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Special Guest Speakers Ruth Graham & Windsor Bauders Daughter and Granddaughter of Evangelist Billy Graham

Two very special women are going to speak at the Pro-Life Breakfast this January. Ruth Graham is the daughter of the renowned Christian evangelist, Billy Graham. Windsor Dienert-Bauders is Ruth's daughter.

Ruth is a mother of three and grandmother to nine children from 3 to 17 years old. She is the president and founder of Ruth Graham & Friends and Ruth Graham Ministries. Windsor is a mother of four. She made the choice for life three times under very difficult circumstances.

“We’ve experienced a lot as Grammys,” Ruth says. “We’re not perfect. It doesn’t matter who you are or what family you come from. Life happens. And life brings you blows that you don’t expect. It happens to Billy Graham’s family, too.”

Ruth and Windsor will share their own very personal stories about a number of life experiences that would test anyone’s faith, hope, and fidelity to the sanctity of human

life: the trials and tribulations of two teenage pregnancies, the painful release of a child for adoption, an adverse fetal diagnosis, and more. Despite so many challenges and struggles, this is ultimately a story of love, courage, and victory through God’s mercy and grace.

Ruth lives in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. She is an experienced speaker and prolific author. She has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *The Hour of Power*, *Focus on the Family* and Moody Broadcasting. Her books include *Things I Learned from My Mother*, *Legacy of Faith: Things I Learned from My Father*, *In Every Pew Sits a Broken Heart*, and *I’m Pregnant...Now What?*

Windsor and her husband Todd Bauders, a professional photographer, live with their four children in the Philadelphia area. She knows the issues, the hurts, and the questions surrounding an unplanned pregnancy. She found herself pregnant at 16. The child, a

daughter, was released for adoption. She found herself pregnant again seven months later and decided

to parent that child, a son. She knows the struggle of single-parenting.

Much later, after being married, Windsor had a little girl. Pregnant with her fourth child, she was told by her physician that the baby she was carrying would not be normal. She was asked if she wanted an abortion. She chose life. That child, a little boy, still has significant health challenges but is a joy to those who know him.

Windsor volunteers at crisis pregnancy centers and has offered her home to young girls who are pregnant. She is currently a student at Liberty University online.



39th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast

What an honor to be hosting Ruth Graham and Windsor Bauders as the special guest speakers for People for Life’s 39th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast! The event will take place on January 14 at Erie’s Bayfront Convention Center. It would also be an honor to have you, your family, and your friends join us for what promises to be an exciting morning of pro-life education, inspiration, and camaraderie.

Music will be provided by the interfaith group Harmony’s House, back for a second appearance at the Pro-Life Breakfast.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 11:30. Doors will open and pro-life literature and merchandise will be on display at 8 a.m.

Reservations are \$15 for ages over 12 and \$7 for ages 3 to 12. Younger children are welcome to attend free of charge. Free child care will be available with fun activities for kids of all ages. Tickets must be purchased in advance, by Monday, January 9. Early

reservations are appreciated. See page three to choose the most convenient option for purchasing your tickets.

Because a large group might have difficulty getting everyone seated together, reserved tables are available for parties of eight or more. The request for a reserved table should be made when purchasing tickets. Tables seat a maximum of 10 people. Ushers will be available at the doors to help smaller groups and individuals with their seating.

Erie Roman Catholic Bishop Lawrence Persico, Bishop-emeritus Donald Trautman, Congressman Mike Kelly, and Congressman Glen Thompson are planning to attend. Our MC for the morning will be People for Life’s own First Vice President Marielle Lafaro.

For more information and to get the latest updates about the Pro-Life Breakfast, visit www.peopleforlife.org/january2017 and www.facebook.com/ProLifeBreakfast.

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The support received through Breakfast Sponsorships is greatly appreciated, of course. The funds help cover the costs of community-wide pro-life awareness and educational efforts that are conducted in conjunction with the Breakfast and our other January pro-life events.

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44th Annual Bus Trip to the March for Life

People for Life is organizing a bus trip to the biggest annual pro-life event in the world, the March for Life in Washington, DC. A March for Life Bus Trip has been a yearly event for us ever since the first March for Life on January 22, 1974. Four motor coaches and experienced drivers from Anderson Coach & Travel will help make our trip comfortable and worry-free. Seating is limited, so don't delay. Make your reservations as soon as possible.

INAUGURATION

The March for Life will take place on a Friday for the second year in a row, on January 27, exactly one week after the presidential inauguration. The inauguration will mark the end of the radically pro-abortion Obama administration. For the first time in eight years, the United States will have a pro-life president and a pro-life vice-president.

President-elect Donald Trump has been very outspoken about his pro-life convictions. He has backed up his words with a string of high-level, pro-life appointments that began with his selection of Governor Mike Pence to be his vice presidential running-mate. Pence has a 100% pro-life congressional voting record and a strong record of pro-life advocacy as the governor of Indiana.

PRO-ABORTION MARCH

Our turn to march will come just six days after a pro-abortion march that is being billed as the "Women's March on Washington." That march is being hastily organized to denounce the pro-life advances that our opponents fear will be made during the next four years and even during the first 100 days of the Trump administration. Marchers from the Erie area will be among the hundreds of thousands who travel to DC to ensure that *our* March for Life is many, many times bigger than *their* march of death.

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and be included in the Breakfast Program, please request a sponsor form from People for Life, download one from our website, or use our online web form with a credit or debit card. Links for the downloadable and the online versions of the form are in the blue, left-hand column on the front page of www.peopleforlife.life. The online form can also be accessed directly using www.conta.cc/2gspEu7. To ensure that your listing will appear in the program, we need to hear from you by January 9.

More on Ruth Graham

As a result of her life experience, Ruth Graham has dedicated herself to reaching people who have been marginalized or feel they have to keep up outward appearances and pretend to have it all together.

A recurring theme for Ruth is that the

Our March will be a crucial opportunity to show support for President Trump and Vice President Pence and for all of the pro-life government officials who will be working in the new administration and the new 115th Congress. It will also be our best opportunity to show how fervently we want meaningful pro-life action without delay. A record-setting turnout for the March for Life has never been more important. Two immediate priorities on the minds of the marchers will be a cutoff of federal funding for Planned Parenthood, the nation's biggest abortion company, and the appointment of pro-life justices to the U.S. Supreme Court.

ABOUT THE BUS TRIP

Our Bus Trip is a real bargain in terms of money but also in terms of time. The entire trip requires only about 27 hours, give or take. (Last January, a stoppage on the Pennsylvania Turnpike resulted in a 24-hour delay during our return trip. This was our 43rd March for Life Bus Trip and the only time we have ever experienced a significant delay.) Seats are priced at \$55, just enough to cover the cost of the buses if all seats are filled. The cost of meals can be kept to a minimum by bringing along lots of food and beverages. And, of course, there are no hotel rooms to worry about.

We love to host student, church, and other groups as well as individuals. New groups are always welcome. One of our goals is to share the March experience with as many people as possible. For the past nine years, our largest group has consisted of 50 or so middle school students from St. George School along with their chaperones and some parents and siblings. Our Lady of the Lake Church in Edinboro sent a group with us for the first time last January, and another group from the church, about 35 people, will join us this

unusual family (or individual) is the one that really does have it all together, not the one that is "dysfunctional" or struggling at some level. No person or family is exempt, Ruth says, from difficulties of life and the effects of poor choices along the way.

Healing begins when we face up to our own "messiness" (some might just say, "humanness") and then give up trying to mask our own faults and failures lest others see us as we really are. When we accept ourselves as flawed people, we become far-better equipped to help others deal with the fallout from their mistakes. We also make it easier for them to seek and accept our help.

It is not difficult to see how valuable these insights might be when a crisis pregnancy or post-abortion trauma is involved. But Ruth's wisdom is essential for every pro-life advocate in any facet of pro-life work. It is not unusual to be accused of being hypocritical or self-righteous when we

year. Groups from Mercyhurst University and the Federated Church of East Springfield are also registered. More are expected.

ITINERARY

We will depart from St. George School on Thursday evening, January 26 at 11 p.m. One of the buses will stop for more passengers at the Edinboro Exit of I-79 and rejoin the other buses at our first rest stop. We will arrive in Washington at approximately 7 a.m. and park at RFK Stadium. The return trip begins at 5 p.m.

The March for Life will officially begin at noon with a rally on the grounds of the Washington Monument. The March will be 1.6 miles long, beginning at 15th & Constitution Avenue and ending in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Visiting our nation's capitol is always a special experience, but being there for the March for Life really takes it to the next level. The discomforts of an all-night bus trip, chilly weather, and tired feet only add to the intensity of the experience. We do it, not for fun or personal gratification, but for the babies, for their mothers and fathers, and for generations yet to be born. We do it to stand with our fellow pro-life citizens and show the world what America was truly meant to be: a land where everyone is welcome, where no one is denied their rightful place in the human family, where every life matters. We do it to proclaim to the nation and to the world that every human being is "created equal," with God-given rights that no court decision, no act of Congress, and no executive order can legitimately disregard or revoke. Ironically, when the trip is over we look back and say, Wow! That was a lot of fun and extremely gratifying!

Follow the latest news about the Bus Trip at www.peopleforlife.org/january2017 and www.facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip.

insist that abortion is not the answer or that unborn children deserve protection. We, too, must admit we are not perfect. And we need not try to make anyone think we are. We should realize that we have a duty to speak, because if we were to wait for perfect people to tell the truth about abortion and the right to life, then the truth would never be told.

In fact, many of the most passionate and effective human life advocates are the very people who have made mistakes that resulted in difficult pregnancies and even painful abortion experiences. Whether it is a woman or man counseling at a pregnancy center or outside an abortion facility, teaching teens or lobbying legislators, their heart's disposition is not "I'm better," but rather, "I've been there." Those who have not exactly "been there," can still benefit from the patience and humility learned through admitting their own mistakes and their own, well, "messiness."

March for Life Sponsors

You can make it possible for a student to go to the March for Life in Washington, DC this January 27, or make the Bus Trip possible for a family with a dream of going to the March, but without the financial resources to cover all of the related expenses.

Fifty-five dollars will completely pay for one bus seat or allow two people to travel for half-price. Sometimes even a one-seat sponsorship can make all the difference for a family with several children. In some cases even a partial sponsorship of \$10 or \$15 can make the difference between someone marching in DC and having to stay home.

If you would like to help a marcher, please send a check to People for Life marked, "Bus Sponsor." Or if you prefer, you can use our online Bus Trip registration form. Find the March for Life Bus Trip "Register Now" button at www.peopleforlife.org/january2017 or use www.conta.cc/2g2Yprb. Under "Fee" select "I can't attend the March, but I'd like to be a sponsor." On January 27 you will

know that someone from the Erie area is marching for life because you made it possible.

Student Essay Contests

People for Life and the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation are each sponsoring an essay contest for students in grades 7-12. Both contests feature cash prizes. Word limits are 500 for grades 7-9 and 750 for grades 10-12. Students may write on the topic of abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. Grades 7-9 and 10-12 will be judged separately.

Students are welcome, but not required, to compete in both contests. For People for Life's contest, entries must be submitted by April 17, 2017 using office@peopleforlife.org or P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. For the PPLF contest, entries must be submitted by March 6, 2017 using lifelines@paprolife.org or 4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102; Harrisburg, PA 17109. All essays must include a cover page with the student's name, address, phone number, grade and school.

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Election Report

The following candidates will appear on ballots in the Erie-area. Their stances on human life issues have been evaluated by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation as follows:

U.S House of Representatives

District 3: Mike Kelly (R), pro-life (unopposed).
District 5: Kerith Strano Taylor (D), pro-abortion / Glenn GT Thompson (R), pro-life.

PA Senate

District 21: Incumbent Scott Hutchinson (R), pro-life (unopposed). District 25: Jerri Buchanan (D), unknown / Joseph Scarnati (R), pro-life. District 49: Sean Wiley (D), pro-abortion / Dan Laughlin (R), unknown.

PA House of Representatives

District 1: Patrick Harkins (D), leans pro-life / William Crotty (R), unknown. The *Erie Times-News* reported in April 2016 that Crotty described himself as being liberal on social issues. District 2: Flo Fabrizio (D), pro-abortion / Pat Fuller (R), pro-life. District 3: Ryan Bizzarro (D), leans pro-life / Greg Lucas (R), pro-life. District 4: Curt Sonney (R), pro-life (unopposed). District 6: Peter Zimmer (D), pro-abortion / Brad Roae (R), pro-life. District 7: Mark Longietti (D), pro-life (unopposed). District 8: Judy Hines (D), unknown / Tedd Nesbit (R), pro-life. District 12: Christian Rieger (D), pro-abortion / Daryl Metcalfe (R), pro-life. District 64: John Kluck (D), unknown / R. Lee James (R), pro-life. District 65: Troy Clawson (D), unknown / Kathy Rapp (R), pro-life.

PA Statewide Offices

The Pro-Life Federation lists the following candidates for statewide office as pro-life: for Attorney General John Rafferty (R), for Auditor General John Brown (R), and for Treasurer Otto Voit (R). The Democratic candidate for each of these offices is pro-abortion.

SPONSORS NEEDED

March for Life Bus Trip: \$55 covers the cost for one student or other deserving person.

Notes for PA House and Senate

Incumbent state Senator Sean Wiley was endorsed by Planned Parenthood when he initially ran for office in 2012. They endorsed him again for 2016 after giving him 100% pro-abortion ratings for 2013, 2014, and 2015. On June 5, 2013, Wiley was one of only 19 state Senators who voted against House Bill 818, a bill to prevent Obamacare insurance plans offered in Pennsylvania from including abortion coverage. The PA General Assembly overwhelmingly approved the measure, by a 2-1 vote in the state Senate and nearly a 3-1 vote in the state House of Representatives.

Dan Laughlin's position was listed as unknown because the Pro-Life Federation did not receive a completed questionnaire from the candidate. He did, however, speak with People for Life Director Tim Broderick. McLaughlin said he is opposed to government funding of abortion and that he would support a bill to lower the maximum gestational age for elective abortion from six months to five months. Going further, he proposed lowering the maximum age to four months. McLaughlin also expressed an interest in becoming more familiar with human life issues and asked a number of thoughtful questions.

Although Ryan Bizzarro and Pat Harkins have had pro-life positions and pro-life voting records, both state Representatives joined pro-abortion Rep. Flo Fabrizio in voting against House Bill 1948. This is a bill to

prohibit the dismemberment abortion procedure, where a child bleeds to death as it is torn apart limb by limb during the second trimester. The vote occurred in June of this year. The bill was passed by the state House on a bipartisan, two-thirds majority vote of 132-65. H.B. 1948 would also lower the maximum age for elective abortion from six months to five months.

U.S. Senate: Toomey / McGinty

Democrat Kathleen McGinty supports a policy of abortion on demand and would allow unborn children to be aborted for any reason. She wrote an op-ed piece in June bashing Sen. Pat Toomey's pro-life record and attacking a Pennsylvania bill (H.B.1948) to stop dismemberment abortion, a gruesome second-trimester procedure where living unborn babies are torn apart limb by limb. Ironically, a Communication Concepts poll taken in June 2015 found that a 61% of Pennsylvanians and a whopping 84% majority of Erie residents support a ban on this barbaric abortion method.

McGinty is endorsed by Planned Parenthood and the radical, pro-abortion political action committee Emily's List. As of October 15, Planned Parenthood has poured in \$2.7 million to elect McGinty. Emily's List spent \$1.8 million to help McGinty win the primary election and committed another million dollars to the race in June.

In contrast, Republican Sen. Pat Toomey has a 100% pro-life record. He co-sponsored and voted to advance the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act," which seeks to prohibit abortions after 20 weeks to protect unborn babies from the intense pain caused by late-term abortions. Toomey supports a ban on dismemberment abortion and wants to defund Planned Parenthood. He is also committed to reversing the abortion-expanding and rationing effects of Obamacare.

Sen. Toomey is endorsed by National Right to Life and the PA Pro-Life Federation.

2016 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR 2017

Nov. 8	2016 Presidential Election
Nov. 11	Crawford County Citizens for Life Banquet - Saegertown, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	International Human Rights Day
Dec. 23	Last day for March for Life Bus Trip special discount offer
Jan. 9	Final due date for reservations - Pro-Life Breakfast
Jan. 14	Pro-Life Breakfast - Bayfront Convention Center, 9 a.m.
Jan. 21	Erie March for Life, on eve of the of the Roe v. Wade anniversary
Jan. 22	44th anniversary of Roe v. Wade
Jan. 20	Inauguration Day
Jan. 26	March for Life Buses depart from Erie, 11 p.m.
Jan. 27	44th Annual March for Life - Washington, DC
Jan. 28	March for Life Buses Return - approximately 2 a.m.
April 1	People for Life Student Essay Contest - Entry Deadline
May 14	Mother's Day / Mother's Day Carnation Project