

Save the date
for LaVie's annual fundraiser:

Thursday September 19, 2013
MUS-B campus

This year our speaker will be
Jason Jones



Jones was a producer on the critically acclaimed 2006 film, *Bella*. The film won several film industry awards, most notably it won the People's Choice Award at the 2006 Toronto International Film Festival.

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A Patient's Story...

Jacquelyn saw our GetJellyBelly commercial and called for an appointment for options counseling and an ultrasound. As soon as the nurse took her back to the counseling room and confirmed a positive pregnancy test, she stated that she was considering having an abortion. Jacquelyn had been dating her boyfriend for several months but they had recently broken up so she would have to parent on her own. She did not feel ready for this huge responsibility, emotionally or financially, nor did she feel it was right to bring a child into these uncertain circumstances. She wanted her baby to have a better start in life than what she could currently provide. We spent time reviewing her other two options. She stated she could not follow through with adoption --"it would be too hard." Abortion procedures were reviewed, including the potential physical and emotional consequences that can occur. Information was given on healthy pregnancy tips, community referrals for financial help, and written abortion material to review on her own. Jacquelyn was given a Pregnancy Decision Aide questionnaire and asked to use it as a communication tool with her former boyfriend so they could put their heads together to come up with the best plan. She was scheduled to return within a few days for an ultrasound to determine viability and to see how far along in the pregnancy she was before

making her final decision. She agreed to the plan.

Jacquelyn returned for the ultrasound alone. She told us she had been talking to the father of the baby daily since our previous visit. They vacillated back and forth but were still leaning heavily towards an abortion. Jacquelyn had told her Mom about the pregnancy and she would support Jacquelyn with whatever decision she made. As the ultrasound began, she was astonished at how developed her baby was. She commented, "I didn't know the baby would be this big, now I don't know what I am going to do". Jacquelyn accepted pictures of the baby for herself and her boyfriend stating, "We have a lot more talking to do". She said she felt more hopeful and agreed to a follow-up phone call in a few days.

The nurse called a few days later to let her know that the ultrasound had been reviewed by our radiologist. Jacquelyn said she had decided to parent the baby and had made prenatal care plans. In this situation, the ultrasound provided a very valuable piece of information for Jacquelyn and seemed to be the deciding factor in her decision to carry to term.

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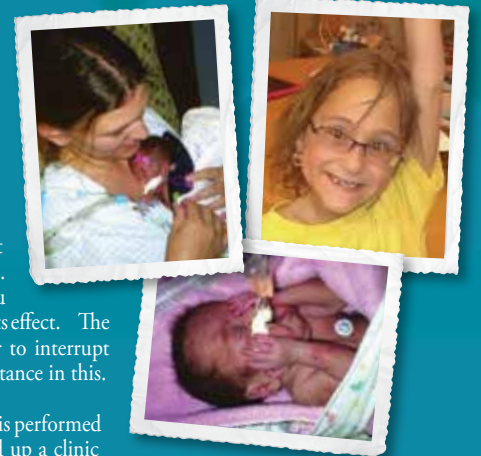
Dear Friends-

I am wondering, have you followed the trial of Kermit Gosnell? House of horrors is how it has been described - if it were only that good. If the Philadelphia Women's Society were the only abortion clinic that hurt women and destroyed the lives of children, then maybe we could stop the evil.

As I write this article, I am conscious of the fine line I want to hold - the desire of not wanting to inflict any more pain on the hearts and minds of women and men who have chosen abortion and regret it daily and my burning motivation to wake up our country to the ugly truth of abortion. Of course, those of you who make a stand for life understand this and share my frustration of the complacency to the subject. In another time in our world, this very same thing happened and it led to the slaughter of millions of Jews. This lack of respect for life, abortion, is America's holocaust. We have heard it before but we need to help our nation to not only hear it, but stop it.

I have added pictures of a beautiful little girl named Asiah. She is the daughter of our dear friend, Jacinda, and husband, Travis. Asiah was born at 23.5 weeks gestation. This is a picture of both

Jacinda and Asiah after her birth, one at about month old and a current picture at 7 years old. The very sad difference between Asiah and the babies born at Gosnell's "clinic", is the mother's view of the pregnancy. Again, I want to be sensitive to those who have chosen abortion. It was because they were in a crisis, they weren't thinking clearly. They just wanted the problem to go away and abortion seemed the logical solution. Once a woman is pregnant she is going to have a baby; call it a fetus if you like, but it is still a baby. This is where the sacred work of LaVie has its effect. The Lord uses the resources of people, financial, material items, and prayer to interrupt the cycle of abortion for so many. Thank you so much for your vital assistance in this.



Sadly Gosnell's business isn't the only place in our country where abortion is performed in the second and even third trimesters. A search on the internet turned up a clinic in New Mexico and Texas offering elective abortion up to 28 weeks and later for fetal indications (less than perfect babies). According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, in 2008, there were approximately 1800 abortion providers in the US. In Billings, the nearest providers are in Yellowstone and Park Counties with abortion easy to obtain past 20 weeks. In the state of Montana, abortion is legal past viability but the M.D. must certify in writing necessity of procedure including grounds for decision plus two other M.D.s must confirm decision except when necessary to preserve mother's life. (Montana Law) According to Babymed.com, the term "viability" is described like this: "This refers to the time in pregnancy when the baby, if born now and prematurely, has a reasonable chance of survival. For most hospitals in the United States the age of viability is about 24 weeks 0 days of the pregnancy. However, being born at 24 weeks does not mean that most babies will survive or that if they survive they will have no problems. The chances of survival increase with each day after 24 weeks, and the risks of complications decrease."

I am so very grateful for the generosity of our friends of LaVie. Because of all of you, LaVie is addressing the pain of the culture, right here in our community. Each of you and your sacrificial donations have assisted countless women over the years to avoid a lifetime of regret! How do I relay their gratitude? It is nearly impossible to explain the look of adoration of the mom holding her 10 day old baby. She looks at our nurse and, in that brief and silent exchange, they both know that this moment came very close to not taking place. They both know, because of God's grace, this baby came very close to being an abortion statistic. Doesn't your heart fill with gratitude when we hear about just one life spared?

The staff at LaVie works in cooperation with the Holy Spirit explaining to the patients at LaVie that abortion is more than a solution; it is a procedure. Providing accurate information and good education is what help women to make a good decision concerning their unplanned pregnancy.

Take another look at the pictures of Asiah- and now remember the babies that were born alive at Gosnell's place of business and so many other clinics around our nation - I am asking all of you to join with me and let's see if we can't stop this terrible assault on the dignity of life created by God himself. The atrocities that have been described recently with Gosnell and other abortion providers are not very different than earlier term abortions- the difference is only location: inside the womb or outside.

I appreciate the work that LaVie does with your help so very much, but I find myself thinking nearly 24 hours a day - we have got to do more! This must stop.

Thank you for being the light in this very dark world! *Together we are Changing Hearts & Saving Lives!*

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JANUARY - APRIL, 2013
Pregnancy Tests Performed: 248
Ultrasounds Performed: 119
STI Tests Performed: 63

Faces of LaVie



The Knights of Columbus came; We saw the need; We did the deed.

When the Billings Area Councils of the Knights of Columbus were asked by DeAnn Visser, CEO of LaVie, to help replace their broken Ultra Sound Machine there was no hesitation and it was done.

Knights have answered this same call to assist many Women's Pregnancy Centers throughout the State of Montana.

A letter was sent to all councils in the state and response was quick and generous. Fund raising breakfasts and other events created good will as well as funds to support the project.

Here's a little background on our project. In 2009, the Supreme Council began assessing each knight a \$2.00 annual fee for the purpose of supporting our newly established "Culture of Life" program.

a council raised half the cost of an Ultra Sound machine for an early pregnancy clinic, the Supreme Council would pay the other half.

With sleeves rolled up, we began fund raising in February and by April we had half the cost of the machine plus enough for training of the staff.

Thanks to the Councils across the state and to the many generous private donations that brought this project to a great conclusion. Because of you, many babies will be safe from the harm of abortion.

So thanks to everyone who helped to promote the cause, made the call, walked the extra mile for the protection of these babies.

Bob Murphy, Financial Secretary of Council 8345



In Memory or Honor

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- Mr. & Mrs. Henry Seitz, Calvin & Jodi Christensen, Terry Zindler, Comm-Works IT Team, Marie Lehfeldt, Melvin & Becky Lutgen, Mike & Eva Hollenbeck, Larry & Cindy Graber, Tom & Pat Hart, Tony & Gail Erickson, Duane & Sylvia Parman, Jim & DeAnn Visser, Montana Seed Trade Association, Ricky & Stephanie Downs, Wayzata 7A Basketball Team, Comm-Works IT Team, Melvin & Becky Lutgen, Mike & Eva Hollenbeck, Larry & Cindy Graber, Tom & Pat Hart, Tony & Gail Erickson, Duane & Sylvia Parman, Jim & DeAnn Visser

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YES, I WANT TO HELP WOMEN CHOOSE LIFE FOR THEIR UNBORN BABIES, by supporting LaVie Women's Clinics (2 locations)



I want to be a Sponsor A Day Donor: Full Day: \$75/month for 12 months, \$900 one time gift. Half Day: \$37.50/month for 12 months, \$450 one time gift. Name: Address: City: State: Zip: Phone: Email:

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I will make a one time gift: \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or \$_____. I would like to give the following specific donation(s): For the marketing projects in general \$_____, For the Jelly Belly TV ads \$_____, One month Get Jelly Belly ads \$1,000, For the area of greatest need \$_____. I would like to subscribe to the Email Newsletter

Donations to LaVie of Billings are tax deductible. (*I understand that if my specified giving area is fulfilled by another donor, my donation will be allocated to cover other expenses that will help women choose life.)

Sponsor A Day Update

We are blessed by the generosity of our donors and want to let you know that 190 days of the 365 days are represented through full or half day sponsorship. We are grateful for your investment in the lives of young women, men and their unborn children. The program continues to provide a firm foundational income for the ministry of LaVie in both locations. How does it work? At the time of implementing Sponsor A Day in 2006, we took our annual budget and divided all expenses, from light bulbs to building payments, by 365. We have only increased our Sponsor A Day rate once during these past seven years to try to keep pace with rising costs.

Calendar grid showing dates for January through December with names of donors for each day.

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Faces of LaVie

The Lord said, "I am come that they may have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." JOHN 10:10 KJV



Hi. My name is Marissa and I am 22 years old. I decided to volunteer at LaVie because I am going to school for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (a fancy term for Ultra-Sound Tech.) The Lord has opened so many doors for this opportunity, La Vie being one of them. I work at Billings Clinic as a CNA in order to get into the program, which is located in Phoenix. My church is Cornerstone Community Church, where I worked nursery. I forgot to mention that I love babies! They have always been a passion for me as I worked in childcare for 5 years. I look forward to increasing my knowledge and helping women and babies during my time at LaVie.

Hello. My name is Melissa Hanser. When talking to DeAnn on the phone about doing a fundraiser for LaVie, she asked me to write in the newsletter about my previous experience with the organization. As I was thinking about what to write, the only words that came to mind were "abundant life". As I reflect on my experience with LaVie, those are true words. I first heard of LaVie when my cousin was pregnant and she had a pregnancy test through the organization. Soon after, I became pregnant and wanted to be sure my home test was accurate so I went to LaVie only expecting a pregnancy test. There was much more involved. The Volunteers offered joy for the precious new life growing inside of me. They offered spiritual support through prayer and a heart for hearing my concerns. The LaVie staff was willing to celebrate with my husband and me through our ultrasound. Since that first visit, I have had two more children for which I went to LaVie. My life has been much more abundant with my little blessings and I am very thankful to LaVie for standing up with the Lord for Life and for their willingness to celebrate with new moms and dads for their precious babies.

With thankful hearts and a willingness to help in the fight to save lives, Chelsea and I are doing a Celebrate Home "fundraiser" for LaVie, June 22, from 2-5 at Off the Leaf. We are praying the Lord blesses our minute attempts to bring abundant life to many more women, babies and families in our society today.



May the Lord have all the Glory!!

Laura Thomas and her husband, Sean, moved to Billings in 2007. They attend Westside Baptist Church where they teach youth group and are part of the worship team. Laura loves bike riding, cooking and thrift store shopping. She has wanted to be more involved with LaVie since participating in a commercial for them in 2008. After the loss of their daughter, Zoe, last fall, Laura made the decision to become a patient advocate. She wanted to have a chance to impact others who are facing a life-changing event and share with them the comfort and strength that comes through trusting the Lord.



Sports/Camp Physical

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- No Appointment Necessary
- Physicals for both Boys and Girls
- Sports physical forms can be found at www.laviebillings.com

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...EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Technology Update

As technology is ever evolving, we at LaVie are keenly aware of the need to stay relevant to today's young adults. We have, therefore, been working to keep our website updated and develop other areas of technology that are being implemented in current marketing. One of the latest trends is to have a downloadable app (application) for today's "smartphones". Below you will see our app for both the Droid and the iPhone. When scanned into a smartphone, the following is an example of what is provided:



- LaVie's two locations and phone numbers
- Listing of LaVie's services
- Section for making appointments
- Information about pregnancy options
- Pregnancy symptoms
- Information about our educational program
- And much more...

If you have a smartphone, please feel free to download this app and check it out for yourself.

LAVIE CLIENT APP QR CODES & LINKS

Android:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.laviebillings.appname&feature=search_result



iPhone:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lavie-billings/id558225491?mt=8>



MATERIAL NEEDS LIST:

- Stackable washer/dryer
- New infant clothing (including socks)
- New infant toys/rattles/books
- Pacifiers & clips
- Baby bottle scrub brushes
- Huggies/Pampers newborn diapers
- Items for "Mommy Baskets" – lotions, journals, candles, tea bags, fuzzy socks, etc. (fun items)
- Current, gently used, men's and women's magazines for waiting room (example: beauty, health, hunting, cars, etc.)



2nd Annual Splash Down Event at Oasis is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th

LaVie is joining forces with Oasis, The Better Billings Foundation and Simply Family Magazine as 2013 in-kind sponsors to bring a fun swim/talk for mothers and daughters and sons and dads. The planning stages are still underway, but our intent is to focus on 5th and 6th graders and how media literacy is impacting their self-esteem. Our speakers will bring not only awareness to the parents, but hopefully will provide tools for children in helping them increase their self-esteem and not let appearance play a big role in their lives as they get ready to enter a new school year. More information will be posted on both our facebook page and website – laviebillings.com. Additionally, if you would like to help sponsor the event either personally or through your business or just have questions, please contact Cindy Nordstog at 406/256-7038 or via e-mail at cindyn@billingscpc.org.

Thank you
for all the little things!



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Going Social

LaVie is slowly entering the social marketing world and needs your help!!! We are in the beginning stages of building our facebook page, as we feel that it gives LaVie just another tool to help capture our demographics. Following updates to LaVie's website, and building our facebook audience - LaVie intends to start using other social marketing mediums such as Pinterest and possibly Instagram. Please, if you are a current facebook user, "like" LaVie Pregnancy Clinic, Billings, MT. Please invite your friends to be friends of LaVie and help us build an audience. If you have any great articles/ideas/posts/suggestions, please e-mail cindyn@billingscpc.org. Thanks for helping LaVie go social!!!

Montana Women's Run 2013

On a perfect weather day in Billings, Team LaVie made their way through the downtown streets of 2nd and 3rd Avenues for the Annual Montana Women's Run. Team LaVie consisted of (from left to right) Janet Carson, Cindy Nordstog, Kristi Williams, Sharon Bonogofsky-Parker, DeAnn Visser, Stacie Pannell, Cindy McLean, Carol Tinnes, Trudy Gavin and Mary Thompson (with baby Abigail). Thank you to the Women's Run for giving Team LaVie an opportunity to participate. We all look forward to the walk/run again next year!



Mother/Daughter Day at St. Bernard's

On April 13th, LaVie partnered with St. Bernard's Parish for a Mother/Daughter Day. This event specifically reached 4th - 7th graders and focused on style, sense and self-respect! This event was very well attended by 60 moms and daughters.

The theme was "How to be a Taylor Swift in a Lindsay Lohan World", and Dr. Danielle Emery kicked off the program with a talk on negative advertising and cultural influences. Further day's events included a fashion show with three models from St. Francis Upper, a break for brunch, a "self-care, hygiene in adolescence" talk, crafting/beading time, and round-table discussions for moms - which spun off into mom groups.

The speaker/MC for the fashion show was Trisha Glen. The organizers of the fun-filled, well attended Mother/Daughter Day were Alice Kenat, Coreen Glen and Danielle Emery.



Baby Bottle Campaign Update

The temperatures are warming, the sky is blue and the vibrant colors of spring are once again appearing. Springs arrival also heralds the annual baby bottle campaign at LaVie. For anyone who is not familiar with the baby bottle campaign, this is how it works. Dozens of churches in Billings and the surrounding area make the bottles available to their congregations in the weeks preceding Mother's Day. Individuals take the bottles home and fill them with their offerings. With each donation, there is opportunity to designate it to be in honor or memory of a loved one.

On Mother's Day, our LaVie ad appeared in the Billings Gazette with 637 individuals being recognized. What a lovely way to say "Thank You" to a mother, grandmother, friend or family member!

LaVie has once again been blessed by the congregants of the participating churches ... the total donated for 2013 topped \$36,000 More than any of our past baby bottle fundraisers.

With that said, we would like to express our thankfulness and appreciation for all of you who donated to LaVie and to the many volunteers who worked to make this fundraiser possible. We wish to thank Betty Lilleberg for organizing this year's campaign, and the volunteers who helped with counting, recording, etc.: Tena Moore, Barb Nelson, Shelley Fimrite, Debbie Ricci, Patty Bradshaw, Anne Streeter, Kathy Hickle, Carol Wald, Marian Neill, Barbara Prichard, Barb Lowe, Isabel Kudrna, Anisia Begger, Alvina Buck, Jean Brown, Valarie Bender, Linda Mosser, Barbara Cook, Margaret McGillvray, Mary Jane Helgeson and Charlotte Lindberg.

We would like to extend a special "Thank you" to First Interstate Bank for providing us with a coin counting machine for several

days, for which we are ever grateful (we would otherwise still be counting).

Lastly, we would like to thank the many church representatives and the participating churches: Absarokee Evangelical, Berea Baptist, Bethel Evangelical, Broadview Lutheran, Calvary Chapel, Columbus Evangelical, Elevation Church, East Gate Wesleyan, Emmanuel Baptist, Evangelical United Methodist, Faith Evangelical, Family Christian Center, First Alliance, Grace Bible Church, Grace Fellowship, Harvest Evangelical (& Lockwood), Heights Baptist, Heights Family Worship, Hope Chapel, Hope Evangelical, Joliet Wesleyan, Mary Queen of Peace, Mount Olive Lutheran, New Apostolic Church, Nye Community Church, New Hope Fellowship Lutheran, New Life Church, Our Savior Lutheran, Parkhill Assembly of God, Rapelje Evangelical Church, Red Lodge Alliance Church, The Rock Church, Rocky Mountain



Community Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, St. Benedict's Catholic Church, St. Bernard's Catholic Church, St. Cyril & Methodius, St. John's Catholic Church, St. Mary's - Columbus, St. Michael's - Absarokee, St. Nicholas Church, St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, St. Pius X Church, St. Thomas Catholic Church, Trinity Baptist, West Side Baptist.

Thanks again to all for making the 2013 Baby Bottle Campaign a huge success!!

Radio Programs

Looking for our current radio programs? Find them at:

- KURL 93.3 FM on Mondays at 4:00 p.m.
- KJCR 1240 AM & 97.5 FM, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

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A Fetus is receptive to pain? (The National Right to Life)

- A fetus responds to stimuli beginning at 7-8 weeks gestation.
- At just 10-11 weeks gestation - the palms of the hands become sensitive to stroking and the rest of the body becomes sensitive around 13-14 weeks gestation.

After 20 weeks following fertilization, the unborn child reacts to stimuli that would be recognized as PAIN if applied to an adult.

The Stats? (The National Right to Life)

- At current rates, about **one in three** American women will have had an abortion by the time she reaches age 45.
- 58% of women having abortions are in their 20s; 61% have one or more children; 85% are unmarried; 69% are economically disadvantaged; and 73% report a religious affiliation. No racial or ethnic group makes up a majority.
- There were 2,147 induced abortions performed in Montana in 2011, producing about **12% abortion per 1,000 women** of reproductive age (Montana Department of Health and Human Services).

Who is benefitting? (2011 Planned Parenthood Federation of America Annual Report)

- Planned Parenthood reported earnings in 2011 of over \$300,000,000 from performing abortions, which compares to their clinic (non-abortion income) income of just over \$150,000,000.

How late can abortions be performed?

- Planned Parenthood in Billings advertises - "In-clinic abortions up to 21 weeks and 6 days after the start of your last menstrual period. If your last period was after 21 weeks and 6 days, we can still help."
- Fetal viability is the ability of a fetus to survive outside the uterus, which is considered to be 23 weeks.

Just the facts! (Mayo Clinic)

- At 20-21 weeks, you are halfway into your pregnancy. 18 weeks after conception, you might be able to feel your baby's first movements, also known as quickening. If you've been pregnant before, you might have begun feeling your baby's movements a few weeks prior. Your baby is now beginning to swallow.

LaVie's PACE Program

If you or someone you know is experiencing a negative impact from the regret of a past abortion, please call us to find out more about our PACE (Post Abortion Counseling Education) program... it can help! 652-4868