

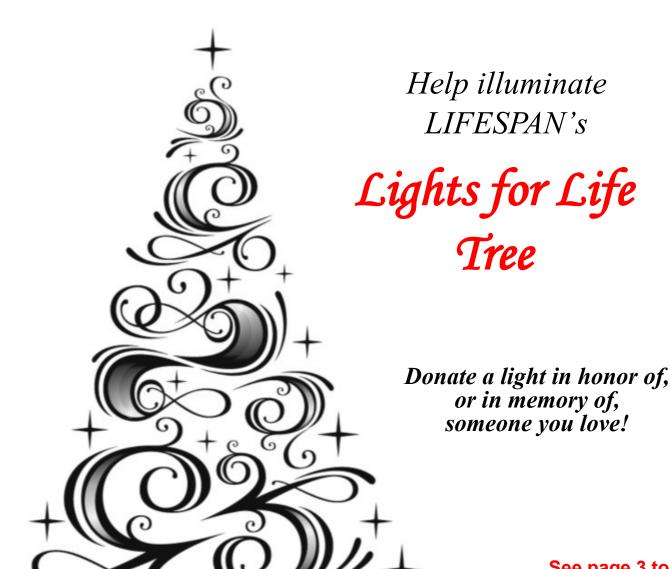
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EVENT: 4:30pm - 8:00pm

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REGISTRATION: 9:30AM

EVENT: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

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HHS gives \$750k in COVID funds to Guttmacher to 'increase access' to abortion

Editor's Note: Your Tax Dollars at Work!!!

By Laura Nicole

n another initiative to push abortion, the Biden administration has directed \$750,000 in funds to the Guttmacher Institute, the former research arm and "special affiliate" of the nation's largest abortion business, Planned Parenthood.

The Department of Health and Human Services has announced a \$6 million total initiative to bolster research into abortion and family planning. The grants and guidelines were announced at a meeting of the Biden administration's reproductive task force, following through on the Administration's promises to promote and increase access to abortion.

The nearly \$1 million in taxpayer funds comes from Congress' recent COVID spending, justified by the Biden administration due to the claim that the abortion industry experienced "service disruptions due to the Covid-19 pandemic and shifting policies and priorities," The Federalist reports.

In its grant description, the Guttmacher Institute pledged to use the funds to find ways of advance its pro-abortion agenda. "This work will result in data and findings readily available for policy makers, clinical providers, and program planners to leverage when designing programs and policies to increase equitable access, especially for those most in need of publicly funded [sexual reproductive health] services," the Guttmacher Institute's grant says, as reported by **The Federalist**.

The grant comes on the heels of a Guttmacher Institute report that found, in the 100 days since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned as of October 2, at least 66 abortion facilities across 15 states have stopped committing abortions. With the new grant money, Planned Parenthood's research arm will be able to analyze data and methods that can stem the losses and support the abortion giant's bottom line.

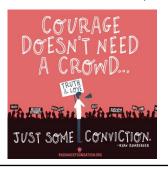
"They will tell you that many of the pregnant women in these states will just go to a clinic in a neighboring state to have their abortions. Some will. But something they aren't anxious to admit may be



way more important — with the abortion clinic closed in their home state, many women will change their minds about seeking abortion and will choose to let their babies live," said Dr. Randall K. O'Bannon, NRL Director of Education & Research, according to **NRL News**.

In the aftermath of *Dobbs v. Jackson*, the Biden administration has committed to pro-abortion activism and is employing federal agencies to challenge, roll back, and get around state pro-life laws. Shortly after the landmark Supreme Court decision, President Biden issued an executive order designed to expand the abortion pill; create an interagency task force to promote more abortion; provide increased incentives for federal employees, military members, and veterans to obtain abortions; and provide millions of dollars in federal grants to family planning groups. The president also marked Women's Equality Day with a speech lamenting the Dobbs v. Jackson decision and issued a flurry of initiatives led by the Department of Health and Human Services to push abortion.

- LiveAction.com, October 16, 2022





35th Annual LIFE CHAIN

Special Thanks to all our co-sponsors and participants in the 35th Annual LIFE CHAIN, held Sunday, October 4th!



- ◆Belleville Church of God, Belleville
- ◆Brightmoor Bible Missionary Church, Detroit
- ◆Christ Church of Redford, Redford
- ◆Church of the Divine Child, Dearborn Heights
- ◆Church of the Holy Family, Novi
- ◆Covenant Community Church, Livonia
- ◆Detroit Catholic Singles, Warren
- ◆Fairlane Alliance, Dearborn
- ◆Full Gospel Temple Assembly of God, Livonia
- ◆Knights of Columbus Council 856, Cosco Twp.
- ◆Knights of Columbus Council 13485, Waterford
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- ◆Northville Christian Assembly, Northville
- ◆Oakland Hills Community, Farmington Hills
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- ◆St. Linus, Dearborn Heights
- ◆St. Louise de Marillac, Warren
- ◆St. Patrick, White Lake
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- ◆St. Sabina, Dearborn Heights
- ◆St. Valentine, Redford

LIFESPAN Chapter News

Celebrate Life Dinner

There are so many people to thank for their help with this year's dinner that if we tried to mention each one of you, it is a given that someone would be missed! So, to all our student volunteers, table dressers, flower arrangers, "fetchers and carriers" — and our wonderful guests and donors, a heart felt thank you from us. We could not have done it without you and because of you, we shared a meal, information and friendship and, hopefully, made our world safer for unborn babies and their moms.

The Aftermath of Proposal 3

When you receive this newsletter, the election will be over, and we will know if Proposal 3 passed or failed. The political ads were meaner, nastier, and less and less truthful as we got closer to Election Day. Half-truths, statements taken out of context, flat out lies, distortions of behaviors and actions, were all designed to play with your emotions. The outcome of this election was too important to be decided by emotions. We knew what we were seeing on the ballot did not fully explain the impact of the measures. Whichever way the proposal fell, know this. OUR WORK TO INSIST

THAT ALL LIFE BE RESPECTED AND PROTECTED WILL CONTINUE. We will assist moms and their babies in every way we can. We will educate our young people on pro-life issues. We will offer ways to protect the elderly, frail and at-risk people at the end of life. No matter what has happened to Proposal 3, LIFE WILL WIN.

Light the Way

For many years we offered candle luminaries as a visible remembrance of the Roe v Wade decision. Many faith communities and organizations would light them on the evening of January 21 or on January 22. This year, no matter what happens in Michigan, this would be a wonderful opportunity to renew this activity and use the candles as a symbol of hope that they will light the way to protection of all Life. You can order the candle kits from us by calling the office, 248-816-1546.

Thank You for Your Sacrifices to Fight like Heaven against Proposal 3!

A considerable number of you have sacrificed immense time and treasure over the past months to do everything within your power to see Proposal 3 defeated and the right to life upheld in Michigan. Know for certain all of you will be blessed by God for your efforts! We pray that we wake up on November 9 and find that Proposal 3 has gone down to a resounding defeat. The alternative is a tragic and barbaric result. Politically, if Prop 3 passes there may be nothing of substance we can do in Michigan for a long time. Either way, our next mission is to create a Culture of Life. It will be of paramount importance to focus on providing help to mothers in need through supporting our local pregnancy centers and programs such as Wee Care which provide for the material necessities of moms and babies in need. We can make abortion influenced by true material need unthinkable. It will also be necessary for LIFESPAN and pro-life organizations to find new ways to educate people about the undisputed biological facts of human development in the womb and the moral necessity to care for the least of our brothers and sisters in the womb.

Christmas Traditions & 2023 Wayne Chapter Membership

As seen on the back cover, the 2022 Christmas Cards feature stunningly beautiful new images for large and small cards. Call 734-422-6230 or e-mail wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to reserve Christmas Cards between now and the end of November. Speaking of Christmas traditions, Weingartz in Farmington is undergoing construction, but rest assured, we will still be able to stage the giant *LIFESPAN* Lights for Life Tree at a visible location at Weingartz.

Chapter members should have received the 2023 Membership Renewal Letter in the mail. Please reply by December 31 to ensure your 2023 membership status is not disrupted. New LIFESPAN members are always welcome! Churches join as members free of charge. Individual memberships apply to the entire household and are only \$30 a year or \$20 a year for Students and Seniors over fifty-five. You can also order a one-year LIFESPAN Gift Membership for a non-member in your life for only \$12.

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Pam Jankowski, Office Staff



Wee Care

Dear friends,

Yesterday, didn't start out that great--two social workers called with the names of their moms who were in desperate situations. Unfortunately, I recognized the same name on both their lists. A woman was scamming them going to multiple agencies to acquire goods that she was most likely selling. After notifying the social workers, I said a prayer for Wee Care and to the Holy Spirit that He would continue to guide me in distributing your beautiful donations. I take that part of my job very seriously! If someone is spending hours and days crocheting a pretty afghan or purchasing a baby sleeper with their limited funds, I consider it part of a sacred trust I have with you to make sure a precious baby, who is truly in need, receives it!

The day, however, did get much better! A local church dropped off a carload of much needed baby supplies - they were all smiles and I was thrilled! Then a social worker called and told me what a difference your gifts made to a young mom. She was so worried about how she would provide for her baby, but when she received her Wee Care packages, she knew that others cared, were praying for her and that there was help available. The social worker said that the mom began to smile and for the first time was excited about her sweet, little daughter growing inside of her. These are the small miracles that happen every day at Wee Care—thanks to you!! God bless you for all you do!

Enjoy the beautiful days & colors of Fall - drink some cider - have a donut (or two!) - Life is Good! Love, Karen

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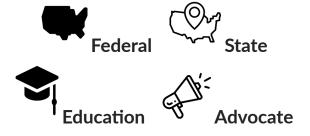
All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.



Dear students of all ages, young adults, parents, teachers, principals, vice principals, headmasters, campus ministers, religious ed directors, faith formation directors, youth directors and youth ministers, deacons, pastors, priests and all others who work with young people!

Will we keep marching for life?

Yes! We began marching in 1974 in response to the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* with the promise that we would March for Life until this wrongful decision was overturned. After 50 years, we have finally reached that goal — but the fight to end abortion in our country is not over.



Why March for Life in our nation's capital?

The end of Roe doesn't mean the end of our national pro-life efforts. In fact, it's just the beginning. Radicals in Congress are pushing extreme pro-abortion legislation, such as the Women's Health Protection Act, which would eliminate virtually all pro-life laws both federally and in the states. Therefore, we must continue our efforts to fight abortion on the national level and encourage our leaders to pass life-affirming laws.



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City of Greensboro in North Carolina admits pro-lifers' arrest violated First Amendment rights

Editor's Note: INTIMIDATION TACTICS WON'T STOP US!

By Bridget Sielicki

he city of Greensboro, North Carolina, has publicly acknowledged that it violated the First Amendment rights of a group of prolifers by arresting them outside an abortion facility in April 2020.

The group of Christians with the group Love Life were praying outside an abortion facility in March and April 2020, during the height of the Covid pandemic when they were arrested for violating public health orders. Despite the fact that the pro-lifers had followed mandates, including masking and limiting their group to less than 10 members, they were told that their First Amendment rights were not allowed at that time. They were also told that their arrest was due to the fact that they arrived in the city by car instead of on foot, and that they arrived from outside the county — though these restrictions weren't noted anywhere in public health mandates.

After the arrest, the group sued the city with help from attorneys from Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). A settlement was reached in February, with the city agreeing to pay all of the pro-lifers' legal fees. Now, the city is admitting its error, agreeing that the pro-lifers had in fact been arrested for the "exercise of constitutionally protected First Amendment rights." It has also promised to guarantee future protections for the pro-life advocates should there be any more public health emergency mandates. In return, members of the group have agreed to forgo seeking further damages against the city.

"According to Greensboro officials, praying while walking was not allowed because of COVID-19.

Clearly, this case was never about public health and safety; it was about the government silencing people because it didn't like what they had to say," said ADF Senior Counsel Denise Harle, director of the ADF Center for Life. "That said, we commend the city for finally agreeing to respect the free speech rights of Love Life members and acknowledge their



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freedom to pray and speak in the public square, just like every other citizen's."

- Live Action, October 18, 2022

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2022-2023 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events

Christmas Card Sales:

October - December 2022

Lights for Life Campaign

November - December 2022

"Be the Change Training" 2023

Friday/Saturday, March 3-4, 2023

34th Annual LIFESPAN Baby Showers:

Sunday, March 12, 2023

3rd Annual Motor City Caravan for Life

Saturday, June 24, 2023

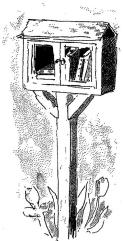
National Day of Remembrance

Saturday, September 9, 2023

36th Annual Life Chain

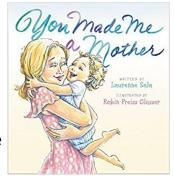
Sunday, October 1, 2023

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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.



Do you know that your company may participate in donating to Non-Profit organizations through Payroll Deductions and/or Matching Funds?

Please contact your Human Resources Department to add *LIFESPAN* to your matching funds.

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

As you read this, my dear pro-life friends, you are either extremely joyful or sad. Proposal 3 has been determined and the elections are over. The State of Michigan either has stayed a pro-life State or it has succumbed to the evils of: killing life in the womb, approving of the mutilation of our children through hormonal drugs or surgery, removing the authority of a parent on how to raise their children according to their family values, and much more.

Whatever has happened, *Right to Life – LIFESPAN* will remain steadfast in our mission Statement. We will continue, as long as the law allows, to help moms and their newborns, to nurture our young people with pro-life tools and educational programs that enhance a respect for human life, to be a presence in our local community and influence our community, to not be afraid to speak out for the preborn, the sick, the elderly, the forgotten. As long as there is an anti-life movement that see humans as a commodity and not a gift from God, we must remain vigilant and active.

It is more important than ever to speak out. I encourage you, no matter what the outcome, to stay connected to *LIFESPAN* - our work in the Metro Detroit area will continue. Get your family and friends to support us and receive a Newsletter that will keep you and they informed. It will give you events to keep you active in the movement, it will allow you to be connected with like-minded people, so you do not feel so alone.

We must pray. Pray that we have the courage to stop the carnage placed on the country by permissive abortion laws. Pray that we have the energy to continue the needed work in the pro-life movement. Pray that young people will come forward to accept leadership roles which is vitally needed to continue our *LIFESPAN* work in the future. Pray for a change of heart for so many pro-abortion people. Pray for strong families for this is the basis of a strong country.

I want to thank all of you who worked so hard to defeat Proposal 3. You gave of your time, your money, and your prayers. It was a long hard battle. Whether we won or lost the battle, our work goes on-the *Dobbs* decision did not outlaw abortion: the killing goes on throughout our country.

I pray that God's Blessing be upon you all. Be strong, be not afraid, it is all in GOD'S TIME, NOT OURS.

– Diane Fagelman, President Right to Life - LIFESPAN

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Survey of post-abortive women shows their emotional trauma

By Sarah Terzo

he pro-life group Heartbeats conducted a survey of post-abortive women. They asked the women what they experienced after their abortion(s).

- 92% experience an emotional deadening, either feeling less in touch with their emotions or feeling a "need to stifle their emotions."
- 86% have an increased tendency toward anger or rage (48% reported they became more violent when angered).
- 86% fear others learning of the abortion and have a greater sense of fear in general.
- 82% feel intense feelings of loneliness or isolation.
- 75% said they are less self-confident.
- 63% experience denial, the average period of denial that they reported was 5.25 years.
- 56% experience suicidal feelings.
- 53% increased or began using drugs and/or alcohol to deaden the pain.
- 28% attempted suicide.

Wayne Mcghie, The Right to Choose (2022) pp.40 - 41.

Collected by Sarah Terzo and National Right to Life for the October 2022 NRLC Newsletter.

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Attend the 2023 Post-Roe March for Life! TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

THEME FOR 2023 IS

"NEXT STEPS: MARCHING INTO A POST-ROE AMERICA!"

Right to Life – LIFESPAN's 2023 Movement in Motion Youth Bus Trip to Washington DC for the Post-Roe March for Life is moving forward for three buses!

LIFESPAN's Bus 1 will be a group of students and chaperones from Chesterton Academy. Buses 2 and 3 will be a mix of other school and youth groups. *There*

is a pricing difference because of the two different host locations (only one location can offer a Continental breakfast so that cost is included in the trip cost). See miLIFESPAN.org/Events for the Bus Trip Flier. Registration forms are available on request. Please contact me at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org to get further information and forms. Put 2023 YBT in the subject line. I will answer your questions and send you the forms you need to register! New deadline for registration is November 18th.

United in the cause of Life, we will...



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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

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Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

November 2022

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 <u>LIFESPAN News</u> as well as educational materials and special mailings.

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