



St. Anne's
Knights of Columbus
Council 15188
and
The Cay Galgon Life House



My Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Recently, Governor Shaprio stated his intention to cut all funding to Real Alternatives, an organization that provides life-affirming pregnancy and parenting support services. Real Alternatives empowers women to protect their reproductive health, avoid crisis pregnancies, choose childbirth rather than abortion, receive adoption education, and improve parenting skills.

Real Alternatives, through Pennsylvania's Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program, has administered funding to over 80 centers throughout the state. Funding was cut because these centers do not provide "female reproductive services", a direct reference to abortion. Reimbursements are due to end on December 31, 2023.

Your generous donations to the recent Baby Bottle campaign went directly to the Cay Galgon Life House (located in Bethlehem), one of the organizations adversely impacted by this decision.

As a Catholic, I am writing to ask for your support to get the message out to our legislators that the decision to cut the funding for Real Alternatives made by Governor Shapiro needs to be revisited, revised, and reversed.

Below are links for all our local Senate and House legislators for Lehigh, Northampton, and surrounding counties:

https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/county_list.cfm?CNTYLIST=LEHIGH

https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/county_list.cfm?CNTYLIST=NORTHAMPTON

[Find Your Legislator - PA General Assembly \(state.pa.us\)](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/county_list.cfm?CNTYLIST=NORTHAMPTON)

Other websites you may choose to visit are:

https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net/messages/edit?promo_id=18824

<https://www.paprolife.org>

Below is an example email to a lawmaker,

Dear Legislator,

The Cay Galgon Life House, a Lehigh Valley non-profit organization, offers services specifically for mothers and babies who are experiencing homelessness. They provide a safe and supportive environment where mothers and their children can receive shelter, food, counseling, and assistance in finding permanent housing. Additionally, they offer parenting classes and support groups to help mothers develop the necessary skills and knowledge to care for their babies. They also have a community outreach program that serves over 100 local families per week. Their numbers have doubled since last year and there are no signs of it slowing down.

Their goal is to empower these families and give them the resources they need to break the cycle of homelessness and build a better future.

We encourage you to visit the Life House, tour the facility and see the work they do.

Please support pregnant women and their families by preserving Pennsylvania's Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program, which is administered by Real Alternatives, and has served more than 350,000 Pennsylvania women in the past 27 years, (1.9 million visits). Thank you for your kind attention to this urgent matter.

Other informational links:

- [Holy Family Radio Podcasts \(AM 720 - WHYF\) - Catholic Focus - Real Alternatives Program | Free Listening on Podbean App](#)
- [Help Pregnant Women! \(oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net\)](#)
- <https://www.realalternatives.org/>

- cathmed.org/the-pulse/pennsylvanias-governor-moves-to-end-contract-with-real-alternatives-that-administers-award-winning-abortion-alternative-program/
- <https://www.realalternatives.org/DHScontract/>
- <https://www.lifenews.com/2023/08/04/pennsylvania-gov-josh-shapiro-kills-program-to-help-pregnant-women-save-babies-from-abortions/>
- [🎵 REAL ALTERNATIVE : Kevin Bagatta \(iheart.com\)](#)

Thank you for your support in this most urgent matter,

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