jewelry, golf items (clubs, rounds of golf) and autographed items are welcomed. Please consider making a donation.

Another way to assist in making this a success is through sponsorships. We are offering all 18 holes to sponsors as well as hole-in-one, beverage and prize sponsors. Business and corporate sponsors' names will be on signs on the course and in the program.

If you are interested or know of someone interested, call **Dawn Weaver** at 419-535-8729, send an e-mail to **Carol Clark** at csc530@bex.net or use the form in the enclosed pamphlet.

Support Heartbeat with every Internet search

Have you made **GoodSearch.com** your internet search engine yet? Heartbeat of Toledo is a designated charity on this new Yahoo-powered search engine, which was established to generate support for non-profit organizations. There is no cost to you or Heartbeat. Use GoodSearch as you would any other search engine and designate Heartbeat of Toledo as your charity of choice. Heartbeat receives about 1 cent per search, which can really add up!

Beds for babies

As Lent begins, consider a monetary donation to purchase a crib and mattress for a mothers and baby. The safest place for an infant is a crib to prevent injury or suffocation, and many of our mothers are unable to afford a crib. Individuals, families, churches, schools or clubs are encouraged to participate. Gifts of any amount are welcome. Heartbeat can purchase a crib and mattress at a discount price of \$150. Benefactors will receive a photo of the baby and note from the mother when the bed is received. Mail checks to Heartbeat, 2130 Madison Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604.

Thank you, friends of Heartbeat, for your generosity!

Defenders of Life

(gifts of \$10,000+)

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Champions (gifts of \$1,000+)

LaValley Foundation

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Christmas collection

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Benefactors (gifts of \$100+)

Kevin & Kathleen Kelly

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Church

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children's collection

Donald Barnes

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Parish

Oregon St. Ignatius Altar

Rosary Society

Rossford All Saints Church

Michael & Alissa Meyer

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Edward & Jeanette Pollauf

Honorariums

In memory of Joan Hemsoth

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In memory of Norma Jean Herman

Charles Herman Jr.



Celebrating our volunteers!

Heartbeat volunteers gathered in December for a holiday brunch at Brandywine Country Club celebrating another year of success.



In memory of Sheila Heiman
Dan & Joan Noe

In memory of Jim Trese
James & Mary Jo Olejownik

In memory of Dick Welniak and his son, Rick Welniak

Bebe O'Reilly

In memory of Ray Middaugh and Margaret Savage

Robert & Nancy O'Neill

In memory of Edward Pike
Dr. John DeVany

In memory of Owen P. Johnson
Robert & Nancy Meiring

In honor of the 50th anniversary of William & Joyce Thome

Bill & Marilyn Kline, Tom & Nancy Graf, Dud & Lee

Skeels, Bill & Joyce Bauman, Nancy Arndt, Shirley Schick

In honor of Dorothy Muller
Marcia Slivka, Bob Fehlen, Tom Fehlen, Jim Fehlen

In honor of Dan & Joan Noe
Paul & Peggy Wulf

Susie & Al Disselkoen

In honor of Terri Search
Nancy Stearns

Mary & Stephen Pero

Mary Grimshaw-Andrus

In honor of Karen Dunn

Anthony & Constance Santariga

In honor of the 50th anniversary of Vern & Juanita Sattler

Ronald & Mary Gillen

Paul & Margaret Graves

Gordon & Rose Pflighaar

Beatrice Boellner

Richard & Helen Gillen

In honor of the wedding anniversary of Mary & Mitch Drumm

Patricia Syring

In honor of the 80th birthday of Marcie Fellman

Margaret & Tom Baranoski
Catherine Doe

In honor of the 50th anniversary of Dan & Elaine Christian

Karen & James Dunn

In honor of Peggy Wulf

Pam & David Walline

In honor of the baptism of Aiden Andrew Oess

Mary Ann & Thomas Oess



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Human life is of greatest value and indispensable.
It possesses dignity and commands respect.
This service organization dedicates itself to the
preservation of life. Efforts are directed to protect
and help the mother.

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'Change for Changing Lives'

Did you ever wonder what a little pocket change can do? The success of Heartbeat's **Change for Changing Lives of Mothers and Babies** bottle campaign is proof of the power of a little change.

The **Altar Rosary Societies** from **St. Stephen and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches** and the **New Neighbors League of Toledo**, along with 17 other churches, are among those generously participating in our campaign this year.

How does it work? A Heartbeat volunteer delivers baby bottles to your church or organization (youth group, club, community group)

Distribute the bottles, and collect them filled with change two weeks later. A Heartbeat volunteer will pick up the bottles and contributions.

Call **Debbie Bercher** at 419-841-5651 today to arrange for your church or group to be part of Change for Changing Lives.

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Free Kroger gift cards!

Heartbeat will give a Kroger rechargeable card with \$5 on it to 24 Heartbeat supporters who shop at Kroger's on a regular basis and who do not already have a card. We would like to increase the number of our card users. Heartbeat receives 5 percent of all sales made with the card.

It works as a debit card and money may be added to the card at the checkout before the cashier starts the sale. Any amount up to \$500 may be added with cash, checks or credit cards. In 2008, Kroger paid \$3,643 to Heartbeat, and we thank our shoppers! With your support, we could earn even more this year. Call Dawn Weaver, 419-535-8729, to receive your free card.

Volunteer classes start in April

Volunteer at one of our three offices! **No experience** is necessary. Classes will be offered April 27, May 4 and May 28 from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Call the Madison office at 419-241-9131 or **Dawn Weaver** at 419-535-8729 for an application or more information.

Volunteers make appointments, interview clients for the Heart-to-Heart program and assist women with unplanned pregnancies. Clients learn about the development of their babies, adoption and the immediate and long-term effects of abortion.

Heartbeat volunteers know their time is well spent when a mother choose life for her unborn child!