

NLFO SPEAKERS



DEBORAH RODENHIZER

Executive Director

Deborah has been with New Life Family Outreach for 25 years.

When she began at NLFO she served as Client Services Director and Volunteer Coordinator. Along with her normal duties, she spent many hours serving the clients when no volunteers were available. After 7 years in those roles, she was promoted to Executive Director and has served in that capacity for the last 18 years.

As a military dependent for most of her life, she has lived and gone to school in many different places; gaining an understanding of various cultures and people groups.

She is the mother of 4 sons, Michael, Christopher, Thomas, and Joseph, the first 3 residing in heaven.

She is the grandmother of Cordelia and Everley, as well as 3 in heaven.

She is the lead Facilitator for Hope, the pregnancy loss support group, and also offers other types of grief counseling to those in the community who are in need of it.

She can speak on many topics concerning the various aspects of the ministry as well as the pro-life movement, leadership, discipleship, and leading a team of volunteers.

To book a speaker:

email: director@newlifehighpoint.org

or call 336-887-2232



SUSAN SMITH

Volunteer Client Advocate

Susan has a heart for encouraging women to live with courage and confidence.

In addition to working 33 years in the corporate business world, she is a Licensed Professional Counselor and has experience counseling women in crisis pregnancy, miscarriage, and abortion recovery.

She enjoys connecting with women individually and in groups to share her faith in Christ Jesus and her personal spiritual journey.



DONNA CARLINO

Volunteer Client Advocate

As a volunteer for the ministry, Donna is a vital part of what we do; she counsels directly with the women and men who seek our assistance.

She's passionate about serving Christ and has a strong desire to help women and men facing a crisis pregnancy and protect those preborn children who are casualties of a culture that no longer considers life to be sacred.

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SHIRENE GENTRY

Board Chair

Shirene Gentry was born in Tehran and adopted by American military parents. Her parents passed away in 2001, and it wasn't until 2017 that she sifted through the massive paper trail they left behind to discover the suspected truth about her biological origin.

Shirene subsequently wrote about her life story with a message of hope and God's promises as found in her book entitled *Identity Unveiled, Daughter of the King of Kings*.

She lived and grew up in Lynchburg, Virginia after her father retired from active service. She attended Meredith College, graduated from Wake Forest University, attended paralegal school in Atlanta, and, after a 20-year gap, received a graduate degree in professional counseling.

She worked in case management before opening her life coaching practice specializing in health/wellness; relationships; stress management; grief; hope; and brain health. Her passions are studying, writing, speaking, and podcasting. Her books are available on Amazon.

As a board member for New Life Family Outreach, Shirene is passionate about the gift of life and how this community can benefit from its resources for young women - adoption, hope after abortion, and recovery from abuse.

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MELISSA MCBRYANT

Director of Development

Melissa McBryant is a Single Mom and North Carolina Native who has a passion for Pro-Life Issues. She directly relates to clients with struggles related to single parenthood and how important a supportive community is.

She graduated Suma Cum Laude with a Counseling Degree from Liberty University and completed her internship with NLFO in 2018. Later that year she was hired on as Development Director at NLFO.

During her time at New Life Family Outreach, she has worked to update systems, increase community engagement and elevate fundraising efforts.

Melissa has detailed knowledge of how the programs at NLFO work and how partnerships with NLFO can benefit the community and local churches.