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Deuteronomy 30:19



*Right to Life - LIFESPAN wishes to all
a very Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year*

Judge Halts California Law Forcing Pro-Lifers to Advertise Abortions

By Jay Hobbs

In a major victory for free speech, Riverside County Superior Court Justice Gloria C. Trask ruled late [Oct. 30] that California must not force pro-life pregnancy medical clinics to post signage promoting state-covered abortions to their clients.

A permanent injunction that applies to over 200 privately funded pregnancy centers in the state that offer free alternatives to abortion, the ruling puts a stop to the state's so-called "Reproductive FACT Act" - a 2015 law that mandated pro-life centers must post signage and inform clients about the state's taxpayer-funded abortions and birth control through its Medi-Cal program.

"We are thrilled with Judge Trask's ruling, which is a huge victory for free speech," Scott Scharpen, the head administrator of "Go Mobile For Life," a mobile ultrasound unit that serves women in Riverside County, said. "The whole notion of being compelled to share information with our patients about abortion availability, which is contrary to our mission and purpose, is fundamentally wrong.

"Lives will be saved because of this ruling."

Pushed through on a purely party-line vote in 2015, the law has only been enforced in one jurisdiction - the city of Los Angeles - but has served as a template for other Democrat-controlled states - including Hawaii and Connecticut - to crack down on pro-life pregnancy centers that offer free services to expectant mothers.

California's "Freedom of Mind" Protection

Pro-life advocates, including Alliance Defending Freedom and National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) - who are currently waiting on the U.S. Supreme Court to take up a statewide appeal to the law - have argued since the bill's inception in the State Assembly that it tramples on the constitutionally protected rights of free speech and free religious expression.

Prior to Monday, those arguments fell on deaf ears throughout an appeals process that including an affirmation by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals - the most frequently reversed court in the U.S.

Unlike the previous appeals - which appealed to the U.S. Constitution - Scharpen and his legal team of Tyler & Bursch, LLP and Advocates for Faith & Freedom had



appealed to the court on the basis that the law violates California's 1849 Declaration of Rights, which guarantees the "individual freedom of mind."

In her ruling Monday, Trask agreed that the Reproductive FACT Act violates free speech protections, noting that, "compelled speech of a political or cultural nature is not the tool of a free government."

Elsewhere in her decision, Trask wrote that if the state's primary goal is to raise awareness as to the availability of its programs, it has several ways to do so, including public service announcements and even purchasing billboard space, "directly in front of Scharpen Foundation's clinic."

None of those options involve running roughshod over the deeply held religious convictions held by Scharpen - who also serves as a pastor - who would have been forced to speak a government message that would have left "patients with the belief they were referred to an abortion provider by that clinic," Trask explained.

"Compelled speech must be subject to reasonable limitation," Trask wrote. "This statute compels the clinic to speak words with which it profoundly disagrees when the State has numerous alternative methods of publishing its message. In this case, however virtuous the State's ends, they do not justify its means."

Next Steps in the Fight

While it is expected that California's Attorney General, Xavier Becerra, will challenge Trask's ruling, it remains to be seen how the decision will affect pregnancy centers' pending appeal to the Supreme Court.

Danielle White, legal counsel for Heartbeat International - a network of pregnancy help organizations, including Scharpen's and close to 100 more in California - said the state-level ruling will likely put the pending Supreme Court challenge into a holding pattern while Becerra fights

the injunction.

Similar laws forcing pregnancy centers to post signage denigrating their own services have been struck down in New York City and Baltimore, as well as Austin (TX) and Montgomery County (MD), which eventually was ordered to pay pregnancy centers \$330,000 in attorney's fees.

In July, a judge in Illinois placed a statewide preliminary injunction on a 2016 law that would have forced medical professionals – including pro-life doctors, nurses and pregnancy center personnel – to refer patients to abortion businesses.

"This is such an encouraging win for free speech and for the pro-life community," White said. "We're praying this will be a major turning point to allow clinics like Go Mobile For Life to keep their attention on reaching women who desperately need help. Every woman should have all the information she needs to protect her child during an unexpected pregnancy, and this ruling is a great step forward to that goal."

The fight to allow pro-life people to reach women facing an unexpected pregnancy is one Nada Higuera – who argued the case before Judge Trask – takes personally.

As a pregnant teen, she knew where she could go for an abortion, but not where she could go for life-affirming help.

"As a young female and defender of speech, I am thrilled to know that our work is not in vain," Higuera said. "I've regrettably had an abortion. And I've just recently experienced the incomparable joy of having a baby. I wish I would have had the opportunity to visit a pro-life clinic when I was just 16 years old and contemplating an abortion."

- *Pregnancy Help News, October 31, 2017*



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Campus Vandalizations

By Diane Trombley

Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America, was our dinner speaker last May. She and her group travel from college to college to assist students at those colleges in sharing the pro-life message.

She recently sent the map you see below, showing the places where the pro-life displays have been vandalized, either by just pulling them apart or by actual destruction of the display.

The college campus used to be a place for the free exchange of ideas. It would appear that those who support abortion are very afraid to see the truth of the harm that abortion does to women and their babies. How sad.

NUMBER of CAMPUS VANDALIZATIONS



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American Association of Suicidology Betrays Some Suicidal Patients

Editor: American Association of WHAT???



By Wesley J. Smith, Esq.

Assisted suicide advocacy corrupts everything it touches; medical ethics, our views about the worth of the dying—even suicide prevention.

The latter corruption usually comes in suicide prevention campaigns that ignore assisted suicide advocacy as a cause of some suicides—I believe of some who are not ill as well as those who are.

But now, the American Association of Suicidology has ideologically determined that when a terminally ill person commits suicide with poison obtained from a doctor's prescription, it isn't really suicide.

The statement gets into different motivations and the like – all of which are highly debatable and refutable – but that would take pages.

So for here, I want to demonstrate how—a supposedly suicide prevention organization—seems to have begun the process of normalizing suicides of the ill and disabled. From its statement, "Suicide is not the Same as Physician Aid in Dying":

Nor does the fact that suicide and PAD [physician aid in dying] are not the same indicate that some cases identified as suicides may not be deaths that have a great deal in Common with PAD. especially those in which poor health is a precipitating factor.

Although such cases are typically labeled 'suicide' if the person initiated the causal process leading to death, medical conditions associated with suicide risk in potentially terminal illness – including (among the best studied) cancer, cardiovascular disease, COPD, Huntington's, HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, ALS, Parkinson's, renal disease, and Alzheimer's – may arise from the motivation to

avoid a protracted, debilitating, and potentially painful bad death.

Did you get that? Do you see the game that is afoot?

The AAS statement is softening the ground for expanding supposedly not suicide "aid in dying" laws to include situations that "have a great deal in common with PAD," e.g., people with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and progressive conditions.

Which makes sense since advocates never intended to limit assisted suicide to the terminally ill. Indeed, one of the contact persons on the statement, Margaret P. Battin, has been an advocate for "rational suicide" and euthanasia for decades. Frankly, she has as much business speaking for a suicide prevention organization as I do on behalf of a euthanasia advocacy group.

And get this:

While many forms of end-of-life care may be helpful, including palliative and hospice care, a patient's choice of PAD that satisfies legal criteria is not an appropriate target for "suicide" prevention.

That's an utter corruption of hospice philosophy! Indeed, the great Dame Cecily Saunders, who founded hospice, believed that suicide prevention was a key hospice service that protected the equal dignity of her patients.

Indeed, to assert that the dying (for now)—and eventually sick and disabled patients—don't deserve the same life-protecting suicide prevention services as other suicidal people is a crass betrayal of those the AAS was created to serve and protect.

Shame!

- National Right to Life News Today, November 6, 2017



Planned Parenthood is NOT a Charity

Planned Parenthood is NOT a charity for low income women

	PLANNED PARENTHOODS COST	PATIENT CHARGES
PREGNANCY TEST	25 cents	\$31
12 WEEK ABORTION	\$100	\$850
ANNUAL EXAM	\$30	\$175
HIV TEST	\$8	\$90
BASIC STD PACKAGE	\$12	\$170
ADVANCED STD PACKAGE	\$20	\$230
MIRENA IUD	\$200	\$900
BIRTH CONTROL PILLS	\$2	\$35
DEPO SHOT	\$6	\$150

MAMMOGRAMS - They don't do them!

PRENATAL CARE - They don't provide that either!

BREAST BIOPSY - Nope.



Info Provided By Abby Johnson

She said 1 in 3 women share that they cannot afford to pay more than \$10 per month for birth control.

Hmmmm...

So what you're saying is that if Planned Parenthood actually behaved like a charity that the government and employers wouldn't need to fund contraceptives?

\$10x12 equals \$120, multiply that by 5 (how long the Mirena lasts) and you have \$600 toward an IUD that costs PP \$200, \$120 toward 12 packs of pills that costs PP \$24, and \$120 toward 4 annual shots that cost PP \$24

Do the math! They could charge twice what they pay and still be charitable but that just wouldn't be profitable enough for them!

We don't need PP and PP doesn't need government money! Their numbers, their stats, straight from their mouths!

- Meagan Weber: From the Ashes, October 28, 2017

By Meagan Weber

Here at The Women's March Women's Convention, I sat in on a breakout session by Planned Parenthood and one of the gals, currently employed by PP shared a statistic that intrigued me.

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LIFESPAN Chapter News

Merry Christmas



Oakland/Macomb Counties

- Mischiefous elves hiding themselves on shelves
- Everyone sending Christmas greetings
- Rings of wreaths decorating doors and walls
- Recipes for cookies, cakes and candies being shared
- Yellow stars for treetops

- Christ's birthday approaching
- Hope for the world born this day
- Reason for the season being realized
- Incense wafting from lighted candles
- Songs of joy heard everywhere
- Thanksgiving for the Lord of Life
- Mary said yes and the Saviour is born
- Angels sing Alleluia
- Savor the love of the Baby's birth

The board of the Oakland/Macomb chapter of LIFESPAN wishes each of you the joy, love and peace of this Christmas season. He came to bring us Life.

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HOPE

This year has brought some extreme natural disasters (Hurricanes Harvey and Irma) to our nation. The mass shooting in Las Vegas injuring 546 and killing 58, the terrorist attack in New York killing 8 and, most recently, the shooting in a Texas church, wounding 20 and killing 26 innocent people, including a child in the womb.

HEARTBROKEN; this is the word that immediately comes to mind when thinking of these events and the devastation they brought to our nation.

It may be surprising that **HOPE** is the next word that comes to mind.

HOPE is what we rely on to get us through times that are challenging or even incomprehensible.

HOPE can conquer the heartache.

HOPE can spur us into action to help alleviate suffering and strife.

HOPE is the gift that will lead us to peace.



Merry Christmas

- A bright light shining in the dark night sky.
- A group of shepherds asking an Angel 'why'.
- A family of three are out on a journey in the night.
- The exhausted Mother longs to hold Her Baby tight.
- The inns were closed but a manger was open.
- A trio of kings seek their King to give a token.
- Baby Jesus a true sight to behold.
- He will bring forgiveness to all, it is foretold.

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Wayne County



Wee Care

Last year, when the Christmas season was over and the last decoration was packed away, we received a phone call. It was from one of the 200 moms we had helped in those hectic days before Christmas. I remembered her. She was due the first week of January and had nothing for her baby. She had lost her job, had to quit college, had no family support and wasn't sure if she was ready to be a mom.

We gave her names of various organizations that could help and also gave her a beautiful layette filled with diapers, clothing, bedding and so much more. I told her that she was not alone and that each sweet baby item came from someone who was praying for her and cared about her and her precious little one. She was so appreciative of her Wee Care package and as I hugged her goodbye, she

promised to call when her baby was born.

Well, she was calling to tell us that her tiny daughter had decided to arrive before Christmas! And, more importantly, she wanted to tell us that when the house is quiet and she is rocking her precious little girl in her arms – wearing a pretty sleeper and cuddled in a soft blanket from you – she whispers a prayer thanking God for you and all you have done for her. She said, knowing that someone cared made all the difference – that and falling madly in love with her beautiful daughter!

You will never know how many treasured, special moments take place between a mother and her sweet baby thanks to your love.

May you have a Christmas filled with those magical, treasured moments -

May your New Year be filled with much happiness, good health and cherished times with family and friends and may you know how much you are loved and appreciated by all (especially me)!

Love & Merry Christmas! Karen

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Youth Report

New Associate Youth Director:

Anne Marie Morin

I am very excited to be taking on the additional role of Associate Youth Director for LIFESPAN. As the Office Manager for the Wayne County Chapter, I daily witness the impactful work done in the pro-life movement. I am so grateful to the founders of LIFESPAN and those amazing men and women who took the charge to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. I firmly believe in fostering the next "Pro-Life Generation" who will pick up the torch and overturn *Roe v. Wade* in their lifetime. Not too long ago while I was in high school, I was part of a Pro-Life group. Through this group, I became determined to join the fight for life from conception to natural death. Since then, I've hoped for the chance to give other youth that same opportunity.

October is always full of Pro-Life events like 40 Days for Life, Life Chain, and the National Pro-Life Day of Remembrance. There are so many more events than the few I listed. I want to get the youth in Wayne County involved with National Pro-Life Chalk Day, National Pro-Life Cupcake Day, and the Pro-life Day of Silent Solidarity.

Please help me get in contact with your youth groups, schools, and parishes. You can reach me at 734-422-6230 and wcdrrtl-lifespan.org or fill out an online form with your Pastor's/Youth Director's/School's information at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHG5LB9>.

I am looking forward to engaging with the Wayne County youth more frequently in the Pro-Life Movement!

We are Generation Truth!

Anne Marie Morin

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Legislative Update

House Votes to Repeal Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), Obamacare's "Death Panels"

By Steven Ertelt



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The U.S. House of Representatives voted today to repeal a portion of the Obamacare law that pro-life advocates strongly opposed because it could lead to rationing of health care for patients across the nation.

Leading pro-life groups asked members of Congress to approve legislation that would repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board, which has been derisively called "death panels" by detractors. Today, the House did just that.

Some 307 members of the U.S. House of Representatives voted for H.R. 849, the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2017, to repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB).

National Right to Life was one of the pro-life groups seeking the vote and it criticized the 111 House members who voted against the bill.

Carol Tobias, National Right to Life president, said "Pro-lifers have long opposed IPAB due to concerns that it could reduce access to healthcare. The time to repeal this dangerous rationing board is now."

Tobias told LifeNews the IPAB is composed of 15 unelected bureaucrats who are answerable to no one. The Board is directed to recommend measures to limit private, nongovernmental spending on health care to a growth rate below medical inflation. Although most news reports have focused on the Board's authority to limit government spending in Medicare, little attention has been given to this more sweeping danger

of rationing healthcare paid for with nongovernmental dollars.

According to Jennifer Popik, J.D., National Right to Life director of federal legislation, "IPAB's powers go well beyond some benign effort to control Medicare spending. IPAB would recommend drastic limits for the Department of Health and Human Services to impose even on what Americans are allowed to spend out of their own funds to save their own lives and the lives of their families."

National Right to Life is calling on the U.S. Senate to take action to advance this legislation.

"The mission of National Right to Life is to protect and defend the most fundamental right, the right to life of every innocent human being from the beginning of life to natural death. In that defense, we strongly urge you to repeal the so-called Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)," NRLC wrote House members in a letter before the vote.

"The IPAB is composed of 15 unelected bureaucrats who are answerable to no one. The Board is directed to recommend measures to limit private, nongovernmental spending on health care to a growth rate below medical inflation. Although most news reports have focused on the Board's authority to limit government spending in Medicare, little attention has been given to this more sweeping danger of rationing healthcare paid for with nongovernmental dollars," it said.

The letter continues: "IPAB's powers go well beyond some benign effort

to control Medicare spending. IPAB would recommend drastic limits for the Department of Health and Human Services to impose on what Americans are allowed to spend out of their own funds to save their own lives and the lives of their families. More can be found at: www.nrlc.org/uploads/communications/healthcarereport2014.pdf National Right to Life “urges every Member of Congress to recognize the importance of repealing the Independent Payment Advisory Board. We urge you to support H.R. 849 to repeal this assault on our health care system and the sanctity of life and to reject the dangerous consolidation of unchecked government power which IPAB represents.”

Pro-life NRLC attorney Jennifer Popik talked previously about the pro-life rationale for ending the program.

“Integral to the Obama Administration’s stated mission to drive down what Americans choose to spend for life-saving and health-preserving health care, the IPAB is charged with a key role in suppressing health care spending by limiting what treatment doctors are allowed to give their patients,” she says. “While the focus throughout this de-

bate has been on the IPA-B’s authority to cut Medicare with very limited Congressional authority to override or alter those cuts, National Right to Life has been emphasizing a still graver concern – one at the core of rationing in ObamaCare.”

“The health care law instructs the IPAB to make recommendations to limit what all Americans are legally allowed to spend for their health care to hold it below the rate of medical inflation. The health care law then empowers the federal Department of Health and Human Services to implement these recommendations by imposing so-called “quality” and “efficiency” measures on health care providers,” Popik continues. “What happens to doctors who violate a “quality” standard by prescribing more lifesaving medical treatment than it permits? They will be disqualified from contracting with any of the health insurance plans that individual Americans, under the Obama Health Care Law, will be mandated to purchase. Few doctors would be able to remain in practice if subjected to that penalty.”

“This means that treatment a doctor and patient deem advisable to

save that patient’s life or preserve or improve the patient’s health – but which exceeds the standard imposed by the government – will be denied even if the patient is willing and able to pay for it. Repeal of IPAB is critically important to prevent this rationing of life-saving medical treatment,” she added.

- *LifeNews.com, November 2, 2017*



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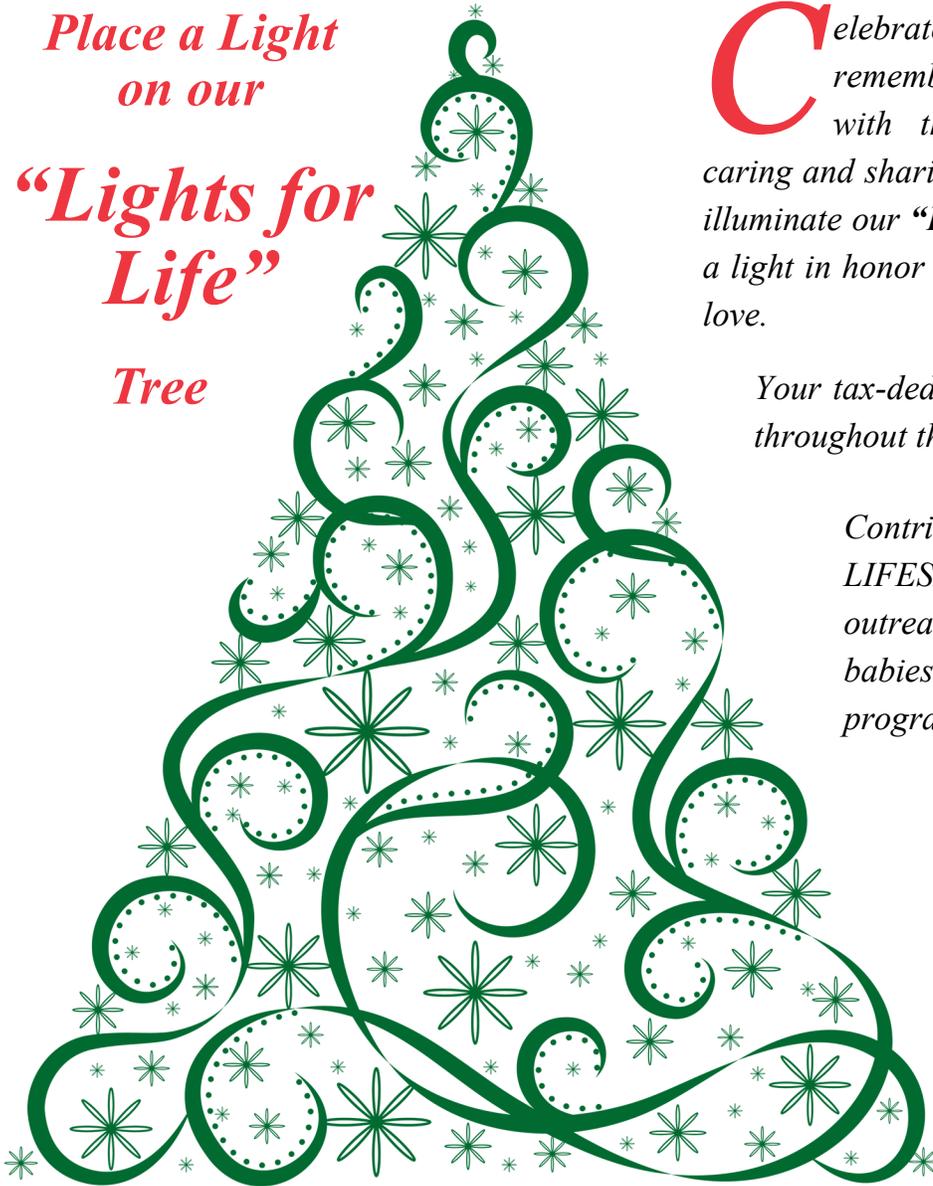
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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I would like to wish all of my fellow pro-life friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy Blessed New Year.

This year has brought some good changes to all of our families in the pro-life movement. The Mexico Policy, which gave tax money for abortions worldwide, was rescinded by President Trump. Our tax money will not go to pay for killing of our world's pre-born children. The ever increasing attacks on our values, especially the life issues and the impact on family life, is changing due to an administration that is pro-life and pro-family.

Be not afraid - there is a stronger force which will see us through these dark times. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the festival of lights during Hanukkah, we are embarking in a celebration of hope. We are reminded that thousands of years have gone before us. And, through all the trials and tribulations endured by past generations, the ones who remained faithful to God have prevailed. I am a believer - that we are all placed here on earth to be God's instrument of good - to change the world for the better. In the past 47 years, I have worked with thousands of pro-life people who show evidence that there are far more good people than bad in this world. We hear so little of the million works of kindness done daily - the sensational is newsworthy, so that is what we are fed day after day. Look around within your circles of family and friends, you will see the good. So let us celebrate this wonderful season of renewal. Let us begin the New Year with resolve and perseverance to change what is bad to good - daily do something to promote respect for human life - a prayer, a smile (especially when seeing an expectant mother), say a kind word to a lonely elderly person. May we all have love in our heart for our adversaries - say a prayer for them and for us that we have the knowledge and energy to do what is necessary to change hearts and minds. Never forget, laughter is a vessel by which we can use to heal. Take time at this Holy season to regenerate and heal; to laugh to sing, to play. Enjoy the season and give a gift that will last all year - your smile, your time, and your heart to those around you.

Also give a gift of a LIFESPAN membership to keep those around you informed. All our activities in LIFESPAN have a positive flare. Changing hearts and minds requires education and patience. We welcome all into our pro-life family - the more numbers we have the faster this can accomplish our goals to "Save a Life" - what a great gift.

– Diane Fagelman, President Right to Life - LIFESPAN

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Right to Life - LIFESPAN believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves—the preborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the monthly newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

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2017 LIFESPAN Pro-Life Luncheon

“Place” or “Parent” **“Best event I’ve been to!”**

There was a wealth of information shared at this year’s Pro-Life Luncheon. **Representative Jeff Noble** was incredibly inspiring and updated us all on current and upcoming pro-life legislation and challenged everyone to step up and be amazing pro-life advocates.

Dawn Baker of Bethany Christian Services provided powerful information about adoption, the language we use and steps that pro-life people can take to help mothers who choose adoption.



“So very glad that I came to this!”

“I feel empowered!”

“There was so much I didn’t know before this lunch!”



“I wasn’t sure what I would get out of this topic, but I learned so much!”

“Amazing food!”

“16 and Pregnant”

“Speakers were incredible!”

