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Presenting the Pro-Life Message in Southeastern Michigan Since 1970 — 50 Years!

April/May 2020

You've seen them on TV and Social Media
Our Special Guests are

Diamond & Silk

Come spend a memorable evening celebrating our

50th Anniversary

Auction & Fundraising Dinner

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Marino Club in Troy, Michigan

Auction Opens at 5:30 pm

Dinner Begins at 7:15 pm

LIFESPAN is not charging for this event, but please understand that this is the most important fundraiser of the year.
We hope that you can join us and help us continue our efforts to protect all human life.

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Democrat Rep. Jackie Speier Compares Killing Babies in Abortion to Removing Your Wisdom Teeth

By Micaiah Bilger

A California congresswoman claimed killing unborn babies in abortions is safer for women than having wisdom teeth removed.

U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier, a pro-abortion Democrat, compared the two procedures Wednesday outside the U.S. Supreme Court building as the justices heard oral arguments in a Louisiana abortion case, the Washington Free Beacon reports.

The case will determine whether states may require abortionists to have hospital admitting privileges for patient emergencies and whether abortion businesses may sue on behalf of their patients. A ruling is expected in June.

Speier defended the life-destroying practice of abortion by claiming it is safe and, therefore, the Louisiana regulation is not necessary.

"Abortions are one of the safest procedures you could do on an outpatient basis, safer than doing an endoscopy or doing a wisdom teeth extraction," Speier said as she joined fellow Democrat lawmakers for a pro-abortion rally.

According to the Beacon: "Speier argued the Louisiana law is purely political since abortions are 'extremely safe.' There are 22 states not required to report any data on post-abortion complications so it is unclear how many women ultimately suffer from the procedure. There is also no federal requirement for clinics to report abortion complications or manufacturers to track complications that follow a medical abortion."

Though many Democrat politicians now call abortions "health care," most Americans know there is a huge difference between having a wisdom tooth removed and an abortion. One involves killing a living, unique human being; the other does not.

Scientifically, it is well accepted that a unique human life begins at conception, and an abortion destroys that life. Even many abortionists will admit that this is true when pressed.

Abortions are not safe for mothers either, though, as the Beacon noted, data on abortion complications in the U.S. is limited.

Numerous studies have linked abortions to increased physical and mental health risks. One study published in August 2003 in the British Medical Journal found that women who had abortions were seven times more likely to commit suicide than women who gave birth.



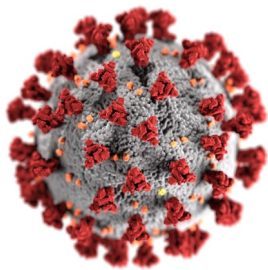
The increased risk of suicide following abortion has been recognized in Australia as well. A 2013 Queensland Maternal and Perinatal Quality Council report noted: "There appears to be a significant worldwide risk of maternal suicide following termination of pregnancy and, in fact, a higher risk than that following term delivery. The potential for depression and other mental health issues at this time needs to be better appreciated."

Other studies have linked abortions to increased risks of breast cancer, future preterm births and psychological problems.

Abortions are not safe and they aren't health care. No other medical procedure involves killing a human being because killing is not care. Pro-lifers are working to end abortion precisely for that reason. Unborn babies are unique, living human beings who deserve the same compassion and care as everyone else.

- LifeNews.com, March 6, 2020





LIFESPAN & COVID-19

As of Monday, March 16th, the offices of LIFESPAN have been closed to the public until further notice. We will be monitoring our email during this time. Stay safe!

Please contact your local office if you need additional information:

Main Office: mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org

Oakland/Macomb: oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org

Wayne: wcd@rtl-lifespan.org

2020 Silent Auction & Gift Card Tree

Auction Items Needed!

Every year at our *Celebration of Life* Dinner, we have a wonderful variety of items for the Silent Auction and Gift Card Tree. 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

Monetary donations will be put to good use; donate any amount and an auction item will be created in your name. Please go to miLIFESPAN.org/donate to donate online or call the Main Office at 734-524-0162 for more information.

Volunteer Needed

We are still looking for someone who can commit to volunteering once a month for our Used Book Sale in Livonia. We have signs that need to be put up (10 am) and taken down (3:15 pm) at our Monthly Sale. If this is something that you can help us with, please call Chris at the Main Office at 734-524-0162. We need your Help!

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 (10/13/2020) – 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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ORDER BY MAIL:

Fill out the order form below. Enclose check or provide credit card information and return to:

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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.



License No. R52318

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund 50th Anniversary \$10K RAFFLE FORM

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

☐ Check made payable to **Right to Life - LIFESPAN Ed. Fund**

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover ☐ American Express *Your credit card will be charged by LIFESPAN Educational Fund

Account # _____ Expiration Date _____ Verification Code _____

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature (for Credit Card): _____

Name(s) on Ticket(s) (if different from above): _____

[] If sold out, please return money [] If sold out, please accept as a donation

Send order form and payment to:

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Ticket #(s): _____

Check #(s): _____

Be the Change

On February 28th and 29th, LIFESPAN hosted our “Be the Change” events for both adults and youth. Our guest speaker was Ryan Bomberger from *The Radiance Foundation*. Pastor Steve

Gallegos gave his testimony before Ryan's presentation at our eastside training sessions. He is the Children's Pastor at Auburn Hills Christian Center. On the westside, before Ryan's presentation, Shelly Gregoire from *Let Them Live* gave a presentation. We want to thank all our speakers for providing a dynamic and exciting presentations! See some of the responses to our training and pictures below.



“Ryan’s talk was incredible! I would definitely be interested in hearing him again on a different subject in the future and would totally invite friends!”

“Learned more information about actual abortions and I liked that it wasn’t so serious of a talk.”



“Wonderful to hear Mr. Bomberger and learn more about his work for life.”

“Given how aggressive pro-abortion voices are in spreading misinformation and falsehoods, it is encouraging to see an organization [LIFESPAN] hosting professional, high-quality events like this to educate the public! The best way to combat lies is with the Truth!”

“I admire the heart behind LIFESPAN!”

“Thank you LIFESPAN for putting this wonderful event together!”

A big thank you goes out to Auburn Hills Christian Center and the U of M - Dearborn Gabriel Richard Newman Center for hosting our training!



LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

50th Anniversary Dinner

The original information that was going to appear in this space would have told all of you how amazed and grateful we were for the overwhelming response we had to our 50th Anniversary Dinner with Diamond & Silk. We were literally sold-out with a waiting list that was growing daily. Well, obviously things have changed. That's the bad news. Now for the good news – the dinner WILL be held, just not in May. Our President, Diane Fagelman, has consulted with Diamond & Silk and we have talked with San Marino, and our dinner WILL take place on October 13th, at San Marino and with Diamond & Silk! So – get out your eraser and remove the May date and then get out your pens and put a big star on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

When we are able to return to the office, we will be contacting you to confirm that you will be coming to the dinner on October 13th.

It was a disappointment for everyone that we had to postpone the dinner. We were knee deep in preparations – the auction, the raffle, hotel arrangements for our guests, flowers, meals, reservations – the dozens of details that go into planning our dinners. However, the health and safety of everyone is of paramount importance. While we wait for this virus to abate, please join us in praying for our relatives, friends and neighbors to be well, for our courageous first responders, doctors, nurses, ancillary hospital workers who literally put their lives on the line each time they go to work, for truckers and farmers who are keeping us fed, for our leaders faced with life and death decisions. Ask the Lord of Life to show His great mercy and heal our nation.

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Diane Trombley, Director
Lynn Gura, Office Staff/Youth Director
Maria Vitale, Office Assistant

Membership

Well, I hope the Winter Blues are passing by you now. I sure am ready for Spring and the flowers. Our Chapter is moving along and getting caught up the many tasks that needed attention. We got a letter out to over 500 members who had not renewed their membership from 2015 to 2019. We also reached out to 150 churches so far in Detroit and plan on reaching out to more because there is little LIFESPAN presence in the city. Years back, we were blessed with a group working out of Holy Rosary Church, but retirement moved them to us. I am trying to rekindle a flame in the city, where it is much needed.

WCC Board Members

Along with this effort, our board members have been very cooperative in wanting to make our mission known throughout the area. They are all reaching out throughout Wayne County to area churches we are

currently not involved with. We are hoping and praying that they will join our fight.

Vote Pro-Life

It is our hope that this effort will help spread the word before this year's election so that we can keep pro-life candidates in office who fight and speak for the pre-born, the aged, and the incapacitated. We want them to know we are a resource for information on issues that impact human life. Also, women who are pregnant need to know that they are not alone and we have resources through our own Wee Care program and many Pregnancy Help Centers throughout the county to help. Please keep us in your prayers and have a Blessed Spring.

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Other arrangements can be made
Gary Radomski, Director
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Wayne County



Wee Care

Bunnies, puppies, elephants, lambs, hedgehogs (yes, hedgehogs!) and ducks have taken over our hallway at Wee Care! Each adorable stuffed animal sits on top of a package for one of our special moms! It is so much fun to assemble their layettes and knowing that what is underneath that cuddly toy is so desperately needed and makes such a difference in a mom's life. You make all this happen every single day. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

I would also like to thank you for all you have done to help make our LIFESPAN Baby Shower Project a big success this year! Each year, LIFESPAN asks churches to host a traditional or drop-off shower for 19 pregnancy centers located in the tri-county area. This year, over 33 showers have been planned and Wee Care was blessed to be one of the recipients. So, on behalf of all of the pregnancy centers, thank you for helping all of our precious babies!



Have a happy, healthy Spring!

Love, Karen

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Karen Patrosso, Director

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

Now that the 2020 "Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip is over and the 2020 Be the Change Adult and Student Training is over, we will move ahead with greater fervor and determination to protect human life through the whole lifespan! With more knowledge from the training Ryan Bomberger of The Radiance Foundation provided us, we are better informed of several truths we can share with our family members, friends, co-workers, people we meet in our faith communities, at our schools. We are **Factivists** and with facts to back up what we say, we can work together to clear up the confusion that is all around us in a non-confrontational way - exposing all the lies and fake news we are bombarded with wherever we go.

It is exciting to share that our plans are underway already for the 2021 "Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip. Dates are January 28th - 31st for the regular trip, and January 28th - 30th for a red eye trip we will offer in

2021. For more details on the trip plans, please email Lynn Gura, Youth Director, at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org or Anne Marie Reiff, Associate Youth Director, at youth@milifespan.org. Or you can call the numbers provided below. If you also want details about the 2021 Be the Change Adult and Student Training, email Lynn or Anne Marie.

We hope to hear from many of you regarding these two activities that will take place next year!

Let's keep on speaking up for and loving LIFE!

#miLIFESPAN



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Right to Life - LIFESPAN's 50th Anniversary RESOURCE BOOK 2020 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.

Extended!

I wish to publish a _____ page ad for the

sum of \$ _____

Please run:

_____ last year's ad

_____ enclosed NEW ad

_____ EMAILED ad

Full Page (7 x 10)

\$325

Inside Front Cover - Color

\$375

Inside Back Cover - Color

\$375

Outside Back Cover - Color

\$500

**1/4 Page
(3½ x 5)**

\$125

**1/8 Page
(3½ x 2½)**

\$75

**1/2 Page
(5 x 7)**

\$175

Extended Deadline for submission is May 1, 2020.

- Submit copy of your ad either as a hard copy, camera-ready ad or email ad to: mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org.
- If you are not able to submit camera-ready work, we will help you with your ad, just call us!
- **Payment must accompany 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.

Contact Person _____ **Phone** (_____) _____

Name of Advertiser/Business _____ **Email** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Ad Seller's Signature _____ **Phone** (_____) _____

_____ **YES, please send me a copy of the 2020 LIFESPAN Resource Book.**

Call the Main Office to use a Credit Card or mail checks payable to:

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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 Ed. Fund*, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305. All picture ads must be received by **May 1, 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 Ed. Fund.** Extended Deadline for submission is **May 1, 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

Friends of LIFE,

I pray that during these trying times you and your loved ones are safe and well. Like so many others, being home and not doing pro-life work has been difficult. Having to change our, "Celebration of Life Dinner" has disrupted what we hoped would be a very exciting May 2020. But, like most of you, we are grateful that we do not have to cancel completely and just move our date to celebrate life and our existence into October.

COVID-19 has been a wake-up call to just what is important in life. It is our God, our families, our life, and our country. It is, however, another example of just how deep the abortion proponent has infiltrated the governing body of this country; another decision on abortion by the progressive leaders which defies reason. Abortion clinics according to Pelosi, Gov. Whitmer, and others are a "necessity" and may stay open. We have shut down our country and the economy is at a very dangerous level in order to save lives. But, these same people have concluded abortion clinics are necessary to stay open. So, let me get this straight! We close down a country to save lives but we allow businesses that kill the preborn to stay open. What kind of thinking is that!? It's the same thinking since the beginning of the abortion movement - lives in the womb are not worthy to be protected by U.S. law. Where have we heard this before? The Dred Scott Supreme Court decision of 1857, which stated a black slave did not have the same rights as a white man. So here we are in the 21st century debating the rights of the preborn child. In fact, it is open season to kill them if unwanted.

If you follow the statistics of the COVID-19 virus, you will see a pattern of numbers of COVID-19 virus vs number of abortions performed in those same regions. Here, in our region, we have highest COVID-19 numbers in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, same high statistics with abortions.

	COVID-19*	Abortions**
Wayne County	10,951	9,990
Oakland County	4,802	3,249
Macomb County	3,164	2,702

Is it a coincidence? Not sure! Only time will tell. It will need further study after the plague is over. Just as many people will study this virus and its effects on humans from this pandemic; should we not stop the killing of our little human citizens, who live in the womb, until it is proven they are not human? For this to occur, the whole discovery of human DNA will have to be altered or changed.



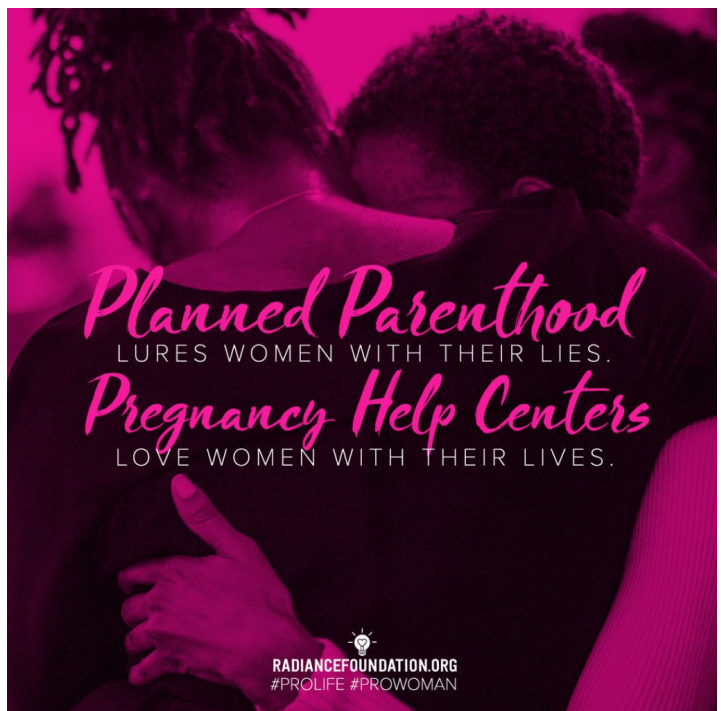
This plague will end. Lives will be lost. We will learn from this experience. I wish I could say the same for permissive abortion laws of our country.

When this is all over, we still have a lot of work to do. We must stay strong and fight for life - not just during a pandemic, but always. The loss of human life is tragic and sad whether it is during this pandemic or the abortion procedure. May God give us the courage and strength to persevere!

— Diane Fagelman,
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

* = Cases as of 4/11/2020

** = All Abortions in 2018



2020 Pro-Life Events

Candidate Surveys Due:

Wed., June 17, 2020

Annual Dinner (Rescheduled):

Tue., October 13, 2020

\$10K Raffle (Rescheduled):

Tue., October 13, 2020

Donations have been made -

In Memory of:

Marie Robinson

Given by:

Tony & Chris Hansen	Matt & Amy Vitale
James & Mary Kreger	Paul & Joan Moses
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Diane Trombley	Kathy Lewis
Jerry & Diane Fagelman	

Matthew

Given by: Richard & Mary Ann Dixon

Peter

Given by: Richard & Mary Ann Dixon

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

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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 _____

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SALE

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Location:

Livonia

We will be collecting donations soon!

Examples of items that we will accept:

**Furniture • Appliances • Tools • Electronics • Sporting Equipment • Toys •
Household items • Baby items • Yard equipment • CDs & DVDs**

Any item in working condition. We cannot accept clothing, books, or over-sized items.

Remember us while you do your Spring Cleaning!

Youth: Call **Anne Marie** at **734-855-0464** if you want to help us sort, price and sell our items. ***We need volunteers just like you!***

We are looking for a volunteer for leadership of the garage sale - someone who has experience with garage sales. Contact Anne Marie at 734-855-0464 or email her at youth@miLIFESPAN.org.

**100% of the proceeds will benefit the *Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund's*
*GENERATION TRUTH Youth Outreach Program.***