



# LIFESPAN

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## *Right to Life – LIFESPAN's* **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Shower**

**Sunday, March 10, 2019\***

(\*unless different date noted)

Benefits local Pregnancy Help Centers



Baby showers will be held at the following locations. Bring new or gently used baby items.

**More locations are added almost daily!!! Visit [miLIFESPAN.org](http://miLIFESPAN.org) for updates!**

For more information, call Right to Life - LIFESPAN at 734.524.0162

### **In alphabetical order by City:**

Sacred Heart of the Hills, **Auburn Hills**

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, **Beverly Hills**

*Weekend of March 2nd - 3rd*

St. Hugo of the Hills, **Bloomfield Hills**

Resurrection, **Canton**

*Weekends from March 2nd - 10th*

St. John Neumann, **Canton**

Guardian Angels, **Clawson**

Church of the Divine Child, **Dearborn**

*Weekends from March 2nd - 10th*

St. Alphonsus - St. Clement, **Dearborn**

St. Anselm, **Dearborn Heights**

St. Sabina, **Dearborn Heights**

*Weekend of March 9th & 10th*

St. Gerald, **Farmington**

*Weekend of March 16th & 17th*

St. Thomas the Apostle, **Garden City**

Christ Our Savior, **Livonia**

*Diaper Drive: January 2019*

St. Edith, **Livonia**

St. Michael, **Livonia**

St. Rafka, **Livonia**

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Snows, **Milford**

St. Stephen, **New Boston**

Our Lady of Victory, **Northville**

Our Lady of Refuge, **Orchard Lake**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, **Plymouth**

St. Kenneth, **Plymouth**

*Weekends from March 23rd - April 7th*

Our Lady of Loretto, **Redford**

*Weekends from March 2nd - 10th*

St. Valentine, **Redford**

St. Andrew, **Rochester**

*Weekend of March 2nd - 3rd*

Ss. Cyril & Methodius, **Sterling Heights**

*Drop-Off on March 16th & 17th*

*Traditional Shower: Sunday, March 17th*

*after 9:30 am Mass*

St. Jane Francis de Chantal, **Sterling Heights**

Christ Our Light, **Troy**

*Traditional Shower: Sunday, May 19th -*

*Time: TBD*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, **Troy**

St. Thomas More, **Troy**

*Weekend of March 9th & 10th*

Ss. Simon & Jude, **Westland**

*Traditional Shower: Sunday, March 10th*

*from 1:00 - 3:00 pm*

*Choose a location near you, drop off some new (or clean, gently used items) and help our local moms and their babies. Sometimes, just knowing that there are resources available through local pregnancy help centers means the difference between aborting a baby and giving a baby LIFE!*

# What If They Were Toddlers?

By Brian Fisher

**O**n January 22 every year, we memorialize the darkest day in American history, when *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* were handed down. On that day, the Supreme Court heinously struck down preborn human protections in all 50 states, ushering in a new culture of abortion and death in America. Certainly, there were abortions prior to *Roe*. But no one could have predicted 61 million deaths and a growing cultural narcissism and hatred of preborn children that has divided our nation ever since.

New York court celebrates the impending deaths of full-term babies and I'm sure no one at that time predicted that, 46 years later, New York would gleefully celebrate the impending deaths of *full-term preborn babies*. The fact is that New York was not the first but the 8th state to remove protections for third trimester preborn children. In addition to the District of Columbia, children can be aborted until birth in Alaska, Colorado, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, and Vermont.

For every victory the pro-life movement celebrates, it seems, we are met with a blow from the culture of death

## This is not healthcare

While the blood of our children flows down into drains and sinks, the media uplifts the so-called "right to choose," now shrewdly positioned as women's healthcare. Imagine that – "healthcare" now includes helping mothers kill their own innocent babies all the way to birth. Too many in our nation no longer remember or care who Hippocrates is, or what his commitment to do *no harm* was.

## The zygote should have value

In the midst of this tumult, it's important to take a step back and remember the simplicity of what we believe as a pro-life community. **The pro-life ethic can be distilled to this: the zygote has the same value as the adult. And because both preborn and born are equal in value, we should treat them the same.**

We are equally valuable because we are human – our humanity is both our lowest and highest common denominator. There are no other valuation factors. We don't devalue our fellow humans based on race, color, creed, gender, size, healthiness, level of development, location, degree of dependency, disability, emotional attachment or detachment, or circumstances of conception. Because we value each other only due to our common humanity, we extend rights, securities, and privileges to each other, including the fundamental right to live. That is the heart of the pro-life ethic – we all deserve to live and thrive because we are human, full stop.



## Why are kindergartners valued more than the preborn

The challenge we must address today is whether that belief aligns with our behavior as a pro-life people. If the zygote does indeed have the same value as the born human, then we should expect ourselves to treat the preborn the same way we treat a 5-year-old kindergarten student. **If 3,000 kindergartners were being slaughtered on playgrounds across America every day, would your response and mine be any different than to those 3,000 children being aborted each day in our country?**

It's an unsettling question because, if we are really honest, we all would admit our response would be different.

We can see and relate to elementary school kids. We would all be appalled and deeply distressed if we saw such atrocities on television. We feel emotionally attached to the school age children.

However, because we can't see, touch or relate to an embryo, we have little emotional attachment, unless the fetus is a member of our family or someone close to us. Furthermore, the media has willfully censored attempts to display or discuss the gruesome and brutal act of abortion. It's been sanitized and euphemized to the extent that one must go out of his way to see the truth and give the barbaric procedures a second thought. And barbaric they are!

The pro-lifer, however, rejects emotional attachment as a valuation factor. A stranger's preborn daughter is as intrinsically valuable as we are regardless of how we feel about her – and thus she is worthy of our protection and our help. The confusing logic of abortion is that no one can explain why the preborn child deserves less protection than any other human being. **Would New York's abortion activists be cheering the RHA if it gave parents the right to kill their preschoolers?**

## A Fatal Flaw in the Pro-Life Movement

I have volunteered and served in the pro-life effort for over 20 years. And while I am honored and privileged to do so, I am increasingly aware of a fatal flaw in our

movement — one that must be rooted out and rejected if we are to finally end the killing.

That flaw is this: We ask for and accept far too little of ourselves, our churches, and our government in the face of three thousand senseless slaughters a day.

To some this may be an offensive and stinging indictment. After all, many of us have worked to end abortion for decades. But we must ask ourselves why, after 46 years, are 1 million children still dying in abortions each year? How have our actions aligned with our beliefs?

It is good and right to celebrate pro-life laws and policies. A 20-week ban saves lives, no question. Not funding abortions abroad is a good and just policy. Giving proper burials to aborted babies is an honorable and necessary thing to do. And those who fought for these victories should be commended for their compassionate and committed efforts.

However, let's presume for a moment that we lived in a population control-obsessed dystopian society that permitted killing children up to 5 years old for any reason. If a politician introduced legislation that banned such killing after 2 ½ years, what would our response be? Would we as a pro-life movement trumpet such legislation as a victory, or would we be daily and aggressively demanding that all children be protected? Would we not be engaged in all types of rescue operations, finding and saving killable children from slaughter and families from grief and suffering? Would we fill our politicians' offices every waking moment of every day, passionately demanding they truly stand for children and families and stop those institutions that were killing them?

### **The Church has a role**

If we lived in such a toddler-killing society, would we be satisfied with one sermon per year on the injustice, or would we expect our churches to take a leading role in ending the slaughter? Would we, as laypeople, demand that our church leaders preach, teach, and find ways of being directly involved in the rescue operations for the children? And if we came across a pastor or priest who maintained that he and other church leaders were "too busy" with capital campaigns, homeless work, and pre-marital counseling to be involved in rescuing children, would we not think them horribly, morally inept?

And if the political leaders of our dystopian society implemented policy that protected a few children at home and abroad, but one million toddlers were still being slaughtered every year, on our own soil, how would we respond? Would we celebrate such a "pro-life" administration for its achievements, or would we rise up and demand that a government that claims to be pro-life work aggressively, immediately, and effectively to rescue all one

million toddlers – right now? Would anything else matter to us until this injustice was addressed?

If the leading cause of death in our dystopian society were the slaughter of toddlers, would we not behave urgently, passionately, and without excuse in order to protect our children and families? Surely the overwhelming majority of Americans would do just that. And we would demand our churches and the government do the same – we would accept nothing less.

**Sadly, we do live in this population-control-obsessed dystopian society where the leading cause of death is the killing of our children.** But because the victims are smaller, unseen, and unable to raise their voices in their own defense, we forget about them, ignore them, discriminate against them, devalue them, and go about our busy lives, as if the genocide isn't happening in our communities.

And we do the same to their mothers.

We sit in strategic planning meetings and political listening sessions. We write long praises and articles about this court decision or this small pro-life legislative win. Our churches give \$100 a month to a local pregnancy center and perhaps preach once a year about abortion on Sanctity of Life Sunday. The majority of "pro-life" politicians make promises in our eager ears, and then move to D.C. and fail to stop our tax dollars from funding the nation's largest serial killer.

We should take some comfort in small victories. We should praise those few in number who fight to rescue children and families. And we should march.

### **We must repent**

But we should also repent. And we should, in quiet moments of silence, contemplate our current behavior compared to how we might behave if toddlers were being slaughtered on playgrounds across the country. And then we should, with somber and sober hearts, ask ourselves this question: *Am I really pro-life?*

- HumanCoalition.org, January 2019

## **Treasurer Wanted**

*Do you want to do more in the Pro-Life Movement?  
Do you love working with numbers and QuickBooks?  
Do we have the job for you!*

*We are looking for a Treasurer for the Wayne County chapter in Livonia. This is a volunteer position. Please contact the Wayne County office at 734-422-6230 for more information.*

## 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
- Restaurant Gift Cards (Red Lobster, Applebee's, etc.)
- Sporting Event Tickets
- Specialty/Department Store Gift Cards
- Golf Packages
- Family-Friendly places to visit
- Movie Packages

## Celebration of Life Dinner & Silent Auction

*Tuesday, May 7, 2019*

*San Marino Club*

*1685 East Big Beaver Road*

*Troy, Michigan*



★ *Silent Auction begins at 5:30 pm*

★ *Dinner served at 7:15 pm*

What a great Mother's Day GIFT... Bring your mom to our Celebration of Life dinner.

**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](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org)*



## Let's Continue our Walk!

The ruling body in Ireland had passed the most liberal abortion measure imaginable. No exceptions for parental consent, no waiting periods, no time limit, no exception for fetal pain, no informed consent requirement, no reasonable restrictive measure that might protect the woman. Just abortion on demand paid with government money

The quote below is from the Pro-Life Campaign of Ireland. One can hear the sorrow and grief in the words:

*"The Pro-Life Campaign assured pro-lifers across the world they would absolutely not lose heart.*

*We extend our compassion not just to the unborn and the rights of mothers. We extend it to all those blinded by the pervasive and triumphalist logic of abortion 'rights' and a system that ignores the reality of the unborn child and whose only message to women in crisis is to end the life of their children in the womb. ...*

*Our work continues but it is different. Join us and we will walk to that new dawn together."*

We must continue our walk as well - until all Life is respected & protected from conception until natural death.



- Diane Trombley, Oak/Mac County Director

## LIGHTS FOR LIFE

### *Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational*

*Continued from January 2019 LIFESPAN News*

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Ronald S. Albers, given by Eileen Albers ★ Walter Siegmon, given by Annette Siegmon ★ Arthur Zucal, given by Maureen Zucal ★ Clement & Marie Schenk, Paula Noe, Samuel & Wilda Yakish, given by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Schenk ★ Lillian Witmer, Catherine & Carroll Boteler, given by Dennis & Patricia Whitmer ★ Jennifer M. Wiggins, given by Michael Wiggins & Maria Putt ★ Marilyn Fryling, given by Anne Marie Morin

#### IN HONOR OF:

Friends of Life, Mr. & Mrs. Michael F. De Petris



*Editor's Note: The brief item "A Christmas Pageant" in our January Newsletter was attributed to Susan Dixon. This is incorrect. The author is unknown to us. We regret this error.*

## Pro-Life Events 2019

**LIFESPAN Baby Shower:** Sunday, March 10th

**Be the Change Training:** Saturday, March 16th

**LIFESPAN Annual Dinner:** Tuesday, May 7th



## Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

# RESOURCE BOOK 2019

### 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

Deadline for submission is **Friday, March 22, 2019.**

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  
(5 x 7)  
\$175

- 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](mailto: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](http://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 2019 Annual LIFESPAN Dinner on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 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 2019 LIFESPAN Resource Book.

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

**Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund**

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# 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 2019. **Photo Ads are tax-deductible!** Fill out the form for photo ads below and send \$45 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 48150-4305**. All picture ads must be received by **March 22, 2019**. 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](mailto: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 2019 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 2019 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 2019. **Patron Ads are tax-deductible; make checks payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund**. Deadline for submission is **March 22, 2019**.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Visit [miLIFESPAN.org/donate](http://miLIFESPAN.org/donate), call the Main Office to use a Credit Card or mail checks payable to:

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# March for Life 2019

*"It was phenomenal! I had a great time! My favorite weekend of the year!"*

*- Anjelina (student)*



*"I had an amazing first time and was awestruck to see how many people were there! And, I think that this is truly a cause worth fighting for! I was glad to be a part of it!"*

*- Gina (student)*



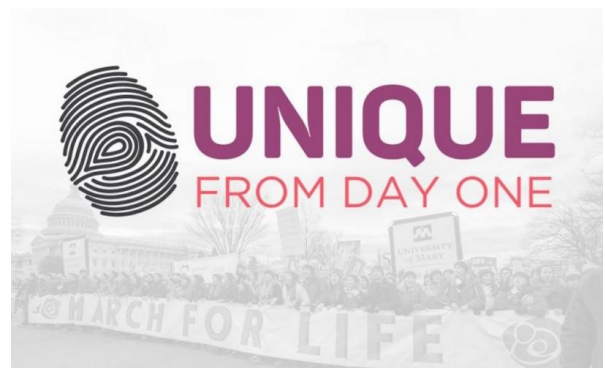
*"This is my 4th time on the March and I love it every time I go! It's just a great experience that I think everyone who is pro-life should experience! Just to get together with 500,000 or so Marchers is great (although hectic!) LOL!"*

*- Laura (young adult chaperone)*



*"March for Life 2019 was a fantastic March! Seeing hundreds of thousands of people all singing and praying to end abortion is truly inspiring to do more and know that I am not alone in this fight!"*

*- Anonymous*







*"The Pro-Life March gave me the opportunity to share my thoughts and feelings with my youngest daughters (12 and 14) about the defense of Life. It was a great family experience!"*

*- Elsa (mom and chaperone)*

*"I was thankful for the weather that held up for us during the March. It moved me to see so much support for Life, but I agreed with one person's sign that read "I can't believe we are still marching for this!"*

*- Anonymous*

*\*Youth Director's note: I have a lot of hope that in our younger generations life time, change will happen and they will go to DC one day to celebrate the reversal of Roe v. Wade/Doe v. Bolton! The younger generation is for sure more pro-life than the generation before it!*



*"So impressed with the energy and the presence of the youth at the March! This display of conviction for our young heroes is what will inspire the next generation of pro-life leaders. This is such a blessing to witness! God bless all of those who made this trip possible!"*

*- Tom (dad and chaperone)*



*"This being my first time going to the March, it was very moving to see the mass of people in support of Life!"*

*- Chris (dad and chaperone)*

**Check out our social media outlets for more pictures and follow us for future uploads!**



**#miLIFESPAN**

If you have pictures from the March for Life that you would like to share with us, please send them to [youth@miLIFESPAN.org](mailto:youth@miLIFESPAN.org).

# LIFESPAN Chapter News

## The Tipping Point

The Tipping Point is defined as the critical mass, the threshold, the boiling point of an action or a concept. The action taken by the legislators in New York may just be the tipping point for the abortion issue. Allowing abortion up to the moment of delivery (that is not hyperbole—it is fact) for no reason (that is truth also—leaving the word “health” undefined in the legislation gives license to do whatever one pleases) and then cheering about it in the legislative chamber has sickened even those who support abortion. The words barbaric, inhumane, disgusting, sickening, and many others have been used to characterize injecting the baby with a drug to cause its death and then delivering—what other word could be used—a dead baby. Right now, New York is getting all the attention, but that is not the only state that allows very late term abortion. Vermont and New Mexico are considering similar legislation. Massachusetts has the same “health” exception as New York. If this is YOUR tipping point, it is time to stand up and be counted. Study the New York law and then let your friends and family know how far things have come. We can be the tipping point that finally makes known

what abortion really is—the killing of innocent human life.

## Why a law like New York's??

There is a rush to enact laws similar to New York's because abortion supporters fear that the Supreme Court may overturn Roe v Wade. In that event, the power to regulate abortion would be returned to the states, and each state would determine its own laws on abortion. It appears that this abortion minded states want to “get ahead of the curve” and have laws already allowing abortion at any time for any or no reason already in place.

## Our Bus Trip

*“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.”* That sentence is generally aimed at our mail carriers, but we can “steal” it and apply it to our bus trip.

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Diane Trombley, Director

Lynn Gura, Ofc. Staff & Youth Director

## Luminary Memorial

A LARGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our annual Luminary Memorial January 21-22. I would like to give special thanks for all the volunteers who distributed the kits and those who put the 2,000 kits together. Please, if you did not participate this year or you have not in a few years, consider doing so next year to help celebrate LIFESPAN'S 50th year. Light up the neighborhoods and show your support for the little ones.

## Help LIFESPAN Educational Fund

We are in need of more ads for our resource book this year. This is a major fundraising for us every year and helps us fund many of our programs throughout the year. Please ask anyone you know who might own a business that would consider taking an ad. Family members, doctors, dentists, your church, Knights of Columbus, Alter Society, any help will be greatly appreciated. If you had an ad last year, maybe you could get one more for this year. You can find the contracts on page 6 and 7. Thank You for all you do for LIFESPAN and the pre-born.

## Animal Protection more than Life of a Human

Do you know in the US, animal have more protection then humans: the laws protecting animals can be enacted and enforced at every level of the government?

Most animal protection legislation happens at the state level. There are also a handful of federal animal protection laws. Additionally, some cities and counties pass ordinances to protect animals, not the pre-born. Just this week in New York, the Governor signed a bill making it legal to kill the baby up to birth. This alone is why it is critically important to continue to advocate for the human pre-born with our lawmakers in all government bodies. As we all know, each of us has the power to help. Humanity keeps being attacked day in and day out. We must STOP THIS LATE TERM ABORTION! It is going to spread like California fires. Please Keep Praying!

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Gary Radomski, Director

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





## Wee Care



February - a month filled with heart-shaped candy, heart-shaped cards and so many expressions of love. It also reminds us of a variety of hearts - the Heavy, the Racing, the Broken, the Giving and the Loving.

We speak with many moms with heavy hearts. Some have been abused. Some have been abandoned. Some have no one to love them.

We speak with many moms with racing hearts. They are terrified. How will they provide for their newborns?

We speak with many moms with broken hearts. Some yearn for the baby they aborted. Some are facing giving up their baby to be adopted.

We speak with many, many caring people with giving hearts. It is the people who give, who bring joy and love to those with heavy hearts. It is they who calm a racing heart when they give clothing, blankets, diapers and desperately needed supplies to a worried mom. It is they who give, who make it possible for us to be here for the broken hearted; to refer people to post abortion counseling; to caring adoption centers; to experts in housing, health care and food sources.

And finally, we speak with many moms with loving hearts. And it is because of you! Because of the supplies you give, the messages of love and hope they receive, and

the prayers that you say - many of our moms can experience a loving heart - unburdened by their fears, their anxieties, and their hopelessness. They instead can feel the pure and incomparable love between a mother and her child. As one mom said, "I never knew how much love my heart could hold until my baby was placed in my arms."

Thank you for touching so many lives and making Wee Care possible!

May your Valentine's Day be filled with a full heart - with hugs and kisses - and of course, with chocolate!

Love, Karen

P.S. A special "Welcome Aboard" to Gary, the new Wayne County Director! We are so excited to have you join us and look forward to working together as we share our pro-life message!

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## Youth Report

### A Huge Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and financial support to our Youth so they could travel to Washington, DC for the 46th annual March for Life through Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Movement in Motion!

One of our young adults, Auggi, so eloquently spoke about her experience on the Bus Trip this year:

*I was once told "stop blending in, start speaking out, don't miss your opportunity". One day, I hope that people will stop blending in and join us on speaking out about ending abortion. No matter how long it takes, I will keep marching through*

*rain, snow, warmth, cold, etc. We are the movement and we will abolish abortion along with all its false information. Every year, I get stronger, wiser, older, but that will not stop me from continuing on going. I pray that my generation will be the ones who finally get rid of Roe v. Wade. The world knows how much of us March and believes that abortion needs to stop, but as much as I have passion, only God really know the future. Until then, I will continue to March and be a part of these trips.*

We are thrilled to share more quotes from our Marchers and pictures from the trip on pages 8 & 9! Keep an eye out for our next Newsletter update, we'll have more about the March and upcoming youth events!



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# Empire State of Mind

By Tony Perkins

**I**t should have been blood red, like a warning. Crimson, like a siren -- or STOP. Instead, the spire of New York's One World Trade Center was lit up in it's-a-girl pink, a 408-foot reminder that the law it celebrated will mean fewer daughters, fewer mothers, fewer chances. From miles away on Wednesday night, people could see the tower flashing in the dark sky, announcing the arrival of a new evil in the war against America's children.

On the streets below, some New Yorkers shuddered. It was one thing for state leaders to carry out their threat against the unborn, and another thing altogether to revel in it -- cheering wildly as Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) signed the warrant for the execution of more innocents. In a state where the womb was already the most dangerous place for a child, this law begins a new era. Open season on our own. From now on, nothing stands in the way of a woman taking her baby's life -- days, hours, or even a minute before she's born. A fully grown, healthy human baby that thousands of struggling couples would give anything to have.

That's the savagery New York leaders call "progress." That's the "achievement" Cuomo turned into a pink beacon, shining "a bright light forward for the rest of the nation to follow."

Call it health care, call it a reproductive right -- call it choice. But whatever you call it, abortion has just massively expanded its target zone in New York State. Under the Reproductive Health Act, late-term abortion is the new normal. And where there's late-term abortion, there's almost always infanticide. This law guarantees it, sweeping away a large chunk of the penal codes that protected abortion survivors. Thanks to this Act, Kermit Gosnell, and his bloodstained, cat-infested, third-world excuse for a clinic, would be untouchable. The Resurgent's Stacey Lennox puts that into its gruesome context. "For those of you who saw the movie [Gosnell], Baby B would not be considered a victim."

"Person," as far as this law is concerned, means a human being who has been born and is alive. Not a second before, and maybe -- without infant protections -- not few seconds after either. Midwives and nurse practitioners can also perform abortions under the law, meaning that this law doesn't just put unborn lives on the line -- but women's as well. Welcome back to the dark age of unregulated horror houses with rusty equipment and untrained staff who botch abortions and kill mothers. Progress, indeed.

"Let's do a global game reset," Charlotte Lozier

President Chuck Donovan writes. "The U.S. is one of only seven nations on the planet to allow elective abortion after 20 weeks, or more than halfway through pregnancy. New York -- allowing non-physicians to carry out abortions, voiding Born Alive Infant protections, surpassing its previous 24-week limit, compelling all insurance carriers to cover it, and denying protections for unborn victims of third-party violence -- is among the most permissive of our 50 states. There is no jurisdiction in the world to its left on abortion. None."



Where are the feminists? Where are the mobs screaming that black lives matter in a city where more African-American babies are already aborted than born alive? As the Rev. Michel Faulkner of New Horizon Church once said, "My people, the African-American people, did not ... endure 300 years of slavery and 100 years of Jim Crow law to face genocide in the 21st century."

"A woman's power to decide whether she will give birth or not..." Gloria Steinem argued, "is our most basic democratic right." Murder is the mark of tyrants -- not democracy. And thank God, some New Yorkers are brave enough to recognize that. In Syracuse, far from the big city and its pink glow, Jon Speed didn't know how to respond to what he'd just seen. So, he did what he could. He closed his used book store and posted this sign in protest: "Today is a day of mourning in New York State. We will not collect sales tax today for a tyrannical government that murders babies. We will resume regular business tomorrow, collecting sales tax under duress. End Abortion Now."

Asked later why he did it, he said, "I obviously can't stop paying sales tax to the state of New York -- I can't do that altogether, although I would like to, but I can't. So I thought, 'Well, I'll put a sign up on the front window of the store and say we're closed [Wednesday] and express our thoughts on it, just so we can make a statement.'"

Hopefully, there will be enough Jon Speeds in New York to rise up and end this nightmare. Sometimes, I think we become so focused on Congress and what's going on in Washington, D.C. that people forget the importance of being involved locally -- on city councils, school boards, and

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# The Wayne County Chapter has a New Director!

January 15, 2019

Hello, Everyone!

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Gary C. Radomski and I am the NEW Wayne County Chapter Director. I officially started January 7. My wife Barbara and I have been married for 47 ½ years & we have two grown children, Gary R. and Nicole Miller. We also have 5 grandchildren. We lived in Dearborn Heights for 37 years and then moved to South Lyon for 2 ½ years. Presently, we are residing in Livonia which is much closer to the kids and grandkids. This makes things much easier for all of us and we are thrilled to be in Livonia. Here in Livonia, Barb and I are members of St. Michael's Parish. For the past 30 years Barb has worked at the Livonia Senior Center as a bus driver.

I retired from Ford Motor Company in 2002, where I worked management roles in different departments and worked hourly. I am also a retired UAW member. After Ford, I went to work for the Archdiocese of Detroit. The jobs I held were Youth Minister, Pastoral Associate and Christian Service Director at various parishes. In 2015, I retired from St. Joseph's Parish in South Lyon, where I was involved with the Knights of Columbus and served as Deputy Grand Knight.

My passion for over 50 years has been coaching and working with youth. I coached football and still am coaching Track at Stevenson High School in Livonia. Along with the coaching, I served as an Athletic Director at grade school and high school levels. These positions and responsibilities will help me as the Wayne County Director by organizing, taking responsibility, inspiring others, budgeting, fundraising, hiring and training as needed.

Over the years, I have worked with Right to Life groups. I've held a sign for the Life Chain, said rosaries for life and have always had a passion to do more to save the unborn. I strive to educate others that abortion is not the answer and there is help out there.

I just want to say THANK YOU to Diane Fagelman and the Wayne County Board for giving me this opportunity; a new ministry. Most importantly, I want to thank God for answering my prayers and leading me to this Great organization. Thank you all for what you ALL do to promote and respect for human life from conception to natural death.

Once I get my boots on the ground, like we said in the Army, I am hoping to contact each church representative and would like to meet with you one on one. Please feel free to call me at the office anytime.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary C. Radomski".

Gary C. Radomski  
Director, Wayne County Chapter

## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Just when I thought this movement had seen the worse of bad laws enabling the killing preborn babies in the womb, along comes the vote in New York to change their legislation. The New York Reproductive Health Act (RHA) was enacted to bring state laws in line with current federal law, guaranteeing abortion rights and to preserve access to abortion services should Roe v. Wade be overturned. I was not surprised by this event; after all New York and California were the first states to allow legal abortions in the United States of America back in the sixties.

What was so disturbing was the roar of applause that came from the legislative chamber and the smile on Governor Cuomo's face (a man who claims to be a Catholic) when he signed into law the legalized killing of in the State of New York. What is happening to our country when masses applaud laws that allow the killing of another human being? World history has been down this road before and the outcome has been catastrophic. I will not sugar coat this by using any other word than "killing". The pro-aborts can try and spin this all they want but the truth is the truth. What is growing in the uterus is a small homo sapiens with DNA that make up you and me - HUMAN KIND.

I cannot in the space I have explain this whole bill. You can search the Web under "New York Abortion Law" and you can get the whole bill or explanations of the bill. Just be aware of what I will define today as "Blatant Abortion Lies". These are lies that either by omission, or the manipulation of information, squash the truth to keep the reader uninformed. Take for example all the articles criticizing reports speaking the truth on what this bill. This bill does allow abortions to be done, through delivery, if it is requested. This is the truth, because in the body of the bill, it states abortion can be done for the "health" of the mother. The actual section of this bill reads:

ARTICLE 25-A REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT SECTION 2599-AA. POLICY AND PURPOSE. 2599-BB. ABORTION. § 2599-AA. POLICY AND PURPOSE. THE LEGISLATURE FINDS THAT COMPREHENSIVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE IS A FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENT OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH, PRIVACY AND EQUALITY. THEREFORE, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT: 1. EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO CHOOSE OR REFUSE CONTRACEPTION OR STERILIZATION. 2. EVERY INDIVIDUAL

WHO BECOMES PREGNANT HAS THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO CHOOSE TO CARRY THE PREGNANCY TO TERM, TO GIVE BIRTH TO A CHILD, OR TO HAVE AN ABORTION, PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. 3. THE STATE SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST, DENY, OR INTERFERE WITH THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION IN THE REGULATION OR PROVISION OF BENEFITS, FACILITIES, SERVICES OR INFORMATION. § 2599-BB. ABORTION. 1. A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR AUTHORIZED UNDER TITLE EIGHT OF THE EDUCATION LAW, ACTING WITHIN HIS OR HER LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE, MAY PERFORM AN ABORTION WHEN, ACCORDING TO THE PRACTITIONER'S REASONABLE AND GOOD FAITH PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT BASED ON THE FACTS OF THE PATIENT'S CASE: THE PATIENT IS WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR WEEKS FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF PREGNANCY, OR THERE IS AN ABSENCE OF FETAL VIABILITY, OR THE ABORTION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PATIENT'S LIFE OR HEALTH. 2. THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED AND APPLIED CONSISTENT WITH AND SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE LAWS AND APPLICABLE AND AUTHORIZED REGULATIONS GOVERNING HEALTH CARE PROCEDURES. § 3. Section 4164 of the public health law is REPEALED. § 4. Subdivision 8 of section 6811 of the education law is REPEALED.

This is the deciding term: "health". There were two joint decisions that struck down abortion laws in the country. Roe v Wade gave a right to privacy and Doe v Bolton wrote that states could "prescribe" abortion in the third trimester of pregnancy, provided the state allowed for abortions to protect the life or "health" of the mother. The Court then reneged on even this minimal restriction on abortion by defining "health" to "include all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and a woman's age - relevant to the well-being of the patient." Thus, for any reason through all trimesters of pregnancy, New York has that clause." Yet, this is being denied and reported as incorrect. I checked "Snopes" because, due to their liberal leanings, they do not always give the truth in their answers. Sure enough. They report that late abortions up to delivery is not correct. So much for Snopes checking what is accurate on the web!

We must speak out and call abortion what it is - the killing of another Human Person. The applause sent a chill down my spine. In the future, I wonder just how much longer we will be able to speak out for the pre-born child. There are just too many people falling for the lies.

However, there is hope. It is in our younger generation. The "Generation Truth" who will take the baton and



continue to fight. They have seen the lies and they are calling out the Truth. We, in LIFESPAN, confirm and support their efforts. It's a matter of life and death. To do less would be perpetuating the lies.

P.S. I want to thank all the volunteers, captains, co-captains, chaperones, Lynn, and Anne Marie for the great job they did on our Movement in Motion Generation truth bus trip to W DC to the March for Life.

– Diane Fagelman,  
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN



Kimberly Clark, the maker of Huggies Diapers is offering this special diaper suitable for the delicate skin of a two pound preemie.

Meanwhile, the Senate of New York state has voted to allow abortions on babies up to birth. They maintain that babies are not persons until they are born and breathing air.

Guess New York state will not be a particularly profitable market for Kimberly Clark and Huggies.

## Oakland/Macomb Chapter

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Government shutdown, bus break downs, late arrivals and early departures did not stop our *Movement in Motion* travelers from getting to Washington DC for the March for Life. We did have some glitches - consider that 8 buses and 375 people might results in some problems along the way - but even though we had to leave early due to snow, being part of the hundreds and thousands of people marching for LIFE has left a lasting impression on our young people. They are our future and they will succeed!!

"Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart."

Winnie the Pooh.

## Empire State of Mind

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legislatures. The people behind this evil will come again -- to your state. If there's any hope of stopping them, we need to engage now.

- Family Research Council, January 24, 2019

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