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When a man steals to satisfy hunger, we may safely conclude that there is something wrong in society—so when a woman destroys the life of her unborn child, it is an evidence that either by education or circumstances she has been greatly wronged.”

—Mattie Brinkerhoff, *The Revolution*, September 2, 1869



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FFL UNVEILS NEW SPEAKER VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Just imagine if Feminists for Life could reach students on every campus in the country with our pro-woman, pro-life message. Well, now we can.

Last fall FFL introduced you to our new speakers—each of them a Remarkable Pro-Life Woman.

This year, we introduce them to the world.

Thanks to the generous support of donors who initially sponsored the speakers' bureau, donors who later funded the filming of our speakers, volunteer support and, most important, the courageous speakers themselves, **we have begun to release our seven FFL speaker videos, which will be unveiled one by one over the coming school year and posted on FFL's website and on YouTube.**

Feminists for Life speakers promote pro-woman solutions especially on college campuses.

Videos which will be released throughout the school year, will include:

- Stories from women like Chaunie (page 4) who faced unplanned pregnancies during college—and succeeded both academically and as mothers;
- A “former card-carrying member of NARAL” who had an abortion;
- A birthmother who made an empowering choice for herself and her child despite a lack of support from those she counted on the most;
- A rape survivor who “didn’t know who the father was but knew who the mother was” and chose life;
- A woman who was aborted at five months’ gestation and born alive; and
- A woman who started a pregnancy resource center to honor her mother’s life-risking choice to give birth to her.

I hope you will invite each of our speakers into your home and heart by going to our website and watching one of FFL’s videos today.

Some stories will make you cheer. Others will make you cry. Each will make you think.

Because women deserve better,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Serrin M. Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'S' at the beginning.

Serrin M. Foster
President

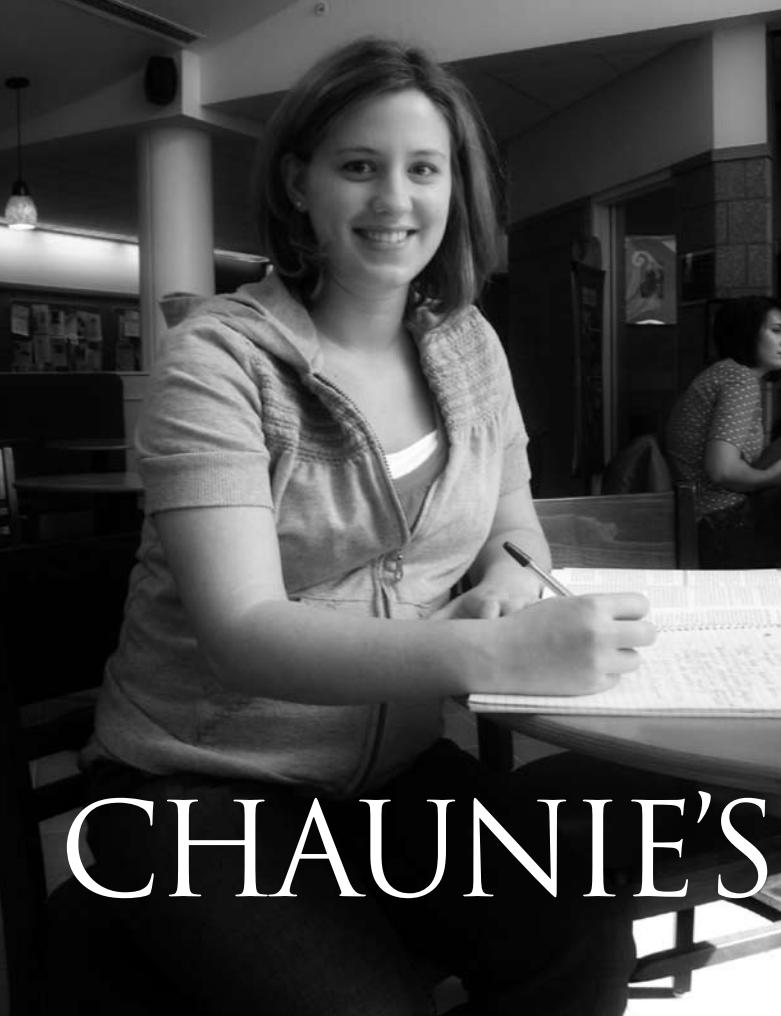
What you can do?



If you are not already on our e-list and want notices of future videos, breaking news, legislative updates and “tools you can use,” go to our website, www.feministsforlife.org, and sign up today. We promise not to inundate you with extraneous e-mails! All your contact information is confidential.

As each video is released, please take a moment to watch them yourself. Then tell your family, friends, co-workers, roommates, churches, organizations and any contacts you may have in the media or in public office. Share the videos through **Facebook** or **MySpace** or embed the videos on your website or blog.

Go to our website and learn more about all of our dynamic speakers and FFL Pregnancy Resource ForumSM moderators and book them for your next pro-woman, pro-life event.



CHAUNIE'S

Last summer, college senior Chaunie Saelens' Feminists for Life internship launched her on a new course of pro-woman activism on campus. When she returned to school in the fall, Chaunie encouraged the leaders of her campus pro-life group to advocate for more resources and support for pregnant and parenting students. Little did she know that in a few short weeks she would become one of the women in need of support. Chaunie has asked me to share her story with you, and she invites you to join her journey as she faces challenges, receives support, and, most of all, celebrates her unplanned joy.

*Because women deserve better,
Serrin M. Foster
President*

JOURNEY

A HAPPY BEGINNING

November 22, 2007

Dear Serrin,

I left my Feminists for Life internship this summer fired up about helping pregnant students on my campus. I had no idea that in a few short weeks I would be one of them.

Four weeks into my senior year I took a pregnancy test, sure that the result would be negative, that I was just easing my mind. I looked down to find two bright blue

lines staring back at me. Frantic and disbelieving, I immediately took another test. Positive again.

In that instant, staring down at the two tiny lines that represented the most dramatic change in my life, I understood how women facing unplanned pregnancies can turn to abortion. In that moment of panic and fear, it does not feel like a new life, but rather the end of life as you know it. A million questions race through your mind—what will people think, what will I do, how can this be happening? You just wish it wasn't happening, wish you could rewind time, wish it would go away.

It's easy to understand women in crisis wishing that the baby isn't real, so they can make it go away.

The next day, still in denial and in a very fragile emotional

state, I went to the campus health service for confirmation.

A nurse practitioner called me into her office and gave me the results of my test. There was no doubt about it, I was pregnant.

When she started talking to me about telling my parents, I broke down.

I sat in the chair, crying hysterically while the nurse examined her chart. After a minute or two, she stood up and said "I have other patients to see, you can stay here if you want."

She left me crying and alone to see the only other patient in the center, a young man with a sore throat.

My struggles continued after my visit to health services. I gathered all the information I could find about student insurance. Not one plan covered pregnancy. In fact, all of them



specifically stated that they would not cover pregnancy.

Though the university used to have daycare on campus, I learned the President got rid of it a few years ago. Housing was another disappointment; once again, the university used to have family housing but dissolved those dorms for the better-paying first-year students.

I have to tell you, as president of my college pro-life group and an active advocate for women, it was frightening to see the complete lack of resources and support available for pregnant and parenting students at my school.

I understood how women in such a vulnerable situation could feel they have no choices.

In addition to physical and material resources for myself and my child, I needed emotional support.

My boyfriend was scared and uncertain, like me, but supportive. He could offer no words of wisdom, but took my hand and told me that it would be OK. He offered his love and stood by my side.

I was absolutely terrified to tell my parents. Every day that passed without telling them was even more horrible because I so desperately needed their support too.

When I finally worked up the nerve to tell my parents, their reaction was unbelievable. They offered me nothing but love and support, and they were even happy and excited for me! Word quickly spread in my close-knit family and, incredibly, every single family member was supportive, offering to help in any way they could and reassuring me that it was right to celebrate this new life.

I am now happily engaged, planning a beautiful Christmas wedding and eagerly awaiting my next doctor's appointment, when my fiancé

and I will hear our baby's heartbeat for the first time.

While I have received so much support and love from all of my family and friends, it has still been a struggle adjusting to my new life. There is no easy way to get through an unplanned pregnancy, but with the support I have received, I am managing, and every day brings me more happiness and excitement. As FFL's Honorary Chair Patricia Heaton says, "Women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy also deserve unplanned joy."

I am so fortunate to have received love and support. Sadly, this is not the case for many women who face situations like mine.

More than ever, I realize the vital importance of FFL's work. I not only believe in Feminists for Life's mission, I am living it.

I am grateful that FFL is changing the way people think about pregnancy, particularly in higher ed.

It is possible for women to continue with their educations, with their career goals, with their dreams. FFL refuses to choose. So do I.

Serrin, I wanted to share my story because I believe that there is a better way for women. There is a better way for me.

How reassuring it would have been for the campus nurse practitioner to talk to me, discuss my options, offer me support and encouragement, and connect me to community resources.

Instead, she left me alone and in tears.

I can't imagine how a woman unsure about abortion, uninformed about her resources, lacking support from those she counted on the most, feels she has a choice—that hope is there for a good outcome.

Thank you for helping mothers like me. I'm deeply grateful to the many people who support this important work.

I'll keep you and everyone at FFL posted with photos and updates.

*For women,
Chaunie Saelens
Former Feminists for Life Intern
and President of campus
Students for Life*

P.S. Please feel free to forward this letter to whomever you think needs to know what it is really like for pregnant students.

December 21, 2007

Dear Serrin,

A week after I discovered I was pregnant, I went to meet with our club's advisor. After

were directly impacting my decisions about how I would proceed in my education, my work, and my pregnancy—and how it would affect other women facing similar decisions.

My advisor and I walked into the office of the Director of Health Services for our meeting. Much to my dismay, I discovered that the Director of Health Services was actually the nurse practitioner that had done my pregnancy test. I could feel my face turning red from embarrassment, and I steeled my spine to address the issues we had come to talk about. So, I began one of the hardest conversations of my life.

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my experience at the campus Health Center, I decided I needed to address the issue of how our school responds to pregnant women. I spoke with my club advisor, and together we made an appointment with the Director of Health Services to discuss what had happened and broach the issue of bringing the proper resources to campus.

I was incredibly nervous about the meeting. It's one thing to stand in front of fellow students and hand out pamphlets. It's another to bring your concerns to those in your administration who have the power to make change. The stakes were heightened by the fact that the Director's decisions

The Director remembered me and told me how busy she was that day, that she was rushed because I was a walk-in. She told me that I should have made an appointment, rather than just drop in.

I told her that I didn't know you could schedule an unplanned pregnancy.

I remember pacing the hallways of school for an hour before I worked up the nerve to go into Health Services that day. It was hard enough to walk in, let alone actually call and schedule an appointment! I probably never would have kept the appointment. She should have recognized the courage it takes for a woman to reach out for help. The fact that I

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walked in for help should have been, for her, an opportunity, not an inconvenience.

The Director told me that she had felt badly about what happened. She said she was new to her position and she didn't have much support herself. Though she was defensive at first, the more we discussed my experience, the more she seemed to take my message to heart.

Put simply, the Director of Health Services had no resources to offer me.

At the end of the meeting, the Director was in complete agreement that something

needed to change and resources needed to be made available for other women like me!

I was thrilled that she was so open to working together, and surprised that I had made a difference. We scheduled a follow-up meeting with her boss to continue up the chain of command, working for resources and support for pregnant and parenting students.

I'll write again soon to update you on my journey! Meanwhile, I encourage you and others at Feminists for Life to continue your work for pregnant and parenting students like me.

*For women,
Chaunie*

February 14, 2008

Dear Serrin,

Near the end of the fall semester, as students were clearing the campus, I found myself alone in the library, balancing to-do lists with my final exam notes. I began to feel my baby kick. At first, the gentle fluttering against my abdomen was easy to miss, but since then it has been growing stronger by the day.

I find myself marveling at my life and how quickly it has changed. Just a few months ago, I was enjoying an internship with Feminists for Life, supporting student leaders and fighting to overcome the challenges faced by student parents. Now I am fighting for myself. The journey thus far has been exhausting, at times overwhelming, but it has also been a wonderful journey of self-discovery. I have begun to discover my strength as a woman. I realize that the world may see me, a pregnant young college student, as an unlucky statistic, a person to be pitied. But I am learning to hold my head high and realize that I have become stronger than I ever thought possible.

I have juggled the challenges of early pregnancy, complete with terrible morning sickness, a grueling school schedule, work and championing for women like me on campus, all while planning a wedding and dealing with the stress of an unplanned pregnancy! Show me a student mother on any campus, and I am sure you will hear similar stories. Even before we hold our babies in our arms, we are learning to balance responsibilities.

I am convinced that women like me will be incredible mothers. We know the importance of life, and we know how to struggle for ourselves and our unborn babies. We have had to hold our heads up high to disapproving looks, rude stares at our pregnant bellies and bookbags and a society that wants women to choose either education and career or children. Our journeys will be difficult, but we can be assured by the knowledge that we are truly showing the world that women deserve better than abortion.

It took me a long time to overcome the shame that I thought was associated with an unplanned pregnancy. I have stood next to an older, successful, married woman and heard people congratulate her on her "miracle from God," while they avoided looking at my expanding belly and muttered a quick hello. Why should one mother be treated differently than another? Does one mother deserve to be pitied, while the other celebrated, simply because of age, status or circumstance? Is it any wonder women feel driven to abortion?

As I continue with my pregnancy, I have entered the world of married life. Right before I came back for spring semester, I exchanged vows with the man I love, the father of my child. He is the person who held my hair for me when I was sick before classes, the one who worked overtime during finals week





The Rally for Resources™ Chaunie planned at her school raised awareness of pregnant and parenting students and enlisted support through a petition, promoted the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Pregnant and Parenting Student Services Act, featured campus and community resources, and even received donations to benefit pregnant students.

when I needed help with my rent payment. My new husband is simply wonderful, and I know he will make an incredible father. I am so grateful for Ben's support and help during this pregnancy.

While I am happy with my choice to bring my baby into this world with my husband at my side, I have also learned that it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks. There are single, partnered, separated, divorced and widowed mothers and fathers who love their children as much as any married parent could, and those who parent alone certainly work hard and sacrifice unconditionally. They should not feel marginalized; they deserve better.

I am reminded of the words of suffragist Sarah Norton, who successfully argued for women's admission to Cornell University, "Perhaps there will come a time when...an unmarried mother will not be despised because of her motherhood...and when the right of the unborn to be born will not be denied or interfered

with." What matters is that first and foremost, I know I will be a successful student and mother. And I am proud of it!

I'll write again to update you on my journey!

*Happy Valentine's Day,
Chaunie*

May 5, 2008

Dear Serrin,

When our club began planning our Rally for Resources™ I was struck by the desperate need to change the social stigmas attached to being a student parent. I have worked so hard to find the resources that are available to students like me, only to find out that using those resources is often associated with shame.

Student parents may need to turn to assistance programs and government healthcare to help them make it through school, but utilizing these resources is made difficult for women, even married ones like me, because of the negative

stigmas that surround them.

As a pregnant student attending school full-time, running my club and working part-time, I have taken advantage of the resources that we've promoted to help pregnant and parenting students. For instance, I have qualified for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, which provides low-income mothers with

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coupons for food. I have used this program with the peace of mind that every dollar I can save is going towards supporting my baby. However, using the WIC program has been, at times, an embarrassing experience.

A few weeks ago, I used the express lane in the supermarket and used a WIC coupon to purchase some cereal. Unknowingly, I had grabbed the wrong brand of cereal (WIC only covers certain brands), and the cashier proceeded to call over another cashier and together, they very publicly reprimanded me.

As the line grew behind me and impatient foot-tapping filled the air, my eyes welled with tears and my face burned red. I knew what all the customers behind me were thinking—"Stupid girl, didn't know better than to not get pregnant, now she doesn't even know how to buy cereal!" When I finally got out of the store, I burst into tears and cried all the way home—all this because I am doing what I need to do for the health and life of my baby and me.

Why are mothers treated like this? Is it really any wonder that women perceive abortion as the only solution? Does



to unplanned pregnancies and fully support the use of resources for student parents.

A woman should be commended, not condemned, for doing all she can to support herself and her child during school.

*For women,
Chaunie*

the same challenges. And I was able to meet women just like me, pregnant and parenting students who are aren't giving up on parenthood or their right to an education! It is vital and inspiring for student parents to connect with one another.

It really helped me to read the experiences of other student parents in *The American Feminist*. At times, I just needed a little uplifting to remind me that it was all possible and, in the end, all worth it. These stories were just what I needed after a long day.

I believe that if I can have a baby, I can do anything. Because of Ada, I am passionate about making this world a better place, working to support my family, and living life to the fullest.

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choosing to give life to your baby while still in school mean you deserve to be publicly humiliated over a box of cereal?

Students facing unplanned pregnancies really are often facing a no-win situation. Not only are we looked down upon for having unplanned pregnancies, but we are judged for continuing the pregnancy—and for using the few resources that are available to help us. Pro-life or pro-choice, we need to not only make resources available to pregnant and parenting students, we need to end the negative stigma attached

August 15, 2008

Dear Serrin,

Please pass along the news that my daughter Ada was born at the end of my senior year in May, when I also graduated on time with honors.

Ben and I thank everyone at Feminists for Life for their encouragement and support over the months.

With FFL's help, I founded a club on my campus to support pregnant and parenting students. I was able to use my experiences to help other students facing

It has taken an enormous amount of support for my husband and me to bring our daughter into this world successfully and joyfully. We could have never done it alone, and we are so grateful for the help and support of FFL, our friends, our family and even strangers who have helped us transition into the world of parenthood. We love our beautiful little girl and know, without a doubt, that our life is perfect—planned or unplanned.

*For women,
Chaunie*

Sarah F. Norton: Herstory Worth Repeating

By Cat Clark



Little is known about the life of 19th century suffragist Sarah F. Norton beyond her writings. She was a public speaker, writer for feminist publications and member of the Working Women's Association who advocated for the education of women and girls, equal opportunity in the workplace and equal pay for women.

Together, Sarah Norton and Susan B. Anthony agitated for the admission of women to Cornell University, which Norton called "that stronghold of feminine prejudice," and won the support of the university's founder, Ezra Cornell. Norton wrote to Anthony's newspaper, *The Revolution*:

After speeches by [Anthony] and myself, the house became noisy, at her suggestion, for a speech from Mr. Cornell. With inimitable grace he walked to the platform and turning so as to command a view of both the audience and ourselves as much as possible, said: "...I would say in reply to Mrs. Norton's expressed wish to enter the University, that if she does not enter it, it will be her own fault."... Mr. Cornell assured us that women are to be admitted... how far his personal influence or wishes will avail against the power [of the trustees and directors], remains to be proved...

A year later, in 1870, Cornell became one of the first universities in the United States to admit women.

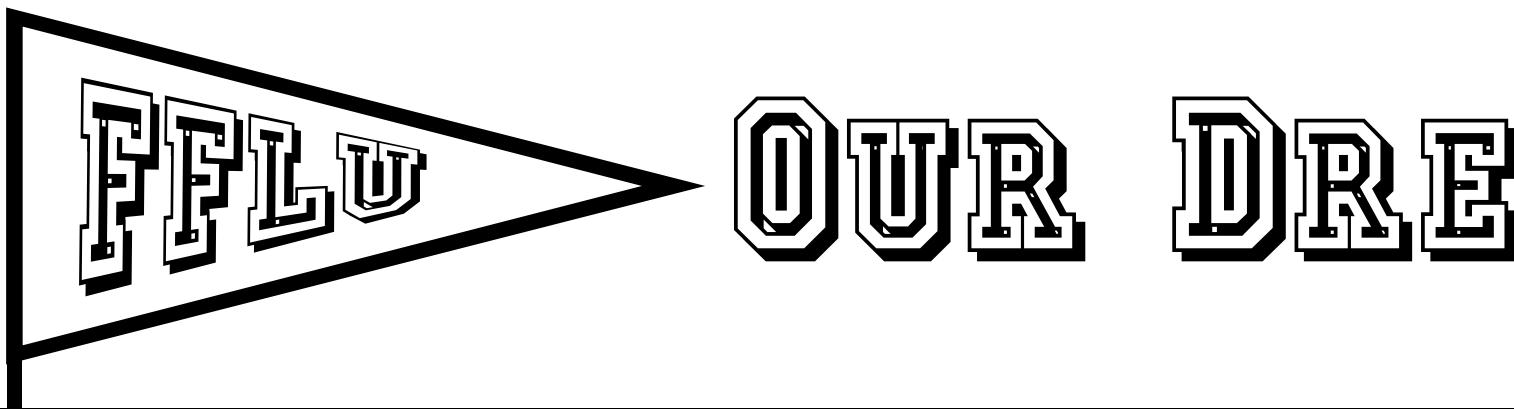
But equal education and employment opportunities were not Norton's only concerns. In another feminist newspaper, *Woodhull & Clafin's Weekly*, Sarah Norton harshly decried the "Tragedy—Social and Domestic" of infanticide and "the fast increasing crime of foeticide," or abortion.

[C]hild-murder is an easy and every-day affair...[C]hild murderers practice their profession without let or hindrance, and open infant butcheries unquestioned, establishing themselves with an impunity that is not allowed to the slaughterers of cattle... Scores of persons advertise their willingness to commit this form of murder, and with unblushing effrontery announce their names and residences in the daily papers. No one seems to be shocked by the fact.... [C]irculars are distributed broadcast, recommending certain pills and potions for the very purpose, and by these means the names of these slayers of infants, and the methods by which they practice their life-destroying trade, have become "familiar in our mouths as household words."...Is there no remedy for all this ante-natal child murder?...Perhaps there will come a time when... an unmarried mother will not be despised because of her motherhood...and when the right of the unborn to be born will not be denied or interfered with.

Norton was particularly concerned that double standards regarding the sexes should be eliminated and that men should be held responsible for the "instigating" role they so often played.

Feminists for Life is proud to share our rich pro-life feminist history with the next generation of pro-woman, pro-life leaders. We invite women and men from various perspectives to participate in creating solutions that meet the needs of pregnant women and parents in the workplace, on college campuses and at home. ♀

Cat Clark is editor of *The American Feminist* and author of FFL's 2007 *Herstory of the Week™* e-tutorial. She is grateful for the research and assistance provided by Mary Krane Derr, co-editor of *ProLife Feminism Yesterday and Today: Expanded Second Edition*.



The college pregnancy of a former Feminists for Life board member, which sadly ended in miscarriage, gave birth to a new idea. When she learned she was pregnant, she looked around her campus and said, “Without housing on campus for me and my baby, without on-site daycare, without maternity coverage in my health insurance, it sure doesn’t feel like I have much of a free choice.” At that time, FFL’s College Outreach Program focused on educational speeches and ads. By sharing her story, she inspired our work to meet the needs of pregnant and parenting students.

In 1996, Feminists for Life introduced its first university health clinic kits, which help clinic staff better understand a pregnant student’s situation and direct her to the resources she wants and needs. A few months later, I moderated the first FFL Pregnancy Resource Forum at Georgetown University, bringing students and administration members together to identify, publicize, and improve campus resources for pregnant and parenting students. Since that time, Feminists for Life has become a catalyst for change on campuses across the United States.

Do pregnant students have a choice to parent and remain at your college or alma mater? If you don’t see visibly pregnant women or parents on campus—including professors on the tenure track—that may indicate a problem.

“Feminists for Life University” is our dream school. It is a composite of the best pro-woman, pro-parent, pro-child solutions devised by students and administrators during FFL-hosted Pregnancy Resource Forums, plus a few of our own creative ideas.

For now it exists only as an ideal—only in our minds. Now you are invited to take ideas that suit your campus and work towards making it a reality.

—Serrin M. Foster, President

Welcome to FFLU: Our Dream Campus

Like many schools, FFLU is committed to academic excellence, training the leaders of the future and serving the good of all people. FFLU is known for its qualified and dedicated faculty and its outstanding research facilities. But FFLU also offers something more, something that other schools strive to emulate.

When you were researching colleges, you were already aware that our diverse student population includes parents. Some are older, nontraditional students. A few had children before they came to college. Many are married grad students in long doctoral programs who didn’t want to wait forever to start a family, so they were grateful to find FFLU. We also accept pregnant transfer students, some planning on placing their children for adoption, who want a supportive environment for themselves and their children. Faculty and staff have

found that the same resources that make FFLU more accessible to pregnant and parenting students also make FFLU an ideal employer for pregnant and parenting staff.

Our commitment to pregnant and parenting students through resources and support is conveyed during orientation and our student handbook. The campus newspaper, named *The Revolution Continues* after Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton’s newspaper *The Revolution*, includes regular resource updates and family profiles. The campus radio station occasionally interviews families as well as university officials. A cutting-edge ad campaign directs students to a website rich with pregnancy and parenting resources.

The **Elizabeth Cady Stanton Pregnant and Parenting Student Center** is the heartbeat of the campus. It is named after the suffragist who organized the first women’s rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848. She and Susan B. Anthony fought

for the right of slaves to be free, the right of women to vote, and the right to life. Staff and volunteers at the center coordinate resources for pregnant and parenting students, professors (yes, professors—including women and men on the tenure track!) and staff. A staffer is available by phone 24/7 for pregnant and parenting students. Staffers are also crosstrained to address domestic violence and sexual assault.

“When we consider that women are treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit.”

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, letter to Julia Ward Howe, October 16, 1873

The **Stanton Center** offers parenting classes and advice on how to balance school and parenting and provides counseling for birth mothers before and after placing a child for adoption. The

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Center also hosts reproductive grief support groups for parents who have lost children through adoption, abortion, or miscarriage or after birth, and offers individual counseling as needed. One-on-one discussions with pregnant and parenting students help them select the resources they need from the school's many options and simultaneously provide the Stanton Center with regular feedback.

There is a flagpole in front of Stanton Center. We raise a flag celebrating the birth of every child of students, professors and staff—just as Elizabeth Cady Stanton did when she gave birth to her child.

A student mother anticipating the birth of a "legacy" receives a Peace Begins in the Womb™ maternity t-shirt or sweatshirt. Dads aren't ignored, either. Each expectant father gets a cap. Parents get totes, and babies get their own Peace bib.

The Stanton Center director is known for getting corporate sponsors

to donate and has instituted a model "recycling" program for clothes and equipment (strollers, cribs, car seats).

The Center staffers work as liaisons with off-campus resources. They are in touch with doctors (OB/GYNs), midwives, adoption agencies, pregnancy care centers and domestic violence shelters.

and parenting students, faculty and staff receive personal invitations. The Stanton Center is eager to discover and implement creative ideas for accommodating parents' specific needs. FFL staff takes all these great ideas to other campuses where people understand that pregnant and parenting

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They help connect student parents with pediatricians, lactation consultants and other healthcare providers. They access government resources as needed, such as the financial services available through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Programs or the services of Legal Aid and the Office of Child Support Enforcement.

The Center buys supplies in bulk, so parents can purchase diapers, formula, baby food and other basics at a reduced cost.

Stanton Center staff coordinates resources on and off campus. They also ensure that the Center, playground and family homes are all up to code.

Every year the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Center asks someone from Feminists for Life to moderate a Pregnancy Resource Forum at FFLU in order to take inventory of resources available on and off campus and to discover what resources can be improved. FFLU's Pregnancy Resource Forums are always well publicized. Representatives from different campus services, administration members

students are academically capable and need deserve our support!

At the beginning of each academic year, all university staff and professors go through an orientation program of their own. Those who are more likely to be approached by students in need—including people who work in student health, financial aid, residential life, counseling and the health center, as well as chaplains, club leaders, coaches and advisors—receive more extensive information from Stanton Center staff.

Jane Addams Village offers affordable family housing adjacent to campus. It is named for the founder of Hull House, a multiple-building settlement in Chicago's inner city that provided housing, daycare, eldercare, a public kitchen, educational opportunities and library and recreation facilities to workers and families in need. The board of trustees set aside as family housing the first building in FFLU's village, a Victorian mansion converted for multi-family use with a washer and dryer in every apartment. As interest grew, additional houses were built or acquired.



At Mattie Brinkerhoff Hall, the communal dining area, parents take turns cooking family style meals with the guidance and supervision of a certified dietician, so they have only one meal to make every two weeks. The dietician handles specialized dietary needs.

"When a man steals to satisfy hunger, we may safely conclude that there is something wrong in society—so when a woman destroys the life of her unborn child, it is an evidence that either by education or circumstances she has been greatly wronged."

Mattie Brinkerhoff, The Revolution, September 2, 1869

Susan B. Anthony Childcare Center is named for the great leader of the suffrage movement. She never made it to the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, because she was teaching everyone else's children. Anthony helped raise the seven children of her friend Elizabeth Cady Stanton and doted on her own nieces. She even referred to feminists of

the younger generation as her "nieces," and they called her "Aunt Susan."

"Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them."

Susan B. Anthony in Frances E. Willard's Glimpses of Fifty Years, 1889

Through the Anthony Center, affectionately known as "Aunt Susan's Center" to campus parents and children, FFLU offers daycare for children of students as well as faculty and staff members. It accepts infants as well as older children and offers pre-kindergarten, Head Start and after-school care.

Students majoring in early childhood education supplement the Anthony Center staff and gain hands-on learning and practicum credit. For student parents, there are special discounts, hourly rates and scholarships. The university also subsidizes a childcare co-op organized

helpline staffed 24/7 with experienced childcare professionals. The second division does service work for pregnant and parenting students, such as running errands and picking up groceries.

Some parents prefer to trade babysitting with other parents. Other parents trade tutoring for babysitting services. Many students order groceries and other necessities online.

The **Alice Paul Library**, named for the feminist who wrote the original Equal Rights Amendment and called abortion the "ultimate exploitation of women," has a soundproof "crying room" for children and their parents.

Pregnancy tests are free and confidential at the **Dr. Charlotte Lozier Student Health Center**, named for the doctor who raised several children while teaching and maintaining an active maternal/child health practice. Lozier Center staffers are knowledgeable about resources on- and off-campus. Maternity coverage is included in healthcare and additional riders are available for other family members at affordable rates.

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by student parents. Parents can check in on their children through a webcam and are encouraged to stop by the Anthony Center for lunch or between classes.

Not every parent enrolls his or her child at the Anthony Center. Some choose to telecommute for all or part of their education. Should a student have to miss class due to the illness of a child, for instance, the class is available online.

The **Matilda Joslyn Gage Brigade**, named for the radical feminist scholar and humanitarian activist, is a student-led volunteer corps with two divisions. The first division provides childcare so that moms and dads can get away for study groups, dinner, a movie or a game. These sitters are certified in CPR and have been trained in home safety, first aid and nutrition. They have a number to call a

The entire campus is fully accessible to people on wheels—both wheelchairs and strollers.

For the convenience of parents, diaper decks are clearly labeled and strategically placed across campus in both women's and men's restrooms. Our student parents have no need to change a baby on a dirty floor. Family restrooms are also available on campus, so Dad doesn't have to bring his preschool-age daughter into the men's room or send her into the women's room alone.

For those who prefer privacy, comfortable places to nurse babies may be found in the health center, in the parenting student center, and in adjoining designated women's rooms across campus. These nursing rooms also contain refrigerators and freezers to store pumped breast milk. Breast

pumps are rented at a very nominal fee.

Classrooms are equipped with desks or chairs and tables that accommodate a pregnant woman.

The **Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell Hospital**, named for the first American woman to earn an MD, is adjacent to the campus. This teaching hospital has a reputation for excellence in obstetrics, gynecology and pediatrics. Staff is knowledgeable about paternity establishment and educates mothers and fathers about the rights and responsibilities of fathers.

The **Sarah Norton Scholarship Fund** is named for the suffragist who successfully argued for women's admission to Cornell University and said, "Perhaps there will come a time when...an unmarried mother will not be despised because of her motherhood...and when the right of the unborn to be born will not be denied or interfered with" (*Woodhull's and Clafflin's Weekly*, November 19, 1870). Funds solicited from donors and alumni are specifically set aside for students who choose to parent or place their child for adoption. Students may use scholarship funds toward tuition, books, housing and childcare.

There are many options for students at FFLU who may have trouble attending a full day of classes. FFLU offers classes online, and several professors are willing to take on a number of students per semester for independent study. There are class times throughout the morning, afternoon and into the evening, so students are free to

select the classes needed to fulfill curriculum requirements around their work schedules. The administration and academic advisors understand that it isn't always possible to complete an undergraduate degree in four years or to finish a post-graduate degree "on time." Faculty and staff work with students to balance family, education and work.

FFLU students are able to attend school part-time and retain their merit- and need-based financial aid. Students with athletic scholarships can be "redshirted," sitting out of competition for a season and resuming play the next season without losing eligibility time.

If students prefer, they can take a semester or full year of leave.

Should a transfer to another school prove the best option for a pregnant student (to be closer to family or for privacy, for example), FFLU makes it easy for students transfer to other colleges and universities. FFLU also accepts and facilitates transfers from other colleges. Students may transfer to FFLU permanently or return to their universities.

Parenting faculty and staff consider FFLU an ideal, "family-friendly" employer, because the school extends the same concern to them as to its students. FFLU recognizes that it is in the whole school's best interest to offer parenting employees reasonable parental leave and creative options like flextime and job-sharing. Open communication and cooperation among faculty, staff and administration allow the school to find the right solutions for each employee. ♀

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You Can Help Ensure The Revolution Continues...

Now that you have toured FFLU, take our Pregnancy Resource SurveySM (included in this issue!) and rate your campus or alma mater or your daughter or son's school.

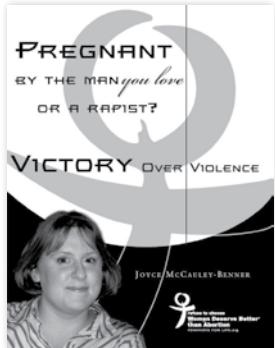
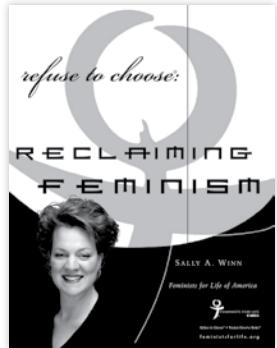
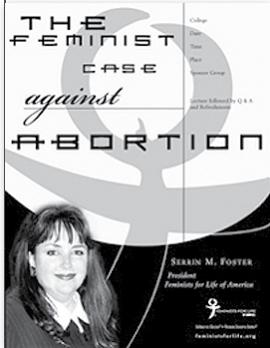
Subscribe to our free e-list and let us know if you have ideas to improve FFLU. You can become a great advocate for pregnant and parenting students. Say NO to the status quo.TM

If you are a pro-woman, pro-life student leader who refuses to choose between women and children and believes women deserve better than abortion, you are invited to contact our College Outreach Program Coordinator. Feminists for Life has free student kits; a calendar filled with activities for small and large groups; free Women Deserve Better[®] posters and a series of ads/flyers; information on booking a speaker, hosting an FFL Pregnancy Resource ForumSM or holding Rally for Resources;SM year-round support from FFL staff and more.

Support Feminists for Life's College Outreach Program by donating online at www.feministsforlife.org/support or send your check to **FFLA, Dept. 0641, Washington, DC 20073**. Thank you for helping us realize Susan B. Anthony's unfulfilled vision for the world.

FFL'S COLLEGE OUTREACH

For over a decade, pro-life and pro-choice students have reacted with enthusiasm to FFL's College Outreach Program. Our program materials, lectures and resource kits help those on both sides of the contentious debate redirect energy towards woman-centered solutions.



Student Kits and Online Activist Tools

FFL's free online student kit provides a step-by-step guide that takes pro-life student leaders through four levels of pro-woman, pro-life campus activism. We help activists organize, recruit, educate and schedule events on campus.

Our online tools also include our first-ever e-series, Pro-Woman Answers to Pro-Choice Questions™, which equips students to challenge the status quo in lecture halls and with their peers on campus. FFL's Pregnancy Resources Survey™ empowers student leaders to evaluate the resources and support for pregnant and parenting students at their schools.

Grow Your Group Kits

Another kit of materials including posters, bumper stickers and brochures is available to help grow pro-woman, pro-life student groups during orientation and throughout the school year. This kit is provided at no cost to student leaders.

Feminists for Life Lectures on Campus

FFL President Serrin Foster shares the rich history of pro-life feminism in her speech "The Feminist Case Against Abortion." Serrin emphasizes the importance of developing support and services for pregnant and parenting students so that no college woman feels forced to choose abortion due to lack of resources.

FFL's speakers' bureau also includes women who share powerful personal stories. These women include student parents, birthmothers, and women who have experienced the pain of sexual assault and abortion. Many of them were featured in the fall 2007 issue of *The American Feminist*, and you can read about them on FFL's website at www.feministsforlife.org/cop/speakers.htm.

To inquire about booking a speaker, contact our College Outreach Coordinator. Go to the College Outreach Section of our website and click on "Book a Speaker."

Pregnancy Resource Forums™

On campuses around the country, we bring administrators, faculty, students, and other campus stakeholders together to identify and develop resources for pregnant and parenting students. FFL's groundbreaking Forums inspired our legislation, the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Pregnant and Parenting Student Services Act, which would revolutionize campuses and bring vital support to pregnant women and student parents on campus.



Rally for Resources™ Kits

FFL's new *Rally for Resources*™ event helps student leaders raise campus awareness and call on their administration to develop and promote pregnancy and parenting resources on campus. These *Rallies* bring the discussion about resources and support to the public square. Our online and printed materials kits include new Say NO to the Status Quo™ bumper stickers, T-shirt iron-ons, posters and more. As part of these events, students also collect signatures on petitions supporting the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Pregnancy and Parenting Student Services Act.

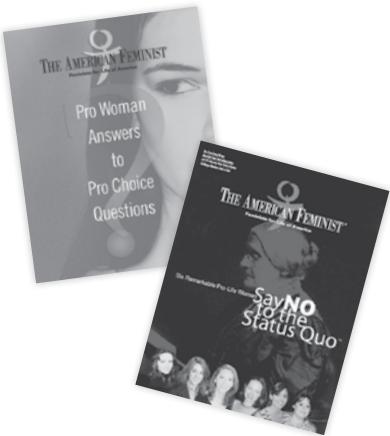
Pregnancy Resources Kits

These free online kits are tailored for clinic staff, counselors, student groups, pro-life students, group advisors, FFL leaders and other women's advocates. They provide essential information on pregnancy resources and support.

Feminist History Book, Poster and Online Resources

FFL's feminist history materials fills a critical information gap in our institutions of learning. Targeted to libraries, women's

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studies professors and women's resource centers, they include *Pro-Life Feminism: Yesterday and Today*, FFL's "Voices of Our Feminist Foremothers" poster, and a one-year subscription to *The American Feminist*. Our website features pages of feminist history, including FFL's energizing e-series, *Herstory of the Week*, a series of biographies about our pro-life feminist foremothers.

College Outreach Posters and Ads



upcoming speeches, forums and pro-life events. Also included is a new ad, "Where Have All the Pregnant Students Gone?" (See back cover.)

Internships

Volunteer internships are available in the Washington office during spring and fall semesters and summer break. To apply, contact the coordinator at the national office at info@feministsforlife.org.

Website

www.feministsforlife.org is the best resource for information on Feminists for Life. There you can order Covetable Stuff™ from FFL's online store. Download College Outreach Program ads, T-shirt iron-on designs or our new screensavers. Learn "Pro-Woman Answers to Pro-Choice Questions."™ Find information about our speakers. Read about FFL in the news, and find out when we're coming to your area. Visit www.feministsforlife.org, sign up for the free e-list—and don't forget to bookmark us!

New Videos

Seven new videos of our speakers will be released throughout the 2008-09 school year! Be sure that you are on FFL's e-list to get the announcement and the link. Then do your part by forwarding a link to your family, friends, classmates, coworkers, media, organizational leaders and elected leaders.

If you are not a student and would like to help student activists:

- Your \$100 gift can sponsor a *Rally for Resources*™ kit to bring the needs of women to the public square.
- Your sponsorship of \$250 will allow FFL to provide year-round support for a collegiate group that will courageously lead a revolution of solutions for women and children.
- Your \$1,500 gift can give leaders on 30 campuses a "Grow Your Group" kit to help kick off this year's revolution on their campus.
- Your contribution of \$2,000-3,000 can sponsor a lecture.

And for \$5,000, you can sponsor a lecture and FFL Pregnancy Resource Forum—to revolutionize a campus.

All donations and membership contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. And don't forget to sign up for our e-list to get announcements about lectures, forums, legislative updates, and announcements about the release of each new video! ♀



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Please help us send a kit to campus! Support this program by going to www.feministsforlife.org/support. Do it now. Thank you!

Edrica Goode, a Riverside Community College student, was a little more than 14 weeks pregnant when she went to Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties (California) on January 31, 2007. There laminaria were inserted to dilate her cervix

ambulance took her to Riverside County Regional Medical Center. Hospital staff informed Goode's relatives that she was pregnant. However, her doctors and relatives found out about the preparations for her abortion only when Goode's boyfriend told her mother eight

days later. The cervical dilators and gauze were discovered during a pelvic examination on February 13. Goode miscarried that day and died the next. She was 21 years old.

The causes of Goode's death, according to a Riverside County coroner's report, included "toxic shock syndrome secondary to retained laminaria cervical dilators."

A wrongful death and medical malpractice lawsuit

filed by Aletheia Meloncon, Goode's mother, alleged that Planned Parenthood's nurse practitioner discovered that Goode had a vaginal infection before the laminaria were inserted but began the abortion procedure anyway. The lawsuit also contended that Planned Parenthood's attempts to contact Goode when she did not return for her appointment on February 1 were insufficient.

"My daughter made a choice, but she didn't choose to die," said Meloncon. "A lost dog gets more attention than my daughter did. This has really torn at my family." She added, "With restaurants, they shut them down if they find a roach for public health reasons. My daughter has died and Planned Parenthood is still open." ♀

Sources: *Riverside Press-Enterprise* (pe.com), *Los Angeles Times* (latimes.com), *LifeNews.com*, *WorldNetDaily.com*

We Remember

*Edrica Goode
1985–2007*

in preparation for a second-trimester abortion. She had not told her family that she was pregnant or that she was planning to have an abortion.

At home the next day, Goode began to experience fevers and vomiting and was too ill to answer calls or go out. According to family members, she became increasingly disoriented, incoherent and aggressive. On February 4, when she began to lose consciousness, an

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Years ago when I was in college, I found myself pregnant and I was afraid I could not finish college and [would] ruin the rest of my life, the father was an abusive man, and my mother would forever judge me and smother my life if I had a child. Ten minutes after I found myself pregnant I confided in a "friend" my boyfriend had convinced me to move in with. She had had an abortion and immediately called to set up my appointment. Within 48 hours I had my abortion. That morning, I told myself, "after today, my life will never be the same again." I didn't realize the depth of that truth. My new roommate used my situation. She contacted her former boyfriend and convinced him to lend me \$300 and drive us to the clinic. I turned to the wrong person for help. A few hours after my abortion, I attended class and took my finals. I must have been in complete denial. I was so afraid to admit to myself what I did, I set myself up for years of pain and suppressed anger. I spent years punishing myself.

Ten years ago, I was given an opportunity to make some good from my bad decision. A co-worker told me she was pregnant and was afraid to tell her parents so she was going to get [an] abortion and wanted me to take her. I told her I regretted my decision every day and I could almost not live with it. I persuaded her to tell her parents and take some time before she made her final decision. Her parents were upset but they supported her situation. She decided to keep her baby. Several years later, she thanked me. And the picture of her beautiful little girl, Rachel, took away some of my guilt. She was a first step in my healing. And for the first time in 18 years, I think after today, "from today on, my life will never be the same." – Excerpted with permission from Rachel'sVineyard.org.

FEMINISTS FOR LIFE'S PREGNANCY RESOURCES SURVEY™

Please provide the following contact information (please print clearly)

Name _____

School _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code & Country _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Anticipated date of graduation _____

Organization Title (if an officer) _____

Please choose one of the following options to describe your standing at your college/university:

- Undergraduate student
- Graduate student
- Alumna/alumnus Professor
- Other staff
- Other (please specify) _____

If your school DOES have on campus housing for students with children, is it available to any or all of the following students? (you may choose multiple answers)

- Undergraduate student
- Graduate student
- Foreign students on an education visa
- Do not know

If your campus DOES offer childcare, what is the weekly cost?

If your campus DOES offer childcare, does the childcare center offer care for infants?

- Yes No
- Do not know Plans are under way

Please choose one of the following options to describe your school:

- State school
- Private college/university
- Religiously affiliated school

Education

Does your college/university offer flexible class times (evenings, weekends, etc.)?

- Yes No
- Do not know Plans are under way

Does your college/university offer telecommuting or distance learning opportunities? (classes online, on TV, etc.)

- Yes No
- Do not know Plans are under way

Please include any additional comments you have about the educational accommodations on your campus.

Is affordable off-campus housing located nearby?

- Yes No
- Do not know Plans are under way

Please add any additional comments you have about the housing situation for pregnant and parenting students on your campus.

Childcare

Does your college offer on-campus childcare?

- Yes No
- Do not know Plans are under way

If your campus DOES have childcare available, is it available to the following groups? (you may choose multiple answers)

- Undergraduate students
- Graduate students
- Faculty
- Administration and staff
- Foreign students on an education visa
- Do not know

Does your college/university offer referrals to off-campus childcare?

- Yes No
- Do not know Plans are under way

Please provide any additional comments you may have about childcare on your campus.

Housing

Is on-campus housing available for parents and children?

- Yes No
- Do not know Plans are under way

Is there maternity coverage in the student healthcare plan?

- Yes No
- Do not know Plans are under way

Are additional insurance riders available to cover children of students?

- Yes No
- Do not know Plans are under way



Please provide any additional comments you have about healthcare for pregnant and parenting students on your campus.

Child-Friendly Campus

Is your campus accessible to accommodate parents using strollers as well as those in wheelchairs? (ramps, elevators, etc.)

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Are there diaper-changing stations available in restrooms?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Is there a private place designated for women who are nursing or pumping breast milk?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Are students generally aware of paternity establishment and child support enforcement laws that give fathers rights as well as responsibilities?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Are women aware of the information they need (paternal full name, social security number, mother's maiden name, school and home address, employer, etc.) in order to establish paternity should the father resist his responsibilities?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Is there designated parking on campus for pregnant women or parents with infants?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Please provide any additional comments you have about the child-friendliness of your campus.

Financial Aid

Are there loans and scholarships available specifically to parenting students?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Does the athletic department have policies that would allow a pregnant athlete to retain her scholarship as if she were an injured player (also known as "red-shirting")?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Are student loans or scholarships available for:

Family housing (on or off campus)?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Child care?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Please provide any additional comments you may have about financial aid for pregnant and parenting students on your campus.

Other educational materials (bookmarks, brochures, etc.)?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Advertisements on posters, ads, or other signage?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Are the Residential Advisors aware of the scope of pregnancy resources available on and off campus?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Has an FFL Pregnancy Resource ForumSM been hosted on your campus?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Please provide any additional comments you have about pregnancy resources on your campus.

Pregnancy Support Services

Is there a person or a central office responsible for helping pregnant and parenting students obtain all available on- and off-campus services?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Are school policies and services regarding pregnancy resources and support for parenting students found through:

Web site?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

First-year students' orientation?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Student handbook?

- Yes No
 Do not know Plans are under way

Would you be interested in hosting an FFL Pregnancy Resource ForumSM on your campus?

- Yes No

Email:

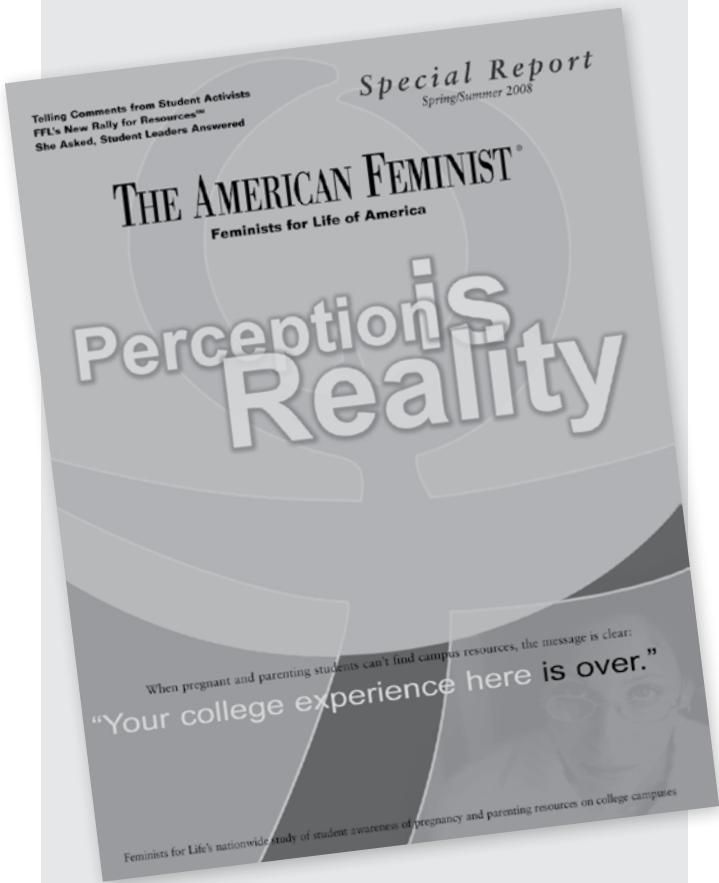
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Please return completed survey to:

College Outreach Program Coordinator
Feminists for Life of America
PO Box 320667
Alexandria, VA 22320
coordinator@ffloncampus.org

Please enclose copies of relevant information from student handbooks, school websites, and other materials. Thank you!

To read Feminists for Life's groundbreaking Perception Is Reality study, visit:
www.feministsforlife.org/cop/perception.htm

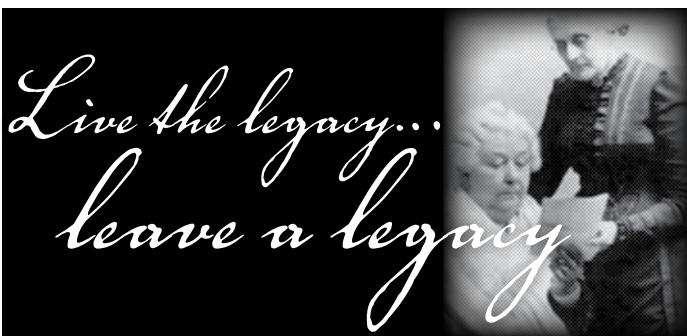


To order copies of *The American Feminist* featuring the Perception Is Reality study, send \$5 for each magazine plus shipping and handling (20% of total, minimum \$7.00) to FFL, Dept 0641, Washington, DC 20073.

To order bulk copies, please contact the national office at info@feministsforlife.org.

Please check your mailing label to see if your membership has expired.

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We who refuse to choose between women and children live the legacy of Susan B. Anthony and the other early American feminists.

Please consider leaving a legacy by including Feminists for Life of America as a beneficiary of your estate so that our work may continue. Let us know so that we may properly acknowledge your gift.

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I want my bank to transfer monthly donations to Feminists for Life of America. My authorization to charge my account shall be the same as if I had personally signed a check to FFLA. This authorization shall remain in effect until I notify FFLA or my bank in writing that I wish to end this agreement and FFLA or my bank has had a reasonable amount of time to act on my request. A record of each charge will be included in my regular bank statements and will serve as my receipt.

\$ _____ Amount of monthly pledge (\$5 minimum)

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Eve) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please enclose a voided check from your account to show the bank's address and your account number.

Send to: Feminists for Life of America
PO Box 320667, Alexandria, VA 22320
Electronic fund transfers will begin immediately upon receipt.

Thank you!

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WHERE HAVE ALL THE PREGNANT WOMEN GONE?



**gone for
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one.**

That's what happens when women don't have the resources to support the rest of the choices—marital, partnered, single parenthood and adoption options.

If she is missing on campus, don't be missing in action.

Does your campus have the resources that pregnant and parenting students need and deserve?
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