CHARITY WATCHLIST



American Heritage Girls



(4) ABORTION & BIRTH CONTROL

- American Heritage Girls has several pro-life resources, podcast episodes, and articles on its website.
- > Patti Garibay, executive director of AHG, states the following:

AHG believes that each stage of life is valued in the eyes of God and that advocating for life recognizes the dignity of all humankind. That's why our Troops earn the Respect Life Patch or Pin when they participate in any event that brings attention to respecting life, or by providing service to an organization whose mission or purpose demonstrates a desire to respect life, such as pregnancy centers, prolife groups and hospices.

> Below is AHG's statement on the Dobbs v. Jackson decision in 2022:

We live in a day and age where life, in all of its ages and stages, is taken for granted. More than ever before, it is vital to defend the right to life. Even after the Supreme Court ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson last year that determined that abortion "rights" go back to the state level, the fight for the unborn is not done. We as Christians are called to be light in the darkness of the world. . . . In a world that places so little value on human life, we at AHG know that each and every girl was designed specifically by a thoughtful Creator. Our new 2023-2024 program theme, "WOVEN," helps girls learn how intricately God shaped their identities so that they better understand His purpose and plan for their lives. If we understand how much care and concern went into every single living creature on the planet, the logical response is a respect for life — and the One who created it all.

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Mission

To build women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.

Focus

youth development, scouting organization

Charity Watchlist Rating: GREEN worthy of support

LGBTQ+

- An <u>article</u> released in 2023 by AHG criticizes the Girl Scouts for promoting the LGBTQ+ lifestyle to young girls and also offers AHG as alternative for "age-appropriate programming."
- > AHG's 2022 press release calls for celebrating femininity:

As America recognizes Pride Month and continues to attempt to indoctrinate children with a liberal, pro-LGBTQ agenda, American Heritage Girls (AHG, www.americanheritagegirls.org) remains rooted in biblical truths and proudly stands up for God-anointed, God-driven femininity.

NOTEWORTHY

- Archbishop Naumann endorsed AHG in 2017 for the Archdiocese of Kansas City.
- > AHG's Statement of Faith:

We believe that there is one Triune God-Father; Jesus Christ, His one and only Son; and the Holy Spirit-Creator of the universe and eternally existent. We believe the Holy Scriptures (Old and New Testaments) to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God. We believe each person is created in His image for the purpose of communing with and worshipping God. We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Who enables us to live godly lives. We believe that each individual is called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We believe God calls us to lives of purity, service, stewardship, and integrity.

Clarity is further provided to the following terms:

Purity—God calls us to lives of holiness, being pure of heart, mind, word, and deed. We are to reserve sexual activity to the sanctity of marriage; a lifelong commitment before God between a man and a woman.

Service—God calls us to become responsible members of our community and the world through selfless acts that contribute to the welfare of others.

Stewardship-God calls us to use our God-given time, talents, and money wisely.

Integrity-God calls us to live moral lives that demonstrate an inward motivation to do what is right, regardless of the cost.