### 2018 was a year full of troubling trends.

At the beginning of the year, we learned that in Denmark, Iceland and France close to 100% of babies with Down's Syndrome were aborted.

December 2018

- In March, supporters mounted a postcard protest to reinstate *Positively Waiting* presentations that had been censored at Granada Hills High School.
- In May, the Center For Disease Control posted numbers indicating Oral/Anal Cancers caused by HPV have increased, but Cervical Cancer cases have decreased.
- In June, Planned Parenthood announced they will offer "Hormone Therapy" to gender-confused minors without requiring parental consent.
- \* Later in the summer, there were opposing scientific articles on gender differences.
- In the Fall, the reported numbers of Sexually Transmitted Infections show an increase in Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Syphilis (for the 4th consecutive year!)
- In October, the media tried to blacklist the **Gosnell** Movie, to avoid having to acknowledge the truth about abortion providers, and the organizations which are supposed to regulate them.

#### IT WAS A ROUGH YEAR...BUT WE'RE STILL HERE! And HAD A few victories along the way!

- First of all, we have received such generous PAPER DONATIONS from the Sheriff's VIDA program as "payment" for our presentations to teens and parents, that we won't have to buy paper **for the next year!**
- We had a number of supporters host parent and teen presentations in Their homes. All were well-attended and produced positive responses.
- ★ We were invited to address abortion-related issues at several conferences.
- Our coaching exercises were compiled and made available as a FREE e-BOOK. It has been downloaded dozens of times.
- \* AND BEST OF ALL, This year we did not have to turn down a single request for presentations because of YOUR generous financial support!



### **Our Holiday Wishes**

Comment from an 18 year old male who attended one of our home-hosted events:

I really enjoyed this session and I want to thank you for doing this... I wish I had invited my friends.

Because *Positively Waiting* presentations are *by invitation only*, it's unlikely that there will be one conveniently located when the young person you care about is in crisis. We often get contacted when a porn addiction is discovered, or an unsuitable obsession or crush develops, only to have to say, "I'm sorry, there isn't anything scheduled in your area for several months."

## Will you help change that by choosing to do one of the following:

- Make a year end donation to cover a community with limited resources.
- ★ Talk to your pastor about hosting a parent or youth event.
- ★ See if your moms' group, home-school community or small group would host one.
- ★ Consider having a meeting in your own home.

#### Every little bit helps and we are very grateful!

We wish you a Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah and a very Happy New Year!

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## **Coaching Exercise!**

One of the best ways to teach your teen how to manage their impulses is to insist that they volunteer. Any time a

teenager focuses less on themselves and more on the needs of others, it has a profound impact on their attitude and appreciation.

Teens are naturally self-involved. They have been the center of their universe since they were born, but in a short time they will be launched as an adult into a world that is mostly indifferent to them. Giving them a chance to wade into those waters will create confidence and provide valuable experiences.

Holidays provide LOTS of opportunities, and also a chance to **put the outcome in their hands**, where they will have a chance to develop some new neural connections. So, first of all — LET YOUR CHILD CHOOSE. Not "if" they will volunteer, but "where" or "how." There are soup kitchens, rest homes, animal shelters, sorting centers and "elf" duty! Help your child be creative and put their interests to good use.

Volunteering let's your adolescent see the way others live and increases both compassion and appreciation. Empathetic teens are less demanding and grateful teens are less moody.

It's a win-win AND it increases the neural connections that lead to maturing brains!

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