



Of Maryland, Inc.

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Membership requires yearly dues of only \$ 15.00. We are required to report to the MVA any inactive members. To maintain your membership and Choose Life plates, you must be current with your dues.

We are a 501c and the yearly dues, as well as any additional donations are tax deductible.

The CHOOSE LIFE message is growing. There are now 14 states that have CHOOSE LIFE plates on the road and 4 states are approved and are subject to pre-sell before the plates are produced and released.

You will see plates in: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, MARYLAND, Mississippi, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Connecticut. States approved subject to pre-sell are Indiana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and South Carolina.

Funds raised total \$6,818,526.00 throughout the Unites States. Funds are used to assist those women who are in a crisis pregnancy situation and need assistance to carry their child to birth. Here in Maryland, we have asked for a \$15.00 donation per year to maintain membership and qualify for the plates. Many people have increased their payment with donations making some meaningful expenditures available to encourage the growth of our membership without touching funds committed for assistance.

We have to date assisted The Gabriel Network in providing housing for an expecting woman who could not stay at home. Assistance was given to Cecil County's pregnancy center to expand on their outreach program. Support was given to The Gabriel Network to present their program introducing birth and adoption as an alternative to abortion. The Bowie-Crofton Pregnancy Clinic expanded into Severna Park in Anne Arundel County, replacing an abortion site. We assisted in funding some computer equipment to maintain contact with clients and assist in training volunteers.

An Honorary Membership was presented to a Catholic Priest, Father Edward Fahey of Ocean City, for his forceful sermons concerning abortions. Our CHOOSE LIFE tag number 500 was presented and mounted on his automobile. As you may expect, there were a number of visiting people to St. Luke Church on Coastal Highway in August and we experienced some increase in membership applications. Father Fahey encouraged the attendees to investigate CHOOSE LIFE in their states. A citizen of Delaware has been in

touch with CHOOSE LIFE offering to form a group to establish tags in that state. A BIG THANK YOU is given to RAY MARTIN who suggested this recognition for Father Fahey.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

As you may expect, our organization keeps moving with volunteers. Our Secretary, Anne Marie Johnson, was given a green light to do CHOOSE LIFE work at her jobsite. Of course, she is one of those that insist on completing her work "at work" so she spends many hours after her normal work day is complete. We would appreciate assistance from someone in the Millersville – Odenton area who knows Microsoft Access 2003 to post new members and help track their tags. Anne estimates about 2 or 3 hours a week to start due to some backlog.

Pamela Palumbo, who is the Executive Director of the Pregnancy Clinic serving Bowie, Crofton & Severna Park, greatly assisted us when we were in the organization phase. She shared her knowledge of operations of a pro-life clinic and the success stories experienced. Pam has accepted our position of AGENCY COORDINATOR to answer questions from other executives of pregnancy clinics about CHOOSE LIFE of MARYLAND.

John Gill has taken on the responsibility of developing a program to identify the contact person in the various churches who would be receptive to a CHOOSE LIFE presentation. It is hoped that this will assist in enlarging our volunteer base of license salespersons. We recognize that most churches and pastors have a lot on their plate and we hope to condense our message for their intake.

Jon Shoemaker, Webmaster for Defend Life, contributed his time to set up our website CHOOSELIFEMD.ORG. John Gill has indicated interest in making updates as required. We would appreciate help in this area so John can remain focused on expansion.

YOU! OUR MEMBERS who help spread the word – who contact their places of worship and have us visit to introduce CHOOSE LIFE OF MARYLAND to the members of that group. Please remember to call 410-987-0313 for Anne or e-mail John Gill at chooselifemd@aol.com with contact names for us to contact.

DUES

We depend on you to make your annual donation of \$15.00 per year to remain a member and eligible to have the CHOOSE LIFE tag in the state of Maryland... We do not bill but use this method to remind you to remit dues. As membership increases and dues are remitted we will be able to do more to support those agencies that follow our principals to support the quality of life issues at all stages of the age spectrum.