



Makeup, Hairspray, and Pro-Life Women

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Makeup, hairspray and poufy dresses may come to mind when someone says the word beauty pageant. However, what happens when you combine all the elements of a pageant with young pro-life women?

You get the 2009 Miss Right to Life of Georgia Scholarship pageant hosted by Amy Brown the reigning Miss Hall County. On August 1, 2009 the inaugural Miss Right to Life of Georgia Scholarship pageant was held at the John S. Burd Theatre in Gainesville. This pageant was a scholarship and benefit pageant that was the very first of its kind.

Not only was it to raise funds for Georgia Right to Life, but to strive to raise awareness of the importance of the pro-life cause. Girls from ages 0-22 competed in eight age divisions for the chance to be called the very first Miss Right to life of Georgia. The girls competed in formal wear, interview and casual wear. They were also given the opportunity to enter optional competitions, such as talent and photogenic. Each division also crowned a princess, who was the young lady who raised the most money in their respective age group and one Miss Right to Life of Georgia Sweetheart, who was the one young lady who raised the most out of the entire pageant for Georgia Right

to Life. Prize packages included many wonderful sponsored items as well as the chance to promote the life issue in events all over the state.

Amy Brown, the director of this pageant, contacted Georgia Right to Life several months ago and said that she wanted to do a pageant to raise funds for our organization. Amy oversaw every aspect of this project from start to finish from the marketing to the pageant website design, to obtaining sponsors for the event.

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As a fellow pageant lover myself, I was truly excited to hear about this pageant. Not only was I excited about the potential funds it would raise for Georgia Right to Life but also it was a chance to show that pageant girls are not all superficial young women, who put on a dress and walk across a stage with a perfect smile and well practiced pageant wave.

Many are wonderfully well rounded young women who like in this case used pageants as a way of serving their communities and bringing attention to a topic that may not normally be talked about in certain areas of society.

On behalf of Georgia Right to Life we would like to extend a sincere thank you to Amy Brown, her wonderful board and group of volunteers who did an excellent job in preparing and pulling off such a wonderful fundraiser. A special thanks also goes out to Sadie Fields, from the Georgia Christian Alliance and Wanda Freeman, Chapter Leader of Hall County Right to Life who also donated their time to assist with crowning our very first queens. We also cannot forget all of the participants and their parents for supporting Georgia Right to Life and allowing these beautiful young women to represent life in this very special way. We hope to see you all back next year, according to Amy this is just the beginning. The winners of the pageant are listed below as follows:

Baby Miss Right to Life - Paisley Scott Dickey
Tiny Miss Right to Life - Elena Gonzales
Little Miss Right to Life - Victoria Grace Nye
Junior Miss Right to Life - Devan Whitney
Preteen Miss Right to Life - Averie DiGiacomo
Young Teen Miss Right to Life - Kacey Reid
Teen Miss Right to Life - Victoria Westmoreland
Miss Right to Life - Arielle Hunsucker
Miss Right to Life of Georgia Sweetheart- Annie Elizabeth Powell



(Congratulations to all the 2009 Miss Right to Life winners age divisions 0-22!)
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