

Six Little Words...Two Special Lives

At 10 PM on a cold Sunday night in January, the Carolyn's Place hotline rang and a young female voice said, "Hi, this is Angela, and I heard you help people who are going to have a baby."

"That's right," responded Carolyn's Place Client Director Ellen. "How can I help you?"

The timid voice questioned, "You go to the hospital with girls, right?"

"Yes."

"Would you come with me?"

"Yes, when are you due?"

"I am in labor right now."

Ellen instructed the young girl to head to the hospital where she would meet her. Ellen had just completed an evening talk to a Confirmation class in Bristol, so she immediately headed for the hospital in Waterbury.

Ellen arrived at the hospital to find a frightened fourteen-year-old girl alone and about to give birth. That is when Ellen's nineteen years of experience "kicked in" to what she does best, giving unconditional support to help this child go through labor and delivery. No questions, no judgments made, just help keep a young girl calm while she brought a new life into the world.

Several hours later Angela gave birth to a healthy baby boy. She courageously chose to place him with a loving adoptive family. Carolyn's Place remained by Angela's side providing emotional support for days following the birth. The hospital social worker was able to track down Angela's parents out of state. She was a runaway, and her parents had spent many agonizing months unable to locate her. They were joyfully and tearfully reunited to try and pick up the pieces to re-establish their family and be a part of their daughter's teenage years again. We found out that Angela had heard about Carolyn's Place from a student at one of the Waterbury high schools who had participated in our Respect, Responsibility Education Program.

It won't be easy for Angela and there will be many challenges, but thanks to that one phone call and the response, "Carolyn's Place, may I help you?" two young lives are united with loving families.

Mission Statement

**"Love one another"
(John 13:34)**

Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center is a ministry committed to empowering individuals, through education, comfort, and assistance, to make life choices related to their sexuality and child-bearing consistent with the sanctity of human life.



Hotline: 203-597-9050

*Join us at our 19th Anniversary Annual Dinner
November 6, 2011 See page 2 for details.*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
STUDENTS FOR LIFE OF AMERICA
TO SPEAK AT OUR ANNUAL DINNER**

Carolyn's Place is pleased to announce that Kristan Hawkins, Executive Director of **Students for Life of America (SFLA)**, will be speaking at our 19th Annual Dinner to be held Sunday, November 6, 2011. Kristan is the first Executive Director of **SFLA** and was appointed in 2006. As Director she has worked to increase the number of college campus pro-life groups across the country from 181 to over 500. Kristan also hosts the radio show "On Campus with Students for Life" on National Pro-Life Radio. Before her time at Students for Life, Ms. Hawkins served as a political appointee in the George W. Bush administration at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Kristan first became involved in the pro-life movement after volunteering for a Pregnancy Care Center while she was in high school. Kristan Hawkins has received many awards for her faithful and diligent work in the pro-life movement. Some of these include the Susan B. Anthony Young Leader Award, the Dr. William Hogan Education Award for pro-life Leadership and the 2010 Life Prize Award. Kristan's work and passion for the unborn has been featured in numerous publications, most recently in the *Washington Examiner* and in *Citizen Magazine*. Kristan is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Bethany College in West Virginia. She resides in Martinsburg, West Virginia with her husband Jonathan and two sons.

A special opportunity for teenagers and college students to learn how they can share in protecting the sanctity of life. Special student rate of \$25.

We are very excited and pleased to have Kristan speak about her current role at Students for Life and share her many experiences. Kristan's message of life is sure to inspire and encourage all who attend. We look forward to learning new ways to "Enlighten Our Youth With Truth."

Our Annual Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 6th, 2011 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Villa Rosa Pontelandolfo Club, 380 Farmwood Road, Waterbury CT. The cost is \$50 for adults, \$25 for students and includes a five course meal and wine at your table. More information will follow or you can contact our Business Office at 203-597-9080.

We hope you can join us for this special event.

Donate Stock

Consider Gifting Appreciated Securities to Carolyn's Place

We are pleased to let you know that we have established an account with LPL Financial to facilitate the acceptance of appreciated securities. We encourage and gratefully appreciate such donations to Carolyn's Place. For specific instructions on transferring stock certificates or donating a gift of stock and/or mutual funds direct from a brokerage account, please contact Jennifer Barry at Capital Strategies, 2 Barnard Lane, Bloomfield, CT 06002, (860) 242-6797, Fax (860) 243-9650.

**ADOPTION LICENSE
PLATES**

Our young moms need to understand what an awesome option adoption is. Children's First Foundation has an adoption license plate available. Put in the code CP on the application, and you'll travel with the message and Carolyn's Place gets a donation! For more information, call or visit 1-877-FUND-ADOPTION.org.

Become a Carolyn's Place Member



You may or may not know that Carolyn's Place is funded 100% by your contributions. We do not, and have never, received money from the State of Connecticut or the Federal Government. This would potentially require that we compromise our message that all life is a precious gift from God. This is why we need your help. This year we are concentrating on our education programs.

We are "Enlightening Our Youth With Truth" because over the years, our clients have gotten younger and the statistics for teen pregnancy, abortion and sexually transmitted diseases are staggeringly high. Our mission has expanded to include developing programs that focus on providing youth with information to make responsible, healthy, **life-affirming** choices. It is more important than ever to provide our children an alternative to abortion and follow through with the support necessary to make this life-affirming choice. Our goal for the next school year is to double the number of students participating in the Respect, Responsibility Education Program.

We hope that you will consider becoming a Carolyn's Place Member or renewing your membership for another year. We can't carry out our mission without your blessings and support.



Please return this slip & your check in the envelope provided.

Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center

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Yes! I want to help "Enlighten Our Youth With Truth" at Carolyn's Place.

I have enclosed a check for: \$ _____

Date: _____

_____ Cornerstone Circle
(\$2,000+)

_____ Pillar
(\$1,000+)

_____ Protector
(\$500+)

_____ Patron
(\$100+)

_____ Guardian
(\$25+/-)

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

I prefer to be contacted by E-mail Yes _____ No _____

Please Circle: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Name(s): _____

Address: _____

(I wish to remain anonymous _____)

If you know someone who would like to be a part of "Enlightening Our Youth With Truth" please provide their name and address below.

(Please Circle) Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

YOU

Baby Bottle Bonanza!

During the 2011 Lenten Season we were blessed by many parishes and organizations. It is because of your faithful support through these Baby Bottle Boomerang Events that we are able to continue our important work. Thank you so much!

Thank you to **The Covenant Church of Thomaston** for hosting their first Baby Bottle Boomerang. The Covenant Church raised \$1,390.86 toward the purchase of new cribs. Thank you!

Thank you so much to **St. Rose of Lima Parish** in Newtown for holding their 5th Baby Bottle Boomerang. The parish raised \$3,806.00. Thank you so much for your faithful support and thank you to Helga Roegele for organizing the event.

A Special thanks to all the students at **St. John the Evangelist School** in Watertown for holding a very successful Baby Bottle Boomerang. The students enthusiastically raised \$1,728.61. We are extremely grateful to principal, Mr. John Petto, and to all the students grades Pre-K-8. We also give a special thanks to Julia Danielowski for coordinating this event.

The parishioners of **St. Teresa Church** in Woodbury raised \$5,190.89 in their fourth Baby Bottle Boomerang event. We are truly grateful to Fr. Bob Kwiatkowski for allowing his parish to host the Boomerang and for all the hard work Wes Wensek provided to make this a successful event. Thank you all for your generous and faithful support!

Thank you so much to **St. Francis Xavier Parish** in New Milford for holding their second Boomerang event. The parish did an outstanding job and raised \$5,119.10 under the leadership of Deacon Roland Miller. We thank you so much for your generosity and faithful support. (photo below)



Thank you to the parishioners of **St. Joseph and Immaculate Conception Churches** in Canaan for holding a Baby Bottle Boomerang. These two small parishes raised \$669.40. Thank you to all who participated and for the volunteers who coordinated the fundraiser. We are truly grateful!

St. Aloysius Parish in Plantsville held their 5th Boomerang this Lent. This successful event raised \$5,694.95. Thank you so much for your years of support. We are truly blessed. Thank you!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Washington, CT held their first Baby Bottle Boomerang and raised an amazing \$2,498.44. Thank you to all the parishioners who participated. Your donations are very important to our ministry.

IF YOUR PARISH OR ORGANIZATION

WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:



- Purchase, or borrow from us, a sufficient number of baby bottles for your parish or organization.
- Distribute a baby bottle to anyone interested in participating.
- Ask them to fill the bottle with spare change.
- Have everyone return the filled bottle at the end of a specified time period. (Usually about 3 to 4 weeks.)
- Total the donations, and send one check to Carolyn's Place, Inc.
- Return borrowed bottles to Carolyn's Place, or save your purchased bottles and reuse for a future boomerang.

From Ellen's Desk

When a young woman comes into the Center and experiences a positive pregnancy test, all of her choices are difficult. Information regarding her options is given accurately, truthfully and compassionately.

Adoption as an option is almost always viewed negatively. Perhaps understanding some of the “whys” behind the negative reactions may help us change things.

The need to preserve identity can be a barrier to considering adoption. On an emotional level, placing a child for adoption is like a woman giving up a part of herself. Helping her see that her child is a distinct person, separate from her, an “unrepeatable masterpiece,” can sometimes remedy this thought process.

Another difficulty we encounter in presenting adoption is that the mother feels she's not accepting responsibility or that she's not acting “motherly.” Assisting the client in assessing her strengths and weaknesses and going over her five year plan is useful here. What's her age? Is she in school? Is she working? Can she give her child all that she wants to? All her child deserves?

The mother who chooses adoption not only chooses life, but also chooses life abundantly by giving her child the best life she can.

A LIFE REMEMBERED

Mrs. Harriet DelDonno, former Waterbury resident and part of our Carolyn's Place family, died at the age of 92 on Thursday, June 23, 2011. Mrs. DelDonno was a supporter of Carolyn's Place and also was the former owner of the house on Grandview Ave. that we now call home to our Center. She was a woman of deep faith and valued her family above all. We have strived to maintain this same atmosphere of love and hospitality here at Carolyn's Place. Mrs. Harriet DelDonno has blessed many lives and left a true legacy of love.



Did you know?

There are 1.5 million adopted children in the United States. This is over 2% of all U.S. children.

Adoptioninstitute.org



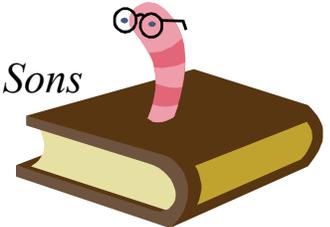
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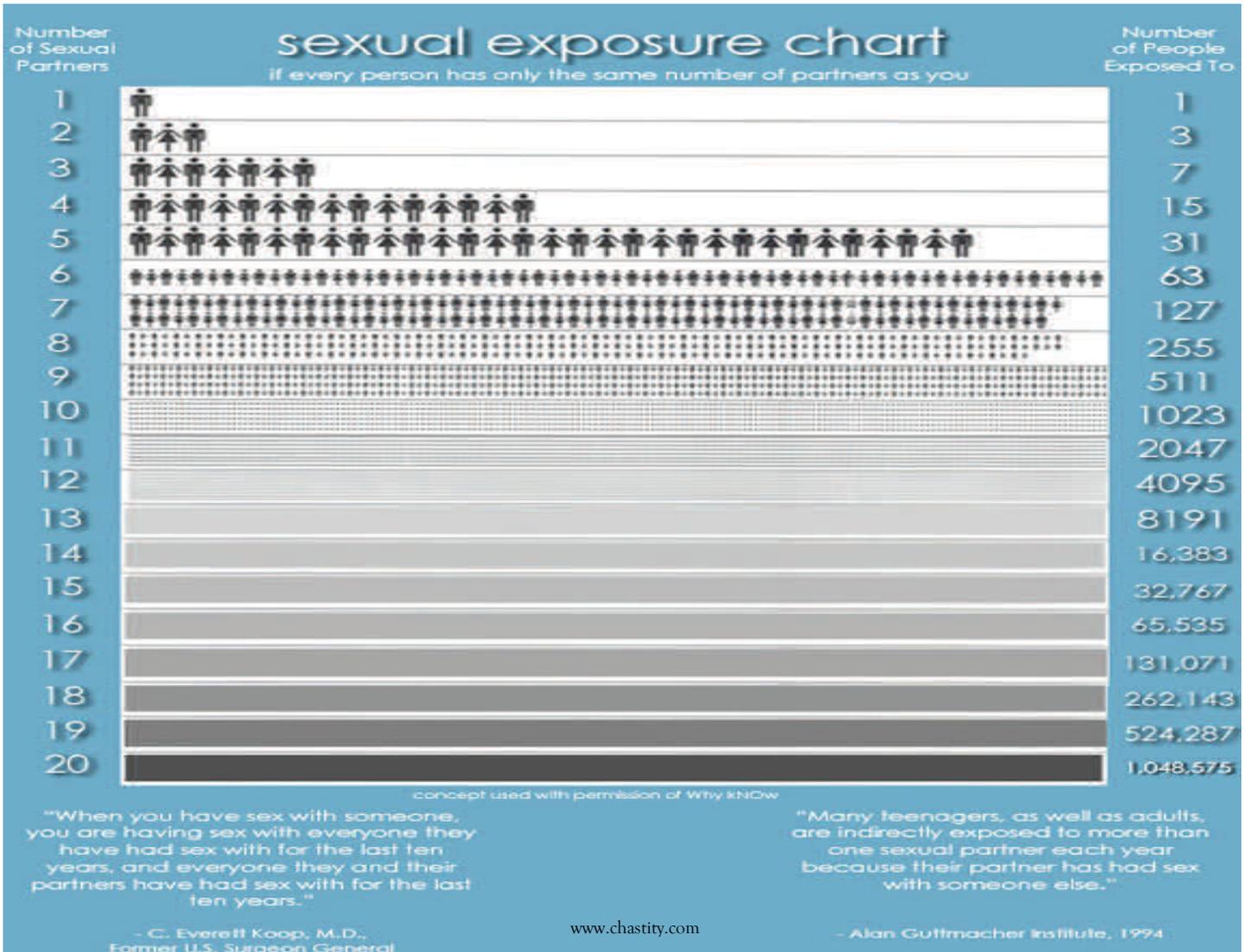
Boys Should Be Boys: 7 Secrets to Raising Healthy Sons

By Meg Meeker, M.D.

Taken From: www.megmeekermid.com



What are little boys made of? It used to be frogs, snails, and puppy dog tails, but today it is MTV, ADD, and STDs. So how do parents raise their sons to be respectful and responsible young men despite a toxic culture that relentlessly undermines masculine virtues such as moral strength, self-restraint and respect for women? By letting boys be boys. Dr. Meg Meeker, bestselling author of *Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters*, follows up her success with *Boys Should Be Boys*—a guide for parents on how to raise a strong son in these turbulent times. Taking readers on a journey from boyhood to manhood, *Boys Should Be Boys* delves into the mind, heart and spirit of boys, showing parents how they can make a difference between the boy their son is and the man he will become. “Boys will be boys”—Dr. Meeker shows why it is not just an expression, it's a necessity.



Prayer for Civil Leaders



Divine Father, You are the source of all life and authority. Help those who are in authority within government to realize that they have received the gift of authority from You, so that they will be good servants of their people and faithful stewards of Your gifts, particularly Your gift of human life. Give them wisdom and prudence to know how to protect human life from conception until natural death. Grant them the courage to ward off any evil forces which threaten the gift of life. Help them to nurture and support human life through just laws and sound programs. Give them the humility to acknowledge their failings and seek Your guidance, help, and strength. We ask this in Jesus' name, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

We need your help!

- We are in need of the following items to provide to our families:
- ◆ Premie Spring and Summer Clothes
 - ◆ Newborn Girls Onesies and Outfits
 - ◆ Diapers Premie, Newborn, sizes 5 & 6
 - ◆ Baby Towels
 - ◆ Crib Sheets
 - ◆ Baby Shampoo
 - ◆ Baby Wash
 - ◆ Crib Mattresses

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