Birth. Life. Death. Pregnancy can be a wonderful thing, but at a young age it can pose more financial, emotional, and physical problems than teenagers are capable or ready to handle. Teen pregnancy is on the rise due to a shift in our society’s values and morals.

**The Current Picture:**
- Teen pregnancy is the #1 reason girls drop out of high school.
- Sons born to a single teen mom are twice more likely to go to prison than those with older parents.
- Daughters born to a single teen mom are three times more likely to become a teen mom than those with older parents.
- Of unwed teen moms, 80% are supported by welfare.
- Welfare spent on teen pregnancy costs the government $18 billion in taxes annually.
- Calcasieu parish 2012, there were 2,736 teen births, and of those births only 1,641 babies survived. (60% survival rate)

**As young people, our humble recommendations are:**
- The use of propaganda to increase awareness of the negative aspects of teenage pregnancy. Television ads, billboards, radio, newspaper, and Internet can be used to negate the images and views of teen pregnancy.
- Founding a foundation (such as the Susan G. Komen foundation for breast cancer awareness) for pregnant teen prevention.
- Make sex education a part of health education required for TOPS. Be provided with the current material to relate to today’s youth.
- Plan assemblies throughout the year on which a guest speaker age 13-25 will come speak to the schools about the day-to-day struggles associated with teen pregnancy.