

# CPC Newsline

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## *Bonnie's Choice* by Deborah J. Laws

Bonnie, was a bright, sweet woman with a shy smile and a broken spirit. Her boyfriend had relentlessly hounded her about their unexpected pregnancy. "Have an abortion or I am leaving—and I will take the baby away from you!" he threatened.

She was almost 3 months pregnant when she walked into my office and told me she scheduled an abortion for Saturday—only 3 days away.

We talked for almost 2 hours about the baby and about her life. It was obvious to me that she wanted to love this child but was so afraid of being abandoned or ending up in a custody battle with her boyfriend. The fear was causing her to become more and more closed off to her feelings.

One of the things I told Bonnie was that we would never abandon her; that we would walk with her and her baby for as long as she needed us and we made another appointment for Friday.

As Bonnie left my office she turned, smiled and thanked me. She said that so far I was the only one who had helped her to have any hope. The other agencies she had contacted had been very quick to point out the tremendous odds she was working against and told her that she would be better off aborting and "starting over again."

I helped Bonnie to realize that abortion does not turn back the hands of time to a point when she was not pregnant.

Over the next several weeks there were many struggles as Bonnie broke free from her abusive boyfriend who continued to try and make her life miserable in a dozen different ways—but determined and supported with loving counsel, she persisted.

Bonnie went back to school to work on her master's degree and moved back home with her parents who were thrilled to learn that they were going to have their first grandchild.

As time went on she heard less and less from her ex-boyfriend and with the help of the CPC was able to find



support in the community in a variety of ways.

In July I received the much waited for call from Bonnie's dad, full of pride and happiness. "It's a boy!" he exclaimed.

I continued to work with Bonnie as she made plans to move into her own place and begin a new job as a special education teacher.

On our last visit Bonnie thanked me and as she gazed at her beautiful son, her eyes filled with tears, and said, "I love him more than I thought possible and I know that he would not be here if not for your help." As I hugged her good-bye she smiled and told me, "I know we are going to be just fine."

## *As Time Goes By:*

*2005 Baby Bottle Drive Fund Raiser Review*

Several years ago my family and I started volunteering our time and energy in crisis pregnancy ministry. Back then I sort of dragged our three young sons along in tow for whatever project we were currently working on—usually a Baby Bottle Drive fund raiser.

At the time my husband and I felt it would be good for the boys' character development to be active in community service and ministry.

There's been a surprising change, however, as our children are growing. It now seems as though they drag me along in tow (although I still do the driving!)

I'm humbled by the realization that at this point our family could not do the things we do for the CPC without our boys' help, determination, energy and enthusiasm.

When it was time to organize the 2005 BBD, and sort hundreds and hundreds of baby bottles to deliver to the participating churches, I found myself flanked with a small yet highly effective and intelligent army of helpers.

I stood by as the administrator with a clipboard and pencil directing as the boys quickly counted and neatly packed the bottles, then loading the boxes into the van.

I was amazed at their ability and efficiency. I found myself truly grateful to the Lord for their assistance, especially for the fact that I wasn't on my hands and knees with baby bottles rolling all over the place!

When the time came for counting the change I can honestly report that the boys (continued on page 3)

## Unborn Babies Cry in the Womb

### New Zealand

Auckland—Researches at Auckland University in New Zealand have revealed that unborn children begin to cry in the womb at 28 weeks into pregnancy. The scientists played a 90 decibel noise through a speaker placed on the stomachs of pregnant women and the babies cried because the noise was uncomfortable.

Researchers recorded the cries using ultrasound scanners.

“It was strikingly like an infant crying. Even the bottom lip quivers,” professor Ed Mitchell told the London Sun newspaper.

Mitchell said the results of the study, coming days after a disputed study claiming unborn children don’t feel pain until about the same time, show that legislation requiring giving babies anesthesia before an abortion are necessary.

“Maybe this is a wake-up call. We actually still do things to babies without anesthesia,” he told the Sun.

Pro-life groups say the results aren’t surprising because babies born prematurely—as early as 23 and 24 weeks into pregnancy, cry after their birth—showing they have the physical capacity to do so long before the results the New Zealand scientists found.

Phil Magnan, director of Biblical Family Advocates is calling on all Americans to consider the resent study when they think about abortion.

“Every mother recognizes the very human trait of the ‘little quivering lower lip of their child,’ that usually stirs up great care and sympathy,” he said.

“This new study once again confirms the very personal face of a small child in the womb, that now is shown to be ‘crying out,’” Magnan added.



Source: *Lifenews.com* 8/29/05  
<http://www.care-net.org/publications/cnreport/oct05.pdf>

## Overtuning Roe Will Not Reduce Abortion

### United States

The Life Legal Defense Fund released a comprehensive study analyzing the current status of state laws on abortion and what would happen if *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, the cases that legalized abortion throughout the country in 1973, were to be overturned.

The study concludes that only seven states (Arkansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) would have enforceable laws on the books that would ban abortion. These states represent less than 10 percent of the U.S. population. For the rest of the states, new legislation would have to be adopted, or significant state case law precedent would have to be overcome. Details of each state’s law can be found on the Fund’s website: [www.ouerruleroe.com](http://www.ouerruleroe.com).

“The results of this study will come as a surprise to many Americans,” said Paul Linton, special counsel for the Fund. “Overtuning *Roe* and *Doe* would send the issue of when abortion should be permitted back to the American people. It will not result in making abortion illegal for most of the country.”

The Fund decided to conduct the “Life After *Roe*” study after several reports with conflicting information began surfacing during the Presidential election. According to the Executive summary of the study. “There is a widespread popular belief that such a decision would make abortion illegal thought the United States, or that an overruling decision would return the country to the state of law that existed when *Roe* and *Doe* were decided on January 22, 1973. There is no bias in fact for either belief.”

“The findings of this study are as important for the general public as they are for our elected officials,” said Denise Mackura, Executive Director of the Fund. “Critical legal decisions by our United States Senators should be made on the facts we all have access to—not opinion,” Mackura said.

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### Mission Statement

The Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc. embodied in its staff and volunteers, is committed to supporting women in a crisis pregnancy with the goal of minimizing the number of abortions in our local community through a compassionate presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, in both word and deed. While we count the number of clients who do or do not have abortion, this must not become this center’s definition of success. We are in an on-gong race. Furthermore, through education and outreach to both area churches and the local community, we aim to create an awareness that abortion compounds human need rather than resolves it. The CPC is a non-profit Christian agency that does not discriminate and offers all services free of charge.



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did 98% of the work completely by themselves. A table was set up in our living room where they faithfully emptied the coin-filled bottles into buckets, piled coins on the table, sorted, stacked and finally rolled the coins.

I was convinced within myself that the boys would tire of such a huge job and soon give up, but it never happened.

For the first few visits to the bank, with our plastic shoe boxes filled with rolled coins, I would cringe as the tellers (and the boys) would load up the metal trays that quickly reveal any counting and rolling flaws. Do you know that I doubt there were more than 5 flawed rolls in the hundreds of rolls we brought in?

The boys also gained friendly allies in the bank tellers with their infectious enthusiasm for Life. They are so fearless and bold to share their hearts in the secular community. I so admire their childlike faith. I wish I had it.

Warmest of thanks to Webster Bank on E. Main Street in Torrington for your patience with our mega rolled-coin project and for your generosity in providing all our coin wrappers. Many banks turned us away or suggested we visit a retail store to buy the wrappers. We appreciate your kindness, generosity and excellent service.

We'd like to express heartfelt gratitude to all of our 2005 participating BBD churches and all the wonderful church-contacts, pro-life committee reps, and church secretaries that worked with us. Without your time, energy and devotion we could not take these strides for Life.

*If there is anyway your church would consider blessing the center by participating in the 2006 Baby Bottle Drive, please contact the Nolan family at*

*Lisa@TheCrisisPregnancyCenterCT.org or call the CPC at (860) 673-7397.*

***We would LOVE to hear from you!***



*The Nolan boys set up an assembly line to ready the CPC's Christmas cards 12/05.*

Our Executive Director, Deborah J. Laws, has been very busy since the Spring 2005 newsletter.

One of the events Debbie attended was *The Respect for Life Day* at Holy Angels Church in Meriden.



If you would like to have The CPC visit with your church, please call us at (860) 673-7397 or e-mail:

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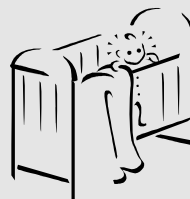
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Current total of babies helped by  
The CPC Unionville:  
**953** and rising!



### The CPC needs:

- ◇ **New Cribs and Mattresses**
- ◇ **Size Newborn Baby Clothing**



Meeting basic needs can make all the difference for Life! Please contact the center if you can provide these important items.

Thank you!

# Invitation

## ***2006 Baby Bottle Drive Fund Raiser***

Please consider your church cordially invited to participate in this year's Baby Bottle Drive fund raiser to benefit The Crisis Pregnancy Center. Through your church's participation you can help us to help women choose life for their unborn. Without the love, prayers and financial support from the body of Christ we wouldn't be able to serve the Lord in this way.

To get more information please visit our web or call  
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