



LIFELINE

CHILLIWACK PRO-LIFE'S NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS

Above and beyond

"Thank you for being a literal angel of a woman & going above & beyond, out of your way, for my child." - Cherish Women's Resource Centre client

Above and beyond. That describes what I've seen as I've watched our staff and volunteers serve some of the most vulnerable members of our community:

- Driving pregnant clients to their doctor's appointments.
- Working on their days off.
- Going to the hospital to visit an isolated senior after working a full day at work.
- Staying up late to talk with a distraught mother until her panic subsided.
- Spending 4 hours with a lonely elderly client when they only intended to visit for 1.
- Loving the hurting.
- Giving without receiving.

I am SO honoured to work with our amazing team of staff and volunteers. Lives are saved through relationship. It's not easy, but nothing valuable usually is. Thank you to our hard-working team! And thank you to every supporter and donor who makes our work possible through your prayers and financial contributions.

Angela, Executive Director



May 2022 through April 2023:

- Average number of Cherish Senior clients who we interacted with each week: **49**
- Number of diapers we distributed to low-income moms: **15,000**
- Churches supplied with Sanctity of Life Sunday resources: **57**
- Number of interactions our Cherish Women's Resource Centre staff had with clients: **605**
- Total Facebook followers on our 3 pages: **1622**
- Total Instagram followers on our 3 pages: **1060**
- Total loaves of bread delivered: **2352**
- Number of tickets purchased to our sold-out, Circle of Life gala: **250**
- The average number of hours our volunteers served per month: **46**

Thank you for helping us show each and every client that they are not just a statistic.

Numbers
TO BE
THANKFUL
FOR

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Membership

FAMILY	SINGLE
One Year - \$25	One Year - \$10
Three Year - \$60	Three Year - \$30
Five Year - \$100	Five Year - \$50

SENIOR

One Year - \$5	
Three Year - \$15	STUDENT
Five Year - \$25	One Year - \$10

Donations

E-transfer - office@chilliwackprolife.com.
Please list your full name, address, email address, and phone number in the memo line. **Cheque** - mail or drop off **Credit card** - in office or online

In accordance with the Income Tax Act, Chilliwack Pro-Life Society retains authority on the use of its resources. If a donation cannot be used as designated, the donation cannot be returned to the donor.



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Every baby is a perfect gift

Psalm 139:13-15, NIV *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.*

These verses are something that I hold tight to. It gives me so much hope and inspiration. It is the very thing that we think of when chatting with a mom who is pregnant.

This past year I personally walked with three women who had thought abortion was their only option. I was there for them throughout their pregnancy, and doctor visits, and supported them through their labours and deliveries. I had the honor of being one of the first people those little ones saw after they were born. I had the opportunity to hold them and pray for them.

Like we did with these three women, we continue to reach out to women in our community who need help with their unexpected pregnancies.

We at the Cherish Women's Resource Centre take Psalm 139 seriously. We believe every baby is a perfect gift from the Lord.

Loralynn, Cherish Women's Resource Centre Director



FiveThirtyEight Asked for Abortion Stories on Christmas. Pro-Life Supporters Replied Instead

On December 25, most Americans settled in at home or with extended family to celebrate, empty stockings, open gifts and spend time with those closest to them. And for Christians who remember what the holiday celebrates – the birth of Jesus Christ – there was an extra level of joy in the air.

But others seemed to forget the reason for the season, like political analyst Nate Silver's data analysis website FiveThirtyEight. On **Christmas Day**, FiveThirtyEight sent out a tweet asking readers to respond and share their "abortion story."

Even on special days of Christian celebration, evil doesn't stop looking to find a foothold in our world. And yet, thanks to the grace merited for us by our Saviour, we can take comfort knowing that good triumphs over evil. That was apparent after numerous pro-life supporters used the occasion to share their pro-life stories with FiveThirtyEight, rather than abortion stories.

Here are a smattering of examples:

My sister was born with a congenital heart defect and had open heart surgery at 1 month old, today she is 14, plays the piano, draws, and adores LOTR, she is a constant reminder that all babies deserve life

– Shania is celebrating Christmas

Doctor was concerned that my mom's last child was going to be born with Down's Syndrome, recommended that she abort the baby. Well, look what the Lord did...I was born 100% healthy, no issues except a small hole in my ear that closed within days. Now, I'm a priest.

– Fr. Tom Pringle

Many of the replies were from women who, though encouraged by friends or doctors to abort their child, chose life instead. They shared pictures of their smiling children, who wouldn't be alive today had they chosen abortion.

The replies even led the official Twitter account of the March for Life to encourage people to go read the replies to FiveThirtyEight's tweet.

"You have to read these responses! Story after story on how #ChoosingLife brought joy, love, and empowerment to countless families," the March for Life [wrote](#).

The replies led actress Patricia Heaton to [write](#), "This account tastefully posed this question on Christmas, the day celebrating the birth of Christ, but the replies are wonderful stories of courage and joy. Huzzah!"

It's a solid bet that FiveThirtyEight didn't expect the heartwarming replies of so many pro-life supporters. But because of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Christians take hope that, just like with countless pro-life stories, "mercy triumphs over judgement" (James 2:13).

– Zachary Mettler, [Daily Citizen](#), December 30, 2021



Take a peek
inside our office



Prayer Requests Straight to your Mobile Phone

We know that many of our supporters believe in the power of God to change lives and pray for our clients regularly. And we SO value those prayers! If you would like to receive periodic prayer requests, sent by text to your phone, please text PRAY, followed by your name to 1-604-305-0966. Texts will be sent out approximately every 1 to 2 weeks, or when there is an urgent need.

Walk for Life - Recap

We are so thankful to all of you who supported our 43rd annual Chilliwack Walk for Life on Saturday, September 23! Over \$70,000 was raised! However, it's so much more than fundraising: it's about the pro-life spirit, and we appreciate EVERYONE who participated.

A lot of feedback centred around all the young people helping us, that they were so energetic and organized. Thank you all! And a special thank you to the Grade 9 Class of Mount Cheam Christian School for raising over \$27,000!

Pro-Life Tidbits

States that Ban Abortions See Thousands of Babies Saved - Abortions have dropped almost 100% in states that ban abortions, according to a new report from a group that supports, and tracks, abortions. That means thousands of babies have been saved from certain death. - (<https://bit.ly/47hemlA>) [LifeNews.com](https://www.life.com/news/abortion-ban-saves-babies)

Health Canada reports 13,241 assisted deaths in 2022 - Health Canada has released the Fourth Annual Report on Medical Assistance in Dying (2022) showing that 4.1% of all deaths were due to active euthanasia (MAiD). This is a 31% increase in deaths by MAiD in a single year. The data is collected from reports submitted by a doctor or nurse practitioner but there was no requirement that a "third" party or neutral person witness the death or submit reports to ensure their accuracy. - (<https://bit.ly/40qXney>) [Euthanasia Prevention Coalition](https://www.euthanasia-prevention-coalition.ca/)

Trafficked and pregnant Ashley chose life and found freedom - 'Your child could be your saving grace -Choosing life is the greatest gift.' That's the message Ashley Nadine shares in Love Action's latest video story. (<https://bit.ly/3QNFR0R>) [live_action.org](https://www.liveaction.org)

ROE Canada is about to roll out -You may remember Kevin Dunn, who was the CPL gala speaker this year. Well, we are excited to announce that his much anticipated film, ROE CANADA, is being released. Please visit <https://roecanada.com/> for more info.