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CORPORATE SUPPORT FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD DIMINISHES

The March 1989 edition of our Downriver newsletter had an article reprinted from the Christian Action Council which listed 15 major corporations which gave financial support to Planned Parenthood (PP). One of our Downriver members wrote to all of them and the following is their response:

Four of these corporations are no longer giving to PP. They are Scott Paper, Union Pacific, Eastman Kodak and J.C. Penney.

One, Citicorp, is currently donating to PP but has met and discussed the issue with the New York Pro-Life Coalition.

Five corporations defend their donations to PP by insisting they only donate to educational programs, not to abortion. This is not satisfactory to proliferers, since any support promotes PP ideals which are clearly anti-life, anti-family. Three of these five corporations, Pillsbury, General Mills, and H. J. Heinz were defending their PP support to Lifespan in late 1986 and are still defending it with identical letters. The other two are Morgan Guaranty Trust and American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T).

Five corporations did not respond. They are Rockwell International, Winn-Dixie Stores, Xerox, Dayton Hudson and American Express.

While the pressure should be kept up on those still donating to PP, Lifespan members should also thank those four companies which have withdrawn support. It is indeed good news that 25% of those listed no longer believe that it is in their best interest to promote this huge pro-abortion agency.

For a complete list of the corporations' names and addresses, call the Lifespan office at 261-2757.

NRL SPRING RALLY

The date for the National Right to Life Spring Rally has been set for April 28, 1990.

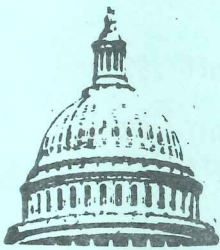
Petitions to Congress will be distributed in the Fall. These petitions, when completed by as many members as possible, will be forwarded to Washington where they will be presented to Congress by Congressman Henry Hyde at the time of the Rally. More later!

THANK YOU ROSEMARY!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to ROSEMARY LEDWIDGE who has done an outstanding job for the past five years as Lifespan's Newsletter Editor. Her help has been enormous in publishing this paper. We will miss her excellent contributions to this Newsletter as she moves on to other pursuits. We want you to know how very much we have enjoyed working with you, Rosemary, and we wish you the very best in the future!

LITTLE CAESAR'S EXPLAINS

See centerfold enclosure of letter from Little Caesar's which explains that they DID NOT donate to People's Campaign for Choice. They printed the letter at their expense and asked us to distribute it.



LEGISLATIVE NEWS

BULLARD'S H.B. MEETS DEFEAT

Perry Bullard's dangerous Right to Die Bill (House Bill 4174) was resoundingly defeated, 59-42, May 24 in the Michigan House.

Those local Representatives who voted 'NO,' which was the prolife stance, were: Bennett, (Wayne), Hertel, (Detroit), Owen, (Downriver), Stopczynski (Detroit), DeMars (Downriver), Dunaskiss (Oakland), Keith (Wayne), Law (Wayne), Palamara (Downriver), Pitoniak (Downriver), Porreca (Downriver), Runco (Wayne), Terrell (Detroit), Trim (Oakland), Webb (Oakland), and R. Young (Wayne).

The local 'YES' votes were: Bankes (Wayne), Bennane (Detroit), Berman (Oakland), Bryant (Grosse Pointe, W.) Bullard (Oakland), Dolan (Oakland), Gubow (Oakland), Harrison (Oakland), Honigman (Oakland), Hunter (Detroit), Johnson (Oakland), Kilpatrick (Detroit), Kosteva (Wayne/Downriver), Leland (Detroit), Miller (Oakland), Saunders (Detroit), Sparks (Oakland), Wallace (Detroit), Watkins (Detroit), and J. Young, Sr. (Detroit).

Senate Bill 293 and House Bill 4016 (the prolife version of a patient advocate bill) are still in the Judiciary Committee. Our information is that Senator Dillingham is seeking to find a compromise by meeting with Hollister and with Ciaramitaro.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE GROUP ATTACKS PROLIFE POLICY

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) is seeking to nullify the "Mexico City Policy" which is one of the major achievements of the American prolife movement.

The Mexico City Policy, adopted by President Reagan in 1984 and supported by President Bush, cut off U.S. population control funds to organizations which campaign to legalize abortion in foreign countries, or which otherwise promote abortion. The Policy has resulted in the withdrawal of U.S. funds from the London-based International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), an organization which works to legalize abortion in less-developed countries.

The National Wildlife Foundation's President, Jay D. Hair, has aligned his organization with a pro-abortion campaign to nullify the Mexico City Policy. He suggested in a recent letter that "...any funding restrictions applied abroad are consistent with those imposed in the U.S., reflecting fundamental rights to privacy and Federal law governing family planning services provided in this country."

The actual effect of Mr. Hair's proposal would be to require U.S. funding of organizations, such as IPPF, which believe they have a mission to overturn the laws which protect unborn children.

Michigan residents, especially members of a NWF affiliate, should write:

Michigan United Conservation Clubs
2101 Wood Street, Box 30235
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Your letter should clearly state that you oppose NWF's endorsement of major pro-abortion policy goals and you object to its support for funding of the United Nation's Population Fund (UNFPA). This agency supports and defends China's compulsory abortion program.

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Donations are not tax-deductible.

GENERAL MEETING A HUGE SUCCESS

Almost one hundred people attended our May 12th General Meeting at Madonna College. Prolifers from all over southeastern Michigan joined together to hear Mr. Edward Grant, Americans United for Life Legal Defense Fund (AUL) address the *Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services* Supreme Court case from Missouri and its possible impact on *Roe vs. Wade*.

Mr. Grant, in a 45-minute speech, indicated that there is a very real possibility that *Webster* will be upheld by the Supreme Court. This in itself would be a great prolife victory. He was less optimistic that *Roe* would be overturned, saying that the *Webster* case would more likely be "the end of the beginning rather than the beginning of the end."

Also on the meeting's program was Mr. Rick Legg who, while accompanying himself on the guitar, sang a very moving rendition of his song "Can You Hear My Cry?" Ms. Sheila Turner from Orchards Children's Services encouraged the listeners to participate in her organization's foster-care program.

The excited winners of the two free trips to the 1990 Washington, D.C. March for Life were Irene Tharp from Royal Oak and Sophia Pelachyk from Dearborn Heights. As Sophia later decided not to accept her prize, another drawing chose Nick Tsouroullis as the winner.

Fifty-nine volunteers, including Mr. Richard Beachnau, Director of Christian Service for the Archdiocese of Detroit, received volunteer pin awards for their services to Lifespan in the past year. They are:

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Downriver Office Leased

New Resources Center and Chapter Headquarters Opens

Downriver Chapter Office is now located in Suite 125B, 21649 Goddard, Taylor. The phone number and the regular office hours will be announced in the next Newsletter. In the

Taylor Central For Chapter Activities

mean time if you need anything just call the Wayne West Chapter and they will inform you of the current office hours. During the next several weeks we will organize the material and staff necessary for your chapter office to function as **THE DOWNRIVER RIGHT TO LIFE RESOURCES CENTER!** Available material will include over 200 free pamphlets, more than a dozen video tapes for loan or purchase, and the many sales items which have become part of Lifespan's tradition.

The Grand Opening of this New Resources Center will probably be in late July or early August, since the lease negotiations were only completed on June 1st and the details of moving in are being prepared at press time.

GRAND OPENING

Soon To Be Announced

Volunteers will be needed especially during the setup period but also for the continued support of the Center. The Chapter expects to hire an office manager at least part time, however

volunteers will often work the office during special periods and will be taking **RESOURCES CENTER** material to civic and church festivals as well as to other public affairs. The **DOWNRIVER RIGHT TO LIFE RESOURCES CENTER** will be successful in spreading the truth concerning **Life's Sanctity** through the dedication of Lifespan's Downriver Chapter Membership.

Come to The Fair August 9th - 12th

The 44th Annual Wayne County Fair will be held August 9th through August 12th this year and Wayne West Chapter in coordination with Downriver Chapter will again have an Educational Booth. We have a list of 30 volunteers from Wayne West who have previously worked this booth, but the records for Downriver participation are not in our possession. In order to complete the worker

Workers Needed!

schedule we will begin making calls in mid-July. This year we would like to encourage more members from Belleville, Canton, New Boston, Romulus and Wayne which are close to the Fair Grounds to volunteer for this activity. While working any educational booth or table always turns out to be a joyful event, it can be even more fun if you volunteer in advance to do it with friends you choose. Call 422-6230 and volunteer for a time which best suits your schedule.

Church Representative News

Churches Receiving CHURCH NOTES Either Directly or Through a Church Representative

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

Church of God-DeARBORN #
 Fair Haven Assembly of God #
 Fairlane Assembly of God-Central
 Faith Baptist Church #
 Immanuel Lutheran Church #
 Our Lady of Grace Parish
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Ukrainian Catholic Church
 Parkside Church of Christ #
 Silvery Lane Baptist Church #
 St. Albert Parish
 St. Anselm Parish
 St. John Baptist Parish
 St. Linus Parish
 St. Mel Parish
 St. Sabina Parish *
 St. Sebastian Parish #
 St. Suzanne Parish
 St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

REDFORD

Augsburg Lutheran Church #
 Covenant Community Church
 Dunning Park Chapel
 Northwest Fellowship
 Our Lady of Loretto Parish #
 St. Agatha Parish
 St. Innocent Orthodox Church #
 St. John Bosco Parish
 St. John's Lutheran Church #
 St. Hilary Parish *
 St. Michael's Orthodox Church #
 St. Pius X Chapel #
 St. Robert Bellarmine Parish #
 Temple Baptist Church #

PLYMOUTH

AGAPE Christian Center #
 Church of Christ #
 Church of the Nazarene of Plymouth #
 Colony Bible Fellowship #
 First Baptist Church of Plymouth #
 First Methodist Church #
 Full Gospel Church of Belleville #
 Lake Pointe Bible Chapel #
 Lutheran Church of Risen Christ #
 Nativity of Virgin Mary
 Greek Orthodox Church #
 Our Lady of Good Counsel
 Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ
 of the Latter Day Saints #
 St. Kenneth Parish *
 Trinity Presbyterian Church #
 United Assembly of God

DEARBORN

Calvary Baptist Church of Dearborn #
 Dearborn Christian Reformed Church #
 Dearborn Church of Christ #
 Divine Child Parish *
 First Congregational Church #
 Guardian Lutheran Church #
 Sacred Heart Parish
 St. Alphonsus Parish *
 St. Barbara Parish
 St. Clement Parish
 St. Joseph Parish *
 St. Martha Parish #
 St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Word of Faith Fellowship #

INKSTER

Holy Family Parish #
 Middlebelt Baptist Church #
 St. Kevin Parish #

LIVONIA

Alpha Baptist Church #
 Berean Baptist Church of Livonia #
 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church #
 Clarenceville United Methodist Church #
 Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church #
 Livonia Assembly of God
 Memorial Church of Christ
 Pentecostal Church of God #
 Sacred Heart Church #
 St. Aidan Parish *
 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church #
 St. Colette Parish
 St. Edith Parish
 St. Genevieve Parish *
 St. Gerald Parish
 St. Maurice Parish *
 St. Michael Parish *
 St. Priscilla Parish
 The Lord's House
 Ward Presbyterian Church

NORTHVILLE

Fairlane Assembly of God - West
 Open Door Christian Church #
 Our Lady of Victory Parish

CANTON

Calvary Baptist Church #
 Canton Calvary Assembly of God #
 Canton Free Methodist Church #
 Christ Community Church of Canton #
 Christ the Good Shepherd
 Lutheran Church #
 Geneva Presbyterian Church USA #
 St. John Neumann Parish
 St. Michael Lutheran Church
 St. Thomas a'Becket Parish *

WESTLAND

Church of the Nazarene of Westland #
 Divine Savior Parish
 Good Shepherd Dutch Reformed Church
 New Covenant Tabernacle
 New Life Community Church
 Newburg Baptist Church #
 Palmer Road Baptist Church #
 Prayer Baptist Church #
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church #
 Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church #
 SS Simon & Jude Parish
 St. Damian Parish *
 St. John's Episcopal Church #
 St. Matthew Lutheran Church #
 St. Richard Parish
 St. Theodore Parish *
 Warrenwoods Wesleyan Church #
 Westland Free Methodist Church #
 Westland Full Gospel Church #

WAYNE

Church of Christ #
 First Baptist Church of Wayne
 St. Mary Parish #

GARDEN CITY

Church of Christ #
 Garden City Assembly of God #
 Garden City Christian Center #
 Garden City Freewill Baptist Church #
 Good Hope Lutheran Church #
 Merriman Road Baptist #
 St. Dunstan Parish
 St. Raphael Parish
 United Baptist Church #

Symbols: # means the Church gets Church Notes but has no Church REP.

* means Church REP has an Assistant REP

Festival Activities Bring Joy to Workers!

Four Parish Festivals (St. Alphonsus, St. Hilary's, Our Lady of Grace and St. Richard's) have recently hosted a booth/table to disseminate information concerning the **Sanctity of Life**. In each case the Church Representative or another Lifespan member has worked with the Church's Festival Committee to display educational information. In each case the effort has been rewarded with sales profits, donations and most importantly many, many contacts with the general public. Hundreds of copies of free literature have been provided to information hungry people. It seems like every pregnant woman in town comes by with her other children to see the fetal models and say, "There! Our baby is just that big!" The glow of love seen by those who work-the-table makes the hassle of doing it more than worth while. If your Church has an affair scheduled and if you would like to be involved in the education of people concerning Life Issues, call 422-6230 so that arrangements can be made for the fetal models to be displayed along with free pamphlets.

REP Dinner Success!

The Annual Church Representative Dinner Meeting was just a little more intimate than had been expected. Those who were able to attend found the evening of Table Fellowship appropriately rewarding. From among the multitude of things concerning Life Issues as they interact with Faith Communities which were discussed, two were singled out for immediate action. Both resolve into the need for evangelization concerning the Sanctity of Life Ethic. First is the need to make more information available to all the members of the Faith Communities which will be addressed by asking Pastors to allow Lifespan's Monthly Newsletter to be placed in community literature displays. The second area involves the need for Church Representatives and other pro-life leaders to be more aware of the anti-life effort of organizations like Planned Parenthood and NOW. In the future when monthly church notes are distributed, opposition material with appropriate commentary will also be mailed. While this program is intended primarily for Church Representatives, any member who is interested can also become a recipient.

Library Survey Being Initiated

The survey of Life Issues material in all local libraries will soon begin. Instructions for the volunteers are being prepared now and will soon be available. Anne Petlewski will be coordinating the volunteers as well as drafting the instructions. The tasks will not be difficult nor extremely time consuming.

The effort will *survey* available pro-life books, literature and audio-visual material in each library and the instructions will explain how to check *vertical, pamphlet or clipping* files as well shelf material. A test survey performed in one city's library reflected both a manual and a computerized cataloguing system. We have also been made aware that some libraries have only a computerized catalogue while most still use the manual card catalogue system. Our instructions will therefore explain both systems.

The final result of this survey activity will be to convince the librarians or the library boards that they should purchase a list of about twelve books as the appropriate *Pro-life Library Pack* and to provide selected pamphlets for the vertical files. The members who volunteer to survey **will not** be expected to contact library officials for the provisioning phase. At this time we are only seeking volunteers for the *Survey Phase* and you can initiate this volunteer effort by calling either the Office (422-6230) or the Volunteer Coordinator, Anne Petlewski (261-6558).

Director Needed

for

Crisis Pregnancy Center

The AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center, located immediately adjacent to Right to Life - Lifespan, Inc., has an opening for Center Director. For details concerning this volunteer position call the Center at 425-8060.

Speaker Training IS GO !!

Two *Speaker's Workshops* are being scheduled in the near future. One will be held on the weekend and the other will be on weekday evenings. We have approximately thirty speakers who are either new volunteers or experienced members returning for an updating of skills. This workshop will accomplish two very important tasks for those who are or who wish to become Lifespan Speakers. First of all, the "myths of public speaking" which have kept many at home and silent will be displaced with knowledge about speech making. Secondly, the sources for current information on all LIFE ISSUES will be identified along with outlines of successful speeches.

If you have been looking for a more active role in furthering the Sanctity of Life Ethic, perhaps you should consider attending one of these workshops. Your attendance **does not** commit you to a speaking schedule, rather it will introduce you to the possibility of speaking and increase your knowledge about all of the LIFE ISSUES. Those interested in attending "just to find out about it" should call 422-6230.

Seventh Annual Bowl for Life

Sunday, July 30, 1989

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Woodland Lanes

33775 Plymouth Road

Livonia, Michigan

Plan Now !!

For Pledge Forms or Additional Information

Watch Your Mail or Call:

Wayne West Office 422-6230 or

Pat Holscher 522-3185 or

Amy MacKenzie 274-1435

Our Thanks to Christy Wood

Board Seeks New Chapter Chairman

The task of selecting the next person to hold the Chair of Wayne County West Chapter will be the first order of business at the June meeting. The Chapter Board meetings, which may be attended by any chapter member, are held at 7:30 PM on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of the month, depending upon the Corporation Board Meeting schedule. This month's meeting will be on June 27th and a special invitation is extended for the Chapter Membership to help selecting our next Chapter Chairman.

The tradition of Lifespan over the last twenty years has been a tradition of VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP but times have changed. Several years ago the Chapter came to realize that the operation of the Chapter Resources Center & Office could not be sustained with volunteers. The solution has been to hire members at hourly rates to be "office managers" and general coordinators. These "employees" have also been the backbone of the volunteers during non-office hours. One year ago Wayne West Chapter hired their first "salaried" employee when the Chapter's Executive Aide position was established as a half-time position.

The Executive Aide position has relieved some of the problems caused by Chairman inaccessibility, but the tradition of Lifespan shows that the chapter needs the chairman in the office on at least a half time basis. The dedication of three or more days per week to a volunteer position is becoming impracticable under current social conditions. In recognition of current trends, the chapter board of directors may decide that the next chapter chairman will be salaried.

MEMBERSHIP Box Score

1431 members
40 renewals
12 additions
0 removals

Grateful Thanks For
Memorial Donations Honoring

ANNA BRADY

November 28, 1903
May 19, 1989

Many Years of Service Given

Christy Wood has given many years of selfless dedication to Lifespan's broad spectrum of efforts, including several terms in the Chairmanship of Wayne County West Chapter. She has recently decided for compelling personal reasons that she must curtail her activities. We take this opportunity to express our thanks for her leadership over the years.

We also welcome her back to the role of "mere member" that exalted position which defines Lifespan and makes our collective work possible. We look forward to continuing to see her and her husband, Gar at the County Fair and all those other activities which she has been responsible for over these years of leadership. Without the responsibility we expect her to become more relaxed and we look forward to many more years of her companionship.

Rose Sale A Success!

On Mother's Day over twelve thousand Roses for Life were disbursed by thirty-seven Church Representatives and their helpers. The largest effort was 100 dozen Roses distributed and the smallest result was four dozen Roses. The several small Communities who used four to seven dozen Roses represent a much sought expansion of our program.

This year's effort involved only about half of our Church Representatives and only about 10% of the total church communities in the area. This means that, while the 12,000 Roses raising over \$10,000 is indeed laudable, our program is barely scratching the surface.

CONTRIBUTION Box Score

\$1264 Annual Dues
\$52 Monthly Gifts
from 4 members
\$139 Special Gifts
\$10,633 Fund Raising

The Church REPs whose pastors would not allow the Rose distribution need to start seeking a prayerful solution now for next year's effort. The Church REPs who for other reasons could not participate this year need to start their plans now for Mother's Day 1990. Those of you who expected to "find Roses for Life outside Church on Mother's Day" but were disappointed - you need to become one of next year's Rose Helpers and call 422-6230 now to get yourself on that list.



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ORCHARDS CHILDREN'S SERVICES RECRUITS

The Orchards Children's Services, at 30233 Southfield Road, Southfield 48076, conducts foster care services in the tri-county area. As part of their recruiting efforts, they would like Right to Life organizations to be aware of the work they do in the foster care area and to communicate this information to the public. They will be happy to come and speak about their organization.

Work hours for the Orchards Children's Services are from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Their telephone number is 258-1278. Shelia Turner is a person to contact for more information.

April 30, 1989

Ms. Joan M. Cooney,

The material that you had sent to me was extremely helpful in researching for my speech! I learned many interesting and astonishing facts on the effects of abortion. I used this material in my speech and not only did it inform my audience but it also stunned them.

After my speech was finished, my teacher, who is pro-choice, said: "Well, the only solution to that problem is...GIRLS, JUST DON'T GET PREGNANT!" I had to laugh at that.

The other students were very curious and inquired about the subject after I was done speaking (which they did not do for any other speech).

I am pleased to say that the material you sent helped in my receiving an "A."

Thank you for all of your support. It was greatly appreciated!!

I am returning to you the book, Exploited Women: The Other Victims of Abortion, by Paula Ervin.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,

GIVE NRL NEWS TO LOCAL LIBRARIES OR SCHOOLS

The National Right to Life News, Suite 500, 419 7th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004 is offering an opportunity for individuals, groups, etc. to arrange for a gift subscription to the NRL NEWS for their library, group, school, etc. The Educational Center for Life endorses this idea. Before ordering, please check to see that the NRL NEWS is not already being received. Use the coupon below to order a subscription to NRL NEWS for your local school or library.

Name of School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Librarian's Name (if known) _____

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Address _____

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PREGNANCY SHELTERS NEEDS HOST FAMILIES

"At a time when I truly needed guidance, direction and sincere concern in my corner, Pregnancy Shelters was there," said Mia in a recent interview. Mia, age 22, and five months pregnant came to Pregnancy Aid (a local Crisis Pregnancy Center) one day with no place to go. After a short stay with her concerned counselor, Mia was the 12th young woman to be placed with her Host Family. She enjoyed her Host Family "because they made me feel comfortable and let me realize that they would be there to help me step by step." Today, Mia, a full-time mother, and son Jesse are residing in NY while continuing their relationships with those caring, concerned persons in Metro Detroit that were there for them when they needed help the most.

Mia is just one of the more than 90 mothers-to-be in the past 3½ years that have experienced the caring and sharing of Pregnancy Shelters Host Families. Mia was able to experience a unique reaching out because someone was there for her. Without this commitment, Pregnancy Shelters could not exist. It is the Host Families who make the difference in so many ways. It is not the physical surroundings that the women recall most often. Rather, they cherish the memory of the Host Family making room for them when others would not. It is the unique experience that someone cared enough about them to share their life, family and space with them when their own family and friends would not.

For many reasons the request for shelter has increased in the last several months. To help meet this increased demand, we are in need of additional Host Families. We will be forced to turn away those most in need because of the critical shortage of Host Families. Will YOU be the next one to step forward and say "I CAN" shelter a mother and her unborn? Sheltering can last from several days to several months. Host Families are provided training, guidance, and support by Pregnancy Shelters volunteers. For more information about caring and sharing, please telephone Robert Van Cleef at 569-4910 (days) or Cecilia M. Barna at 272-3596 (evenings) or call the Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit office at 874-0432.

HELP WANTED: SOCIAL WORKER INTERN NEEDED

BSW (Senior) or MSW Social Work Student for 1989-1990 academic placement. Supervision provided by ACSW, small stipend and mileage paid, flexible hours. For more information, phone 874-0432.

NEW DOWNRIVER OFFICE WILL OPEN

There is a need for furniture for the new Downriver office which will open this summer at 21649 Goddard, #125B, Taylor. We do have the offer of one desk but could use one more desk as well as a large folding table and some chairs. Other office-type equipment would also be most welcome. Please call the Main Office at 261-2757 if you can donate.

NATIONAL LUTHERANS FOR LIFE TO MEET IN ANN ARBOR

The National Convention of Lutherans for Life will be held in Ann Arbor, October 14. It will be held at Concordia College as their students will be on vacation then. Ann Warner is a local contact at 522-7927. There will be more information in the September Newsletter. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. The Lutherans for Life host an excellent convention.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 22, Thursday Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Unborn
- June 29, Thurs. to July 1, Saturday National Right to Life Convention
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Call Main Office, 261-2757, for details
- July 4, Tuesday Offices closed for the holiday
- July 22, Saturday Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Unborn
- July 30, Sunday Annual Bowling for Life, Woodland Lanes, Livonia,
2 - 5 pm., call office 422-6230; Pat 522-3185, or
Amy 274-1435 for pledge forms or information
- Aug. 9, Wednesday to Aug. 12, Sat. Lifespan Booth at Wayne County Belleville Fair;
call 422-6230 to volunteer
- August 12, Sat. Lifespan Book Sale Tentatively Scheduled
Westland Mall; call Main Office, 261-2757,
for more information
- Aug. 25, Friday to Sept. 4, Monday Lifespan Booth at State Fair;
call your local Chapter office to volunteer

BILL KNAPP'S PROGRAM



Take the family out for dinner tonight - to Bill Knapp's, of course! This month we received 5,962 Community Support Coupon points from: Ervin, Broda, Trombley, O'Connell, Mosquera, Kubik, Tippmann, Armbruster, Malys, Bethany-West, Boyce, Whalen, Mehall, Greenstein, Barlage, Ziejka, Hoefer, Gumbetter, Lovend, Dunlevy, Barkay, St. Maurice Parish, Lynch, Barrett, Doyle, Kovacs, Sulak, Murphy, Gibbons, Gauvin, McCarthy, Gavlinski, Gnaster, Doran, Ptaszenski, Darket, Polgar, Nizol, Tschirhart, Wyandotte C&MA Church Ladies, Goodaker, Williams, Pipoly, Garrett, Gruenhagen,

Hirsch, St. Anthony Fraternity, Burke, Smith, Balogh, MacDonald, Wagner, and Our Lady's League of Our Lady of Victory Church which sent in 1505 points!

We now have a total of 47,724 coupon points toward redemption for computer equipment for the Lifespan office. When you present your check to the cashier at any Bill Knapp's, 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 pt. equals \$1.00 computed on the total amount received by the cashier for meals, bakery items, take-out orders or purchased gift certificates.

You may send the coupons to us at Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit, 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Thank you everyone!

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THANKS EVERYONE!!

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported our Mothers' Day "Thanks, Mom!" flower sale. We can't begin to name the hundreds of volunteers who spent so many hours preparing the flowers or the people who gave so much time on Mothers' Day weekend making sure that flowers were available at church entrances following services throughout Detroit. And of course, we especially thank the thousands of prolife people who gave their moms such a wonderful and symbolic remembrance on Mothers' Day.



The 1989 flower sale was by far the most successful one in our history. Our Detroit chapter treasury is much healthier. Returns are still trickling in. If you have some outstanding money, please send it in as soon as possible so that we can prepare our final report.

FELICIA NEEDS YOUR HELP

Pregnancy Shelters, Inc. is a non-profit affiliate of our organization which is dedicated to finding loving temporary homes for pregnant women who have no place to stay through their pregnancies. Felicia is a young mother-to-be who has recently been placed with a "host family." Her host family is providing Felicia with housing as well as moral and emotional support. However, Felicia needs help in other areas which the host family is unable to provide. She is in need of a variety of basic items such as toothpaste, shampoo and other toiletries. She does not have a suitcase or overnight bag. Felicia would very much appreciate financial help which would cover the bus fare for her trips to her counsellor and obstetrician.



There really is a "Felicia," and there are many other young women who are very much like her. If you would like to "adopt" Felicia or someone like her on a temporary basis, or if you would like to find out more about being a "host," call Cecilia Barna at 272-3596 or leave a message at our chapter office, 874-0432.



"Let us all pray that we have
the courage to stand by
the unborn child and give
the child an opportunity
to love and be loved, and I
think, with God's grace,
we will be able to
bring peace in the world."

Mother Teresa,
Excerpt from Nobel
Prize Speech

A FINAL WORD ON OUR JANUARY RALLY

Rick Parker was one of the speakers at our Right to Life Rally in Detroit's Kennedy Square this past January. We're a little late in getting the text of his remarks but they are well worth repeating at any season. Too bad we can't reproduce Rick's dynamic delivery. You had to be there for that.

"My friends, a decade and a half ago, the Supreme Court of the United States of America pulled one of the oldest pranks in history. In a recent book by Anthony Coppollo, he stated that on Halloween one of their favorite pranks as children was to sneak into the five and ten cent store and change all the price tags. The high priced items would be worth little or nothing and vice-versa. On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court made that which is priceless, namely life, WORTHLESS. And 15 years later America has not awakened and realized.....Someone's changed the price tags!!

"We are gathered here today because we want Detroit to know... We are gathered here today because we want Michigan to know... We are gathered here today because we want the United States of America to know that we know the price tags have been changed and it's time they were changed back!

"It's a serious time in our nation's history and this is a serious issue. It's a matter of life and death. They have mistakenly presumed that LIFE is a problem... and DEATH the solution. We have for centuries understood that Death is the problem, the enemy if you please, and Life the always preferred solution; that we strive with all effort to sustain and maintain regardless of the cost because it is priceless...But you see, someone's changed the price tags and it's time they were changed back!

"In November, Michigan voters sent a message to those who hold life to be of little value. That message was that we will not have our tax dollars spent to take life through a program, Medicare, which was instituted to help save life. It was a great victory for LIFE and for those who love it and cherish it. For that we are thankful and I say to all of you a job well done.

"But my friends, the fight is not over...because someone changed the price tags and it's time they were changed back. Immediately after the victory on Proposal A, the House of Representatives passed a "Right to Die" bill. All across the land your life has no value if you're in the womb or near the tomb. Soon your life will have no value if you have a disease they don't like or if you're handicapped. We must stand up and be counted. If we don't stand for something we'll fall for anything, like the Supreme Court did. We must continue to speak out so that they'll know someone has changed the price tags...and they need to be changed back!

"As we speak out, we need also to reach out to women and children who are faced with a crisis pregnancy in their lives. We should be willing to meet their needs and assist them with their lives and strategies for the life of their unborn children.

"As we speak out and reach out, let us be careful not to lash out at those who have bought the lie, praying that they might come to understand that someone's changed the price tags...and it's time to change them back.

"Today, all across America, church bells are ringing in remembrance of 23 million unborn babies killed since 1973 by abortion. Every person in America need not ask for whom the bell tolls...it tolls for you. May every American and all of us have a plan, thought, idea, vision...or as Martin Luther King said, may we "have a dream when America will wake up and hold fast to this principle... 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'" It's time to change the price tags back... It's time to make the dream come true.

Current Controversies in the Right to Life-Right to Die was the topic at a recent conference sponsored by the National Legal Center for Medically Dependent & Disabled in Washington, D. C.

Six central issues relating to the current euthanasia debate were covered from quality of life to substituted judgment, to assisted suicide.

James Bopp, Conference Chairman and President of the Center opened the debates. He focused on "Trends in the Law" regarding medical treatment rights for patients with disabilities. The current trends to authorize the withdrawal of treatment or care, including food and water have been met by a counter-trend, a trend to return to the long-accepted standards of care upheld in the "Hippocratic Oath." Of the two opposing trends, one rests on the "sanctity of life" ethic which holds all life sacred and the other the "quality of life" ethic, which presumes that life is of value only if the person functions at a certain minimum level. It would be impossible to predict which view of the value of life will prevail," Bopp said. But in any case, he said, "it will likely be the events of the next few years which will determine the course for the next several decades."

The first two exchanges involved the questions of autonomy and the need for informed and specific refusal of life-sustaining medical treatment before such treatment or care is withheld and second, treatment decisions "based on qualities of life." Participants were Fernella Rouse, Director of Legal Services for the Society for the Right to Die and Gerald Bradley, an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Illinois College of Law.

- 1) Rouse supported the belief "that feeding tubes may be withdrawn from patients in so-called "persistent vegetative state," admitting that in most cases, the patients in question have not given "specific and informed consent" to the withdrawal of their nutrition and hydration. However, she said, the autonomy of the patient, expressed, for example, through prior statements, should still be respected.

In the questioning, however, Rouse acknowledged that, in reality, she was "not persuaded" by right-to-die arguments focusing on autonomy, but that rather she felt that patients' families should be able to make treatment decisions in the absence of evidence of "bad faith."

- 2) Bradley too supported the theory of autonomy, but he said, "the right to autonomy must give way when it collides with what he called an essential "ought" of society; "society ought not permit the intentional taking of innocent human life." In other words, he said, "society can not use an individual's rights to autonomy to "validate" a lethal choice." "We must realize that society's interest and obligation to prevent death and value human life should "trump" a right to autonomy.

Robert Destro, Professor of Law at Columbus School of Law at Catholic University of America and George J. Annas, Professor of Health Law at the Boston University School of Public Health exchanged views on "quality of life" treatment decisions.

- 1) Destro began by stating "that they had diametrically opposed starting points: Annas based his views on autonomy while his own view was based on the ethic of "duty to self and others." He suggested a societal acceptance of killing patients with severe disabilities because it would be "better for them to be dead;" this heads dangerously in the direction of revoking hard-won disability laws which are among the newest protective laws on the books.
- 2) Annas seemed to sway from the topic by presenting a slide presentation on decision making between doctors and patients, discussion on the boy in the bubble, artificial heart recipients, etc. However, he stated he "did not believe patients should be able to force an individual physician to participate in their decision. "There is a right to refuse treatment," he said, but there is not a right to demand that a doctor take a particular action.

The second day of the conference addressed treatment rights of children with Aids. Tom Marzen spoke on the history of surrogate decision-making with regard to medical treatment, and showed the lack of consistency between today's courts' willingness to allow third parties to withdraw care from patients and other surrogate decision-making traditions. Daniel Callahan and Marshall Kapp exchanged views on rationing health care. The above exchanges and those that followed will be continued in our next issue...Excerpts are from NRLC News, April 27th, '89.

MOTHER AND UNBORN BABY CARE OF LAKE ORION
SPONSORS A GOLF OUTING.

A benefit Golf Outing for MUBC will be held on August 13th at Oxford Hills beginning at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00/per person which includes green fees, banquet and trophies. Those wishing to attend should contact the Center Office at 693-9309 or Pastor Hubert May at 628-1415.

This will be our last edition til fall, but may I stress the need to continue writing letters to your legislators and the media. It is also a good time to pick up material on related issues for study over the summer.

THANK YOU...

As Chairman I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped to make this Office function so well.

To our newspaper staff who came every month to prepare the newspaper for mailing, the Church representatives who worked throughout the year on fund-raising projects and education within their own communities and to all who lobbied, wrote letters and made phone calls. THANK YOU ALL ... enjoy your summer, get some rest for the Fall-- looks like it will be very busy.