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Are We Witnessing the Coming Extinction of Conscience Rights?

By Nancy Valko

Last month, Wesley Smith, the well-known writer and lawyer who opposes assisted suicide and abortion, wrote an article titled “Bioethicist Wants to Morally Cleanse Medical Schools” about plans to weed out pro-life potential doctors and nurses from even entering medical and nursing schools:

“Make no mistake. Schuklenk and his ilk — such as the adamant opponent of medical conscience, Ezekiel Emanuel — are deadly serious about crushing all dissent within the medical professions to emerging cultural paradigms, and plan to morally cleanse the ranks of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and institutions of all wrong thinkers, particularly of the religious and pro-life kind.”

As Wesley warns after speaking with such prospective medical and nursing students, “such culling already occurs outside of official policy”.

Conscience Rights for Health Care Institutions

Now health care institutions that forbid their employees from participating in abortion and euthanasia are at risk.

As an October 29, 2019 article in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) titled “Colorado End-of-Life Options Act—A Clash of Organizational and Individual Conscience” explains, a new court case may result in conscience rights being legally upheld when a doctor **agrees to help a patient commit assisted suicide against a religious healthcare institution’s policy**.

This came about when the Colorado legislature could not pass a physician-assisted suicide in 2014 and 2015 but a new, problematic referendum was introduced and passed by Colorado voters in 2016.

While hospitals and clinics in other states with assisted suicide laws are allowed to prohibit their employees from participating, the Colorado, the referendum added a little-noticed provision in the 2016 Colorado referendum that stated:

“A health care facility may prohibit a physician employed or under contract with the facility from prescribing medication to an individual who intends to use the medication **on the facility’s premises**. The facility must provide advance written notice of its policy to the physician and its patients. **A health care facility may not discipline a physician, nurse, pharmacist, or other person for actions taken in good faith or for refusing to participate in**

any way.” (Emphasis added)

As the JAMA article notes, “This provision virtually guaranteed the Colorado law would eventually be challenged”.

This set up the current case “Mahoney et al v. Centura Health Corporation” involving Neil Mahoney, a Colorado man with advanced cancer, who wanted physician-assisted suicide and found geriatrician Barbara Morris, MD. Dr. Morris was willing to write the lethal overdose prescription. However, the religiously based Centura Health System where she was employed forbade participation in assisted suicide. Mr. Mahoney and Dr. Morris filed a lawsuit on August 21, 2019 and the doctor was fired on August 26 for violating the ethical directives provided for Catholic health care services.

The article concludes that: “the case seems destined to have a **potentially significant effect on national policy**. If the courts rule that the Constitution allows **hospitals to exert control over individual physicians’ claims of professional conscience**, it will be a victory for corporate medicine.

But if the state law is upheld, **the case could establish that physicians’ professional conscience claims hold or take precedence over the ethical and religious directives of religiously affiliated hospitals. It is possible that at least some religiously affiliated health systems might rather close than allow that outcome.**” (All emphasis added)

Conclusion

As Wesley Smith writes, eliminating pro-life health care providers and institutions is becoming part of an utilitarian agenda in the bioethics movement where “legalized euthanasia, free and unfettered abortion at all stages of gestation, infanticide, eugenic embryo engineering, invidious forms of health-care rationing based on ‘quality of life,’ etc., are all part of the mainstream bioethics agenda, or at the very least, are seen as respectable advocacy memes.”

With the current support of a predominantly sympathetic mainstream media, well-funded and politically active groups like Planned Parenthood and Compassion & Choices are also putting pro-life health care providers and their supportive institutions in grave danger of becoming an endangered species in law, politics and health care.

If this happens, our health care system will radically

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LIGHTS FOR LIFE

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San Marino Club in Troy, Michigan



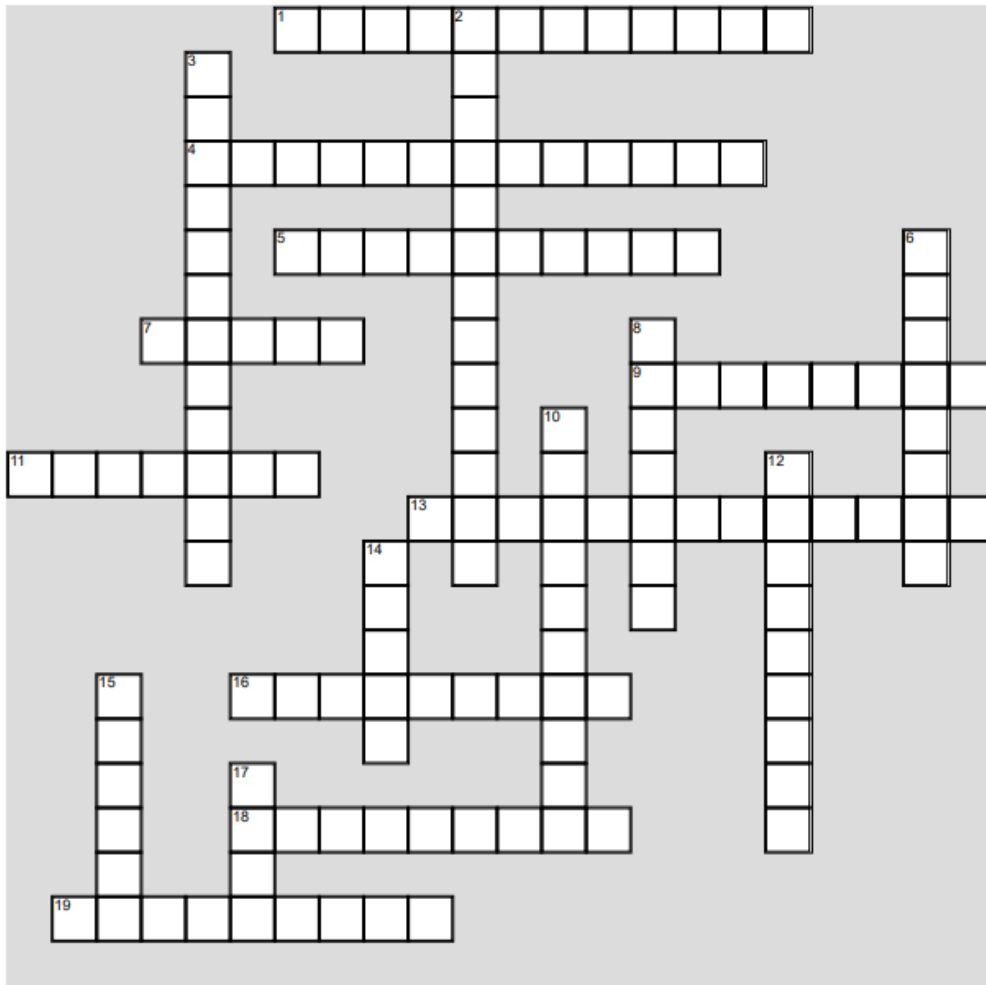
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Puzzle the Pro-Lifer!



Across

- 1 Abortion was legalized in 19__
- 4 Founder of the Radiance Foundation
- 5 Abortion is legal for women through (how long?)
- 7 The majority of those marching for Life are ____ people
- 9 2000 was the first year that _____ officially organized their annual bus trip
- 11 VP Pence's powerful statement at MFL 2017. "Life is__"
- 13 President of the March for Life
- 16 2017 and 2018 March for Life visitor from the White House

Down

- 2 The Jane Roe behind Roe v. Wade- She never aborted her child
- 3 This movement started in DC the year after Roe vs Wade
- 6 Pro-life Activist Priest
- 8 This was also legal in the U.S., until its abolition in 1865
- 10 The Jane Doe behind Doe v. Bolton
- 12 In 2016, LIFESPAN had to regretfully cancel 9 buses because of a _____
- 14 An unborn baby's heart starts beating at ____ weeks
- 15 LIFESPAN's Bus Trip title, "Movement in _____"

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change-especially for the unborn, the elderly and people with disabilities.

When dedicated and compassionate people are denied entry into the health care professions because they refuse to deliberately end lives, harassed and/or fired when they refuse to participate in a deliberate death decisions and religiously based healthcare institutions are forced by law to allow lives to be ended by "choice" or close their doors, will any of us be able to trust our healthcare system when we need it the most?

We need to educate ourselves and the public before it's too late.

- December 13, 2019

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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LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

Hear the news

An anniversary is coming

Prepare to celebrate

Put on your happy face

You must join us

Now is the time to plan

Everyone will be there

Why not you?

Your time has been well spent

Each one should be praised

All have worked so hard

Relax, rejoice, rewind - we are 50 years old this year!

Our little poem is slightly corny, but we just wanted everyone to know that *Right to Life -LIFESPAN* is celebrating a huge milestone this year. It is our 50th

Anniversary!! It is sad that we are still here, struggling to protect all human life, but look at all that we have accomplished! Abortions are at their lowest point since *Roe v Wade*, we are educating hundreds of young people every year with our programs, bus trip and monthly informational emails; we have impacted elections, continue to expose the deeds of organizations like Planned Parenthood, honor our moms and dads on their special days and managed to remain fairly sane while doing all of this.

So, we are having a wonderful Celebrate Life (and *LIFESPAN*) anniversary dinner on May 5th, and our guest speakers are **DIAMOND AND SILK!!!**

This will be the best dinner ever!

Join with us and celebrate our 50th! This is truly a great accomplishment and all of you have made it happen.

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The New Year!

Now is the most important time to be supportive of the pro-life movement. As you have been reading on our website (miLIFESPAN.org), Facebook and *LIFESPAN* News, like every election year, it is a pivotal moment in the history of the United States of America. We are all waiting the results of the petition drive to end Dismemberment Abortions in Michigan. We continue to pray that hearts and minds will be changed.

Welcome!

A few things are going on in the Chapter here in the New Year. We will be adding Nicole Miller to help Mary Jo and working on our education and outreach projects. This is part time as I explained back in July. We are very happy to have her and she will be a wonderful asset to our Chapter and *LIFESPAN*. Nicole has been volunteering since October and has been at many of our events. She is totally committed to *LIFESPAN*'s Mission. Welcome, Nicole.

Reminders

A Quick reminder about Luminaries, Rose Celebration, & our Dinner Dance Fundraiser: you can find more information about these on our Website: miLIFESPAN.org. **PLEASE - PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP DATE RENEWAL ON YOUR NEWSLETTER.** We are working with Ron, our Treasurer, to finalize our 2020 budget and need to have an accurate account of total members to move forward with planning to continue our mission here in Wayne County to fight for those who cannot speak for themselves. Looking forward to working with you all this coming year.



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Wayne County



Wee Care

We did it! (Or rather YOU did it!) 1 set of triplets, 9 sets of twins and over 300 babies received beautiful packages in December to keep them warm as the New Year begins.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making all of this possible!

The babies will have diapers, outfits and soft blankets as they snuggle in their moms' arms during the cold months ahead. The moms will be relieved, will be filled with hope and will feel loved as they hold their babies knowing how much strangers care about them.

I would like to thank all those who added us to their Giving Tree, who purchased clothing or diapers or made blankets and afghans during this busy holiday season. (We will need to replenish the 5,000 sleepers, 3,000 receiving blankets, 5,400 onesies, etc. that we distributed last year - your donations were a Godsend!)



And just like in the past, as the New Year arrives, we know it will be filled with precious, little miracles who will need our help, our prayers and our love...

May you, dear friends, have a New Year filled with good health, good friends, good times and more happiness than you can imagine! May God bless you and your loved ones! Happy 2020!

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

We are totally excited that 2020 is around the corner! A new year filled with much hope and many ways of actively being involved in the Pro-Life Movement to shape our communities more towards embracing the sacredness and dignity of Human Life, especially in the most vulnerable... the babes in the wombs of their mothers, those who are mentally, physically and emotionally challenged, and the elderly.

We have included our flier for Be The Change (page 2) and hope you will spread the word to your friends and family and pro-life groups so that many will attend either or both of the events - the Adult Night for 22 and up and the Student Training Day for Jr. High, High School and College Students, plus parents, too! For registration information, please contact Lynn Gura, Youth Director, at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org and Anne Marie Reiff, Associate Youth Director, at youth@milifespan.org. Anne

Marie did an outstanding job once again on creating the flier for this event! We have separate fliers too for the Adult Night and Student Training Day, so let us know if you want us to send them to you!

We are introducing "Puzzle the Pro-Lifer" (page 6), geared toward anyone who wants to test their knowledge on some facts that involve our Pro-Life work. Thanks, Maria, for putting the first puzzle together! I will work on mine when I get the Newsletter! I hope I know all the answers! :)

Until next time... Keep on Loving Life!

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One-Third of Abortion Clinics Have Closed in the Last 5 Years, Saving Babies From Abortions

By Micaiah Bilger

Independent abortion businesses are closing at a rapid pace across the United States as states pass laws to protect unborn babies and mothers from abortion.

A new report from the pro-abortion Abortion Care Network found that almost one third of all independent abortion facilities have closed since 2012.

The network is made up of independent abortionists that are not part of Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion chain in America. Independent abortion businesses perform more than 50 percent of all abortions; Planned Parenthood abortion centers and hospitals and doctors' offices do the rest.

Between 2014 and 2019, 136 independent abortion businesses closed across the country. States that saw the highest number of closures were California at 15, Texas at 15, Florida at 11 and Michigan at 11, according to the report.

Currently, there are 334 independent abortion facilities in the country, the report states.

Independent abortion facilities do the vast majority of late-term abortions. According to the report, they perform 94 percent of all abortions at or after 22 weeks of pregnancy. Babies now are viable at 22 weeks.

Meanwhile, very few new abortion facilities are opening. The report described it as only a "handful." The pro-abortion group blamed pro-life laws and other efforts as the main reason for the closures. However, it appears the researchers only speculated about the reason; they apparently did not ask the abortion facilities why they closed.

"Anti-abortion politicians have long used onerous restrictions to try and shut down independent abortion providers," Nikki Madsen, executive director of the Abortion Care Network, told CBS News. "Since 2010, anti-abortion politicians have passed more than 400 laws that attempt to make it too expensive or logistically impossible for abortion clinics to operate."

These laws actually are common sense abortion clinic regulations that protect women and unborn babies. They ensure abortion facilities meet basic health and safety standards by requiring annual inspections, hospital admitting agreements for emergency complications, statistical reporting to the state and more. Abortion clinic regulations help to protect patients from horrors like those committed by Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell, whose facility was not inspected for more than a decade.



Pro-life laws, education and outreach efforts through pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes and other organizations also are making an impact. They provide women with information to make an informed decision about her unborn child and offer support when she chooses to parent or make an adoption plan. The abortion industry is shrinking because more mothers are empowered to choose life for their babies.

The pro-life organization Operation Rescue also tracks abortion facility openings and closures. Its report, published earlier this year, found a similar trend.

According to its research, which includes Planned Parenthoods and independent abortion businesses, 40 abortion facilities closed or stopped doing abortions in 2018. The total number of abortion facilities in the U.S. was 697 at the time of publication.

The abortion industry has been shrinking rapidly since the 1990s. According to Operation Rescue, there were 2,176 surgical abortion facilities in 1991.

The number of unborn babies who are aborted every year also has been going down as more women choose life for their babies. The latest report from the Centers for Disease Control shows abortions dropped 24 percent in the past decade.

- LifeNews.com, December 11, 2019



The Rose Ceremony:

A Mass for the Pre-Born

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6 PM



Commemorating the 47th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*
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Wayne County Chapter Fundraiser

Dinner/Dance to Celebrate Life

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Hall

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\$25 per person

Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Program Starts at 6:15 pm



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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 50th Anniversary Resource Book 2020*. **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 20, 2020**. If

you would like your pictures returned, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you prefer to e-mail your photo, you may send them in JPEG format to mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org (with "LIFESPAN Photo" in the subject line) and mail your check to the above LIFESPAN address. For more information, call *Right to Life - LIFESPAN's* Main Office at 734.524.0162.

Yes! Please include my photo in LIFESPAN's 50th Anniversary Resource Book 2020!

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 2020 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 2020. **Patron Ads are tax-deductible; make checks payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.** Deadline for submission is **March 20, 2020**.

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

Memorial Patron Name(s) (deceased): _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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



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From the President's Desk

A new year is upon us and as always, we welcome it with Hope. I spoke a little about hope in my last letter to you. I want to expand on it a little more. Hope is defined as "desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment" or "trust." Applying this definition to our movement, we know that, even if we do not succeed in overturning *Roe v Wade*, or completely defunding Planned Parenthood, or stopping the rapid growing belief in end of life euthanasia, or the stopping the growing violence toward other humans in our communities, we must never give up Hope. It is a journey we have been on for 50 years and when this journey ends, none of us know. We do know that we must never give up. For we trust and hope that one day *we will bring back* a respect for human life.

The year 2020 will be a very challenging year. We must do more than, Hope. Fulfillment of Hope cannot succeed unless there is action. We all must do whatever we're able to improve our pro-life footprint within our communities.

LIFESPAN will continue to serve our community by promoting the pro-life message. We will increase educational opportunities for our youth. We will maintain our Wee Care program, helping moms and their babies, as long as our members support what we do.

This will be an election year and LIFESPAN will be here to educate on the importance of having pro-life legislators. LIFESPAN does not have a 501(c)5 nonprofit tax-exempt status. This means we are unable nor will we endorse anyone running for election. What we will do is educate you and all of our members as to the pro-life views of the candidates. We do this through our Candidate Survey. Persons running for public office will be sent a questionnaire. Their answers will then be put in our Newsletter. It will educate you as to who is willing to answer our pro-life questions. It is up to you to understand those running for office and how they will vote on pro-life issues. It is important to get pro-life people registered to vote.

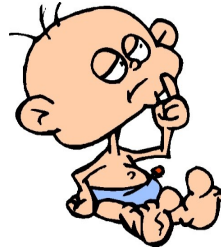
I want to personally thank all of you who signed someone up for a membership. Whether it is a friend or family member they will get our Newsletter and be educated on the above projects, as well as all our yearly ongoing events.

I thank God for you! For your never-ending support of this movement and all you do for God's children.

May God give us all the courage and strength to continue this vital work in 2020. It's a matter of Life and Death.

— Diane Fagelman,
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Just wondering...



Do pro-choicers who refuse to call an unborn baby a baby...

- Always call a pregnant woman a gravida?
- Do they say "she is pregnant with a zygote?"
- Have they ever been to a fetus shower?
- Have they ever bought a gift from an embryo registry?

<https://leavenfortheloaf.com/tag/400-words-for-women/>

Right to Life - LIFESPAN's



Monthly Used Book Sale

Join Us at our Monthly Sale!

Saturday, January 25, 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?

Want to donate books?

Call Chris at the Main Office: 734-524-0162

2020 Pro-Life Events

Rose Ceremony: Wed., January 22, 2020

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

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

WCC Dinner Dance: 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:

Jane Barcewicz

Given by: Allen Kerkes

Howard Michael Stewart

Given by: Ruth Germeroth

Bob & Gini Krenz

Wee Care

In Memory of:

Judith Kral

Given by: Patrick & Kathleen Smith

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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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

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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.

_____ Annual Membership	\$30.00	_____ Platinum	\$500.00 or more
_____ Student/Senior Member	\$20.00	_____ Gold	\$250.00
_____ Monthly Pledge	\$_____	_____ Silver	\$100.00
_____ Other	\$_____	_____ Bronze	\$50.00

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

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

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DATED MATERIAL



Right to Life – LIFESPAN's
31st Annual Baby Shower

Sunday, March 8, 2020

(unless different date noted)

to benefit local Pregnancy Help Centers



Gift Suggestions

Sleepers, onesies, socks,
receiving blankets, crib
sheets, diapers (size 1 to size
4), baby wipes, wash cloths,
towels, pacifiers, bottles,
bibs, personal hygiene items
for baby, gift cards, cash
donations!

Baby showers will be held at the following locations.

More locations are added almost daily!!! Visit miLIFESPAN.org for updates!

Bring new or gently used baby items.

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

In alphabetical order by City:

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

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

Guardian Angels, **Clawson**

Church of the Divine Child, **Dearborn**

Weekends from March 7th - 15th

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

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, **Livonia**

Diaper Drive: January 2020

St. Colette, **Livonia**

Weekend of March 7th & 8th

St. Edith, **Livonia**

St. Genevieve-St. Maurice, **Livonia**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, **Plymouth**

St. Kenneth, **Plymouth**

Weekends from March 7th - 22nd

Our Lady of Loretto, **Redford**

Weekends from Feb 22nd - Mar 8th

St. Andrew, **Rochester**

St. Paul Lutheran, **St. Clair Shores**

Ss. Simon & Jude, **Westland**

Sunday, March 8th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

12/16/2019

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!

Does your church/organization want to co-host a Baby Shower for one of the Metro Detroit Pregnancy Help Centers, but don't see your name listed?
Please contact us today at the *LIFESPAN* Main Office & we'll get you everything you need! 734.524.0162 or mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org.