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Pro-Life Luncheon

**Saturday
October 19, 2019**

**IN DEFENSE
OF LIFE**



Defending the Most Vulnerable, Handicapped and Weak in our society!

Featured Speakers:

Ellen Salter



Ellen Salter's passion for Jesus, life, and family has been lived out in a dramatic way beyond the imaginations of most of us. Her beloved 16-year old daughter Meghan was not expected to live past 6 months but is now completely dependent on others; unable to eat, speak, move, or even breathe on her own. Although born healthy, within months her health began to decline and has defied diagnosis—it's a mystery to doctors. Meghan is cared for at home and has been on life support since she was an infant.



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information!**

**Registration at 9:30 AM
Program begins at 10:15 AM**

**Located at
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The Deaf Community of Detroit is Supporting Life & Wee Care

By Annmarie Kowalczak

A common question in the Deaf community is, “Why did you learn American Sign Language?” or “What got you interested in working with the Deaf community?” Everyone has a unique story! The same can be said for how people get involved in the Pro-Life movement.

- *I was unmarried and pregnant. People pressured me to abort my baby. I chose to keep her. I gave her life and can't imagine not having her with me now.*
- *My wife and I agreed to abort our child, and I have lived in sorrow and guilt ever since.*
- *My parents stood-up for life. My grandparents fought for, even to the point of being put in jail during demonstrations. I know this is the basic right for all humans, If I'm too passive or afraid to stand-up for life, then I'm too afraid. I need to do something.*

The last example is my own journey. My position as the Pastoral Minister with the Deaf Community in the Archdiocese of Detroit prompted my involvement locally (I can't ride on my ancestor's shirt-tails forever). I work at Saint John's Deaf Center which has two locations where Catholic Deaf congregate: Eastpointe and Redford. Over the past two years, I have encouraged them to participate in *40 Days for Life* campaigns on Eight Mile in Detroit, LIFE CHAIN, Spiritual Adoption, and provided complimentary activities and education. It is motivating to instruct myself and my community about life issues and then... watch out!

were developing in utero. We don't know the babies for whom we prayed, but we hope they were spared from abortion and will have a life of love. At the end of our “9-month pregnancy of prayer,” we hosted a Baby Shower with a white cake for our “spiritual babies” inscribed: *Welcome, Babies! We love you!* Donations were generous; I was deeply moved. This is the second time we have contributed to LIFESPAN's Wee Care. The St. John's Deaf Center does care!



Deaf children are at higher risk for sexual assault than their hearing peers. Language deficiency is common, therefore when a trauma occurs, the words are hard to find to tell someone. The ordeal is suffered alone and in silence often for many years. I am blessed that people in my community have told me their stories of unexpected pregnancies, difficult situations, abuse, and abortion. I have been able to pray with them, encourage them, and see them stand-up and support life.

The coordinator of the *40 Days for Life* campaign on Eight Mile in Detroit, Ed Hull and I talk periodically about plans and collaboration. He has spoken to our men's breakfast club about pro-life topics; that was another moment of grace. When Ed and I feel like there is so much to be done, we come back to the truth: *We can't do everything. We need to do something. Let us do our small part and trust that it has an impact.*

Thank you to the faithful people who have gone before us fighting for life. The Catholic Deaf community of Detroit is becoming generous with their time and treasure to support life, too. Thank you LIFESPAN and Wee Care! Every child has a right to life!



From October 2018 to June 2019, we supported a Spiritual Adoption campaign. We prayed for babies in danger of abortion, and each month we learned how the babies



Right to Life – LIFESPAN Educational Fund

“MOVEMENT IN MOTION”

Youth Bus Trip

47th Annual March for Life, Washington, DC

**Dates: depart evening of January 23rd,
arrive home morning of January 26th**



**7th* -12th Grade Students, College Students,
and adults who are chaperoning**

**Registration is:
September 1st through October 31st**

**Pricing is
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Lynn Gura, Youth Director, at
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cemetery wreath
laying ceremony,
host church/school,
some meals, and a
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Man Charged in Murders of 9-Month-Pregnant Woman and Her Unborn Baby

By Dave Andrusko

Terence Sample has been charged with kidnapping and two counts of murder in the deaths of McKayla Winston, his nine-month-pregnant girlfriend, and her unborn baby.

The 21-year-old Winston and her unborn baby “were found dead off a stretch of desolate roadway in Holmes County on July 1,” The Clarion Ledger reported. “She had gone missing four days earlier.”

The due date for her first child was July 4.

Last Thursday Sample, the son of a justice court judge in nearby Attala County, appeared in court in Holmes County for a preliminary hearing, according to reporter Justin Vicory:

The man charged with kidnapping and killing a pregnant Mississippi woman acted after he learned she planned to keep the baby and not give it up for adoption, the Holmes County district attorney said Thursday before a packed courtroom

The 33-year-old Sample had a paternity hearing scheduled on July 3.

District Attorney Akille Malone-Oliver presented her case before Yazoo County Judge Bennie Warrington. According to Vicory’s story

“Oliver pointed to witnesses and recovered phone communications from the night Winston went missing as proving she met with Sample, and then went missing shortly afterward.”

Mississippi Bureau of Investigation Captain L.A. Oliver said witnesses confirmed seeing Winston and Sample and their vehicles at the same location on the same night. One of the witnesses had called and talked to Winston while she was with Sample, Oliver told the court. He said Winston planned on showing Sample pictures of her sonogram.”

“Winston’s car and phone were discovered in the same location the next day. Her keys were still in the ignition. Her shoes were also found outside the vehicle. Investigators also recovered what appeared to be blood in Sample’s white SUV and on his clothing.”

“Oliver also testified that while the case was still a



missing persons case, Sample initially told investigators he hadn’t spoken to Winston in three weeks to a month. That turned out to be untrue when investigators discovered the messages in Winston’s phone.”

Sample’s defense attorney, Richard Carter, said prosecutors were on a “fishing expedition,” Vicory reported. “There’s not one single piece of physical evidence to detain my client and hold him without bail.”

District Attorney Malone-Oliver countered there was multiple circumstantial facts buttressing her case.

“There’s substantial evidence the two were together through their location and communications... Witnesses spotted his vehicle and Makayla’s at the same time period... He first denied contact with Makayla, but that was proved to be false... There’s the possible DNA and article of clothing.”

“We know that he was upset once he realized she was not going to put the baby up for adoption,” she said.

At the end of the hearing, Judge Warrington ruled there was enough probable cause to hold Sample on the charges.

- *NRL News Today*, August 6, 2019

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

A Warped Vision for the Future of Abortion

A coalition of nearly 80 pro-abortion groups, including Planned Parenthood and NARAL recently released a "Blueprint for Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and Justice" that outlines their vision for the future of abortion: no restrictions, no religious exemptions and funded by the government.

In part, the document recommends 1) ending the Hyde Amendment, 2) ending the Helms Amendment, 2) removing conscience protections for health care providers from refusing to participate in an abortion by removing the Weldon amendment 3) eliminate the HHS Office of Conscience and Religious Freedom, 4) remove parental-notification requirements in a minor's abortion decision, 5) increase the availability and awareness of "self-managed abortion (SMA), and 6) require Congress to create a "Reproductive Health Care Provider Service Corps" to increase abortion access in "underserved areas".

The entire document can be found at the link below.

<https://iwhc.org/2019/07/blueprint-provides-roadmap-to-achieve-reproductive-health-rights-and-justice/>



St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus & Profoundly ProLife Group presents:

A Celebration of LIFE
... every day is a gift

Sunday, September 29, 2019

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For more information, contact:

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Someone Cares - NYPD officers serve as pallbearers for funeral of discarded fetus

By the Associated Press

A group of New York Police Department officers made sure a fetus discarded on a Brooklyn street months ago got a proper funeral — to the mournful sound of an NYPD bagpipe.

For Saturday's service, six officers carried the tiny casket into the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn's Sunset Park neighborhood.

The funeral was organized by the Life Center of New York anti-abortion group, with Roman Catholic parishioners attending.

Life Center members gave the fetus a name: Monica. It was found last February in a bag by a tree in Brooklyn's East New York neighborhood, surrounded by bloodied clothing.

The medical examiner said the fetus was about 20 weeks old. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery on Staten Island, in a section for abandoned remains.

- Sunday, June 30, 2019

Pro-Life Events 2019

Youth Bus Trip Registration: Sept. 1st - Oct. 31st

The Case for Life Training: Saturday, Sept. 7th

National Day of Remembrance: Saturday, Sept. 14th

Walk for Life: Sunday, Sept. 15th

A Celebration of Life: Sunday, Sept. 29th

Life Chain: Sunday, Oct. 6th

National Day of Solidarity: Tuesday, October 15th

Pro-Life Luncheon: Saturday, October 19th

MNFL Conference: Saturday, October 19th

Nat'l Pro-Life Chalk Day: Tuesday, October 22nd

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Christina Hansen, Office Manager



Walk For Life



WHEN: **Sunday, September 15, 2019**

TIME: **2:00 – 3:30 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 can be found online at miLIFESPAN.org/events or call the office at 734-422-6230.

We are a 501(c)3 organization and 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. Keep collecting pledges!**
- A **Walk for Life** pin to walkers who bring in \$100 or more in pledges.



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GENERATION TRUTH at the 2019 National Right to Life Convention

By Shae & Sean Docken

My name is Sean Docken. I am seventeen years old and am going into my senior year of high school, and I am a pro-life advocate involved in the Oakland/Macomb Chapter of Right to Life - LIFESPAN. Over the last few years, I have participated in pro-life events such as the Right-To-Life - LIFESPAN Dinner and the March for Life, and have helped Lynn Gura, the Youth Director for Right to Life - LIFESPAN of the Oakland/Macomb Chapter, with pro-life activities. This summer my brother, Shae, and I were asked by Mrs. Gura to travel to the National Right to Life Convention in Charleston, South Carolina, to represent our local chapter. Over the weekend that we spent at the convention, we were able to experience the pro-life movement in action through inspiring speeches, the outstanding play, *Viable*, and many different workshops.

At the beginning of the conference, I had a copy of the schedule and was able to choose my workshops beforehand. The workshops were extremely helpful, each in its own way according to its topic. Workshops such as *Are You A Persuasive Pro-Lifer?*, run by Benjamin Clapper, and *When They Say...You Say*, run by Olivia Gans Turner, helped with my ability to defend my pro-life position and be persuasive in my arguments. Other workshops, such as *Restoring Biblical Foundations for Life*, run by Thomas Jacobson, aided me in my pro-life Christian apologetics.

My favorite workshop was *Defending Schools, Pro-life is Pro Science*, run by Dr. Pat Castle. In this workshop I was able to learn more about pro-life evangelization. Dr. Castle was an extremely inspiring speaker and really helped give me an idea of how to evangelize without "breaking the rules" in public education. Besides the workshops, the main speakers of the conference were excellent. I had heard Ashley Bratcher speak once before but hearing her speak about her personal story was inspiring and quite the treat.

Another moving speaker was Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor who spoke about her personal experience. While listening to her, I appreciated what an amazing miracle her life is, that she was able to survive and have such a wonderful life.

The National Right to Life Convention was also an amazing spiritual experience for me. It aided my growth in a deeper personal conviction for the defense of the unborn and led me to a greater respect for the dignity of human life. Because of the conference, I understand more

fully that each individual person has a right to life, no matter the level of development, the size, the circumstances, or the degree of dependency. This "unalienable right", as named by the Declaration of Independence, is a right that must be protected at all costs - the most precious gift given us by our Creator. I realized that the unborn have no voice to protect themselves

and their lives, and that we who do have a voice have a duty to protect and defend them.

The National Right to Life Convention was a profound experience for me. I enjoyed hearing so many outstanding speakers who stand for LIFE and speak the truth of the value of each individual human life. I want to thank the LIFESPAN Board of Directors for sponsoring me to the conference in Charleston, and especially a big thank you to Mrs. Gura, who has done so much to help cultivate my love for the unborn. I hope to continue growing in my knowledge and resolve to defend the unborn, and that I, and my generation, will take up the cross and the honor of fighting the evil of abortion. We are the pro-life generation!

In an age of mass deception, it was a breath of fresh air to see so many advocates for the pro-life cause at the RTL Convention - and filled with such vigor! My name is Shae Docken, and I am twenty-four years old, the age of many other young advocates who are frustrated at our culture's reinvigorated effort to further dehumanize the unborn. Over the Fourth of July weekend, I was inspired and empowered to see so many other unwavering individuals whose speeches inspired hope, motivation, love, and compassion, showing that not only are we not fighting a losing battle, but rather kindling a fiery truth that will spread and re-awaken our nation to the truth of the sanctity of human life. I want to thank all of those from LIFESPAN for making it possible for me to attend the National Right to Life Convention, and I want to give a special thanks to Lynn Gura for recommending my brother, Sean, and me - it was such a beautiful experience, and one I will not forget.



Shae & Sean with Dr. Pat Castle

Sacramento Center Uses “Lyft” to Save Babies and Serve Pregnant Women

By Jen Taggart

Megan” walked up to an abortion clinic to see people praying during 40 Days for Life on a Wednesday, but did not interact with them. She scheduled an appointment for two days later on a Friday and thought, “I wonder if there’s any hope for me.”

That’s when she Googled “pregnancy help” and found Sacramento Life Center. She called the pregnancy center to tell them she was at the abortion clinic, and did not have a ride to the center.

Fortunately for Megan, the center had a solution: Lyft, a popular transportation network company that matches passengers with vehicles via its mobile app.

“No one in her life was supporting her to have the child, but knowing the Life Center and all the resources were here changed her mind,” said Marie Leatherby, executive director of the Sacramento Life Center.

“Many of our clients are on the margins and if we had a no-show, it was due to transportation issues,” Leatherby said. “The bus system in Sacramento is horrible, it takes people hours to get here.”

When Leatherby heard about a nearby hospital implementing a Lyft program for their patients, she decided that was exactly what her pregnancy help center needed.

“The very day we said ‘Let’s do it, let’s sign up,’ we had someone who needed a ride to an appointment,” Leatherby said. “And so we were like ‘Okay, this is a gift from God.’”

Lyft’s business program allows organizations to schedule rides for people to reach a location that the business chooses. The business plans, schedules, and pays for the ride. This program has allowed the Sacramento Life Center to schedule in advance for clients to be picked up for their appointments, or they can schedule for clients to be picked up last minute.

The Lyft program has been helpful for many clients, including women who have no transportation due to homelessness, women who may need to get multiple children on the bus, or women who have to carry large bags of diapers, baby clothes, and other resources home. Sacramento Life Center served about 1,800 clients in 2018 with pregnancy testing, ultrasound scans, options counseling, material assistance, STD testing, and more. Since starting the Lyft program, they’ve been able to offer round-trip rides to 2-3 clients a week at no charge to the client. Rides normally cost the Sacramento Life Center \$20-25



round trip per client, and the center has applied for a grant to fund the program.

“It’s a really dignified way to help women feel like they matter, that they’re important enough to bring them in when they don’t have transportation,” Leatherby said. “A lot of our clients are not licensed or don’t have cars, and it’s just one more thing that we can (do to) relieve a little bit of stress when they’re in a stressful situation.”

- NRL News, June 27, 2019

*Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council &
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The Case for Life Pro-Life Training Workshop

With Nationally-Known Speaker: Mike Spencer



Saturday, September 7th at 9:00 am

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NATIONAL PRO-LIFE CHALK DAY!

OCTOBER 22, 2019

ON THIS DAY, STUDENTS TAKE TO THE STREETS,
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE CAMPUSES. PRO-LIFE WORDS
AND SLOGANS ARE WRITTEN ALL OVER THE SIDEWALKS.

THIS EVENT IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO DRAW
ATTENTION TO PRO-LIFE FACTS AND SHED
LIGHT ON WAYS TO FIND HELP.

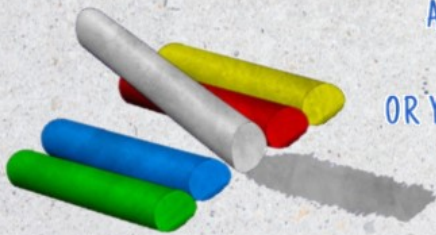
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A baby's heart begins to
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Medical & Ethical Issues Today

Saturday, October 19, 2019 - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland - Pontiac, Michigan

Guest Speakers

Donna Harrison, MD is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and is Executive Director of the American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Cherie Sammis, D. Bioethics, RN NP is Director of Ethics Integration for Ascension.

Amber Gier is a nursing student at Oakland University and president of the Protect Life Michigan group at OU.

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\$20 per person

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

A labor-induced abortion is not very “natural” at all, abortion doulas concede

By Sarah Terzo

One way of doing abortions is by induction, or inducing labor. The baby is usually first injected with poison, such as digoxin or potassium chloride, killing him or her. Labor is induced, usually with prostaglandins or Cytotec.

The woman goes through labor and “gives birth” to her dead child. All third trimester and many late second trimester abortions are done this way.

Often when the mother is aborting due to fetal anomaly (a disability or illness in the baby), she chooses to do it by induction because she wants to hold, photograph, or see the baby afterwards .

In their book, abortion doulas Mary Mahoney and Lauren Mitchell, who have seen many abortions, describe abortion by induction:

Some clients are under the impression that labor inductions would be more “natural” or easier or safer than the surgical abortion. Many think of their own birth experiences with other children, and they feel more comfortable doing that than they do dealing with the drama of having a surgical abortion. It’s a rude awakening when they realize that a labor induction is not very “natural” at all. Clients are given medications to start labor and IV’s with fluids. They are strapped to monitors – they can’t move, they can’t eat, and their contractions are often so bad that they choose an epidural. According to physician David Grimes, the uterus is not evolved to deliver a pregnancy during the second trimester. Miscarriages usually happen in the first trimester, and babies are delivered in the third, at the end of the pregnancy. Labor inductions in the second trimester can be as long and arduous as any full-term birth but with more medications. In other words – not a natural birth process.



[From Mary Mahoney and Lauren Mitchell, *The Doulas: Radical Care for Pregnant People* (New York: Feminist Press, 2016), p. 115.]

- NRL News Today, August 6, 2019

YES! I want to attend LIFESPAN's Pro-Life Luncheon! Reservations required **by Friday, October 11th**. *ALL tickets will be held at the door.*

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

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

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

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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): _____

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Donation: \$50 per ticket

Grand Prize: \$10,000

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- **Location:** San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan 48083
- 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).

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LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

Unplanned

If you were unable to see the movie UNPLANNED in the theatre when it was here, you can still see it in your own home. We have three copies of the DVD here in the Oakland/Macomb office that are available for loan. This movie has had such an impact on the pro-life movement, it would be a shame not to see it, or see it again. Main stream media and movie reviewers tried very hard to bury this film but the demand was so great theater managers across the US were forced to show it. Showings were filled to capacity and held over in several areas. There was a concerted effort to NOT show the film in Canada but the demand was so great it HAD to be shown. When united for a common goal, pro-life people have tremendous power to create change. Each voice is important to protect those who have no voice. Call the Oakland Macomb office, 248-816-1546 to reserve a copy.

Movement in Motion

Believe it or not, reservations for the 2020 bus trip to Washington DC for the March for Life begin in just a few days. Reservations will be accepted starting September 1st and end October 31st. 2020 marks the 50th Anniversary for Right to Life-LIFESPAN and

LIFESPAN has been sending people to Washington DC since 1974 for 45 of those years. We have reserved 7 buses for this year's March so be sure to get your reservation in early to help make this year's march the best ever. Call the office for details.

Busy Days Ahead

There are so many things coming up the next couple of months. We will send announcements and flyers with details (be sure to look at the Save the Date section of this newsletter) but just so you know what is happening in Sept we have the Day of Remembrance at White Chapel Cemetery, our Walk for Life, registration for the bus trip, and in October, the Annual Luncheon, Michigan Nurses Conference, the dismemberment abortion petition drive continues, and so much more. Each event we hold offers an opportunity to learn more about current opportunities to protect, defend and respect our most precious gift of Life.

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Lynn Gura, Ofc. Staff/Youth Director & Maria Vitale, Ofc. Asst.

Thank You!

Hope your summer is going good and you are getting some good vacationing in with family and friends. I want to thank all of you who participated in the Bowling Fundraiser on July 26th. What a wonderful turnout! We had 56 bowlers and at least 10 more donors. It was fun and enjoying for all. Lucky Strike had 15 tries until Father Larry of St. Thomas the Apostle got the Strike Ball. Congrats Father and, most of all, Thank You for your support and your parishioners. Cindy Portis - Thanks for organizing your parish and family group. Also, for the gifts for the raffle. We had some great baskets to raffle off donated by some wonderful supporters. Laura and Bret Huey, owners of the "Flower Bar"; Shawn McGowan of "Grayghost Custom Woodworking"; Gary R and Jen Radomski "Gift Card Tree"; Nicole Miller "Professional Hair Protect Basket"; Bev Bettega "Office Supplies"; Joyce Hansen "(2) Wine Baskets"; Ron Reed "Tequila Basket"; Jim Hughes from Sparky Anderson's Catch Program for "Professional Detroit Sport Teams Hats"; Radomski's Chocolate Basket; Gloria Sulkowski "Bath Works"; Ann Marie Morin "Lotion Basket"; and Cindy Portis

"Outdoor Blanket and Quilt. Your support is very well appreciated by LIFESPAN's Wayne County Chapter.

Walk for Life

Hope to see many of you at the Walk for Life. See more information on page 6.

New Face in the Office

Joyce Hansen has started at the office and is off and running. Joyce will be working with the Church Representatives as well as Education and Outreach for us. I will have Joyce write a short bio to give you some more information about her in a future newsletter.

Thanks again for all your Support.

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Wayne County



Wee Care

Where did summer go? Shortest summer ever! Can't believe it is time to think about the Fall and plans for holiday giving! Does your church or group have a Giving Tree? Does your classroom do a Christmas project? It is never too early to make plans, generate excitement or seek permission! And, we at Wee Care are grateful for anything from pacifiers and teddy bears to warm blankets and tiny clothes. Christmas seems to be the time when Jesus touches the hearts of our friends and recreates His miracle of loaves and fishes--through you, He turns our sparse shelves into abundance! Every single donation is crucial to the 5400 sleepers, 5400 onesies, 3000 receiving blankets, 1500 pkgs. of diapers, etc. that we distribute each year! I am always so touched by your support, love and prayers for our babies. If you have any questions, please call.

And now, back to work! Today among other moms we are helping is a mom who was living in a homeless shelter and went into labor early. Her social worker has found

her temporary housing and we are putting together all the baby supplies that she needs immediately.

We are also helping a dad who was finally able to find his baby. At first, the mother insisted on giving the baby to a friend, but when she went over to drop off the newborn, the woman was passed out from a drug overdose. She then called the father and said, "come take him - I don't want him". Thank God, the baby is now with his dad and his grandmother and because of you, we will be able to help him! A pack & play to sleep in, diapers, wipes, blankets, towels, lotions, onesies, sleepers and so much more await him along with a football rattle and a "How to Care for Your Baby" book!

There are so many babies--so many stories! God bless you for all you do to make a difference in their lives.

Love, Karen



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Youth Report

October is quite a busy month for the pro-life movement! There definitely isn't a lack of ways to express your pro-life beliefs. Events like Life Chain (pg 16, 10-6-19) and the Walk for Life (pg 6, 10-15-19) gives you an opportunity to enjoy the crisp autumn air. The Walk for Life even has cider and donuts to complete the fall mood. There are educational events like the Legislative Luncheon (pg 1, 10-19-19) and Michigan Nurses for Life Conference (pg 9, 10-19-19). What's even better is that there are events you can participate in at your very own schools: Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity (10-15-19) and National Pro-Life Chalk Day (pg 9, 10-22-19).

Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity is a very impactful event where to take a vow of silence with your fellow classmates and friends. By giving up your



voice you represent the 3,000 voices lost to abortion every day. Place tape across your mouth or wear a red armband to show you are participating. Just because you are physically giving up your voice doesn't mean you give up your voice on social media. Share your support by using these hashtags: #ProLifeDayOfSilentSolidarity, #miLIFESPAN, and #GENERATIONTRUTH.



Don't forget about registering for the 2020 March for Life. Registration ends as a conclusion to the very pro-life month of October (pg 3, 10-31-19). Sign up for the 47th Annual March for Life on Friday, January 24th by contacting one of our youth directors or by going to the Events page on our website and clicking on 2020 Movement in Motion Youth Bus. **We are so thrilled to offer you this great opportunity to participate in the largest annual March in America in our nation's capital! In addition to the other wonderful pro-life events in October, you will be taking a larger part in the most important civil rights movement of our time - protecting pre-born children in the womb!** LG & AM

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From the President's Desk

Dear Pro-life Friends,

This summer has been a deadly one in the US. Numerous mass shootings are in the headlines and daily there are fatalities in our big cities. So many police officers are gunned down in cold blood. The call for more gun control as an answer is being touted by every Democratic presidential candidate as the answer. The reasons for these senseless killings are complex. It is not just one factor that causes so many people to grow up and have the inclination to kill in cold blood and end the life another human being. Factors that contribute such behaviors, in my opinion are: the decline of a belief in God, disrespect for authority which was promoted by the liberal movement of the sixties, decline of mores which allow fathers and mothers to abandon their home, leaving children to defend for themselves, the digital age that allows our young people access to violent and destructive video games and deadly information on how to kill; And, one that many will not agree with, but which

plays a large role in the decline of disrespect for human life - ABORTION!

The Supreme Court decisions on abortion in 1973 never dealt with the rights of the child in the womb only with the rights of the women. She has the choice, this is her decision to kill her pre-born child based on her "right of privacy." What exactly happened when those Justices on the Supreme Court voted in favor of a woman's "right to choose?" They gave permission to the mother to kill her growing child in the womb because he/she was not wanted. They started a philosophy within the fiber of our country that some of our fellow citizens can be destroyed if they interfere with our rights. Two generations have grown up and are now adults with this being a part to the laws they live under. They have grown up knowing that if another human being is interfering with their wellbeing or happiness, you can kill them. This has been the subliminal message, even if those who favor abortion refuse to deal with the outcome. It is interesting that every Democratic candidate for President is in favor of abortion/infanticide. Yet, these same people are

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters



National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 • 1:00 pm
White Chapel Cemetery



On Saturday, Sept. 14th, LIFESPAN will join other pro-life Americans across the country to honor the memory of the more than 60,000,000 pre-born victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Date & Time:

September 14th - 1:00 pm

Location:

White Chapel Cemetery
621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, Michigan 48098

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appalled by all the senseless killing and profess that gun control will solve the problem. Guns don't kill people - people kill people, just as surely as the tools of the abortionist don't kill that baby - the doctor who has agreed to use that curette or suction machine kills the baby. I am not advocating for guns one way or the other - I am using this as an example as to the hypocrisy of the argument put forth by the pro-choice crowd.

Yes, we have mass shootings in this country and the reasons for them is complex. But we can start by overturning Roe v Wade and stopping the killing in the womb! It is a start. It will stop the message to future generations: "if people get in your way, you can swat them like a bug". It will restore the rights of all our citizens including the pre-born. It will say once again the U.S. respects all human life. It will say that all citizens need to respect one another - solving human problems does not include killing each other.

Until we bring peace back to the womb, we will never have peace in our country.

May God give us courage to continue our prolife work!

- Diane Fagelman,
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN



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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 LIFESPAN News as well as educational materials and special mailings.

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32nd Annual LIFE CHAIN

October 6, 2019 • 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 can be found on www.miLIFESPAN.org/events

LIFE CHAIN Locations Sponsored by LIFESPAN as of 8/21/19:

(changes daily - go to miLIFESPAN.org for more locations):

- ♦ **Auburn Hills:** Walton Blvd., east of Opdyke Rd.
- ♦ **Dearborn Heights:** Ann Arbor Trail & Kinmore St.
- ♦ **Dearborn Heights:** Telegraph Rd., one block south of Joy Rd.
- ♦ **Farmington Hills:** 12 Mile, btw Orchard Lake & Farmington Rd.
- ♦ **Fraser:** 14 Mile & Utica Rds.
- ♦ **Livonia:** Middlebelt, btw Jamison & 6 Mile Rd.
- ♦ **Livonia:** Plymouth Rd., btw Farmington & Merriman Rds.
- ♦ **Novi:** Novi & Grand River Rds.
- ♦ **Plymouth:** North Territorial Rd., between Sheldon & Beck Rds.
- ♦ **Redford:** Beech Daly & 6 Mile Rd.
- ♦ **Roseville:** 13 Mile Rd. & Gratiot Ave.
- ♦ **Sterling Heights:** 17 Mile & Dodge Park Rds.
- ♦ **Wayne:** Michigan Ave., between 3rd & 4rd Sts.
- ♦ **Westland:** Intersection of Ford & Wayne Rds.



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