

Bahy Bottle Boomerang



CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW PACKET

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#### WELCOME TO



Dear Friends of Align Life Ministries,

We're so glad you're interested in kicking off a Baby Bottle Boomerang (BBB) campaign. Through this experience, you and others will proclaim the gospel of Jesus and champion the sacredness of human life.

BBB is a simple program, and a great way for families, kids, and people of all ages to get involved. Enclosed are materials to help you have a successful campaign, whether you conduct it in person, virtually, or via a hybrid of the two. Feel free to use your creative side to enhance participation.

If you have any questions, or need more bottles or supplies, please contact us. We're here to help.

Championing Life,

Shannon Martin 717.274.5128 x315 smartin@alignlifeministries.org



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#### **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG WEBPAGE**

Promotional Posters • PowerPoint Slides • Social Media Posts

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# Baby Bottle Boomerang

#### WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

#### **HANDS-ON**

Contact Align Life Ministries and let us know when you would like to initiate BBB. A BBB campaign can be held any time of year. Churches often begin in January with Sanctity of Human Life Sunday; other groups choose Mother's and Father's Day, a backto-school campaign, or a Thanksgiving campaign.

#### **How it Works:**

- 1. We provide the bottles to you.
- 2. You distribute them to the people in your church or group.
- Several weeks later, they return the bottles on an announced date. (You determine the date the bottles are to be returned.)
- You make arrangements to return the bottles to Align Life Ministries (that's the boomerang!) where we process them.

#### VIRTUAL

Fill a baby bottle online!

- 1. Visit our special Virtual
  Baby Bottle Boomerang
  Giving Page.
- 2. Choose an amount / how many bottles to fill (\$25 for one bottle, \$50 for two bottles, etc.)
- 3. Complete the form and submit.

NOTE: If you are doing the virtual BBB as part of a church or group, please include your church or group's complete name on the form so your total can be included in your group's results.

### HYBRID APPROACH

Invite everyone in your group to join your BBB campaign—those who attend in-person, virtually, or connect in other ways. Offer both the hands-on and virtual BBB options at the same time for a meaningful, life-affirming project that goes beyond physical locations and appeals to people of all ages.



## Baby Bottle Boomerang FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Q: When should I kickoff a Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign?

A: Anytime! Popular times include:

- Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- · Back-to-School time
- Thanksgiving

#### Q: Is my donation tax deductible?

A: All check and online donations will be receipted. Cash donations (bills only) over \$20 will be receipted if the baby bottle's paper insert is completed and returned with the bottle. Sorry, we are not able to offer receipts for coin donations.

## Q: Will I be informed how much our church/ group raised?

A: Yes. Please allow 6-8 weeks for processing. When processing is completed we will notify you via email or by postcard mailed to the church if we don't have an email address for you. If you are doing the virtual option, please be sure to provide the complete name of your church or group on the online form so your gift can be included with your group's total.

#### **HANDS-ON OPTION:**

#### Q: How many bottles should I order?

A: We recommend 75% of the number of families in your church/group.

#### Q: Where do I get the bottles?

A: We provide the bottles and deliver them to your nearest Align Life Ministries location:

- Administrative Office in Lebanon
- Align Pregnancy Services in Columbia, Ephrata, Lancaster, or Lebanon

## Q: What if I need more bottles or I ordered too many?

A: If you need more bottles, contact us. If you ordered too many bottles, it's fine to send the extra ones back to us with the rest of your returns after your campaign ends.

## Q: What if all the bottles aren't returned by the end of the campaign?

A. That is common. Return what you have so far. You can give periodic reminders a few times after the campaign ends, and then let it go. You may get a few stragglers back here and there. Some people have found that a "sign out sheet" for the bottles is helpful. Feel free to use the one included in this packet, or listed as a downloadable on our website.

## Q: Where and how do I return the bottles? (They're heavy!)

A. You can return the bottles to the same location where you picked them up. The bottles that are filled can be heavy. We recommend you return filled bottles in a box of 25 max. Empty bottles can be returned in a full box.



#### **HANDS-ON**

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#### COORDINATOR CHECK LIST

#### □ Set Dates

Set with your church or group:

1. Date for bottle distribution:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Date participants will return filled bottles:

3. Date you will return bottles to Align Life Ministries: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ☐ Distribute Empty Bottles

Follow through with your church's or group's plan to introduce and hand out the bottles. Consider making plans to distribute bottles for two consecutive weeks.

#### ☐ Promote

These are available at <u>AlignLifeMinistries.org</u>

- Sample announcements (e.g. pulpit, email, bulletins, newsletters)
- Posters for high traffic areas
- Brief client testimony story like this one (Michaela's Story), or others available in our YouTube library
- · PowerPoint slide
- Social media posts

#### □ Collect

- Make plans to collect the bottles for at least two consecutive weeks.
- Make sure you have enough boxes to collect the bottles. They will be heavy!
   (Please put a maximum of 25 filled bottles per box.)
- Line up strong arms and backs to move filled bottles to your vehicle.

#### ☐ Return

Filled bottles should be returned to your nearest Align Life Ministries location. Please call that office to verify hours of operation.

- Administrative office in Lebanon 717.274.5128
- Columbia 717.684.3400
- Ephrata 717.733.9440
- Lancaster 717.575.0561

#### **Ouestions?**

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#### VIRTUAL

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#### COORDINATOR CHECK LIST

#### □ Set Dates

Set with your church or group for the virtual campaign:

1. Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_

2. End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ☐ Distribute Giving Link

Share this special "Virtual BBB" giving link with your group and encourage them to fill a bottle for life online:

http://weblink.donorperfect.com/VirtualBBB

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#### □ Remind

- Make plans to encourage online bottlefilling for at least two consecutive weeks.
- Send reminders to your group during that time if/as needed.
- Remind group members to include the full name of your church or group in the space provided on the online form in order to include their virtual bottle total with you group's total.

#### ☐ Results

We'll let you know how much money your group raised after your campaign has ended.

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(Please customize to fit your church or group's plans)

### PRIOR TO EVENT (HANDS-ON OPTION):

Our church will be holding a Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign to benefit Align Life Ministries.

At the end of our worship service	(date) we will be distributing
special baby bottles. Please take a bottle home, fill it with a	check (payable to Align Life
Ministries) or cash, then return it to the church Sunday,	(date).
Questions? Please contact	(coordinator's name)
at	(phone # or email) <b>.</b>

Proceeds from Baby Bottle Boomerang help impact young Mom's like our client Emily and her sweet baby. Emily initially sent us a text. After some correspondence back and forth with our receptionist, Emily came in for an ultrasound. She said that she was pregnant and in a really difficult situation, and that no one would help her. She felt alone in her circumstances and told our director that she felt like having an abortion was her only way out. A week after her ultrasound, she came back to meet with our director again and with a client advocate. She was a completely different woman, smiling and at peace. She said that when she saw the baby on the ultrasound screen she thought "I can't have this abortion." After the scan, she went directly to her doctor for guidance to continue with a healthy pregnancy.





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### **EVENT KICKOFF DAY (HANDS-ON OPTION):**

At the end of our worship service today, w	e will be distributing special baby bottles for the
Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign of Aligr	n Life Ministries. Please pick up a bottle and take
it home. Fill the bottles with cash or chec	k (made out to Align Life Ministries), and return i
to the church Sunday,	(date). The collection point will be
	(location).
Direct any questions to	(coordinator's name)
at	(phone # or email) <b>Thank you</b>
for your participation.	

Align Life Ministries aligns with God to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and champion the sacredness of human life through pregnancy services, strategic partnerships, and equipping resources.

Baby Bottle Boomerang funds help clients, like Audrey, find healing in the Lord from past abortion decisions. Audrey came to us distraught, sharing that she had been having nightmares, and wasn't able to work or function since having her abortion. Our director shared the gospel with her, and Audrey opened her heart to the Lord. We provided her with a Bible and highlighted some verses for her to read. We encouraged her to have a conversation with God after reading some verses, and to take notes. Audrey said she believes that God has been speaking to her. Her nightmares have stopped, and she is growing in her relationship with the Lord.





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## **DURING EVENT (HANDS-ON OPTION):**

Remember to keep filling your bottles for the Ba	by Bottle Boomerang to benefit Align Life
Ministries. Bottles should be returned to the chu	ırch Sunday,
date). The collection point will be	(location,
Direct any questions to	(coordinator's name)
at	(phone # or email).

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## PRIOR TO EVENT (VIRTUAL OPTION):

Our church will be holding a virtual Baby Bottle Boo	omerang campaign from
(start date) <b>to</b>	(end date) <b>to benefit</b>
Align Life Ministries.	
During that time, fill a bottle online at http://webli sure to include our church's name in the space pro is credited to our group total.	•
Questions? Please contact	(coordinator's name)
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#### SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT

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## **EVENT KICKOFF DAY (VIRTUAL OPTION):**

Our virtual Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign starts today and runs through \_\_\_\_\_\_(end date) to benefit Align Life Ministries. During that time, fill a bottle online at http://weblink.donorperfect.com/VirtualBBB. Be sure to include our church's name in the space provided on the online form so your bottle is credited to our group total.

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## **DURING EVENT (VIRTUAL OPTION):**

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Please direct any questions to	(coordinator's name
atat	_(phone # or email).

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virtual options from	(start date) <b>to</b>
(end date) to benefit Align Life Ministries.	
For those who would like to participate "	hands-on":
At the end of our worship service on	(date) <b>we will be</b>
distributing special baby bottles. Please t	ake a bottle home, fill it with a check
(payable to Align Life Ministries) or cash, t (date).	hen return it to the church Sunday,
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check (payable to Align L	ife Ministries) or cash, then return it to the c	hurch Sunday,
	(date).	
For those who would like	e to participate virtually:	
Fill a bottle online at http	://weblink.donorperfect.com/VirtualBBB.	Be sure to include our
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#### **AFTER EVENT:**

(6-8 weeks later, when total raised is given to the coordinator.)

Thanks for being part of Baby	Bottle Boomerang for Align Life Ministries. We raised
\$	for God's life-giving work to help moms, dads, and
babies in our communities. If y	ou participated in the hands-on event, please return all
bottles, filled or empty. The mi	inistry reuses the bottles each year.





## Baby Bottle Boomerang SIGN UP SHEET

Name	Email or Phone	Bottles Taken	<b>Bottles Returned</b>
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**Bottle Pick Up Here!** 





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**Bottle Collection Here!** 



Fill a bottle for life!

With cash or check, you are proclaiming the gospel and championing life with Align Life Ministries. Your partnership provides life-affirming services to women and men in Lancaster and Lebanon counties, including:

- Pregnancy tests and first trimester ultrasounds
- Prenatal and parenting education

- Material assistance
- · Post-abortion support

It also supports Align's development of life-giving strategic partnerships and production of godly equipping resources.

Please complete the information below and insert this form in your bottle before you fill it. Return it to the location where you received it. Allow **6-8 weeks** for processing.

#### BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Title	First Name	Last Name	
Spouse's Name			
Street Address			
City		State	Zip
Phone		Name of church where yo	u received this bottle
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\*Note: Please make checks payable to Align Life Ministries; all check donations will be receipted. Cash donations of \$20 and above will be receipted. Sorry, we cannot receipt coin donations.

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Please return baby bottles by:











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## Hands-on

Fill a bottle and return by designated date!





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