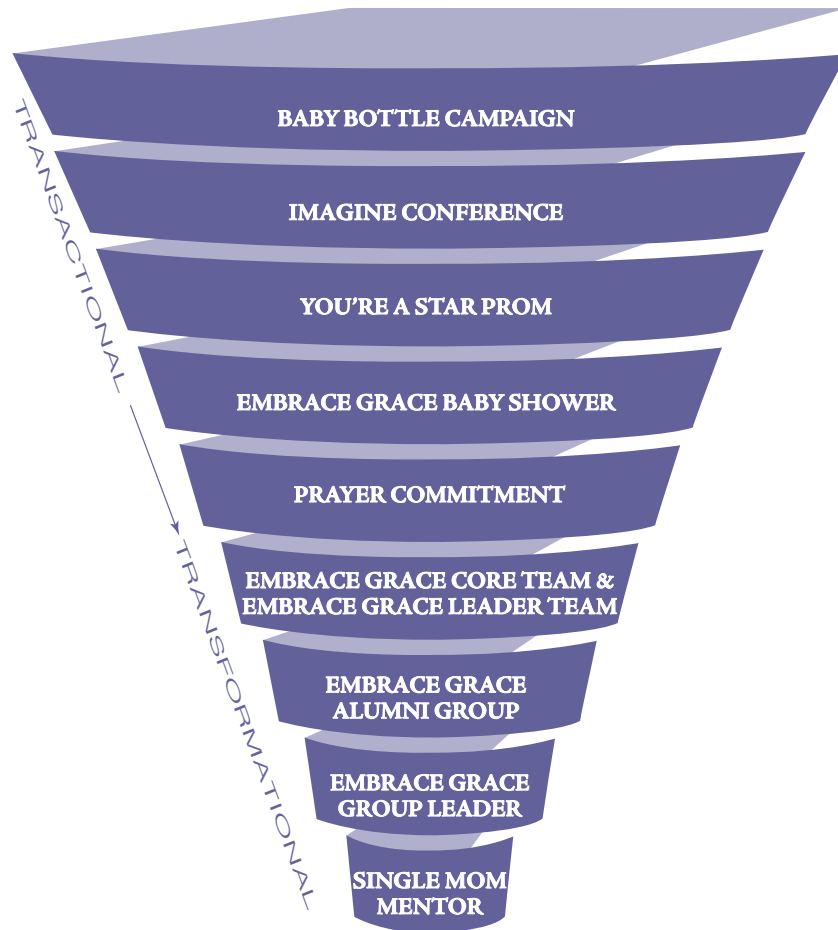


EMBRACE LIFE AT NORTH WAY



Prayer Needs: Embrace Life seeks to build a culture that values all life through a cultural transformation arising from the love and compassion of the body of Christ. The ministry works to accomplish this through educating the church, encouraging alternatives to abortion, supporting those who choose life, offering healing to those who have been affected by abortion, and embracing all lives as a unique representation of the image of God.

- Pray for women in the Pittsburgh area who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy.
- Pray for God's love and provision for those who choose life and for His healing for those struggling with past decisions.
- Pray about how your group could participate in God's work through the Embrace Life ministry.

Descriptions of Volunteer Opportunities:

Baby Bottle Campaign – *Annual event* – The annual baby bottle drive takes place between Mother's Day and Father's day each year as a part of Embrace Life's goal to support those who choose life. Participants are given an empty baby bottle on Mother's Day, fill it with money, then return it to their campus on Father's Day. The funds raised go towards supporting each campus' local pregnancy resource center that provides free and life-saving services to abortion-vulnerable women and families. Groups can also provide volunteer support in distributing and collecting bottles.

Imagine Conference – www.imagineconferencepgh.com – *Annual event* – Imagine what would happen if followers of Jesus took a stand for the hungry, the hurting, and the fatherless. The Imagine Conference brings to life what it looks like to serve and love our neighbors near and far through inspiring speakers, educational breakout and practical ways to engage in caring for the fatherless, the refugee, single moms and trafficking victims.

You're a Star Prom – *Annual event* – Every summer, Embrace Life partners with The Friendship Ministry at North Way to host a formal dance for individuals with developmental disabilities in the church and surrounding community, embracing all lives as unique representations of the image of God. Groups can donate food or can attend the event, celebrating with those participating.

Embrace Grace Baby Shower – *Semi-annual event* – Each spring and fall, the Embrace Life team sponsors a baby shower for the moms in Embrace Grace. Groups and individuals are needed to purchase and wrap gifts for these moms from their registry.

Food donations are needed for these events as well. Groups could also volunteer their time to assist with setup, decorating, or cleanup.

Prayer Commitment – *Ongoing need* – “Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition” (Ephesians 6:18). Commit to praying for the Embrace Life ministry and those they serve on a weekly or monthly basis as a group. Pray about how each individual can be used by God to support moms who choose life.

Embrace Life Core Team and Embrace Grace Leadership Team – *Monthly commitment* – These teams meet regularly as a group of individuals dedicated to the mission and vision of Embrace Life and Embrace Grace. They partner together to plan and execute all aspects of the ministry including development of a culture of life in our church and community.

Embrace Grace Alumni Group – *Monthly commitment* – The Embrace Grace alumni group coordinates monthly gatherings for women who have received help from the ministry. The volunteer team works to provide childcare, snacks, and a short devotional for each meeting and focuses on discipleship and building strong relationships.

Embrace Grace Group Leader – *Weekly commitment in semester* – Leaders are needed to help with Embrace Grace groups. Leaders receive curriculum and on-line training and support and are responsible for preparing each week’s lesson and shepherding the group of single moms. Semesters last for 12 weeks and a strong level of commitment is required.

Single Mom Mentor – *Ongoing weekly commitment* – The Embrace Grace team is looking for women to partner with single moms on their journey. Women interested in this opportunity can start by attending the monthly Embrace Grace alumni meetings, building relationships with the moms. This can lead to long-term disciple-making relationships.

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