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**EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM
ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE
FATHER OF THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS.**

JAMES 1:17



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

Governor Whitmer's Reproductive Health Act Explained

Editor's Note: Votes have consequences. This is one of them.

November 4, 2019 - RLM Press Release

Lansing, MI - The bills making up Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Reproductive Health Act (RHA) were introduced into the Legislature on October 31, and RLM staff have analyzed the changes to Michigan law.

The main bills are identical, **SB 622** and **HB 5179**, and the other bills in the RHA remove sentencing or references to laws it would repeal.

The following are **MAJOR CHANGES** to state law:

- Repeals Michigan's complete abortion ban and codifies an unlimited health exception in state law.
- Creates an unlimited right to abortion, which could have broad implications. Allows women to sue for damages if she believes that right is being restricted in any way.
- Repeals the partial-birth abortion ban.
- Nullifies the current **petition drive** to enact a ban on dismemberment abortions (which amends the partial-birth abortion ban).

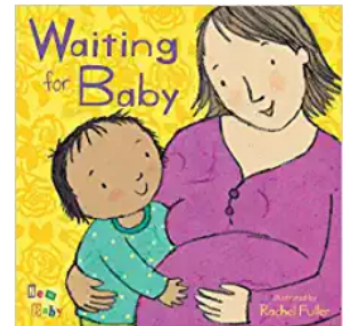
- Allows abortion facilities to be unregulated and never inspected.
- Removes parental consent requirements.
- Removes waiting periods and requirements that abortionists provide women with informed consent and an opportunity to see her ultrasound.
- Removes mandated screening for abortion coercion.
- Opens the door for any medical professional to perform a surgical abortion.
- Stops local governments and schools from regulating abortion in any way, including through zoning laws.



Photo Credit: University of Michigan

LIFESPAN's Lil' Library Project

Share the knowledge of life through our grassroots approach by supplying your neighborhood "Lil' Libraries" with two pre-selected books appropriate for children of pre-school and primary grades - books that celebrate the joy of life.



We have new books for you to share!!! Call (734-524-0162) or email (mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org) the LIFESPAN Main Office to obtain two (2) books for each location that you have discovered in your town. Be prepared to report the address of the location(s). This is an ongoing event that you can participate in at any time.



Right to Life - LIFESPAN
presents

Be the Change

Featuring
Ryan Bomberger

3 TRAINING SESSIONS



RYAN BOMBERGER IS AN EMMY® AWARD-WINNING CREATIVE PROFESSIONAL, INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKER, COLUMNIST, FACTIVIST, AND AUTHOR OF THE POWERFUL BOOK, NOT EQUAL: CIVIL RIGHTS GONE WRONG. HE IS ALSO THE CO-FOUNDER OF RADIANCEFOUNDATION.ORG, A LIFE-AFFIRMING ORGANIZATION BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT EVERY HUMAN LIFE HAS PURPOSE.

3 LOCATIONS

2 DAYS

ADULT TRAINING

AGES 21 AND UP

TRAINING ON "PLANNED PROPAGANDA", A VERY SOLID IN-DEPTH LOOK AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

AUBURN HILLS
CHRISTIAN CENTER
REGISTRATION 6:00PM
EVENT 6:30PM-9:30PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY
28TH 2020

FREE WILL DONATION
FOR ADULT TRAINING

STUDENT TRAINING

7-12TH GRADE STUDENTS
AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

AUBURN HILLS
CHRISTIAN CENTER
REGISTRATION 9:30AM
EVENT 10:00AM-1:30PM

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN -DEARBORN,
GABRIEL RICHARD NEWMAN CENTER
REGISTRATION 1:00PM
EVENT 1:30PM-6:00PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH 2020
\$10 PER PERSON FOR STUDENT TRAINING

TRAINING ON THE SOCIAL
INJUSTICE OF ABORTION
AND HOW TO BE AN
EFFECTIVE FACTIVIST.

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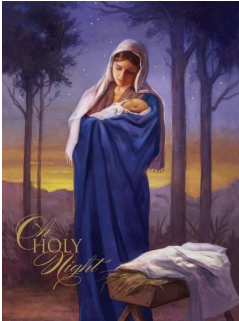
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2019 LIFESPAN Christmas Cards

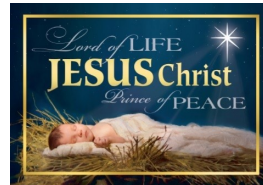
Your purchase of *LIFESPAN* Christmas Cards represents support for the pro-life activities, education and materials offered during the coming year.

To place an order, arrange for pickup at a location near you and/or for more information, call one of our chapter locations:

Previous Years Favorites!



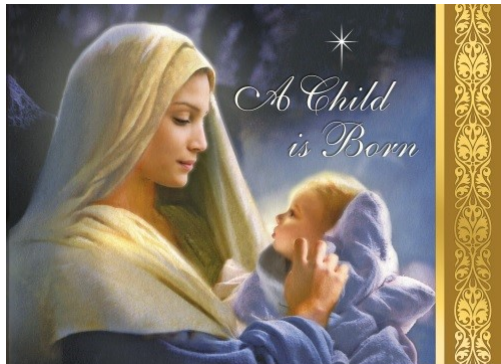
Large Cards
\$10 per pkg. of 20



Small Cards
\$7 per pkg. of 10



New for 2019*!



Actual size: 4.84" x 6.75"
\$7 per pkg. of 10

**Order Directly from
Oakland/Macomb*

Inside Verse:

*May the Infant newly born
fill your hearts with the comfort of hope,
the warmth of peace, and the joy of life.
Merry Christmas!*

All cards are made in the U.S.A.

You Still Have Time!

The end of the year is coming!



Have you donated to the *Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund* yet? The work of our Chapters, Wee Care and Youth Programs benefit greatly from your gift!

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization. **Your donation is 100% tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

Send in your donation today!

LIFESPAN's Annual Baby Shower is Coming!

Sunday, March 8, 2020 is *LIFESPAN's* 31st Annual Baby Shower to benefit local Pregnancy Help Centers. Want to participate in this wonderful event? Call the Main Office at 734.524.0162 or email us at mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org.

You've seen them on TV and Social Media

Diamond & Silk

Come spend a memorable evening enjoying their humor &
celebrating *LIFESPAN's 50th Anniversary*
Fundraising Dinner!

Save the Date!



Tuesday,
May 5, 2020
San Marino Club
Troy, Michigan



***LIFESPAN* Holiday Gift Memberships - Only \$8 each!**

Give holiday gift memberships to people you feel would benefit from reading *LIFESPAN News*. We'll send the recipient a gift card.

Gift Membership for (use another sheet for more recipients):

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Gift From:

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Make check payable & mail to: RTL - *LIFESPAN* Ed. Fund, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste.100, Livonia, MI 48150

LIFESPAN Sponsors Youth: Ignite & Equip Conference: Part 2

Editor's Note: *Protect Life Michigan hosts a Ignite & Equip Conference every year. This year, LIFESPAN sponsored two sisters to go to this event. Below is Maria Vitale's Experience. Monica's Experience is in the November 2019 Newsletter.*

IGNITE and EQUIP: My Experience

by Maria Vitale

My name is Maria Christina Vitale, and this past September I attended the 14th Annual Ignite and Equip Conference with my sister, Monica. (I was also surprised to find out the week before that my other sister also registered, so the three of us were able to attend together!) Even though they have had this conference for 14 years now, this was actually my first time; and there was so much great information that they taught us in just one day that it would take an essay to cover, so here's what I can do for now! :)

One of the two speakers that stood out to me the most was Josh Brahms from Equal Rights Institute. He was very real, very engaging, informative, and challenging. He gave us a lot of tips on how to "be less weird" by helping us engage the pro-choice/abortion side effectively; he reminded us that each person who stands for abortion also has hopes and dreams, a past and a future, feelings, and reasons for their beliefs as well, and that, rather than dehumanize them by seeing them as evil and putting them in a box- get to know them as a person. Befriend them and



have real conversations with them. It is by doing this, by loving them for who they are and providing an open environment for conversation, that you will have the greatest effect.

The second speaker that really stood out to me was the keynote speaker, Jonathan Van Maren from the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform. He had an amazing talk titled, "Walking in the Footsteps of Giants" and it was regarding the rich background Christians have in the

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Place a Light on the Lights for Life Tree

In Honor of _____ In Memory of _____
In Honor of _____ In Memory of _____
In Honor of _____ In Memory of _____

Given By _____

Number of Lights to "shine" _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. If you need additional space, please attach another sheet of paper.

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50th Anniversary LIFESPAN RAFFLE

Maximum of 500 tickets will be sold
Donation: \$50 per ticket

Grand Prize: \$10,000

- **Drawing:** LIFESPAN's 50th Anniversary Dinner (5/5/2020) – 9:00-9:30 pm
- **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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Livonia, MI 48150

*** Once payment is received, your tickets will be sent to you.**

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund is required, by law, to withhold appropriate taxes as designated by the IRS on cash prize winnings.



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

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Account # _____ Expiration Date _____ Verification Code _____

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

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature (for Credit Card): _____

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LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

Many greetings exchanged with loved ones

Excitement shining in children's eyes

Electric lights of many colors in yards & buildings

Ringling bells, playing beautiful music

Yellow stars on tops of trees

Celebrate the birth of the Author of Life

Hope for the future is born today

Resting softly in His mother's arms

Incensed offerings to the newborn Child

Songs of joy, soaring overhead

Thanksgiving for the Lord of Life

Mary said yes and the Saviour is born

Alleluia, joy and praise

Silent, holy night, a new Life brings blessings



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

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Diane Trombley, Director

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

One Year!

It is so hard to believe I have been here for a year already. Much has happened: office personnel changes, new ideas, and working to build back the Chapter's presence in Wayne County and grow. All positives and thanks to the Wayne County Chapter Board for their support to help me get things back in the right direction. Special thanks to LIFESPAN President Diane Fagelman, the Inc. Board, Chris Hansen and, of course, Anne Marie, who was so very patient with me during this transition.

Office Hours

Please be attentive to our office hours. They are also posted on our door and listed in our voicemail message. There seems to have been some confusion lately. It is our policy to check voicemail first thing when we get in and any time we may step away from our desk or out of the office. We try our best to get back with everyone as soon as we can. Sorry for the confusion but we are having issues with our phone system and we have to reset the message. Thank You for your understanding.

Volunteering

At the present time, I have Nicole Miller working with Mary Jo on our events and outreach. I'm also blessed to have Sandy Rogala, who volunteers at the office one day week to help us out. Please: If you have any time and would like to volunteer, we have some projects we could use your help. One big one is data entry. If you have some computer skills, we sure could use your help. We are trying to update our database so we can get a sense of how many members we truly have and to try and get those past members back.

I want to wish all of you, from our families to yours, a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. May God Bless You and keep you and your family safe.

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Office Hours: M-W: 10-3, Th: 10-2; F Closed;

Other arrangements can be made

Gary Radomski, Director

Mary Jo Hodge, Office Manager

Wayne County



Wee Care

Every year in November, I call all of my social workers and request the names of their clients who will need our help from now until January. Because Wee Care closes for a couple of weeks during the holidays, we want to make sure all of our little ones are provided for. I currently have the names of over 300 moms who need our help! It is going to be a VERY busy month!

There is no way that I can leave for Christmas break without knowing that each of these precious babies will have diapers, warm clothing and soft blankets as they are cradled in their mothers' arms on Christmas morning. Thank you for making all of this possible!

And one final thought--as you gather with family and friends during the holidays, please know what a difference you have made in these moms' lives and please say a little prayer for them.

May you all, dear friends, have a beautiful Christmas filled with treasured moments and all the happiness that you have given to others throughout the year!



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

Continuation of Maria's Experience at the IGNITE & EQUIP Conference from Page 6

pro-life cause. He gave different examples of times throughout history where abortion, infanticide, and child abandonment was prevalent, but how Christians fought against this culture of death by building orphanages, revealing science to be in their favor, and being vocal about the need for a regaining of respect for human dignity. It was really amazing to hear these stories and see how things were able to change and so much good come about.

In sum, the 14th Annual Ignite and Equip conference was very eye-opening and enjoyable, and I would definitely attend again! It really embodied its title of

"Ignite and Equip". With a variety of speakers, Chick-Fil-A lunch, and many great people organizing, sponsoring, and attending it, the conference was just a great experience! I would also like to thank Right to Life-LIFESPAN for their kindness in sponsoring Monica and me; this event gave us the opportunity to grow in our values and proudly promote a culture of LIFE!

Our Be the Change events are coming up soon! Check out our flier on page 3 and save the date!

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From the President's Desk

Season's greetings to all my pro-life friends! I love this time of year. It is the most beautiful season of all - Christmas and New Year's. Christmas is the season of Hope. New Year's is the season of renewal. It is the time that we pause and contemplate the miracle of a little baby born to the world in very adverse conditions. Yet, this little child bought a message that changed the world and is still being heard some 2000 years after the event. Just as in the time of his birth, today babies are being slaughtered to appease someone else's desires. Herod did not succeed in destroying what God had planned. Nor will the forces of evil destroy God's plan of Creation in the twenty-first century. Why? Because of you! Your dedication to life is the reason that those who promote abortion have not completely succeeded in making this gruesome procedure an acceptable practice.

I am not sure why we can't win hearts and minds over faster. I know we have all worked very hard to overturn these killing laws, yet they still exist. But, it is while celebrating this Christmas season I am reminded that we must never stop trying to change hearts and minds - our success is in God's time, not ours. So this brings us to New Year's and a time that we renew our dedication to the work of "promoting a respect for human life." I'm not sure about you, but I know for me, this has become a part of my daily life, like eating and sleeping. It needs to be a part of your everyday routine. Whether it is through example, in deeds, or in prayer - promoting respect for human life on a daily basis, within your circle of family and friends - will change the culture of death.

You may want to take advantage of our gift offer (on page 5) to send those you love our Newsletter. Think about it. Ten times a year, they will get in their homes the message of love and hope. It will help them to update their knowledge on life issues and will give them projects they can personally do to promote respect for human life.

Whatever you decide to do, I want to take this time to thank all of you for your support of LIFESPAN and the pro-life movement this past year!

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. To my Jewish family and friends, I wish you a Blessed Hanukkah.

— Diane Fagelman,
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

2020 50th Anniversary LIFESPAN Raffle

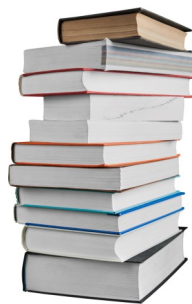
\$10,000 Grand Prize!!



***What a perfect gift for those on your
Christmas List!***

See page 7 for the Raffle Order Form!

Right to Life - LIFESPAN's



Monthly Used Book Sale

Join Us at our Monthly Sale!

**Saturday, December 28, 2019
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

***Enter LIFESPAN's Book Depot through
Angels, Saints & Stuff!***

***Northwest corner of Merriman
& Seven Mile Rds.***

***19223 Merriman Road,
Livonia, MI 48152***

***Want to Volunteer to help at the monthly sale?
Call Chris at the Main Office: 734-524-0162***

2019- 2020 Events

2019 Christmas Cards: Now Available

Lights for Life Campaign: November - December 2019

Monthly Used Book Sale: Sat., December 28, 2019

"Movement in Motion": Fri., January 24, 2020

Monthly Used Book Sale: Sat., January 25, 2020

"Be the Change" Adult Training: Fri., February 28, 2020

"Be the Change" Youth Training: Sat., February 29, 2020

Monthly Used Book Sale: Sat., February 29, 2020

LIFESPAN Baby Showers: Sun., March 8, 2020

Monthly Used Book Sale: Sat., March 28, 2020

Monthly Used Book Sale: Sat., April 25, 2020

Annual Dinner: Tue., May 5, 2020

\$10K Raffle: Tue., May 5, 2020

Donations have been made -

In Memory of:

Regina Barcewicz

Given by: Allen Kerkes

Tracey Johnson

Given by: Right to Life - LIFESPAN Oakland/Macomb

Diane Trombley

David Vigliotti

Given by: Ken & Karen Patrosso

Irene Tharp

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.

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Christina Hansen, Office Manager



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

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

Dec 2019

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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_____ Monthly Pledge	\$_____	_____ Silver	\$100
_____ Other	\$_____	_____ Bronze	\$50

Name _____ Phone _____

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***Lights for Life
Tree***

*Donate a light in honor of,
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someone you love!*



**See page 6 to place
a Light on our
Lights for Life Tree.**