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Pro-Life Luncheon

October 13, 2018

***HOPE
HEALING
FORGIVENESS***

**Featured
Speakers:**

Cynthia Lietz

Founder/Director

Another Day Resource Center

Michigan Legislator

TBD

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23663 Park St

Dearborn, MI 48124

Registration at 10:30 AM

Program begins at 11:00 AM

Women & those around them experience pain, regret & blame following an abortion.

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Registration Form on page 4

Mangling results of abortion opinion polls continues apace

By Dave Andrusko

The headline to Laura Santhanam's story read, "How has public opinion about abortion changed since *Roe v. Wade*?"

Like virtually all the poll-related stories that have cropped up since Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement (tomorrow [July 31st] is his final day), the objective is to persuade the reader than any replacement – which turned out to be Judge Brett Kavanaugh – ought to know that the public loves, loves, just loves *Roe v. Wade*.

We've already talked about this many times. Only a tiny fraction of the public knows the breadth and depth of *Roe* (and its companion case *Doe v. Bolton*). 60+% would not say they do not want *Roe* overturned if they did know that *Roe/Doe* legalized abortion effectively throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

Something we don't mention enough. It's not just that most people haven't a clue how sweeping the abortion "liberty" actually is. Unless an explanation is embedded in the question, many people do not know that *Roe/Doe* is about abortion! Take this, for example.

On the 40th anniversary of the 1973 decision, Pew conducted a fascinating survey. Only 62% of the public knew that *Roe* dealt with abortion.

20% didn't know what the case was about and 7% thought *Roe* was about school desegregation! (Reuters' Mary Wisniewski added helpfully, "The question over whether the decision should be overturned was asked after it was defined to respondents.")

Laura Santhanam's story is partially helpful in one sense, even though that distinction is mangled. She correctly points out

But changing how the question is asked [from whether *Roe* should be overturned] results in a different answer. In 2017, 57 percent of Americans said abortion should remain legal all or most of the time, according to the latest polling from Pew Research Center. That's compared to 40 percent of U.S. adults who think abortion should be illegal all or most of the time.

Notice she has switched from Gallup to Pew. However,



Pew's numbers are very misleading because Pew does not make the careful distinctions Gallup does in asking about circumstances.

According to the latest Gallup survey, a majority (53%) say abortion should be legal in only a few (35%) circumstances or no circumstances (18%) while 43% of Americans say abortion should be legal in all (29%) circumstances or most (14%) circumstances.

One other important aspect. Before directly quoting Gregory Smith, associate director of research at Pew Research Center, Santhanam writes

Most states are sticking to their opinions when it comes to abortion. When Smith compared state responses in 2014 to those in 2007, he said 38 states showed an opinion shift of 5-percentage points or less.

"There are big differences in people's attitudes about abortion from state to state," Smith said.

Santhanam is 100% correct: "States are a critical battleground."

- National Right to Life News Today, July 30, 2018

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Michigan Nurses For Life

2018 Conference

Abortion Pill Reversal: It May Not Be Too Late

Saturday, September 15th • 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, Pontiac, Michigan



An Update on Medical Abortion Reversal

George Delgado, MD is the medical director of APR and Culture of Life Family Health Care. He established the abortion pill reversal program and in April of this year published a second research study involving 261 successful medical abortion reversals. Dr. Delgado is a popular speaker and has made hundreds of presentations on all pro-life issues.



How a CPC Prepares to Offer Abortion Pill Reversal

Tracey Fish, MS, PA-C and Kirstie Almy, MS, PA-C are physician assistants at Crossroads Care Center. They perform ultrasounds as well as STD testing and treatment at the center and will be offering APR soon.



Pain Control and Decreased Use of Opioids

Nancy Hauff, PhD, MSN, RN, is Board President of Gianna House and is currently a full-time faculty member at the Wayne State University College of Nursing, teaching undergraduate perinatal nursing. In addition, she continues to work as a staff nurse at the DMC Hutzel Women's Hospital.

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A certificate of attendance will be awarded for nurses. The public is welcome.



31st Annual LIFE CHAIN

October 7, 2018 • 2:00 - 3:30 PM*

*unless otherwise noted

Thousands of participants across the United States and Canada will stand on the sidewalks in witness to their commitment to love and protect the preborn and their mothers. LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to be aware and to care. The signs deliver messages that *Abortion Kills Children*, *Adoption is the Loving Option*, *Abortion Hurts Women*, *Pray to End Abortion*, and *Life-The First Inalienable Right*. This peaceful event will provide a visual statement of unity. More information on www.milIFESPAN.org

LIFE CHAIN Locations Sponsored by LIFESPAN (*changes daily* - go to milIFESPAN.org for more locations):

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| ◇ Belleville: Main St. & Five Points | ◇ Redford: Beech Daly & 6 Mile Rd. (Time: 12:00-1:30) |
| ◇ Berkeley: Woodward Ave., between 11 & 12 Mile Rds. | ◇ Roseville: 13 Mile Rd. & Gratiot Ave. |
| ◇ Dearborn: Michigan Ave., west of Schaefer, in front of City Hall | ◇ Sterling Heights: Ryan & 18 Mile Rds. |
| ◇ Dearborn Heights: Ann Arbor Trail & Kinmore St. | ◇ Warren: Ryan Rd. at Frazho Rd. |
| ◇ Dearborn Heights: Telegraph Rd., one block south of Joy Rd. | ◇ Warren: Ryan Rd., btw 10 1/2 & 12 Mile Rds. |
| ◇ Detroit: Gratiot Ave. at 6 Mile Rd. - north to Mapleridge | ◇ Wayne: Michigan Ave., btw 3rd & 4th Streets (Time: 12:30-2:30) |
| ◇ Farmington Hills: 12 Mile, btw Orchard Lake & Farmington Rds. | ◇ Westland: Intersection of Wayne & Warren Rds. |
| ◇ Livonia: Middlebelt Rd., btw Jamison & 6 Mile Rd. | |
| ◇ Marine City: Parker St., in front of the Library | |
| ◇ Novi: Novi & Grand River Rds. | |
| ◇ Plymouth: North Territorial Rd. btw Sheldon & Beck Rds. | |

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us at 734-524-0162 or
mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org**

YES! I want to attend LIFESPAN's Pro-Life Luncheon! Reservations are required by Friday, October 5th.

ALL tickets will be held at the door.

_____ Tickets @ \$25 each (Current LIFESPAN Members)

_____ Tickets @ \$30 each (Non-Members, *Free One Year LIFESPAN Membership Included!*)

_____ Tickets @ \$15 each (students 21 or younger)

_____ I am unable to attend, but please use this donation of \$ _____ to help LIFESPAN in its work.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email(s) _____

If you would like to sit with anyone specific, please send in your registration forms together or list names here; tables seat maximum of 8 people (we will do our best to accommodate seating requests):

Make checks payable to: Right to Life-LIFESPAN Educational Fund

LIFESPAN is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization.

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Educational Center for Life Celebrates Life

By Phyllis Sullivan, Director of ECL

For over 40 years, the Educational Center for Life remained committed in its mission of promoting LIFE from conception until natural death. This was made possible by your financial and prayerful support. There are two special women who made ECL continue until now; they are Linda Seng and Marilyn Schepansky. The three of us will still be involved in different roles but we will never give up on God's plan to protect the vulnerable.

We started small: stuffing envelopes, billboards, conferences, websites to Facebook. Modern technology was part of the reason for us to bid farewell but it does not erase all the good memories and people who worked side by side with us. We are deeply grateful for the opportunities we had to change the hearts and minds of people. We were able to do this with Right to Life-Lifespan, Michigan Nurses for Life, Problem Pregnancy Centers and Students for Life of Michigan. Our hope lies still with these organizations and the passion of the young people making a difference with the challenges of today's society.

My final prayer and wish is that all of you take the time to become involved in any way possible thru activities like 40 Days for Life.

"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying."

- St. John Paul II



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.

1998 - Lack of support, fear and a sense of abandonment are three common motivations for seeking an abortion. We can help.

1999 - If you travel to Westland, Farmington or Twelve Oaks Mall, you will likely pass by one of the local abortion clinics. Please pray for those in the clinics.

2000 - The FDA approves the drug: RU-486, commonly known as the "morning after pill". First trimester abortions increase dramatically after this year though the use of this drug.

2001 - May God richly bless those women and families who co-operate with God's life-giving work through adoption and foster care.

2002 - The Born-Alive Infants Protection Act was signed into law by then President George W. Bush. It asserts the human rights of infants born after a failed attempt to induce abortion.



Our **Kroger Community Awards** number has changed. It is now **UC352**. The previous number (83138) will continue to be associated with LIFESPAN. Current supporters **DO NOT** have to do anything! New members: you can

enroll by searching for either the **new number (UC352)** or the **name of our organization: Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund**. Questions? Call us at: 734.524.0162.

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Pro-Life Dr. Jérôme Lejeune, Who Discovered Down Syndrome, Describes Unborn Babies in an Amazing Way

By Dave Andrusko

Although it's now almost two decades back, I confess I did not know nearly as much as I should have about Dr. Jérôme Lejeune until he testified in *Davis v. Davis*, a 1989 custody dispute involving seven human embryos who had not been implanted and were in a frozen condition.

I knew he had discovered the genetic cause of Down syndrome in 1958. And I knew he was fiercely pro-life and the recipient of numerous awards from presidents and popes.

But it wasn't until I read everything I possibly could about the Tennessee trial that pitted Mary Sue David against her soon to be ex-husband Junior Lewis David that I came to understand how brilliantly persuasive Dr. Lejeune could be.

Testifying as an expert witness, he described these little one as "tiny human beings deprived of time." He drew brilliant analogies and metaphors. My favorite was the cassette (remember, this is 1989):

"Now, chromosomes are a long thread of DNA in which information is written. They are coiled very tightly on the chromosomes, and, in fact, a chromosome is very comparable to a mini-cassette, in which a symphony is written, the symphony of life. Now, exactly as if you go and buy a cartridge on which the *Kleine Nachtmusik* from Mozart has been registered, if you put it in a normal recorder, the musician would not be reproduced, the notes of music will not be reproduced, they are not there; what would be reproduced is the movement of air which transmits to you the genius of Mozart.

It's exactly the same way that life is played. On the tiny mini-cassettes which are our chromosomes are written various parts of the opus which is for human symphony, and as soon as all the information necessary and sufficient to spell out the whole symphony, this symphony plays itself, that is, a new man is beginning his career."

By the end of the trial, Judge W. Dale Young concluded, "Cryogenically preserved embryos are human beings.... Human embryos are not property. Human life begins at conception. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have produced human beings, in vitro, to be known as their child or children."

There is a very brief (2:41 second long) video which highlights the life and work of Dr. Lejeune found on YouTube.



It offers a touching introduction and includes at the bottom information about how to learn more about this geneticist (www.friendsoflejeune.org and www.lejeuneusa.org).

Do yourself a favor and learn about a great man who encapsulated a profound truism in three sentences: "After fertilization has taken place a new human being has come into being. [It] is no longer a matter of taste or opinion...it is plain experimental evidence. Each individual has a very neat beginning, at conception."

- *LifeNews.com*, July 17, 2018

PRO-LIFE Events

Save the Dates!

"Movement in Motion" Bus Trip Registration

September 1st - October 15th

National Day of Remembrance

Saturday, September 8th

MNFL Conference

Saturday, September 15th

Walk for Life

Sunday, September 16th

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 7th

Pro-Life Luncheon

Saturday, October 13th

Walk For Life

WHEN: **Sunday, September 16, 2018**

TIME: **1:30 – 3:00 PM**

WHERE: **Sumac Pointe Pavilion**

37401 Hines Drive

Edward Hines Park

Livonia

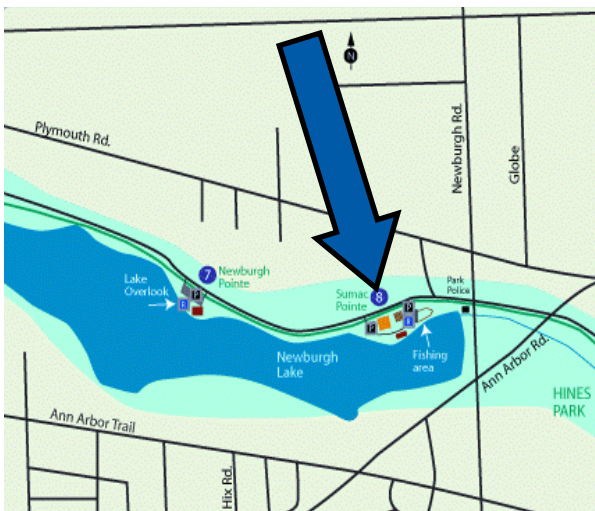
The **Walk for Life** is an easy way for people of all ages to get involved by actively demonstrating support for the **Sanctity of Human Life across the lifespan** and a desire to make a difference in the lives of women and their babies. It will take less than 90 minutes of your time, but its effect could literally last a lifetime!

Put your feet to your pro-life convictions and **Walk for Life**; you will directly **help LIFESPAN** advance its mission to impact and transform people with the love of life from conception until natural death.

Start collecting pledges of support from friends and family NOW!

Pledge forms are available at our office or at www.miLIFESPAN.org.

We are a 501(c)3 organization & all donations are tax deductible!



- Completed pledge forms get you a t-shirt which is available at the Walk. **T-shirts run from adult small to adult 3X-large**
- **If pledges are collected, a minimum of \$20 is needed for registration.**
- **Additional pledges may be sent in after the Walk for Life.**
- A **Walk for Life** pin to walkers who bring in \$100 or more in pledges.
- Two Tickets to LIFESPAN's Fall Sign Painting Party to each of the first two walkers who collect the most pledges (above \$150), received by LIFESPAN by **October 5, 2018.**

Questions: Call 734.422.6230

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LIFESPAN Chapter News

White Cross Coordinator

As mentioned before, our previous coordinator has moved out of the state and we need someone who can take her place. This is an opportunity for ANYONE who would like to help, not just someone from the Oakland/Macomb Chapter.

The coordinator creates and maintains the schedule for the cross display. He or she would receive a call from some group that wants to display the crosses (churches and groups find out about the display through our newsletter, seeing the crosses, and previous usage). A date is determined (between April & November) and the coordinator sends out the informational packet to the group and the group is placed on the schedule.

The coordinator keeps in touch with the group so everyone is kept "in the loop" as to when and where crosses are being displayed.

There is no need for the coordinator to travel to or from various sites. Pickup and delivery for the crosses is handled by the groups displaying them.

The directions for the display are sent to each group along with a request to call the coordinator if the display is damaged or needs repair. The

coordinator then lets the Oakland/Macomb office know of any problems.

Updates to the schedule are regularly sent to the Oakland/Macomb office by the coordinator.



So, the time commitment is approximately 2 - 3 hours per month, with most activity taking place from April to November.

Please think about this. We really need the help and it is a great way to be involved without having to come into one of our offices.

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Diane Trombley, Director

Lynn Gura, Ofc. Staff & Youth Director

Walk For Life



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Sunday, September 16, 2018 • 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Sumac Pointe, Edward Hines Drive, Livonia

SAVE AND SUPPORT!

It's time to SAVE! The 2019 Entertainment Books are at the Wayne County Chapter, NOW!



As a special bonus, when you pay your \$30, you will also receive the 2018 Entertainment Book which is good until December 30, 2018. That is TWO books for the price of one! Supplies of the 2018 Books are limited and are given out on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Hope, Healing, Forgiveness

Mark your calendars, fill out your registration form & reserve your tables at the annual **Pro-Life Luncheon**

of LIFESPAN on **Saturday, October 13th**. Women who have abortions are hurt--physically, mentally, psychologically. We can't forget about them and their pain. There are very few, if any, women who have an abortion and come to the decision with a clear mind. Most women are bullied and/or threatened into an abortion or given inaccurate information; women don't really choose to kill their baby. Women are left with incredible guilt, anger and grief. As pro-life people, we need to support women that have been betrayed. For women who have been suffering -- there is hope, healing and forgiveness. Come to our luncheon for great food, fellowship and learning!

Christmas Cards

It may seem too early to even think about Christmas, but we are ordering cards right now! They will be in our office and in local businesses, churches and faith organizations in October. Send a card that will mean so much to the people you care about, support LIFE and the work of LIFESPAN.

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Wee Care

Aah, September -
School clothes and supplies bought -
New lunch boxes packed -
College kids in overstuffed cars off to new adventures -
And tearful and smiling moms and dads waving goodbye
(from kindergarten to college!).

And what does this all have to do with Wee Care? Well, with the new school year, there are always opportunities for students to help our babies or learn about the precious gift of life.

Depending on the age of the student, there are resources available to them. Some schools from Junior High to College have Pro-life clubs to join. Some students need brochures and information to write reports. Some schools ask to borrow the fetal models for their health, science or religion classes. Some teachers request a speaker to visit and speak on the children's level. Some students volunteer at our offices to fulfill community service or required Confirmation hours. And for

the little ones - some teachers plan now for a Christmas project - having their tiny students donate soft blankets or cuddly stuffed animals for babies who don't have them.

And mom (and dads), if you have spare time (yeah, right!) but even an hour a week/a month and would like to help at one of our offices, our events or at Wee Care - please call us! Whether garage sale shopping, crocheting an afghan, sorting baby clothes, helping with a mailing, organizing a baby supplies collection, transporting items from one office to another, attending our Walk for Life - there is always something to do and we would love to meet you!

So, with all that said, enjoy Fall - the beautiful leaves, the crisp air, the promise of new beginnings. Know that we are here and have been for almost 50 years - spreading the pro-life message and helping our precious babies!

God bless you & all the students (big & small) returning to school!

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.



Youth Report

Hello all young people, parents, teachers, principals, youth directors and others who work with young people!

We hope you have enjoyed a great month of August!

We have been very busy this past month with planning and organizing several Pro-Life activities/events you can be a part of this fall season (see other pages for details)!

One thing I want to focus on in this section is the 2019 "Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip to DC in January. You will see a flier included in this Newsletter. We are excited to offer this Youth Bus Trip to all young people, parents, and those who work with young people! So far, we have six groups (representing high schools and faith communities) planning on joining us in 2019. There is room for more! We have eight buses assigned to our group = 450 people! And, the itinerary includes the big

event - **MARCH FOR LIFE** - then on the day after the event, the LIFESPAN group will take part in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery to honor our brave men and women who have served and are currently serving our military so that our country stays safe and we continue to have the right and freedom to attend the annual March for Life!

If you want further information about the trip or you want to receive the Bus Trip Registration Forms, please contact Anne Marie Morin or Lynn Gura. **Note: Registration ends October 15th.**

Hope you can join us at some or all of the activities/events that are happening!

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Lynn Gura, Director & Anne Marie Morin, Assoc. Director

The Pro-Life Movement is Winning the Abortion Battle. Here are 13 Reasons Why

By Brad Mattes

This is a joyful time to be an advocate for unborn babies and their mothers.

We have a pro-life President in the White House and are on the cusp of confirming a Supreme Court nominee who could tip the scales of the court in favor of LIFE.

How have we come this far? The evidence shows we are changing history!

There's sound justification for optimism because there are multiple reasons why we're winning the battle to end legal abortion in America.

We're on the second generation of Americans whose first baby picture was taken by **ultrasound**. These adorable images and videos have been shared with grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and coworkers. They are displayed on smart phones, key chains, refrigerators and in work cubicles. They've been shared through emails, texts, websites and a seemingly infinite number of social media outlets.

Each one unmistakably declares the beauty and humanity of the unborn child.

The wounded – both mothers and fathers – who have experienced abortion are now some of our best ambassadors on behalf of the babies.

The number of **former abortion industry workers** is also growing. Sharing their stories is changing hearts among their former peers and the public at large.

The pro-life movement has become a polished and highly effective **grassroots** network of local chapters, state organizations, national and international entities that work tirelessly to defend the defenseless. It has also branched out into specialized organizations that reach niche constituencies like teachers, physicians and lawyers. Its diverse breadth represents people of all walks of life including different ethnic, economic or political and faith-based or secular backgrounds.

An expansive network of pro-life **community health centers** offering free resources, medical services, mentoring, job training and a multitude of empowering assistance help young women and men choose life during an unexpected pregnancy.

The explosive growth of **new technology** has given us websites, email, Wi-Fi, texting, and social media that enable us to do an end-run around the biased media and permeate society with the truth about abortion and its alternatives. Tools like smart phones and iPads put video and instant communication at our fingertips 24/7 wherever we go. This allows us to educate, motivate and mobilize pro-

lifers in real time.

Digitalized pro-life data and persuasive content are now available around the world to anyone with basic technology. One of our four websites has over 5,000 pages of easy-to-use educational information from fertilization to euthanasia.

America's **next generation** is more pro-life than their parents and demonstrate boundless enthusiasm, boldness and a passion for justice for the babies and their moms. The annual March for Life in Washington, DC consistently attracts over 100,000 participants, an easy two-thirds 25 or younger.

The movement includes **Blacks and Hispanic/Latinos** who, among other things, help expose Planned Parenthood's agenda of targeting minorities and the disadvantaged.

Adoption, traditionally closed and secret, now includes a totally open process or anything in-between. This gives birth mothers a higher comfort level and a plethora of choices available which makes adoption both more appealing and a more viable option to an unexpected pregnancy.

Advancements in political advocacy have resulted in the **election** of a precedent-setting number of pro-life candidates to school boards, city councils, state legislatures, governors, Congress and the White House.

As a result, hundreds of pieces of pro-life **legislation** have passed in states, a compelling factor in reducing the number of abortions to less than any time since *Roe v. Wade*.

These advancements are undergirded by pro-life **education**, the foundation on which we build pro-life victories. It is responsible for lighting a fire of passion in individuals around the world; enabling elected officials to thrive in the face of withering pro-abortion opposition; and empowering women and men to say no to abortion. It changes hearts and minds of millions of Americans, many who participate in and financially support the movement.

Be encouraged! The cause for LIFE is making dramatic progress.

- LifeNews.com, July 26, 2018

LAST CHANCE!

LIFESPAN Annual Meeting with the Board

All are welcome!

Come to see how your **LIFESPAN** is doing!

Friday, September 7th at 10:00 am

@ 1637 W. Big Beaver, Ste. G. Troy, MI 48084

Please RSVP at 734.524.0162 .

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Fox News Sunday had a very inspiring story of a young man with Down Syndrome, who, along with his father, started "John's Crazy Socks". Just go to YouTube, search 'John's Crazy Sox's: Spreading hope through socks'. The idea behind this company was John's. The encouragement from his supportive and loving father, Mark Cronin, made his business a success. Today John's Crazy Socks is a million dollar a year company. It hires people with special needs and give 5% of all profit to charity with 2% going to Down Syndrome organizations.

That same hour they had a program on what triggers some college students to be disruptive on college campuses, and how to get others to not use any triggers around them. What a bunch of hog wash! We have John who has all kind of challenges yet perseveres because he wants to contribute to society. Then we have those pampered college students who have normal IQ (the question is: what is normal), but do not think for themselves because of their pack mentality. It seems their goals are not to do anything productive just destructive. These snowflakes want everything given to them - they seem to think society owes them. After seeing these two stories side-by-side, I question what it means to be classified as "normal"? So many in our world today are destroyed by abortion because they are considered "abnormal". We have become a society of people who kill children in the womb (especially Down Syndrome people) when it is determined they are not physical or mentally "normal". The nation has accepted that people with disabilities would be better off just not being born. Who are we to say who should live and who should die? John is an example that with love, care, and support, one can live a productive life. So, I ponder the question "what is normal"? Is it the college students who tear down society or is it John that contributes to building up society? Yes, it is something to

ponder.

Yes, society has been given the lie and has accepted it that those with disabilities in the womb should be destroyed because they could not contribute to improving our Society. I remind you of Iceland bragging about no longer having any Down Syndrome children being born. This is just wrong. For them to expound on their good fortune make you wonder who else are they killing to save money?

When we fight for the "Right to Life," we fight for all those who are threatened; the pre-born and the born. Many times we ask, what can I do? On this subject, I encourage you to make a donation to Dr. Jerome Lejeune Foundation or any other organization that supports Down Syndrome research (which does not include abortion). You can research this foundation just by googling his name. Discourage your family and friends from giving to the March of Dimes or any other organization who encourages genetic testing and then encourages abortion for those children in the womb who have an anomaly. For many years, LIFESPAN has been speaking out against organizations like the MOD and has received criticism for doing so. But speak out we must. One does not have to be perfect to have a Right to Life.

My congratulations to John, his dad Mark, and "Johns Crazy Socks" for their positive and worthwhile business practices that promotes a great product as well as the worth of every human being. May God continue to bless their work. Oh yes, and buy some socks, I did.

— Diane Fagelman,
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Youth Report

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P.S. Be on the lookout in October at local theaters for a movie called "Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer". This movie tells the true story about abortionist Kermit Gosnell. Go to www.gosnellmovie.com for further details. *If you didn't hear anything about him or his trial or the outcome, it's because most media sources did not cover anything about it. That's why this movie is so important!*

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.

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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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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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, College Students,
and adults who are chaperoning**



Registration is: September 1st through October 15th

Pricing is \$165-\$185

(dependent on the itinerary)

Included: lodging, some meals and a 2019
commemorative **red LIFESPAN scarf.**

For more information: 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 wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org

Admit One

We are requesting White House
tickets for Saturday and will need to
submit names of all who register.

*Please note late registrants will not
be able to participate with the
White House Tours.*

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