

# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF MINISTRY

*Saving lives, one baby at a time*

## OUR MISSION:

- **ENGAGE**  
*with life-honoring services*
- **EMBRACE**  
*with life-saving truth*
- **EMPOWER**  
*with life-changing support*



*Teresa Larkin, Executive Director*



## FROM TERESA LARKIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

While attending a Women's Bible Study at my church back in 1999, the director of the Revere center of A Woman's Concern (Your Options Medical's previous name), Linda Durant, came to share about the ministry and the need for volunteers. My heart was stirred and I began volunteering shortly after. Although Linda was encouraging me to train for the client advocate role, I was determined to stick to folding baby clothes and other general duties.

About six months later, the opportunity to convert the Revere center to a licensed medical clinic became available, giving the ministry two licensed clinics that could offer ultrasounds to women facing an unplanned pregnancy – Dorchester and Revere. And I succumbed to Linda's urging and became a client advocate. For several years I worked directly with clients. Over the years, so many women stand out in my memory. The brief moments of time that I was part of their story enriched my life.

**One of the first clients I worked with was a beautiful woman named Bella.** Finding herself pregnant by a man who did not tell her that he was married, she was devastated and ashamed. In her mind, abortion was the only option. For weeks she went back and forth with her decision. Ending the relationship caused her financial difficulties and she soon lost her apartment and was homeless. I brought her to several appointments with maternity homes but none seemed the right fit. But then things changed. She had a second ultrasound and saw her nine-week baby moving around, heard a beating heart and determined right then that she was going to have her baby.

Within days of her making that decision, Martha, a wonderful woman who supported the ministry and had raised eight children, opened her home to her and Bella moved in and spent the next three years with Martha. Bella had been questioning the existence of God until she witnessed His goodness and provision in the ways the ministry supported her. She gave her heart to the Lord and determined to raise her child to trust in the Lord. When she gave birth to her daughter Laura, I was in the delivery room with her – a moment that I have never forgotten. **Today Laura is a nineteen-year-old sophomore at Tulane University. She is beautiful, smart, and passionate about helping others. Bella never regretted choosing life for Laura.**

Those who support abortion fail to recognize that every baby in the womb is a person with a purpose and a destiny ordained by God. Thousands of babies born through this ministry are living testimonies to that truth.

My journey has been incredible and one that I've shared with many faithful, committed followers of Jesus Christ who have dedicated their time, talent and treasure to defend and protect the life of both mother and child. Thank you for taking this journey with us.

# **CONSTANTLY INNOVATING, ALWAYS FAITHFUL**

*The times have changed, but the goal remains the same*



The decision to become medically licensed had a tremendous impact in the pro-life arena and propelled A Woman's Concern, Inc. dba Your Options Medical to be a leader in the cause for life, not only in Massachusetts, but nationally. Over our thirty years of ministry, we have remained committed to having the greatest possible impact in the life-saving work of the pregnancy center. Adapting to the changes in the abortion industry while remaining faithful and uncompromising on the core principle of the sanctity of life has been the driving factor in the strategic decisions the ministry's leaders have implemented.

**The expediency and availability of abortion has propelled us to move away from the social work model of our early days and become more medically minded in order to be an effective pre-pregnancy decision organization, focusing primarily on the short window of time when a woman learns that she is pregnant to making her decision to either parent or abort.** With each advancement in the ease of obtaining an abortion, we recognized the importance of ultrasound and adapted our services to make sure every pregnant woman considering an abortion has access to a free ultrasound. Informing women of the health and safety risks of abortion is also a key component of a patient visit.

But even with our intentional shift to medical, we have not stopped helping mothers who choose life with the resources and practical support they need to successfully parent or release for adoption. And through your support we continue to offer post abortion healing and help for those struggling with a past abortion decision. Thank you for supporting life through your gifts to Your Options Medical!

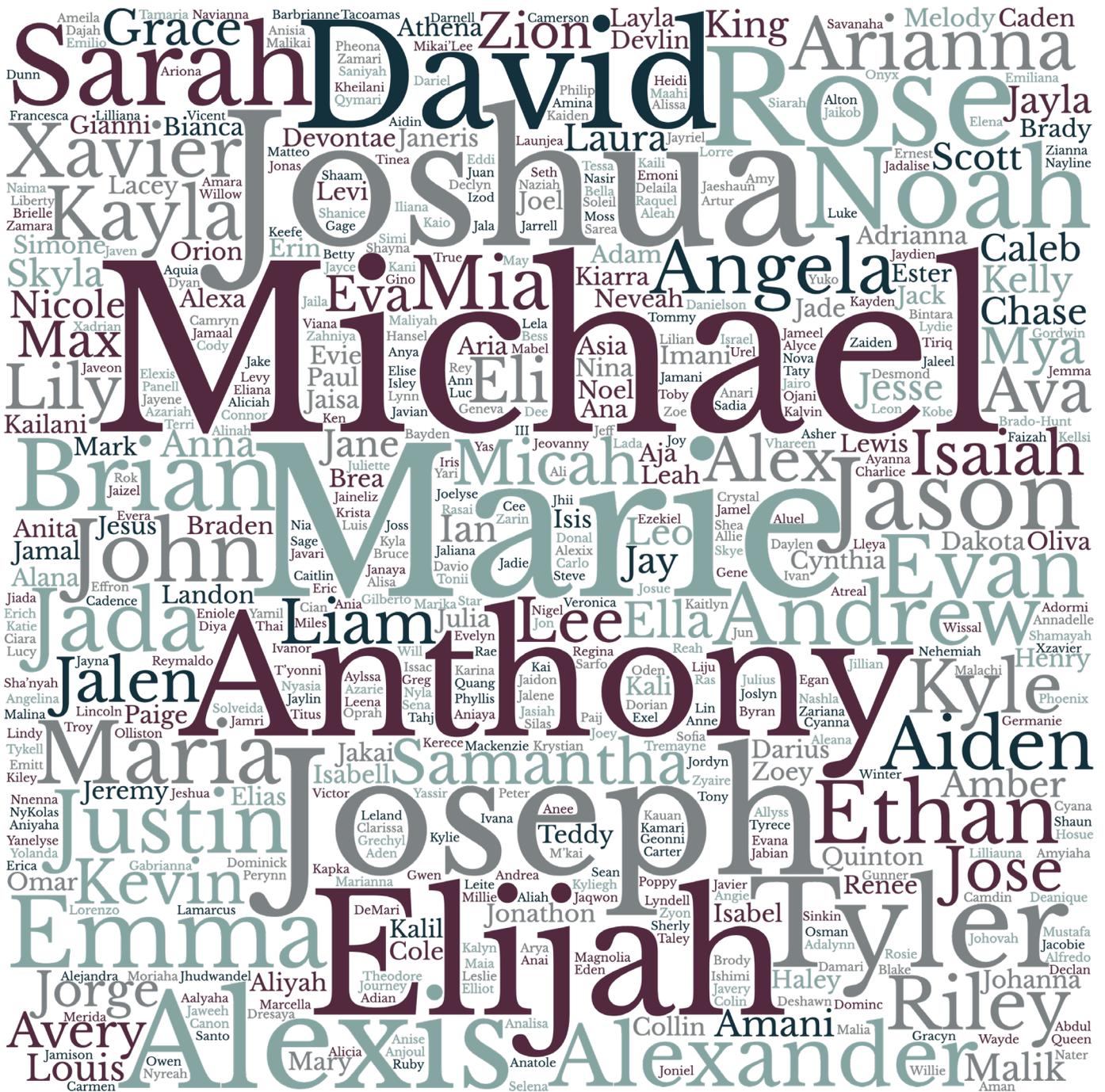
## **FROM PASTOR DAVID HILL, BOARD MEMBER**

Your Options started with the realization that it is not enough to tell women not to have an abortion, but that we must do everything humanly possible to help women keep their babies. They are feeling totally overwhelmed with an unwanted pregnancy, and they need compassionate help in order to make the right choice. Your Options does precisely this and does it very well. My wife, Ingrid, and I started supporting Your Options Medical when it first got started about thirty years ago with a small monthly donation. Our monthly giving increased a lot over the years and about eight years ago, I was asked to join the Board of Directors, which I was happy to do.

Abortion and its underlying cause, the so-called sexual revolution, are still great social problems facing our nations over 45 years after Roe v. Wade. In Proverbs 31:8, God calls His people to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves."

I support Your Options because our staff and volunteers do full time what I can only do part time, help women in need choose life and find the practical care and support that they require in a time of great need. And it is all done in the name and for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# OVER 4,000 PEOPLE BORN BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT



The unseen baby in the womb is not going to someday become a person if they are allowed to live – they already are a person. Over 4,000 people are alive today because you gave us an opportunity to reach them with a life-saving ultrasound.

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FINANCIAL PARTNERS!

Whether you have supported us from the early days of the ministry, joined us along the way or recently became part of the family, **you are the reason** thousands of people are alive today. Thirty years is a milestone certainly worth celebrating, but there are still thousands of women in Massachusetts who need our work to continue. So, let's pause to rejoice over what we have accomplished together and commit to continuing the legacy of saving lives.

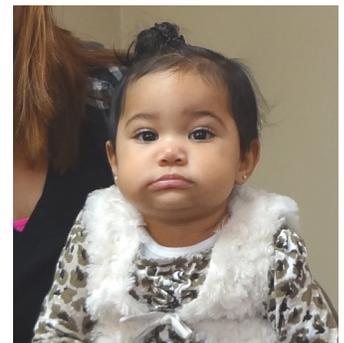
## FROM PAUL LINEHAN, BOARD CHAIRMAN



Looking back over our 30 year history, I am amazed what the ministry of YOM has accomplished. In my tenure as a board member and most recently as chair, I have been blessed to work with an amazing team of individuals who, day in and day out, fight the good fight of revealing God's miraculous creation — one baby at a time. Whether it is our Executive Director Teresa Larkin, any of our dedicated staff and volunteers, or our incredibly generous and committed donors, I recognize that God has placed each person — with their unique gifts and abilities — in that role “which God prepared in advance for them to do” for His plan and purpose.

In retrospect, my own journey with the ministry began in an unlikely way. About 15 years ago, my first introduction to the ministry was as a member of a team of volunteers recruited to paint the Dorchester center. I recall we painted the entire center a neon pink (needless to say, it looked better on paper than on drywall). While painting in a hallway, I noticed the title “president” on an office door. I stopped and considered the weighty responsibility she must have and said a prayer. A few years later, I volunteered as a GED instructor at the center. It was in that capacity that Teresa approached me to see if I would be interested in being nominated to the board. The rest, as they say, is history.

I am truly honored to be a small part of the rich history of this organization that has been doing God's will of defending the unborn. I am especially grateful for your support and encouragement over these past 30 years. I know there are hills and valleys still ahead. With your help, we will continue to follow His leading as long as it takes!



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