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WAYNE COUNTY:

TBD

FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

OAKLAND COUNTY:

AUBURN HILLS CHRISTIAN CENTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

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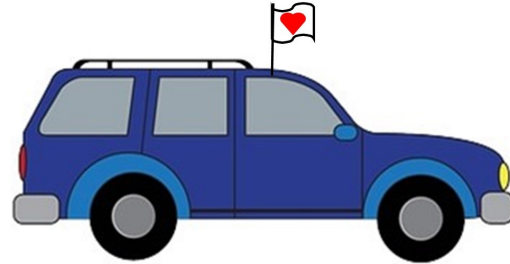
Testimony of an Abortion Survivor

Trevor Pollo

Stump the Pro-Lifer



Motor City Caravan for Life



January 22, 2022

Who is invited? EVERYONE!!! Pack your friends & family in the car to tell everyone **I LOVE LIFE!!!**

Purpose: To locally commemorate the 49th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and the National March for Life. AND to give public witness to a Culture of Life & end to abortion in Metro Detroit.

The Event: We will caravan in our vehicles, displaying our pro-life message under the theme "Love Life".

The Starting Point: Shrine Catholic Grade School Parking Lot - 12 Mile Rd. & Woodward

Contact for more info: Any Chapter Office (Oakland/Macomb: 248-816-1546 or Wayne: 734-422-6230)

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Court Rules Hippos are People, But It's OK to Kill Unborn Babies in Abortions

Editor's Note: *Who remembers Ripley's Believe It Or Not?*

By Micaiah Bilger

Animals are enjoying better legal rights and protections in the United States than human children in the womb.

On Wednesday, an animal rights group celebrated a federal court ruling that recognizes hippos as legal persons for the first time in U.S. history.

Attorneys with the Animal Legal Defense Fund said animals are protected from "cruelty and exploitation" under the law and the new U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio ruling expands their rights even further.

"Animals have the right to be free from cruelty and exploitation, and the failure of U.S. courts to recognize their rights impedes the ability to enforce existing legislative protections," said Animal Legal Defense Fund executive director Stephen Wells in a statement. "The court's order authorizing the hippos to exercise their legal right to obtain information in the United States is a critical milestone in the broader animal status fight to recognize that animals have enforceable rights."

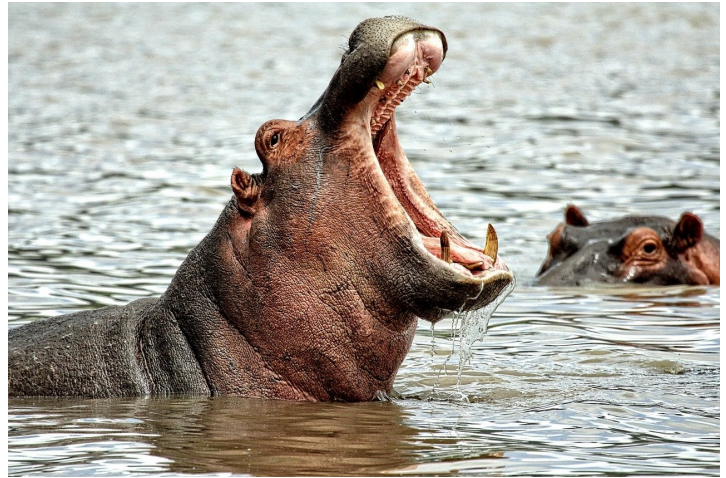
Gizmodo reports the case involves a group of hippos in Colombia that have been labeled a dangerous invasive species.

Authorities in the South American country planned to euthanize the animals, but an attorney in the country sued on the hippos' behalf to prevent their deaths, according to the report.

Later, the U.S.-based Animal Legal Defense Fund became involved in the case, filing a request to allow two American wildlife experts to testify about animal sterilization on behalf of the hippos, the report continues.

Christopher Berry, an attorney with the fund, explained: "The Colombian legal system can't compel someone in the U.S. to provide testimony or to produce documents, but we have this federal law that allows interested persons in Colombia to go to the U.S. and obtain that ability to obtain documents and testimony."

"So we applied for the hippos' rights to compel their testimony in order to support the Colombian litigation, and now the [U.S. District Court] has granted that application, recognizing that the hippos are interested persons," he told Gizmodo.



Hippos, rivers, orangutan and other non-humans have been recognized as legal persons in various courts in recent years.

Yet, the rights of human babies in the womb are being threatened across the world by legalized abortion. In the United States, under *Roe v. Wade*, unborn babies may be killed for basically any reason up to birth.

Every year, thousands of unborn babies with beating hearts, brain waves and the capability to feel pain are subjected to cruel dismemberment abortions that tear them apart limb from limb while their hearts are still beating.

Sometimes, their bodies are exploited for scientific research, too. One recent experiment by scientists at the University of Pittsburgh involved implanting aborted babies' scalps onto rodents to study the human immune system.

This cruelty and exploitation is justified in the name of science and "women's rights." But unborn babies are unique, valuable human beings who deserve basic rights and protections under the law. If animals are legal "persons," every human being should be considered a person, too.

- LifeNews.com, October 21, 2021

Help Needed!

We are looking for a few strong people to help us put up our Lights for Life tree. It will be a weekend in November for 2-3 hours. Can you help us? Please contact Chris at the Main Office at 734.524.0162.

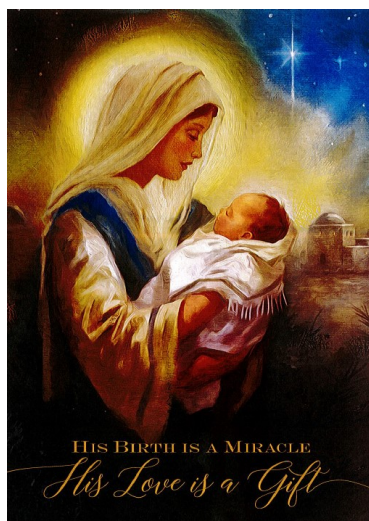


2021 **LIFESPAN** **Christmas Cards**

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



Small Card: \$7 per pkg. of 10
Actual Size: 4 1/2" x 6 1/4"

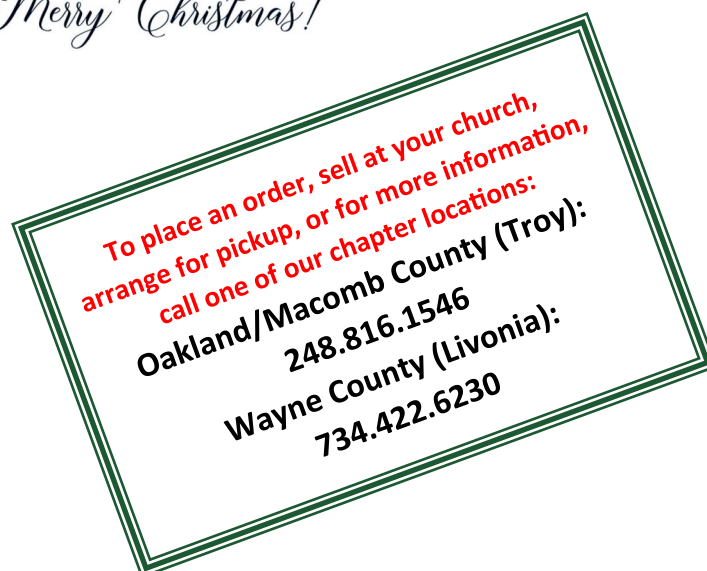


Large Card: \$15 per pkg. of 20
Actual Size: 7" x 5"

Inside Verse (for both):

THE NEWBORN INFANT BRINGS
THE PROMISE OF LOVE,
BLESSINGS AND THE JOY OF LIFE.

Merry Christmas!



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



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Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction October 12, 2021 at the San Marino Club



Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

2022 MOVEMENT IN MOTION

YOUTH BUS TRIP



STANDARD TRIP

Departs

Thursday Evening, January 20, 2022

Returns:

Sunday Morning, January 23, 2022

REGISTRATION EXTENDED:

September 1st - November 11th, 2021

7th-12th Grade Students, Parents,
& Chaperones

*7th/8th Grade Students must be accompanied by
a parent or legal guardian



**NOW SENDING TWO
RED EYE BUSES!!****

Thursday Evening

January 20, 2022

returning

Saturday Morning

January 22, 2022

STANDARD TRIP INCLUDES:

- National Memorial for the Pre-born and their mothers and Fathers
- Outdoor Rally
- March for Life
- Arlington National Cemetery Wreath Laying
- Host Churches in VA and MD
- Friday Dinner & Saturday Continental Breakfast (at host churches)
- A LIFESPAN Beanie (for group ID)

STANDARD TRIP: \$185.00

RED EYE TRIP: \$165.00

If we are forced to cancel, all registration & trip fees will be refunded.

If we are able to travel, there will be no refunds after December 31st
which is our usual policy.

** There will be one bus specifically for college students,
young adults and up

For more information contact:

Lynn Gura, Bus Trip Coordinator

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LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

Our Dinner

FINALLY!!! After two postponements, hundreds of emails, phone calls and additions and subtractions, we finally had our 50th Anniversary Dinner! An event like this requires dozens of hands to make it happen. I would try to identify each of our helpers by name but that would absolutely assure that someone would be left off the list!! So, to those who placed the beautiful flowers on the table, or stuffed donation envelopes, or attached pens to booklets and then those who put the stuffed envelopes and the pens and booklets on 75 tables time 10 items to a table, to those who "swept" the tables after the dinner, emptying vases, gathering up pens and envelopes who fetched and carried auction items, to those who helped seat the guests, to San Marino for their unfailing willingness to accommodate our needs, to those who prepared the meal (I simply don't know how they keep all that chicken hot!!!), to our speakers, singers and youth helpers we can only say a heartfelt THANK YOU!!!!

Many plans to prepare
Each gift chosen with care
Remember cookies for Santa
Reindeer like carrots, not cookies!
Yet - there is something more--

Christ is born this day!
Hope for the future renews!
Rejoice in His promise of Love
In His Peace
Souls will be blessed
Trust in His goodness
Mary, His mother, our mother too!
Assured of His blessings
Savior of all, we sing praise at your birth.

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This Fall at the Wayne County Chapter

It has been a busy fall season as we moved from the inaugural LIFESPAN Links for Life Golf Outing and National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children in September to the 34th Annual Life Chain, 50th Anniversary Dinner-Auction, and CIDER Walk for Life in October. Thank you to all who participated, sponsored, or supported these events in any way. We now move into Christmas Card season with a new large card design and multiple small card designs available. As always, Christmas Cards are offered through our churches and church representatives, but they are also available at our office for walk-ins and for mail orders to best fit your needs. Our office is open for walk-ins from now until December 14 from 11:30am-4:30pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. You may also call 734-244-6230 or e-mail wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to place an order for LIFESPAN Christmas Cards.

The WHPA Openly Displays Fears of Pro-Life Gains

As the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to hear arguments on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health on December 1 and many states continue to pass pro-life bills into law, the American people were reminded of

the reality of evil in our midst with the U.S. House of Representatives passing the euphemistically named Women's Health Protection Act of 2021 (WHPA). Were this bill to become Federal law it would undermine nearly all state level pro-life laws and impose abortion on demand across all trimesters nationwide. Thankfully, it is extremely unlikely to pass the Senate. Conversely, the move to put the lie to the old "safe, legal, rare," canard shows that the pro-abortion lobby in America is very concerned with the growing momentum of pro-life policies. The pro-abortion lobby is frightened enough to lay their cards all on the table, so take courage LIFESPAN members. Now is the time to step up and take courageous action to preserve preborn lives.

**From Our LIFESPAN family to yours,
Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas,
and Happy New Year!**

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Wayne County



Wee Care

Dear Friends,

I can't believe that the holidays are just around the corner! Where did 2021 go? For that matter - where did 2020 go? What a strange time... but some things remain the same - at Wee Care, it is that time of year when we are busy getting ready to provide over 400 packages to some very precious babies. (If your church or organization would be able to collect some baby supplies for us, we would be so very grateful.)

Speaking of being grateful - as Thanksgiving quickly approaches - I just want you to know how grateful I am for you and all you do! I thank God every day for my dear friends, who care so much about His little ones. May you all have a beautiful Thanksgiving surrounded by loved

ones and a day filled with much love, laughter and all God's blessings!

Love, Karen

PS: Have to tell you about a new group we are helping - young moms and moms-to-be who have turned 18 and have "aged out" of the foster care system and have no place to live with their baby or are about to give birth. There are currently 14 of them living together and we will be providing layettes for all of them! Thanks to you!



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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

To all students, parents, young adults, teachers, campus ministers, principals, youth directors, youth pastors and other pastors, deacons and priests, and all others who work with young people:

We hope many of you could participate in the Life Chain, the CIDER Walk, the Pro-Life Chalking Day, and other Pro-Life events that took place in October! Thank you very much! It was a very busy Respect Life month to uphold and honor the Gift of Life from the moment of conception to natural death! If you have any pictures to share of you, your families and friends, school groups and faith communities, please send to us at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org and/or mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org. We will use whatever pictures we can to promote these events next year through our Newsletter, Resource Book, and social media platforms.

We had 24 total Jr. High and High School students as well as college students helping at our Celebrate Life Fundraiser dinner in October! A big thanks to all they did that evening to help it be so successful! They served us and approximately 700 guests with duties like: greeting guests

at the outside entrance, helping them find their dinner name tags at the registration table, assisting the LIFESPAN President, Dinner Coordinator, Auction and Raffle Coordinators, and Youth Director, helping LIFESPAN collect donations at the end of the evening from the guests, and other things throughout the evening.

One other thing to be sure you put on your calendar for the new year - our **Be the Change** student event that will take place in two locations - Friday evening, March 11th (TBD*) and on Saturday morning/early afternoon, March 12th (Auburn Hills Christian Center). There is a flier included on page 2.

*We are looking for a church or school or college that can host us for the evening of March 11th. If you know of any that we could check out, please let me know ASAP by emailing me at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org! Thank you!

Until next time, keep on LOVING LIFE!

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Anne Marie Reiff, Wayne County Youth Director: 734-422-6230

From the President's Desk

My Dear Pro-Life Brothers and Sisters,

Our 50th Celebration for Life Dinner finally arrived - a year and a half late due to COVID and the many restrictions — what a celebration we had.

My sincere thanks go out to the many, who worked so hard, to making this event all that I hoped it would be. Thanks so much to our Major Supporters, Oakland/Mac Chapter who took charge of Registration and organizational needs, and those who donated toward or worked on our Auction and Raffle.

Diamond and Silk gave us an evening of laughter while entwining the serious issues we have yet to conquer. There was little doubt, while listening to our speakers, that our *LIFESPAN* mission, to save human lives, is not yet finished. There is still much work to be done. So many commented on how much they enjoyed the evening, especially our speakers.

After the dinner concluded, I pondered again on the beginnings of *LIFESPAN* and the pro-life movement. I thought of all the wonderful pro-lifers who have passed on and how they left their indelible mark. I remembered those that are still living, although a little older, still out fighting the good fight. I also pondered on how much time they spent during their lifetime educating the public on the life issues and fighting for so many they would never know. I thank God for them all!! Now, my prayers go out to the younger generation, that also shared the evening with us, and my heart is filled with love and gratitude for what they will do in the future to save human lives.

The evening of over 750 attendees, celebrating life, gave me a little photo of the future. The pro-life movement and *LIFESPAN* will continue and has a healthy future.

I thank God for giving us the strength and perseverance to continue our work these many years. I pray for all our *LIFESPAN* members and supporters - those who have passed on and those who are still working in the vineyards of the pro-life movement.

Being a part of the pro-life movement and *LIFESPAN* is one of the most important journeys in our lifetime. Just remember it is the journey that is important – so let us concentrate on that journey and let God take care of the final destination. May He give us all the courage to stay on the path, speaking the truth, no matter how difficult the road becomes.

— Diane Fagelman
President of Right to Life - LIFESPAN

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!

Katie Galli

A long-time member of *LIFESPAN*, a former board member for the Oakland/Macomb chapter and a lifelong supporter of the right to life, Katie Galli, passed away earlier this month. Katie also volunteered in the Oakland office and her smile and ready laugh, never failed to brighten the day. She was dedicated to her family, and to her faith, and she will be sorely missed.



Donations have been made -

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Kathleen Galli

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Linda Martin

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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.

2021 - 2022 Pro-Life Events



Christmas Cards for Sale
November - December, 2021

Movement in Motion Bus Trip:
Thursday, January 20 - Sunday, January 23, 2022

2nd Annual Motor City Caravan for Life:
Saturday, January 22, 2022

Be the Change Youth Training:
Friday, March 11 - Saturday, March 12, 2022



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

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