January 2024 In Review



January is always a busy month for Daybreak, and this January was no exception. On Friday, January 5, our entire Daybreak team attended the **South Carolina Citizens for Life** (SCCL) annual banquet at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. 2024 marks the "50th Jubilee" anniversary of SCCL, and it was a privilege to be among those celebrating this milestone with them. Attendees received a strong (and humorous) word of encouragement from Seth Dillon, the CEO of **The Babylon Bee**.



On Saturday morning, January 6, members of Daybreak participated in the "March for Life" that SCCL hosts each year. The heavy deluge of rain that was forecasted did not materialize, and we were able to make in relative "dryness" the walk from The Russell House (on USC's campus) to the steps of the Statehouse where we joined a few hundred others to hear the good news pro-life advances within our state.

On the afternoon of January 6, Daybreak's Director of Community Relations, **Kari Heffron**, and Daybreak student volunteers from **Northside Christian Academy** participated in the **South Carolina Student Life Summit** at the Village Church (Downtown campus). SC Student Life Summit was hosted **by Student Leadership Discovery**, where attendees had the opportunity to hear Brittany Janzen (President & Co-founder of **ProLife Global)** speak on current pro-life issues. What a joy it was to join with other prolife advocates, SC pregnancy resource centers, and brave local students, boldly taking a stand for the sanctity of unborn human life.









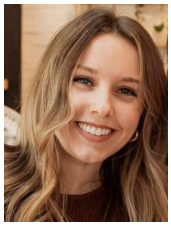
On Saturday, January 13, Daybreak opened for a special and extended day of ultrasound testing where nine Daybreak clients were given the opportunity to see "real-time" images of the life within them. It was, as it were, an extra work day for everyone, and what a happy day, too!



On Sunday, January 14, I had the opportunity to speak to the congregation at **Crossroads Baptist Church** of Gilbert. Thanks to Pastor Jud Hook and his wife Melissa for this chance to address the good folks of their church with stories of the work of Daybreak.

On Thursday, January 18, Daybreak's Director of Client Care, **Lori Baker**, hosted a videocast of "Marching 101–A Pro-Life Advocacy Workshop" sponsored by the **National March for Life**. Attendees were able to hear from a panel of pro-life lobbyists and policy experts on strategies that lead to successful pro-life legislation.

Beyond those "extra-curricular" activities, we had 140 client visits and conducted 57 pregnancy tests and 27 ultrasounds. Our staff and client advocate volunteers participated in 138 discussions with clients about spiritual matters and shared the Gospel with 81 clients.



And one additional matter of good news, one of our client advocates, Jenny Smith, became a certified ultrasound sonographer and is providing additional ultrasound capabilities to Daybreak. Our thanks to Jenny for her talents and her dedication to the mission and work of Daybreak!

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