



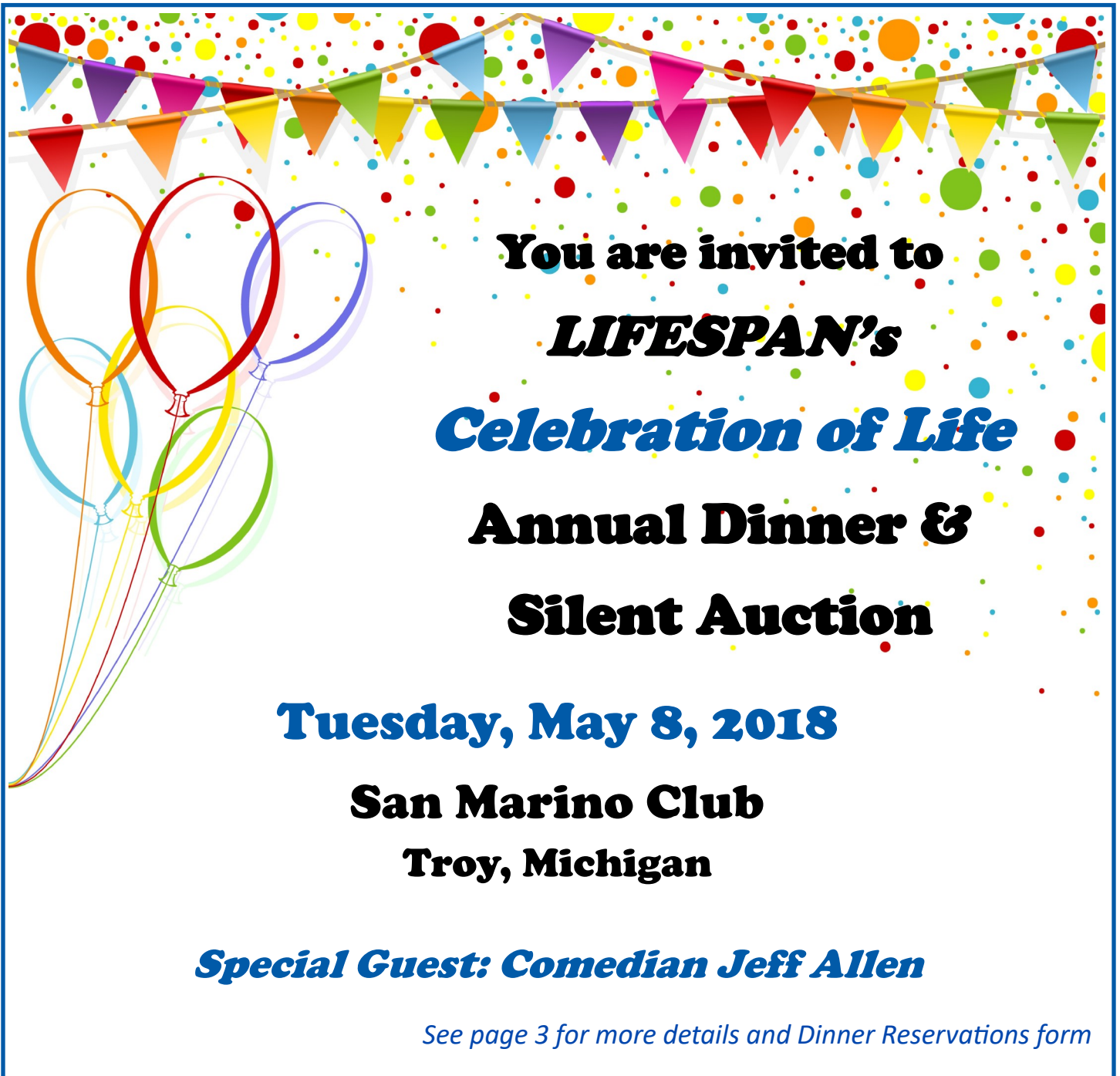
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Presenting the Pro-Life Message in Southeastern Michigan Since 1970

April 2018



You are invited to
LIFESPAN's
Celebration of Life
Annual Dinner &
Silent Auction

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

San Marino Club
Troy, Michigan

Special Guest: Comedian Jeff Allen

See page 3 for more details and Dinner Reservations form

GENERATION TRUTH

LIFESPAN's Youth Outreach April 2018

By Lynn Gura, Youth Director

Well, the March for Life this year took on a new start by having our 45th President of the United States speaking to the huge crowd present and those of us watching on television, or Facebook or YouTube! He addressed us by saying he was “honored and really proud to be the first sitting President to stand with us at the White House to address the 45th March for Life!” He also said the “March for Life is a movement born out of love.” Further stating, “You love your families, you love your neighbors, you love our nation, and you love every child, born and unborn, because you believe that every life is sacred, that every child is a gift from God.” Then he said, “We know that life is the greatest miracle of all. We see it in the eyes of every new mother who cradles that wonderful, innocent, and glorious newborn child in her loving arms.” He thanked every person that was there and everyone across the country “who work with such big hearts and tireless devotion to make sure that parents have the care and support they need to choose life.”

In addition, the President said, “As you all know, *Roe v. Wade* has resulted in some of the most permissive abortion laws anywhere in the world. For example, in the United States, its one of only seven countries to allow elective late-term abortions, along with China, North Korea and others. Right now, in a number of states, the laws allow a baby to be born (torn) from his or her mother’s womb in the ninth month. It is wrong; it has to change. Americans are more and more pro-life. You see that all the time. In fact, on 12 percent of Americans support abortion on demand at any time. Under my administration, we will



always defend the very first right in the Declaration of Independence, and that is the right to life.”

Ending his speech, the President said, “... we march... we pray... and that is why we declare that America’s future will be filled with goodness, peace, joy, dignity, and life for every child of God. Thank you to the March for Life - special, special people. And we are with you all the way.” To read the full text of his speech, go to www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-march-life-part or watch the YouTube video “President Trump Addresses March for Life Participants and Pro-Life Leaders.”

Speaking from the White House before introducing the President, VP Mike Pence assured the marchers that President Donald Trump is the “most pro-life president in American History” and promised that the Trump administration will continue to protect unborn children.

Pence said, “Forty-five years ago, the Supreme Court of the United States turned its back on the inalienable right to life,” referencing the *Roe v. Wade* court case. “But in that moment, our movement began: A movement that continues to win hearts and minds. A movement defined by generosity, compassion and love. And a movement that, one year ago tomorrow, inaugurated the most pro-life president in American History, President Donald Trump.”

Pence referenced the administration’s move to prevent funding of abortions in foreign countries as a major pro-life victory.

“This president has been a tireless defender of life and conscience in America. And today, President Trump



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*Right to Life - LIFESPAN's 28th Annual
Celebration of Life Dinner & Silent Auction
Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

*San Marino Club
1685 East Big Beaver Road
Troy, Michigan
Special Guest: Jeff Allen*

- ★ *Silent Auction begins 5:30 pm*
- ★ *Dinner served 7:15 pm*
- ★ *Raffle Drawing 9:00 pm*



Jeff Allen is regarded as one of the premium clean comedians working today. In three decades of performing, he has worked at over 1000 churches, fundraisers and other venues. Most of his humor centers on marriage and living with teenagers – material to which everyone can relate. Watch his videos on YouTube and you'll see the difference. The humor he packs into his performance comes rapid-fire, and doesn't stop until the end. Jeff Allen will make you ache with laughter.

Limited transportation is available to & from our Wayne County Chapter Office to LIFESPAN's Annual Dinner in Troy. Call 734-422-6230 and let us know you would like to attend the dinner and you need a ride to and from Troy.

Dinner Reservations: \$50 per person/\$475 per table of 10. Students (under 21) \$25 per person

Advance reservations by Friday, April 20.

☐ Yes, I (We) plan to attend. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ reservations. (Please list names of all those for whom reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper).

Seat with _____

☐ Yes, I (We) plan to sponsor a table to 10. Enclosed please find one check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ tables. (Please list names of all those for whom table reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper. Table seating will be determined by date of receipt of paid reservation).

☐ I (We) are not able to attend. Enclosed is a donation of \$_____ to support your pro-life efforts.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email Address _____

For Dinner reservations, please make checks payable and mail to:

Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. G, Troy, MI 48084. For more information, call 248.816.1546.

Photos/videos may be taken at this event and may be used on the web, in publications and/or other media. If you would prefer that your image not be included, please contact Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Main Office at 734.524.0162 or mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org



Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

RESOURCE BOOK 2018

Advertising Contract

This book will contain pro-life informational material that will be used throughout the year. Your ad represents support for *LIFESPAN's* educational efforts. Please fill out the Contact below and send it to us with your remittance included.

I wish to publish a _____ page ad for the

sum of \$ _____

Please run:

_____ last year's ad

_____ enclosed NEW ad

_____ EMAILED ad

Full Page (7 x 10)

\$305

Inside Front Cover

\$355

Inside Back Cover

\$355

Outside Back Cover

\$580

**1/4 Page
(3½ x 5)
\$125**

**1/8 Page
(3½ x 2½)
\$75**

**1/2 Page
(3½ x 5)
\$175**

FINAL Deadline for submission: Monday, April 9, 2018.

- Due to the difficulty of working with various formats, we prefer to receive pdf files, at 300 dpi, all fonts embedded, sent by email to: mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org, indicating "LIFESPAN Resource Book Ad" in the subject line. In the case of electronic submissions, please send Contract and payment via post to the address below. You can also scan in the Contract and pay by credit card at miLIFESPAN.org/donate.
- You may also send a hard copy, camera-ready ad.
- If you are not able to submit camera-ready work, we will help you with your ad, just call us!
- **Payment must accompany ad and Contract.**
- Advertisers will be sent a copy of the LIFESPAN Resource Book *upon request only*.
- LIFESPAN reserves the right to refuse any advertisement that it deems unsuitable.

A complimentary dinner ticket to the 2018 Annual LIFESPAN Dinner on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, will be given to any individual for every **\$200 worth of new ads** obtained for LIFESPAN's Resource Book. The ad seller's signature must appear on the Contract below when the ad and remittance is received by **Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund**.

Contact Person _____ Phone (_____) _____

Name of Advertiser/Business _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Ad Seller's Signature _____ Phone (_____) _____

_____ YES, please send me a copy of the 2018 LIFESPAN Resource Book.

Visit miLIFESPAN.org/donate or call the Main Office to use a Credit Card or mail checks payable to:

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

32540 Schoolcraft Road, Suite 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305

For further information, call: 734.524.0162 or email: mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org

Contributions to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund are deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

Put your special photo in LIFESPAN's Resource Book



Purchase a special ad to recognize the accomplishments of someone special! It's a great way to acknowledge a graduate, retirement, anniversary, 1st Communicant, scout troop, special teacher, etc.! Purchase a 1/8-page ad to feature your children, grandchildren or other special someone in Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Educational Fund Resource Book 2018. **Photo Ads are tax-deductible!** Fill out the form for photo ads below and send \$40

with a non-professional photo, along with the names of those pictured, or other desired caption, to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150**. All picture ads must be received by **April 9, 2018**. If you would like your pictures returned, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you prefer to e-mail your photo, you may send them in JPEG format to **mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org** (with "LIFESPAN Photo" in the subject line) and mail your check to the above LIFESPAN address. For more information, call Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Main Office at 734.524.0162.

Yes! Please include my photo in LIFESPAN's 2018 Resource Book!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Name(s) of people in photo (or other caption) _____

_____ My photo and check are enclosed _____ My photo will be sent by e-mail; enclosed is my check.

Ad Seller's Name (if name is other than above) _____ Phone _____

Be a LIFESPAN Patron!

Resource Book 2018 Patron Ads:

☐ Gold Patron \$100 ☐ Silver Patron \$50 ☐ Bronze Patron \$10 ☐ Memorial Patron \$10

Please PRINT name(s) exactly as you wish them to appear. Names of patrons in each of these categories will be listed on separate pages in the Resource Book 2018. **Patron Ads are tax-deductible; make checks payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.** FINAL Deadline for submission is **April 9, 2018**.

Patron Name(s) - Gold, Silver or Bronze _____

Memorial Patron Name(s) (deceased): _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Ad Seller's Name (if name is other than above) _____ Phone _____

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Legislative Update

In the Direction of Life

By Chelsy Gomez



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Dear Mr. President:

U.S. Senators

The Honorable (Gary Peters, Debbie Stabenow)
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
202-224-3121
Website/Email: www.peters.senate.gov/
Website/Email: www.stabenow.senate.gov/
Dear Senator (last name):

U.S. Representatives

The Honorable (first and last name)
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
202-224-3121
Website/Email: www.house.gov/
Dear Congressman/Congresswoman (last name):

Governor

The Honorable Rick Snyder
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517-373-3400
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Dear Governor Snyder:

Michigan State Senator

The Honorable (full name)
P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909
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Dear Senator (last name):

Michigan State Representative

The Honorable (full name)
P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909
517-373-1837
Web contact: www.house.mi.gov/
Dear Representative (last name):

This past week we observed the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* ruling, which legalized abortion throughout the United States. As in past years, hundreds of thousands gathered in Washington to pray, to march, to lobby, and to work for the end to abortion. We mourn the lives that have been lost in 45 years of legalized abortion. At the same time, we look to the future with hope for those that might be saved. Recent developments offer great promise in protecting the most vulnerable among us.

On January 18, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the formation of a new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division within its Office of Civil Rights. The new Division will more vigorously enforce existing laws that protect the conscience rights and religious freedom of health care providers like Cathy DeCarlo, who was forced to participate in an abortion.

In recent years, these violations to federal laws have been ignored. Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan and Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz as USCCB Chairmen issued a joint statement applauding the new initiative "for its significant actions to protect conscience rights and religious freedom." They continued, "For more than forty years—dating back to the Church amendment of 1973—Congress has enacted federal laws protecting rights of conscience in health care. We are grateful that HHS is taking seriously its charge to protect these fundamental civil rights through formation of a new division dedicated to protecting conscience rights and religious freedom."

On January 19, President Donald Trump, joined by Vice President Mike Pence, addressed those participating in the March for Life via a live satellite rally at the White House Rose Garden, pledging to always defend the right to life.

On the same day, the Administration also rescinded the Obama Administration's 2016 guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that prevented states from withholding Medicaid funding from family planning providers that perform abortions. This action returns to the states the ability to direct these federal funds to institutions that do not provide abortion, allowing for pro-life advancements at the state level.

Also on January 19, the House of Representatives passed the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act with a bipartisan vote. This bill builds on the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act (2002) by offering mechanisms of enforcement and accountability. The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act would require any health care practitioner present when a child is born alive after an abortion to provide the same degree of care as would be given to any other child born at the same gestational age. Those not complying with these guidelines would face penalties. Cardinal Dolan praised this action and encouraged the Senate to follow suit.

These developments may seem small in comparison to 45 years of legalized abortion; however, they demonstrate that we are continuing to make significant progress. These advances increase conscience protections, draw attention to the humanity of precious life in the womb, limit funding for abortion, and advance our ultimate objective of making abortion unthinkable.

Now is not the time to despair, but to redouble and renew our commitment to the Gospel of Life. Our sustained and collaborative efforts can continue to advance pro-life legislation.

As we remember and mourn all whose lives have been lost or wounded through the scourge of Roe, we look to tomorrow with hope and joy because we know that Christ has already conquered death. May He make His truth new in our hearts, that we may continue to move our country and our culture in the direction of cherishing all human life.

- *National Right to Life News Today, February 9, 2018*

Silent Auction and Tin Can Raffle

Auction Items Needed!

Every year at our *Celebration of Life* Dinner in May, we have a wonderful variety of items for the Silent Auction and Tin Can Drawing. We are looking for items that will bring in large auction bids, such as:

- Accommodations at tourist destinations
- Golf Packages
- Restaurant Gift Cards
- Family-Friendly places to visit
- Sporting Event Tickets
- Movie Packages
- Specialty/Department Store Gift Cards

Monetary donations will be put to good use; donate any amount and an auction item will be created in your name. Please go to miLIFESPAN.org/donate to donate online or call the Main Office at 734-524-0162 for more information.

47 Years of Abortion

Below are short reflections from our Rose Ceremony in January. Each year since 1973 is represented. Watch the next few newsletters for more reflections.

1978 - Our world needs authentic Christian witness. Those who stand-up to protect women and pre-born children in this world... will not stand alone in the next.

1979 - If we vote for persons who support abortion, we'll get more abortions... not less. It is just and right to work through our political system to restore protection to women and pre-born children.

1980 - Mother Teresa once told a gathering of our nation's highest political authorities that "the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion".

1981 - Many women see abortions because they receive no support from their men, from their families or from their friends.

Women deserve better.

1982 - The best pro-life activity each one of us can undertake is to give witness to God's presence, mercy, love and hope in this world.



You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - LIFESPAN will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Have questions? Please contact Charles Kleinbrook at 248-352-9569 or MrChip1234@aol.com

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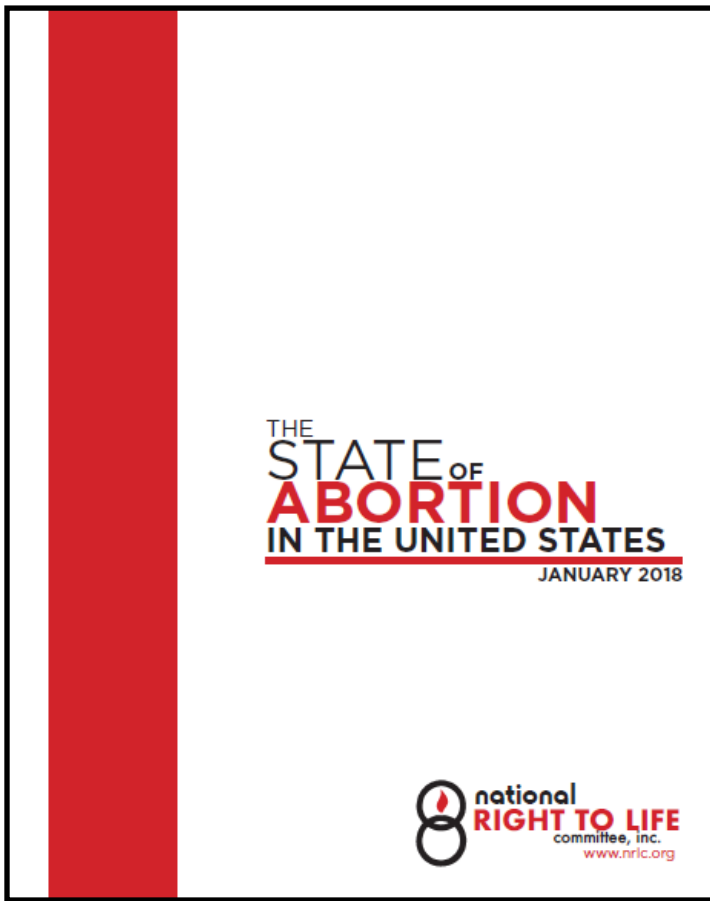
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Christina Hansen, Office Manager



The State of Abortion in the United States: A Critical Report



ception was women 40 and over, who saw their rates inch up 4%.

While the rate tells us how common abortion is for the general population of women, the abortion ratio gives us a better idea of a pregnant woman's tendency to choose abortion or birth.

Abortion ratios have been down for every age group since 2005. From 2005 to 2014, the CDC reported abortion ratios were down 18%-19% for women in age groups 15-19, 30-34, 35-39, and those over 40 during that time span. They were also down for women 20-24 and 25-29 as well, though not as much - 9.9% and 11.7% respectively.

Teens under 15 had a very high abortion ratio - 837 abortions for every 1,000 live births - but their abortion rates were very low (0.5 abortions per 1,000 women of that age range). This means they were very likely to choose abortion if they became pregnant, but there are a lot fewer pregnancies in this group.

Ratios tended to decline with age (315 per 1,000 births for those aged 15-19 to 113 for women 30-34). However they rose for women after age 35 (139 abortions per 1,000 births for women 35-39; 227 per 1,000 for those 40 and older).

Abortion rates for women age 35 and older are generally much lower than those for women of other ages. Part of that is because of lower fertility. Abortion ratios for this group may also be somewhat higher, the CDC ventures, because women of this age group may see a greater occurrence of "maternal medical indications or fetal anomalies."

Demographics: Race and Ethnicity

Racial and ethnic breakdowns are challenging for the CDC. For starters, there is the absence of data from some of the states with the largest concentrations of minorities. Furthermore, states count and report these data differently. This makes it difficult for the CDC to bring all these data into a single set, so it reports it in different formats.

For one example, one data table counts Hispanics as a separate group. However another table includes at least some of those Hispanics in the category of whites, yielding different totals or rates for the same racial or ethnic group.

Data from the largest number of reporting areas (36 states plus the District of Columbia) show an abortion rate

The State of Abortion in the United States

is a report issued by the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC). Founded in 1968, National Right to Life, the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest national grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, National Right to Life works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Original Release: January 18, 2018

Abortion Numbers: CDC Data Analysis

(Continued from Feb/Mar LIFESPAN News)

Demographics: Age

Since 2005, abortion rates have fallen for nearly every age group. For teens 15-19, they fell by nearly half - 49.3% - the CDC reported. Rates for women 20-24, which generally have the highest prevalence, fell by 26.8%. Women 25-29 dropped 15.9%; those 30-34 declined 100.9%; while women 35-39 saw a 5.2% drop. The one ex-

Where do the candidates stand on pro-life issues? Watch for LIFESPAN's July newsletter.

for whites of 6.9 per 1,000 women and an abortion ratio of 112 abortions per 1,000 live births. That same table reports a 23.2 abortion per 1,000 live births for black women and an abortion ratio of 345 per 1,000 live births. Both are about triple the rate of whites.

Hispanic abortion rates and ratios, recorded in a separate table of 36 reporting areas (this one including DC and New York City along with 34 states) were closer to that of whites from the earlier table. This table shows Hispanics with an abortion rate of 11.9 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44 and an abortion ratio of 146 abortions per 1,000 live births.

Abortion rates and ratios have decreased substantially for all three main racial/ethnic groups. Among the 20 reporting areas that have released consistent data since 2007, abortion rates for non-Hispanic white women fell 26% and rates for non-Hispanic black women dropped 27%. The abortion rate of Hispanic women fell even more during the same time frame - 41%. *(A note of caution: These figures contain no data for Hispanics in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Florida, or other states with substantial Hispanic populations. Furthermore, given the difference in heritage and culture - e.g., with some who recently arrived from one particular Central American culture, versus others who were born and raised in the United States - one also can not assume Hispanics in one state to be just like those in another, or to have the same abortion rates or ratios simply by virtue of their ethnicity).*

Abortion ratios fell in all three groups as well during that same time frame. They declined 23% for non-Hispanic whites, 19% for non-Hispanic blacks, and 22% for Hispanics.

Demographics: Previous Births, Abortions, and Marital Status

Nearly 6 in 10 (59.5%) of these women had already undergone at least one previous live birth before having their abortion.

As for repeat abortions, 44.5% reported having at least one prior abortion. Nearly one in five (17.6%) reported two previous abortions, while 5.6% said they had at least three previous abortions.

As has long been the case, in 2014 the overwhelming majority of abortions (85.5%) were to unmarried women.

To be continued in the next LIFESPAN News...



President Report

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monthly. People hear these terrible numbers and seem to “just move on” with their own lives. Our minds have been desensitized and the loss of a human life no longer seems as important. If you do not agree with me, then I ask you: where is the outrage or the media coverage over the loss of 60 million fellow Americans by abortion? Where is the outrage that millions of our tax money is given to Planned Parenthood to pay for these killings? If you want the carnage of death to stop, we must start with stopping the slaughter of the littlest, most vulnerable of our human family, the pre-born child. Overturn this terrible law and we again, as a society, can teach our children to respect all human life without being hypocrites. Maybe then a new generation can be raised knowing that all lives matter and the violence of killing will be shunned whether in the womb or outside the womb. May all those that have died through these violent acts REST IN PEACE, and may God forgive us!

— Diane Fagelman,
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

LIFESPAN's Baby Shower for Pregnancy Help Centers in March was a great success! 17 Pregnancy Help Centers benefitted from the overwhelming generosity of 38 local congregations!

- ◆ 35 Drop-Off Showers
- ◆ 3 Traditional Showers

Yet again, Metro Detroit shows it loves moms and babies!

Pro-Life Events - Save the Dates!

2018 Raffle

Tuesday, May 8th

2018 Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

Tuesday, May 8th

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Sunday, May 13th

LIFESPAN Garage Sale

Thursday, May 17th - Saturday, May 19th

Father's Day Pen/Candy Sale

Sunday, June 17th

National Day of Remembrance

Saturday, September 8th

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 7th

LIFESPAN Chapter News

Volunteer Luncheon

It is always fun to get together with our wonderful volunteers, the lifeblood of any organization, and share stories, a good meal and great suggestions for future activities. Thanks to all who came.

Movement in Motion, 2019

Can you believe that we are already planning for the next March for Life in Washington, DC? The dates for next year's march are January 17, 18, 19, 20, 2019. Reservations begin on September 1 and close October 15. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out!

Auction Items and Raffle

If you have something for the Auction or the Tin Can Raffle, you can drop the items off at the Troy office.

There is Nothing to Do!

Ever hear that from your kids or grandchildren in the summer time? We are trying to find an answer to that problem and want to know if you would like an outing to Comerica Park for a ball game, the Jimmy John Stadium in Utica for a really great semiprofes-

sional baseball game, an afternoon or evening playing Whirly Ball in Novi, some bouncing time at Air Time in Troy or something as simple as a picnic in a local park. Let us know what the kids say!

Thought for the Day

"It is existential pain, a fear of what the future will bring to an already uncertain existence, which drives people - disabled and non-disabled - to suicide. But if someone speaks of their desire the end it all, our common, human response must be to remind them that, even if they do not value their own life, and even if they see no hope in the future, we do. We must remind them that no situation is truly hopeless - other than, of course death." Dr. Kevin Yuill is Senior Lecturer in American History at the University of Sunderland, and author of *Assisted Suicide: The Liberal, Humanist Case Against Legalization*, Sunderland, UK.

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Diane Trombley, Director

Lynn Gura, Ofc. Staff & Youth Director



Mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 17th - Saturday, May 19th**. We are once again having a Garage Sale and *all of*

the proceeds will benefit LIFESPAN! You never know what treasures you will find! **36709 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia** (next to Roosevelt Elementary School).

Donations items needed for garage sale! Your donations are tax-deductible!

Please call 734-422-6230 for drop-off and volunteer information. Please consider dropping off items sooner (by the week of May 6th) so that we have time to sort and price everything! (Not accepting clothing or over-sized items)

Volunteers will be needed to price, sort and work the sale - this is a great way for high schoolers to gain service hours!

Upcoming Dinner - Need a Ride?

Limited transportation is available to and from our Wayne County Chapter Office to LIFESPAN's Annual Dinner at the San Marino Club in Troy on **May 8th**. Please contact our office and let us know you would like to attend the dinner and you need a ride to and from Troy.



Shop at Kroger

Support LIFESPAN

Save lives

We'll help you sign up!

April rolls around and we hope for flowers,

sunshine and SPRING! The other thing that we hope is that you will support LIFESPAN through Kroger Community Rewards, if you are a Kroger shopper. If you are new to the program or have questions about how to select LIFESPAN for Community Rewards, just stop by our office with your Kroger Savings Card and we will help you through the process.

Church Rep/Volunteer Spring Meeting

April 15th - We are having our Spring Meeting for Church Reps and Volunteers. We sincerely hope everyone can attend! Great information, refreshments and fellowship will be shared! Contact our office for more information!

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Office Hours: M-Th: 10-4; Friday Closed

Eileen Brandt, Director

Anne Marie Morin, Ofc. Manager & Assoc. Youth Director



Wee Care

Today, you helped a mom and her baby living in a car. Today, you helped a mom, a dad and their two little ones who for months have struggled to find jobs. Today, you helped a grandma-to-be find guidance, support and material goods for her teenage pregnant daughter.

All this is possible because of you and our LIFESPAN organization! You provide all of the love, prayers and material supplies for our precious babies and LIFESPAN provides (in addition to prayers and the love for our moms and their little ones) the office space, the utilities and everything it takes to physically provide a location to carry out Wee Care's mission.

Please consider becoming a member of LIFESPAN - no meetings, no commitments - just a membership (see page 15 for information!).

Another great way to support Wee Care is to attend our annual Celebration of Life Dinner/Auction. Each year,



LIFESPAN hosts this wonderful event. This year it will be held on May 8th. (See the cover for details!) Would love to see you there!

We are always looking

for new items for our auction--gift cards, theme baskets, sporting event tickets, restaurants, etc. If you would like to donate anything for our auction or would like to attend, please call me! I promise it will be a fun evening with friends!

As always, thanks for all you do for my babies!
Love, Karen

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All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.



Thursday, May 17th

Friday, May 18th

Saturday, May 19th

36709 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

(next to Rosedale Elementary School)

Items needed for garage sale!

Call Ray at 734-525-0749 for drop-off information

Call Anne Marie at 734-422-6230 for Volunteer information



Right to Life – LIFESPAN Educational Fund

2019 “MOVEMENT IN MOTION” Youth Bus Trip

46th Annual March for Life, Washington, DC



Dates: depart evening of January 17th, arrive home morning of January 20th

**7th-12th Grade Students and College Students as well as Young Adults,
Parents, Teachers and all other adults who work with
Young People are invited!**

7th/8th grade students must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

**Cost is \$185.00 per person and will include a red scarf with LIFESPAN’s logo and the
date of the March on it for group identity, two breakfasts, and one dinner.**

LIFESPAN scarves will be required for all Marchers to wear.

Registration will begin September 1st and end October 15th

*We will request White House tickets for Saturday and will need to submit names
of all who register for the trip.*

IF YOU REGISTER AFTER OCTOBER 15TH, you will not be included in the White House tour.

For more information, please contact Lynn Gura, Youth Director, at:

248-816-1546 or oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org

or Anne Marie Morin, Associate Youth Director, at:

734-422-6230 or wcdm@rtl-lifespan.org

2018 LIFESPAN RAFFLE

Maximum of 500 tickets will be sold

Donation: \$50 per ticket

1st Prize: \$7,000

2nd Prize: \$2,000

3rd Prize: \$1,000



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Not everyone wants to take chances.

However, this is one you really want to consider.

LIFESPAN's Raffle Ticket is \$50. You can win 3 different prizes!

You can even get some friends to buy a ticket with you!

The Raffle drawing will be held on May 8, 2018 at LIFESPAN's Annual Dinner.

Winner need not be present to win.

*** If fewer than 400 tickets are sold by the drawing time, the raffle will become a 50/50 drawing (the winning ticket holders will receive a percentage of half of all ticket sales). If 400 or more tickets are sold, the total prize amount will be \$10,000.*

Tickets are available by mailing in the order form below, calling the Main Office or visiting miLIFESPAN.org/ donate to order with a Credit Card or by visiting one of LIFESPAN's offices:

LIFESPAN's Main Office

32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Suite 100
Livonia • 734.524.0162

Oakland/Macomb Chapter

1637 W. Big Beaver, Suite G
Troy • 248.816.1546

Wayne County/Downriver Chapter

32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Suite 210
Livonia • 734.422.6230

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund is required, by law, to withhold appropriate taxes as designated by the IRS on cash prize winnings. Proceeds from this raffle will help support the life-saving programs of Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund 2018 RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

Number of Tickets: _____ @ \$50 each. Total Amount: \$ _____

☐ Check made payable to **Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund**

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover ☐ American Express *Your credit card will be charged by LIFESPAN Educational Fund

Account # _____ Expiration Date _____ Verification Code _____

Bill To:

Verification Code is 3-digit number on the back of the credit card

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature (for Credit Card): _____

Name(s) on Ticket(s) (if different from above): _____

[] If sold out, please return money [] If sold out, please accept as a donation

Send order form and payment to:

LIFESPAN Main Office, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Suite 100, Livonia, MI 48150
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LIFESPAN Use Only: Apr18

Ticket #(s): _____

Check #(s): _____

Generation Truth Youth Report

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will do even more to defend the most vulnerable in our society,” Pence continued. “My friends, life is winning in America because love saves lives. And know as you March for Life, that your compassion, your persistence, your activism and your prayers are saving lives.”

In conclusion, before introducing the President, Pence said, “I believe with all of my heart, with your continued dedication and compassion, with pro-life majorities in the Congress, with President Donald Trump in this White House and with God’s help, we will restore the sanctity of life to the center of American law.”

I wasn’t at the March for Life with the group. I missed it for this first time since coordinating the trip (about 14 years), but I heard from so many of those who went on the trip, that they had a great experience - newcomers of all ages and those who had been on the trip at least once already with LIFESPAN. Everyone is looking forward to next year! The dates for the 46th annual LIFESPAN 2019 “Movement in Motion” Youth Bus Trip will be January 17th - 20th. Please mark your calendars! And,



also mark your calendars for the registration timeline! Pay close attention to it. See page 12 in this Newsletter. Contact me at the Oakland/Macomb office or Anne Marie at the Wayne County office for further information.

The reason I did not attend this year’s March was because my father, Jule Thomas Robinson, was critically ill. On the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (Monday, January 22nd), my mom assured him that she would be well cared for by their children and he peacefully passed on to eternal life. I learned valuable lessons in the final weeks of his life. Definitely respecting and defending the whole **LIFESPAN** of a person is the most important! My parents have strongly supported my work with LIFESPAN. I am so grateful to them for their encouragement and prayers. It has been a tough time for me and my family. I miss my dad a lot.



I hope students and their parents can join me at the dinner on Tuesday, May 8th at the San Marino Club in Troy from 6:00 - 9:30 pm! You can see page 3 for more details about the evening and a registration form. It will be a very lovely evening - a dress-up occasion - with a Tin Can Raffle, Silent Auction, yummy family-style dinner, fun entertainment and lots of laughter and special moments with family and friends.

Let’s Celebrate Life each day!

By the time a pre-born child is...

- 18 DAYS: Baby’s heart beats
- 42 DAYS: Baby’s brain waves are detected
- 52 DAYS: Baby hiccups and yawns
- 8 WEEKS: All of baby’s organs function
- 9 WEEKS: Baby has fingerprints
- 10 WEEKS: Baby can feel pain
- 12 WEEKS: Baby can smile

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

So much tragedy has occurred since our last Newsletter.

One of the worst is the Parkland School shootings where 17 people lost their lives. The shooter is a very young, disturbed man who appears to be full of anger. Of course, the politicians and media have had a constant dialogue as to the reason for these reoccurring shootings at the schools. The truth is there are many reasons, but to me, the one that gets the least discussion is the greatest cause. The 1973 Supreme Court decision of Roe v Wade and the companioned decision Doe v Bolton. Those two decisions allowed a woman to have an abortion at any time through her entire pregnancy - even the day before delivery. It was a legal decision that made killing acceptable in this country. If a person living in the womb causes you mental anguish, inconvenience in your life, or just was in the way of your happiness, you are now allowed to kill them. No one can deny the fact that life begins at conception (even though pseudo-scientists are trying to change that fact). So using common sense, I conclude the law says you can now kill another human being, in the womb, (the place that should be the safest in a human's span of life), the generations growing up with this law, accept killing outside the womb for the same reasons.

This law has insidiously created a mindset that human life is expendable. How sad! When I was a young girl, any news of a death of another person whether it was a killing of passion, an accident, or soldier killed in war, society responded with sadness at the loss of a fellow human. Over the years, a slow change has taken place. Unless we have a school shooting, or bombing we seem to be less traumatized by death of a single human caused by another person. So many people are killed daily in this country by people full of hate who and just want these people out of their lives. We talk about the big cities and how many are killed

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Donations have been made - In Memory of:

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Jule Robinson

Given by: Barbara & Kathy McEwen
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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by LIFESPAN in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because... Send donations to your local LIFESPAN office.

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

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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| _____ Annual Membership | \$30.00 | _____ Other |
| _____ Student/Senior Member | \$20.00 | |

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Please complete this form and return with your donation to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305.** For more information, call **734-524-0162.**

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GAO audit reveals that \$1.5 billion went to three giant abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood and International Planned Parenthood

By Dave Andrusko

A Government Accountability Office (GAO) study, requested by more than 120 Members of the House and Senate and released today, found that over a three-year period more than \$1.5 billion in tax dollars went to three of the largest abortion “providers” in the world: Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), Marie Stopes International (MSI), and International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

The study was led by Reps. Diane Black and Pete Olson and Senator Joni Ernst. Rep. Black’s office sent out a very helpful press release and a link to the full report.

There are many fascinating, revealing data points in the report. Here are just two.

#1. GAO “found that four of the five Planned Parenthood affiliates spending the largest amount of funds from federal programs during this period were later subject to referrals to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for possible criminal misconduct regarding fetal tissue transfer. The DOJ confirmed that an investigation is ongoing.”

NRL News Today has reported on this multiple times.

#2. The \$1.5 billion figure consisted of \$410 million in federal funding spent “between 2013 and 2015” and another \$1.2 billion that PPFA, Planned MSI, and IPPF received in “combined federal and state funds under federal health programs that require shared funding.”

In the press release Rep. Black (R-Tn.) said, “I spent my entire career as a nurse fighting for the dignity of every human being, and I have witnessed the emotional, physical and psychological effects abortion has on mothers. All of us in the healthcare field took an oath to fight

for life, and abortion destroys that. Industry giants like Planned Parenthood perform more than 320,000 abortions every year, and this GAO report exposes that these atrocities are done at the expense of taxpayers.”

Rep. Olson (R-Tx.) added, “I thank the GAO for helping to shed a light on how American taxpayer money goes to organizations that promote or perform abortions. I remain committed to defunding Planned Parenthood and protecting the unborn, and we deserve full transparency on tax dollars for these organizations.”

Sen. Ernst (R-Iowa) said, “More than \$1.5 billion in tax payer’s dollars should not go to an organization with such blatant disrespect for human life. That is why I introduced legislation to defund Planned Parenthood and redirect those dollars to federally qualified health centers that provide actual comprehensive care and family planning services for women.

And Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) discussed how the audit “demonstrates the abortion industry’s push to integrate abortion into primary healthcare services. Thankfully, under President Trump’s Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Policy, international abortion groups, like MSI and IPPF, must agree to not perform or promote abortion in order to receive taxpayer dollars. This reform ensures that US international aid funds life-affirming care for both women and children. A similar protection should become the standard for all government funding; abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood – responsible for killing more than 7 million unborn children – must no longer be subsidized by the American taxpayer.”

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