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Were you there?

Kennedy Square Rally

by Madeline Satwicz

The Detroit Chapter of Right to Life - Lifespan hosted the pro-life rally in Kennedy Square in downtown Detroit, Sunday, Jan. 20 from 2-3 p.m. This was to mark the 18th year since the infamous *Roe v. Wade* 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy and has resulted in an estimated 1.5 million abortions per year. The bells tolled 27 times, each toll represented 1 million babies killed in this American holocaust at the hands of the abortionist.

About 250-300 men, women, youths and children braved the cold and leaden skies to listen to, to pray with, and to cheer our master of ceremonies, Ed Smith, and our speakers.

Rev. Rick Parker, Youth Pastor at Grace Chapel in Detroit, urged us to stand up and speak up for life because every life has great value. Even more, we must "put up" — must provide the spiritual, financial, social and perhaps even psychological assistance the expectant mother may need through our pregnancy counseling centers and Pregnancy Shelter programs.

Rev. Priscilla Tucker's, of St. Stevens A.M.E. Church and founder of "Praying Hands Around Detroit," message was "Give Life a Chance," stop the killing in our streets and in the womb.

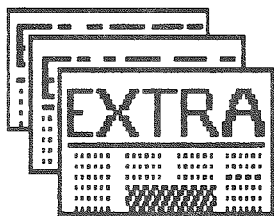
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■ **Atlanta, Georgia** — Those good pro-life folks at the *Atlanta Constitution* are having trouble counting when they run out of fingers and toes. Between 5,000 and 6,000 pro-life demonstrators lined both sides of a three mile stretch of Peach Street. The paper reported, and we quote, "About 300 members of Operation Rescue and other anti-abortion groups, many holding signs saying 'Abortion Kills Children' lined Peachtree...from Midtown to Lenox Square."

Several letter writers advised the paper that it would be impossible to "line" that much of Peachtree with a measley 300 protestors. One writer estimated that it would have meant one protestor every 200 feet! He had counted 300 people in one four block stretch alone!

—*Catholic League Newsletter*
Nov.-Dec., 1990

■ **Whiteplains, New York** — Doctors can force-feed a man who has been on a hunger strike since his arrest 47 days ago during an anti-abortion protest, a judge ruled Tuesday.

"The court can't allow a form of protest that harms others or himself," Judge Matthew Coppola said, after a doctor testified that 25 year-old William Hamilton could die in a matter of weeks.

Said Hamilton: "It seems hypocritical that the court is so intent on what it assumes is a threat to my life while...punishing me for trying to save the lives of others."

—*Detroit News*, Nov. 14, 1990

■ **Arlington, Texas** — Students at the University of Texas at Arlington this week voted down a proposal to establish the first on-campus clinic that performs abortions at an American university. Students voted 1,430-746 against

allowing first-trimester abortions in the student health clinic.

—*Detroit Free Press*, Nov. 22, 1990

■ **Vancouver, British Columbia** — One Friday a month, Dr. John D. Stephens closes his California offices and heads for Blaine, Wash., a town of about 2,500 just inside the U.S. border with Canada.

It is there, in a two-story building, that Stephens has opened a clinic to do what Canadian authorities have denied him permission to do: ultrasound scans to tell women the sex of their unborn children.

What he does is ultrasound. The technique, which has been used for prenatal diagnosis for years, uses sound waves to provide a shadowy image of the fetus on a monitor. Doctors can see the heart beating, can determine whether the baby has all its limbs — and, after 16 to 18 weeks' gestation, can view its genitalia to determine whether it is male or female.

In the six months since he opened his Blaine office, Stephens has been aggressively marketing across the border to East Indians in particular, mass-mailing brochures to their homes and even handing out pamphlets outside Sikh temples on Sundays.

Although Stephens does not mention the word "abortion" in his ads — nor does he perform them — his actions have raised a massive controversy in Canada, with Asian groups accusing him of racism, and members of the medical establishment accusing him of unethical practices.

Now, he is considering opening another office in Niagara Falls, N.Y., or Buffalo, N.Y. He says he has heard there is a large Indian population in nearby Toronto.

Stephens is continuing to raise questions that make even abortion-rights advocates uncomfortable: How easy should it be for a woman to have an abortion just because she wants a child of a different sex?

The doctor, who charges about \$500 for an ultrasound examination, said he is offended by the controversy.

—*Detroit News*, Dec. 3, 1990

■ **New York** — The family of a 13-year old girl who died as a result of an abortion operation has received a \$1.2 million jury award, the largest wrongful-death abortion payment in state history.

The decision in the case of Dawn Ravengell, who died in 1985 at Eastern Women's Center in Manhattan, was reported Tuesday after the jury ruled medical personnel had not kept close enough watch on the girl, who was undergoing the abortion without her parents' knowledge, after complications developed during the surgery.

—*Detroit News*, Dec. 12, 1990

■ **Nevada** — Las Vegas officials are investigating the death of "Baby Adam," who was born alive after a 24-week abortion in September. Nurses at Humana Hospital Sunrise heard the one pound, four ounce baby's cries and rushed him to a specialized care unit, where he was connected to oxygen. But the nurses received "doctor's orders" to discontinue the treatment and return Adam to the room where he was delivered. Left unattended, he died within an hour.

—*National Right to Life Chapter Newsletter*, Dec. 17, 1990

■ **Salt Lake City** — One of the nation's most restrictive abortion bills — seen as an across-the-country challenge to abortions-on-demand — was signed into law Friday by Gov. Norm Bangerter.

—*Detroit Free Press*, Jan. 26, 1991

■ **Warsaw, Poland** — Parliament created a commission Friday to consider whether abortion should be banned for the first time in 35 years and doctors performing the procedure subjected to prison terms.

The legislation, which would reverse a law enacted in 1956, was easily approved by the 100-member Senate. But the 460-member Sejm, the lower house, created a 46-member study commission, and a 45-day period was set aside to gauge public opinion.

—*Detroit Free Press*, Jan. 26, 1991

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit

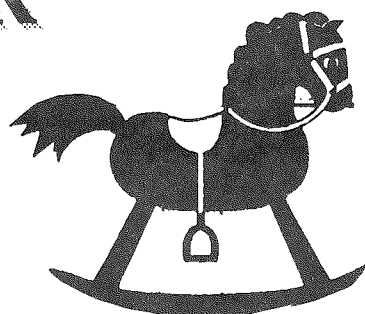
continuing the tradition of caring for mothers -
and their babies (born and yet to be born)

invites you to its second annual

BABY SHOWER

Sunday,
April 21, 1991
2 - 4:00 pm

To benefit the Local
Pregnancy Help Centers



Mark your calendars for April 21st. On that day at 2:00 p.m. Right to Life - Lifespan will be holding a baby shower simultaneously at 20 separate locations around the metro area for pregnancy help centers.

We invite everyone to come and bring new or usable baby and maternity items while enjoying an afternoon of fun and refreshments.

We are still looking for a few good people to host these showers. Help us make this a great success! Call Mary Jo at 261-3383 or the Main Office at 374-5111 for more information. Watch next month's newsletter for more details.



A letter from "Sally"

Dear Right to Life - Lifespan,

Hello! How are all of you? We're doing better thanks to all of you! I would first like to thank all of you for your more than generous gifts of cards and money over the holiday season and since you have all heard of my "condition," I feel that I owe you all at least my real name. It is Lynda Sterlini Falkiewicz.

I would like to tell you all a little about myself. In November of 1989 I was blessed with becoming pregnant. I found out January 1st by morning sickness (thinking I had the flu going around) that I later found out about.

In February of 1990 I saw my doctor who did my biopsy and told me it was cancer. He encouraged me (at least tried) to have an abortion. I refused. No one would ever change my mind. My high-risk doctor (who was the best) decided that if that was my decision, he would stand by me. His name is Dr. Welch. He worked out of Hutzel in Detroit and is now getting out of that system and moving to Providence in Southfield. I would highly recommend him to anyone with a high-risk pregnancy.

Daniel was "brought on" six weeks early. John (my fiancé) and I took 2 lamaze classes of two hours each and we were ready. We went in the next morning at 7:00 and the labor began at about 11:30. I finally delivered at 2:34 a.m. the following morning. I only had one hour of hard labor

and he was an easy delivery which meant my chemotherapy could be started immediately.

I went through losing my hair, up to 105.4 degree fevers. Now we know I may have only needed 6 weeks of radiation instead of at least 6 months of chemo with some radiation. Also the chemo is affecting me in ways that most doctors have never seen before. All I can say is I'm lucky to be alive.

I went to New York finally for another opinion. We then went to St. Joe's in Ann Arbor, and I have never felt better in my life with treatments and security. I can be trusting and informed of everything.

Now, Daniel is 6 months old and 17 pounds, 9-1/2 ounces. He is just getting over asthmatic bronchitis. He is 26" long. Also John and I are engaged to be married this summer if my health will allow it. I am finally able to get up and take care of myself a little better, but there is still a long road to follow. I would like to thank all of you for helping me down this long road. I hope to be able to respond to each and every one of you someday, but it will take time. I want to thank you for all of your letters. I would like you to know that they always come at the times when I really need to know that people care, when I'm not doing too well. Thank you all for caring about me! I will get in touch someday and I hope to be able to keep you all posted. Thank you!

Best Wishes Always,
Lynda



Legislative

U.S. CONGRESS

ROLL CALL VOTES ON ABORTION: 1990

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National Right to Life Committee — December, 1990*

Addresses

President

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Senators

The Honorable (first and last name)
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator (last name):

Representatives

The Honorable (first and last name)
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman or Congresswoman
(last name):

Governor

The Honorable John Engler
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Engler:

State Senator or Representative

The Honorable (full name)
State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Senator (last name):
or

Dear Representative (last name):

There were three key abortion-related roll calls in the House of Representatives during 1990. The pro-life side won all three, albeit by narrow margins (ranging from 8 to 13 votes in the 435-member House).

In the 100-member Senate, the pro-abortion side commanded majorities on every issue which came to a vote during 1990, except parental notification for abortion, on which the pro-life side won two votes, the last on a 48 to 48 tie.

Despite the pro-abortion majority, however, pro-life senators prevailed on several issues by invoking their right, under Senate rules, to engage in unlimited debate unless 60 senators vote to curtail debate by "invoking cloture." Pro-abortion forces repeatedly failed to muster the 60 votes necessary, although they came close on several occasions.

The congressional elections of November 6, 1990, resulted in modest gains for the pro-abortion side; one or two seats in the Senate (depending on the issue), and about eight seats in the House. This increases the likelihood that some pro-abortion bills may reach President Bush's desk during the 102nd Congress, which convenes in January 1991. However, no such bill could be enacted over the President's veto unless two-thirds of each house votes to override—a formidable obstacle to pro-abortion forces.

1. Mexico City Policy; UNFPA
2. Abortion on demand on military bases
3. Funding of Abortion in the District of Columbia

MICHIGAN	1	2	3
1 John Conyers (D)	O	O	O
2 Carl Pursell (R)	O	X	X
3 Howard Wolpe (D)	O	O	O
4 Fred Upton (R)	O	X	X
5 Paul Henry (R)	X	X	X
6 Bob Carr (D)	O	O	?
7 Dale Kildee (D)	X	X	X
8 Bob Traxler (D)	X	X	X
9 Guy Vander Jagt (R)	X	X	X
10 Bill Schuette (R)	X	X	?
11 Robert Davis (R)	X	X	X
12 David Bonior (D)	X	X	X
13 George Crockett, Jr. (D)	?	?	O
14 Dennis Hertel (D)	X	X	X
15 William Ford (D)	O	?	?
16 John Dingell (D)	O	O	O
17 Sander Levin (D)	O	O	O
18 William Broomfield (R)	X	X	X

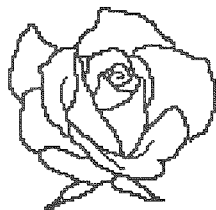
X — Pro-life floor vote O — Pro-abortion floor vote ? — Not voting

“FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT”

Co-sponsors of this bill from the Metro Detroit area are John Conyers, Jr. (D-Detroit, District 1) and Sander Levin (D-Southfield, District 17).

Michigan News

Informed consent bills should be introduced this month in the Michigan legislature. This legislation would require women seeking abortions to be told about the risks, alternatives, and fetal development. There will also be a 24-hour waiting period. Women have a right to know the facts **before** they have an abortion. Ask your legislators to **support** this legislation.



Chapter

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Office Hours

T, Th 10-3
S 10-12

Diane Fagelman, Chairman
Maura Davies, Ofc. Mgr.

All moved in!

Special thanks to those people who moved our office from Royal Oak to Birmingham and then helped organize. Some worked very hard physically and I especially thank them — their muscles and sweat enabled us to move the many large boxes and furniture.

Welcome, Maura!

A special welcome to our new office manager, Maura Davies. She will be working Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 3 and Saturday from 10 to 12. Give her a call. She moved back from South Carolina to her home state of Michigan, and we are pleased to have her as part of our family. She'd love to hear from you.

For your information —

If for some reason, you have not been getting information in your churches, synagogues, or mosques about Right to Life - Lifespan activities, please call. We will try to get a network system in place to disseminate information regarding prolife activities and projects.

A continuing call for volunteers — call us and we can get you started.

Thanks to the many participants of our **candle distribution and tolling of the bells**. It was a shining statement about those 27 million lost lives.

Support our **Baby Showers** April 21. Call the office, 258-9760, if you have questions.

Remember to send in your nominations for the **Mother of the Year** award.

Oakland County Chapter
800 S. Adams
Birmingham, MI 48009-7005
(313) 258-9760

wayne west

Office Hours

M-F 9-4

Pat Holscher, Chairman
Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Mgr.

We have not moved!

The Livonia office is still located at the address below.

General Meeting

Our Chapter's General Meeting will take place at the end of February. These meetings which are very interesting and informative are very well attended. Please continue to come and bring someone with you whether he/she agrees with our position or not. These meetings are to convert pro-abortionists as well as to become more informed ourselves.

HELP, HELP. . .

Our chapter needs a computer desperately. We are still doing everything "the old way" or so our many volunteers remind us, and this takes many, many hours. If you know of anyone, who might donate one in good condition or have any information where we might get one at a reasonable price, please call 422-6230.

Back from Washington

Carol Schlismann, RN, Wayne West's Livonia City Coordinator, met with Congressman Carl Pursell's aide while in Washington on January 22 for the March for Life. She spoke privately with him for a full hour. She discussed Lifespan's position on the rape and incest exceptions which Mr. Pursell insists are necessary in any prolife legislation regarding the abortion issue. She also talked with him about denying food and water for non-dying patients, thus causing them to die from starvation rather than from their original illness. She left some very thought-provoking

educational materials for Congressman Pursell including a recent article from a nursing magazine regarding starving patients to death. She felt that the interview went very well.

ACTION: If you are Carl Pursell's constituent from the 2nd Congressional District, write and let him know your stand on these issues:

The Honorable Carl Pursell
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Address him as:
Dear Congressman Pursell.

1st Quarter Renewals

If you have recently received your annual membership renewal letter, please respond as we rely on these contributions to continue our prolife activities. Every donation is vitally important, and reminders are costly.

Wayne County, West Chapter
27578 Schoolcraft
Livonia, MI 48150-2203
(313) 422-6230

News

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downriver

Office Hours

M, Th 10-2
TWF Closed
Carol Smith, Chairman
Betty Queen, Ofc. Mgr.

Work-study position available

The Detroit Chapter has a work-study position available for a Wayne State student. Up to 20 hours per week. Candidate must have a prolife philosophy, good phone skills, etc. For further information, call the office at 874-0432.

Detroit Chapter
5930 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202-3516
(313) 874-0432

Office Hours

M, W, Th 9:30-2:30
T, F Closed
Marge Bradley, Ofc. Mgr.

You're all invited!

We are having an educational meeting on Thursday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gilead Baptist Church Hall, 23700 W. Outer Drive, (between Southfield and Allen Road) in Allen Park. Come, acquaint yourself with the issues vital to the prolife movement. The public is welcome and there is no charge. Refreshments will be served.

Membership Renewals

Thanks to those who have responded to our letters and

Resources available

We have fetal models, videos, books, and pamphlets for use free of charge by students or others interested in prolife issues. Let us know if your church or organization would like a prolife speaker or educational booth. We have many excellent speakers, including doctors and nurses, available to talk on various prolife subjects. Call the office, 874-0432, for information.

Thank you!

Special thanks to all those who worked on and participated in the Celebrate Life Rally in Kennedy Square. It was good to see you there! Thank you also to all those who helped in the Christmas card sale. We appreciate your support and dedication very much.

renewed their membership. If we have not yet heard from you, please return your green envelope today! If you have lost the envelope, you may complete the form on page 11 and return it to us. We hope to hear from you soon.

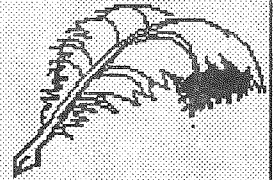
Fellowship

We want to thank the volunteers who have been coming in on a regular basis. However, there is still a need for more. Please come, join your friends and neighbors. Come for coffee and meet new prolife friends while spending a couple of hours helping with mailings. No experience needed. Everyone welcome! Give us a call.

**Abortion stops
a beating heart . . .**



Downriver Chapter
21649 Goddard Rd., #125B
Taylor, MI 48180-4247
(313) 374-5111



From the President's desk

I'm going to be a grandmother in April! The family knows and so do close friends. Shower plans are underway. A friend is lending us her crib. I should be shouting the news from the rooftop. The only thing we don't have is a 23 year-old college senior who is willing to stand up and say he's the father of my grandchild. He wants my 19 year-old daughter to have an abortion. Her roommate and sorority sisters tell her to have an abortion. The peer pressure is enormous. Everyone says take the "quick and easy" way out.

Is there any way I can tell you how proud I am of my daughter? She could have had an abortion and we might never have known. She said she couldn't have an abortion because she could not kill her BABY. She learned that ever since she was two-years old — picketing, stuffing envelopes, rallies, educational booths — she's done them all. She's a second-generation prolifer. But that doesn't really make things easier for her. She still has to deal with the reality of single motherhood. She will have to juggle a job, college and a baby alone. It will be hard, so hard my heart breaks for her. I wish I could kiss her and make it all better.

But thank you, God, she made the RIGHT choice. She chose LIFE for our baby.

She is my hero.

Ann

P.S. Becky, I love you....Mom

Good News, "Fellow Knappers!"

Thanks to all of you who faithfully save and send us the Bill Knapp's Community Support Coupons, we have reached and exceeded our goal of 66,000 points, which represents an equal amount of \$ spent! We have sent the coupons to Knapp's and are awaiting their check for a Canon PC-7 Copier, valued at \$999, for the Detroit Chapter of Right to Life - Lifespan.

Donors of coupons since last report are: Roy, Stevens, Simpson, Thomas, Ervin, Datillo, Satwicz, Radwick, Mowery, Poepe, Wilhelm, St. Perpetua Parish, Plank, Barkay, Doyle, Yambrach, Brincheck, Korth, Schmidt, Miceli, Purcell, Wagner, Mother and Unborn Baby Care, Allen, Krol, O'Connor, Glasgow, Gazelle, Panowicz, Kniebes, Macshane, Currie, Duff, Miller, Avery, Mannino, Valliere, Poma, Darket, St. Alphonsus Senior Citizens, Secular Franciscans, St. Anthony Fraternity, Cunningham, Carroll, Quilty, Smith, Lenze, Paczkowski, Rybok, Lindeman, Wynsberge, Malicke, Bradley, Lohrengel, Brookwell, Koch, Nosewicz, Zaracki, Lajoie, Tschirhart, Aragona, Lee, Rizzo, Schaefer, Modes, O'Connell, Kleinbrook, Bullion, Malys, Cenknier, Zello, Wojtyshyn, Griffin, Fogoros, Yanik, Dionne, Kovacs, McCarthy, St. Linus Parish, Mosquera, Zmarzłak, Freda, Germaine, Benninghouse, Brockwell, and others whose names we do not have. Hope we didn't miss anyone, you are all so wonderful! You are helping, more than you know, in the prolife effort.

Since we started participating in the Bill Knapp's program in 1986, we have redeemed 267,901 coupon points for a TV/VCR, a Macintosh computer, and two copiers, one for the Main Office and one for the Detroit Chapter. That's impressive — and it's all thanks to you!

But don't stop saving now! We will continue to collect the coupons toward redemption for other needed office equipment. We already have 4180 points toward our next project.

When you present your check to the cashier at any Bill Knapp's Restaurant, ask for a Community Support Coupon. The cashier will indicate on the coupon how many points are awarded. Points are awarded based on this formula: 1 point equals \$1.00 on the total amount received by the cashier for meals, bakery items, take-out orders or purchased gift certificates. Please send the coupons to Right to Life - Lifespan, Main Office, 21649 Goddard, #125B, Taylor, MI 48180.

Century Club

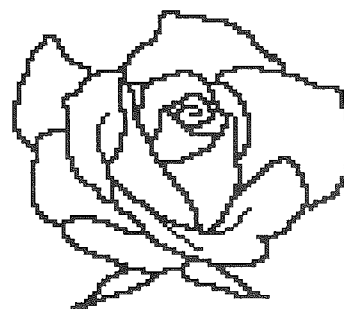
In response to Right to Life - Lifespan's Annual Fund appeal, and in appreciation of their generous donations of \$100 or more, the following most recent donors have received our Century Club pin which depicts our Lifespan logo. Our heartfelt thanks this month goes to:

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ervin

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Deja

Mrs. Des Neiges O'Neil

The Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament



Mother of the Year

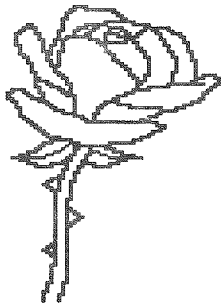
We are excited to announce that in conjunction with our May dinner we will be honoring a "Mother of the Year." We are looking for nominations from among our members or others for this award. Nominations must be submitted in writing explaining why you feel this person qualifies for "Mother of the Year." **Nominations must be received no later than April 15th.** No nominations by or for Right to Life - Lifespan board members will be considered. Also, the "Mother of the Year" must be a resident of the Metro Detroit area. The "Mother of the Year" will be an honored guest at our dinner. She will be awarded a plague for 1991, a dozen long-stemmed roses, and a \$100 gift certificate to J.C. Penney's. If your nominee is chosen, you will receive a free ticket to the dinner. If the "Mother of the Year" is nominated by two or more individuals, the first one received will be eligible for the free ticket. Please include your name, address and phone number and also the address and phone number of your nominee. Mail or deliver your nomination for "Mother of the Year" to Right to Life - Lifespan, 21649 Goddard, #125B, Taylor, MI 48180.

WANTED! Pro-Life Nurses

If you are an LPN/RN, interested in committing your time and energy in initiating a Pro-Life nursing organization for the Detroit area, please call 374-5111.

Planned Parenthood

Did you know that Pillsbury gave a \$9,000 grant in 1990 to Planned Parenthood of Minnesota. Some of Pillsbury's products are: dessert and baking products, Van de Kamp's frozen fish, Jeno's frozen foods, Green Giant vegetables, Haagen Dazs ice cream, Steak and Ale and Bennigan's restaurants. To protest Pillsbury's support of Planned Parenthood, we strongly urge you to discontinue your purchase of Pillsbury's products and to boycott their restaurants. Also please write to Ms. Carol B. Truesdell, Vice President; The Pillsbury Company, Pillsbury Center, Minneapolis, MN 55402, to tell them you will not support Pillsbury until they stop supporting Planned Parenthood permanently.



Right to Life - Lifespan Invites You to Its Mother's Day Dinner

with honored guest,
Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld

Tuesday, May 7, 1991

This past year marked the 20th anniversary of the founding of Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit. To celebrate our anniversary we will be publishing a special commemorative book containing the history of Lifespan. This book will also contain educational material and will be used throughout the year, and your tax-deductible business ad will identify you as a prolife business. An ad represents support for our educational and lobbying efforts in the coming year. Just fill out the form below and send it to us with your remittance to be included.

RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFESPAN OF METRO DETROIT

ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

1) **Advertising Contract:** I wish to publish _____ page ad for the sum of \$ _____

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| • Back cover (either side) \$300 | • Quarter page \$60 |
| 7-1/2" W x 10" H | 3-3/4" W x 5" H |
| • Full page 175 | • Eighth page 30 |
| 7-1/2" W x 10" H | 3-3/4" W x 2-1/2" H |
| • Half page 100 | |
| 7-1/2" W x 5" H | |

Please attach copy ready advertising slick, business card, business letterhead, or typed copy of ad.

Black and white is preferred.

2) **Sponsor:** I wish my name(s) to be printed as follows (Please print): _____
at \$10 each, for the sum of \$ _____

All advertisers will receive a copy of book. Business ads are tax-deductible. Deadline for submission is April 19, 1991. Lifespan reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems unsuitable.

Ticket Reservations: I wish to purchase _____ tickets @ \$30 per ticket for a total of \$ _____

Deadline for Dinner Reservations is April 29, 1991

REMITTANCE MUST ACCOMPANY CONTRACT / RESERVATIONS Total Enclosed _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Business Name (if applicable) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFESPAN OF METRO DETROIT.
MAIL TO: RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFESPAN OF METRO DETROIT, 21649 GODDARD, #125B,
TAYLOR, MI 48180. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL (313) 374-5111.

Rally (continued from page 1)

Ann Thomas, President of Right to Life - Lifespan, Inc. and Carol Smith, Chairperson of the Detroit Chapter, reminded us of our 1990 pro-life victories, passage of the Parental Consent law and election of a pro-life governor, John Engler. Hopefully, 1991 will see us closer to achieving our goal to overturn the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision and restore legal protection to all life.

The wonderful sidewalk counselor, Joe Iskra, champion of love and life, reminded us of the enormous work to be done as 1 out of every 4 pregnancies is being destroyed — 3 babies per minute. He cited the enemies: Ignorance of the development of the preborn, Silence about the truth of abortion and its effects on our mothers and our society, and Hard-heartedness, which refuses to recognize the humanity of our preborn; as in past times we have refused to recognize the humanity of the red man, the black man and, in Germany, the Jew. His solution is love and sacrifice which ends ignorance, softens the hard-hearted, and proclaims the truth.

Joe introduced Edna Mullen, mother of five, whom he met outside an abortion mill during sidewalk counseling. She listened to Joe, decided to give birth to her child in the womb and about a month ago delivered Lashawnda. She gave a dramatic interpretation of Langstan Hughes' poem, *The Negro Mother*.

Music and song were provided by Ward Presbyterian Church of Livonia under the direction of Terry Smith. Very appropriate selections were "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "Jesus Loves the Little Children."



March for Life, Washington, D.C.

by Janice DeMaggio

On Monday evening, January 21st, at 8 p.m., I boarded the bus bound for the 1991 March for Life in Washington, D.C. It was my first time to brave the January chills in D.C. to protest the infamous *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. Just as important as lobbying Congress and making our presence known, I was to discover, is the energy that comes from making contact with the really good people who constitute the backbone of the pro-life movement.

Nellie Gray, President of March for Life, estimated the crowd at 50,000 and attributed the lower crowd size than usual to the war in the Gulf and fears of terrorist attacks in the Capitol. She invited people to begin the March up around the Capitol Building to the Supreme Court building.

I hung back as the masses of people started on the March. I climbed on the base of a lightpost to get a better view and watched the flow of humanity surging past: A man in a wheel chair. Enthusiastic college students. A sea of senior citizens. Parents pushing strollers. Kids carrying signs as big as they were. Banners from Philadelphia, Michigan, Illinois, Florida, sunflowers with "KS" scrawled on them, signs in Spanish, and everywhere the yellow-and-black Knights of Columbus signs that proclaimed "The Natural Choice is Life!". . .

One part of the March is up a hill, and it was an impressive sight to see the thousands of marchers ahead of me, and then



Metro Detroiters in D. C.

to turn around, and even though I thought I was near the tail end of the crowd, to see more and more people behind me.

And at the end of the March, the Supreme Court building looked imposing against the blue sky, like the scene out of so many movies and news reel clips. A cordon of policemen and yellow-and-black tape protected the approach to its pristine beauty, a seeming case of overkill against the swirling masses of people who were dispersing to lobby their legislators, and the high-spirited group of college students who took up and led the chant: "Hey, ho! Hey, ho! *Roe v. Wade* must go!"

LIFE CHAIN 1991 — We are proud and excited to announce that the Metro Detroit area will participate in **NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY** on **OCTOBER 6, 1991**. Cities all across this great country will **LIFE CHAIN** on the same day. We will stand together as a sign of solidarity to the news media and general public that abortion is wrong. **ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN**. The Christian Activist Network and Right to Life - Lifespan will again be co-sponsoring the event. Last year's **LIFE CHAIN** certainly surpassed our expectations. But **LIFE CHAIN 1991** needs to be bigger and better yet. This can only happen with God's blessing and your help. Work has already started. We urge you to encourage participation by your church or group. For more information and/or to be placed on our **LIFE CHAIN** mailing list, please call 374-5111.

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How Did Becky Bell Die?

Pro-abortion groups are saying that Becky Bell, a 17-year-old Indianapolis girl who died two years ago, was the victim of an Indiana parental consent law. They say she died of an illegal, botched abortion because she was afraid to tell her parents she was pregnant, as required under Indiana's law. They have produced a video distorting the circumstances of her death and blaming it on the law. They have even recruited Becky's parents to help them in their opposition to parental involvement laws.

But medical evidence indicates that Becky Bell never had an induced abortion at all—legal or illegal! According to the coroner's report, there was no sign of damage to the cervix or infection of the uterus, both of which would have been present if she had had an illegal abortion. Instead, a careful reading of the report would suggest that she had a miscarriage or "spontaneous abortion." There was massive infection in her lungs, indicating that the real cause of death was pneumonia.

Moreover, Becky's best friend Heather Clark maintains that

Becky never had an abortion. Heather was in Becky's confidence as she wavered between going to Kentucky to have an abortion or carrying the baby to term and giving it up for adoption, postponing a decision as long as possible. On the day before her death, Becky asked Heather to make an appointment for her at a Kentucky abortion clinic—an appointment which she never kept. Heather believes that her friend had a miscarriage.

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Abortion advocates have launched a massive campaign, taking their distorted video to high school and college campuses in an attempt to create a backlash against parental involvement laws, which are favored by a strong majority of Americans. Pro-lifers need to know the truth about Becky

Bell's death so that we can counter the false arguments that the pro-abortionists are spreading through the media.

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