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August 2024

LINKS FOR LIFE 2024 Friday, August 30

Represent your family, church, business, or organization with Sponsorship opportunities starting at \$100!!!



LIFESPAN'S 4th Annual

Charity Golf Outing

We Invite you to join us on Friday, August 30, 2024 for a 9am Shotgun Start @ Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton

Best Ball Golf with Hot Dog Lunch, Steak Dinner, Contests, Raffles & More! Register for \$125 per golfer (\$45 for dinner only) TODAY!!! Contact the LIFESPAN Wayne Chapter at 734-422-6230 or wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to register today!

Registration Form on Page 10

2024 National Right to Life Convention

Reflections by Julia Walrath, Assistant Youth Director

June 28 - 29, 2024 // Arlington (Crystal City), VA

The National Right to Life Conference or NRLC24 was so inspirational; it focused on care for mothers and



babies. We need a change of hearts and minds towards our innermost morals that are imprinted on everyone's softened

hearts. We should all be opposed to killing and that includes the born as well. Euthanasia and abortion kill our mothers and grandmothers and to make a difference is to

care for life - born and unborn. If you've suffered

loss, you know that life is a gift that needs to be protected, cherished, and loved. The speakers were riveting and the stories they told will impact me so much. I came back saying: Get out there and tell your pro-life story in the face of a death anti-culture.



I thought of how stories impact people and how we all have one to tell. For it's not what you Devon & Julia Walrath



go through

that will shape you, but how you react that assures your heart. Life has made us all get down in the dumps, but faith in something is written in our hearts and minds. There is no other way to be born alive then to be a life (pro-life) this is the way and if you know that, you have a moral compass that killing is wrong.



RTL – LIFESPAN

2025 Movement in Motion

Youth Bus Trip

Post-Roe America



Why Do We Still March?

Our most important work is changing hearts and minds. The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable. We will continue to march every January at the national level until a culture of life is restored in the United States.

From the National March for Life website



Dates:

Thursday morning, January 23-Saturday evening, January 25

Pick Up:

Locations in Wayne County, Oakland County and Macomb County

Cost Per Person Buses 1-3 for students & chaperones:

\$195.00

Includes bus cost, LIFESPAN hat, and a continental breakfast

Accommodations for two nights at two different host churches (Bring sleeping bags, mats, and pillows).

Cost Per Person Bus 4 for Adults only (18+)

\$185.00

They will stay at a hotel <u>not covered</u> in the bus trip cost.

Registration Period September 1-November 15, 2024

https://righttolifelifespan.regfox.com/2025movement-in-motion-youth-bus-trip-to-dc

Questions: Contact Lynn Gura at 248-816-1546 or by email at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org

LIFESPAN Chapter News

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped make the Father's Day Candy so successful, in spite of some shortages in supply. We will be researching alternatives for next year.

Candidate Survey

Some of you may have been disappointed when you opened the last issue of our newsletter, the Candidate Survey. There were so very many empty spaces from candidates who did not reply that you might have thought it to be a wasted effort. Actually, every one of those "no response" entries spoke volumes. It tells us that the non- responders care so little for human life that they can't be bothered responding. Actually they don't want their position known. If you are in one of their districts, call their headquarters and ask their position on "reproductive rights" (this is one time when using abortion supporters own phrase is useful). If I ask that question and the candidate supports them, I reply by saying that " if you can't or won't protect the most vulnerable member of our human family, I have no confidence that you will be able to protect me. I cannot vote for you."

Let's Go to the Fair

If LIFESPAN decides to have an information table at the state or local fairs in the summer of 2025, who out there would like to take a four hour shift to promote protection for all human life? Call the office and let me know.



1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite G, Troy, MI 48084-3540 Phone: 248-816-1546 • Email: oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org Office Hours: M/F: 9:30-2; T/W/Th: 8-3 Diane Trombley, Director Lynn Gura, Office Staff/Youth Director

Last Call for LINKS FOR LIFE 2024!

This is the last call to sign up for golf, food, and fellowship at LIFESPAN's **4th Annual Links for Life Charity Golf Outing** on **Friday**, **August 30** at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton. Sign up a golf foursome, join us as a dinner guest, or sponsor a hole! See the flier in this newsletter for details and register TODAY! We need registrations submitted no later than Thursday, August 22.

Politically Minded? We Need Your Help!

You likely noticed that we had a disappointing response rate from candidates for our July Primary Election Candidate Survey newsletter. If you are politically minded or knowledgeable about the candidates in YOUR district (or



even one candidate), we need YOUR help for the October General Election Candidate Survey newsletter! Our staff put in many hours to update the questionnaire for 2024, research the contact information for the candidates, and send the questionnaire out to candidates across all of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. This involves hundreds of elected positions and thousands of candidates and we do our best, but our small staff simply does not have the manpower to follow up with such a large number of candidates across Metro Detroit. The majority of candidates, even ostensibly prolife candidates, failed to return this questionnaire by the end of June. <u>Both Chapters are seeking volunteers to</u> <u>make follow-up phone calls to general election candidates in August and September</u>. We also encourage members to contact the candidates in your district and tell them to earn your vote you would like them to respond to the RTL-LIFESPAN Candidate Survey by September 18.

Save the date for the annual CIDER Walk on Saturday, September 28 12-2pm @ St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

Force pro-aborts to describe what they Defend!

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Wayne Count



"Never enough time!" How often do we say that? There truly is never enough time at Wee Care – Summer hours do not exist! Precious babies continue to be born and moms continue to desperately need essential supplies for their little ones.

A mom had a fire and lost everything. Another had to quit her job and go on immediate bed rest. Another had saved and scrimped and worked overtime to purchase her baby's necessities only to find out she was having twins! Another delivered her baby prematurely and needed clothes for her 3 lb. teeny daughter. And – what do they all have in common – they all called today! They will receive their much needed supplies along with your love and prayers.

We receive requests for your prayers constantly – for safe deliveries, for new jobs, for improved relationships and circumstances.

Yesterday, we had two heartbreaking requests — one great-grandmother dropped off baby clothes from her daughter, who is not allowed to see her granddaughter.



Another friend dropped off clothes from a mom who just had lost her son at 36 weeks pregnancy. There are no

words to describe their pain. Please keep them and all our babies in your prayers. Every baby is such a precious miracle!

God bless you and have a relaxing, fun Summer! (We will be here if you need us!)

Love, Karen

A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305 Phone: 734-524-0165 Office Hours: By appointment 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



On page 2, you see our own Julia Walrath, Assistant Youth Director, and her husband Devon, who were sponsored by LIFESPAN to go to the National Right to Life Convention in Virginia. She came back energized and ready to continue our mission to change hearts and minds.

With the support we receive throughout the year from our donors, we are able to send young adults to this important annual convention. Look for a lot more activity on our social media channels - Instagram, X, Parler, Truth Social, Snapchat, Facebook. Julia learned a lot of great ways to improve our usage of social media. Go Julia!

In addition, we are sponsoring 13 young people to attend the Protect Life Michigan Life Advocate Intensive training the first week of August in Southfield! Four high schoolers and nine young adults (college age up to 26 years old). We will share summaries from them all in future newsletters so stay tuned!

The registration links are finished for the 2025 Movement in Motion Bus Trip and the 2025 Be the Change event Go to the full links (no shortcut): <u>https://righttolifelifespan.regfox.com/2025-be-the-change</u> for BTC25 & <u>https://righttolifelifespan.regfox.com/2025-</u> <u>movement-in-motion-youth-bus-trip-to-dc</u> for MIM25. Put in your email address, and then you will receive a notification when registration opens up. We are very excited to use RegFox as our registration platform in 2025!

Together, we will Be the Change!

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37thAnnual Life Chain Sunday, October 6, 2024 2:00 - 3:30 PM* (*unless otherwise noted)

2023 LIFE CHAIN Locations Sponsored by LIFESPAN:

- Auburn Hills: Walton Blvd., east of Squirrel Road (*11:30 1:00)
 Auburn Hills: 2592 E. Walton Blvd. (*12:30 2:00)
 Belleville: Main Street at Five Points
 Clarkston: Southbound Dixie Hwy, south of White Lake Rd.
 Dearborn: Michigan Ave., in front of Old City Hall
 Dearborn Heights: Ann Arbor Trail & Kinmore Street
 Dearborn Heights: Telegraph Rd., one block south of Joy Rd.
 Ferndale: Woodward Ave., between 8 & 9 Mile Roads
 Fraser: 14 Mile Road at Utica Road (*12:30 1:30)
 Highland: M-59 & Milford Road
 Lake Orion: N. Lapeer Rd. & Indianwood (*1:30 3:00)
 Livonia: Farmington Road, between 5 & 7 Mile Roads
 Livonia: Middlebelt Road, to Stile Road
 Livonia: Middlebelt Road, btw. Farmington & Merriman (*1:00 2:30)
- Livonia: Seven Mile Rd., between Merriman & Farmington, Macomb: 24 Mile & Romeo Plank Roads. Marine City: Parker Street in front of the Library Milford: General Motors Road & Milford Road Novi: Novi & Grand River Roads Plymouth: North Territorial and Beck Road (*1:30 - 3:30) Redford: Beech Daly & 6 Mile Roads Royal Oak: Woodward Avenue at 12 Mile Road Shelby Twp.: Schoenherr between 21 & 22 Mile Rds. (*1:30) Sterling Heights: Ryan & 18 Mile Roads Warren: 12 Mile Road, east of Dequindre (*1:00 - 2:00) Warren: Ryan Road at Frazho Road Westland: Wayne Road, north of Warren Road White Lake: M-59 at Elizabeth Lake Road

2023 Co-Sponsored by:

- ♥Auburn Hills Christian Center, Auburn Hills
- Christ Church of Redford, Redford
- Church of the Holy Family, Novi
- ♥Covenant Community Church, Redford
- ♥Four Winds Church, Livonia
- ♥Lakes Area Right to Life, Milford
- ♥LifePointe Church of God, Belleville
- ♥Knights of Columbus #856, Marine City
- ♥Northuille Christian Assembly, Northuille
- ♥Oakland Hills Community, Farmington Hills
- ♥Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth
- ♥Our Lady of Grace, Warren
- ♥Our Lady of Loretto, Redford
- ullet Our Lady of the Lakes, Waterford
- ♥Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Ferndale
- ♥Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Sterling Heights

♥St. Aidan, Liuonia

- ♥St. Barbara, Dearborn
- ♥St. Genevieve-St. Maurice, Livonia
- ♥St. John Fisher Chapel, Auburn Hills
- ♥St. John Lutheran, Fraser
- ♥St. John Neumann, Canton
- ♥St. Joseph, South Lyon
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- ♥St. Louise de Marillac, Warren
- ♥St. Michael the Archangel, Livonia
- ♥St. Peter Lutheran, Macomb
- ♥St. Patrick, White Lake
- ♥St. Sabina, Dearborn Heights
- ♥St. Therese of Lisieux, Shelby Township
- ♥St. Valentine, Redford



Want to participate in 2024?

Call 734.524.0162 to

Reserve a Spot

Thousands of participants across the United States and Canada will stand on the sidewalks in witness to their commitment to love and protect the preborn and their mothers. LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to be aware and to care. The signs deliver messages that Abortion Kills Children, Adoption is the Loving Option, Abortion Hurts Women, Pray to End Abortion, and Life-The First Inalienable Right. This peaceful event will provide a visual statement of unity. For more information about the National movement, go to www.lifechain.org



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or Call the Main Office at 734.524.0162

2024-2025 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events

Links for Life August 30, 2024

Legislative Luncheon October 2024

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

September 14, 2024

Candidate Survey: General Election Due Date September 18, 2024 (Election Date: 11/5/24) *Find the surveys in the October 2024 Newsletter*

CIDER Walk for Life September 28, 2024

Life Chain October 6, 2024

National Pro-Life Cupcake Day October 9, 2024

Autumn Pro-Life Sidewalk Chalking Day Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity October 15, 2024

Movement in Motion Bus Trip to DC Registration: Sept. 1 - Nov. 15, 2024 Trip: Jan. 23. 2025 to Jan. 25. 2025

> **Be the Change** March 8, 2025

Cut off & Hang on your Calendar 米

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Legislative Luncheon 2024



Visit *https:// milifespan.org* for updated info



SAVE THE DATE!



Rachel Campos-Duffy

Guest Speaker at our Celebration of Life Dinner

Next Year - Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Mom of 9 - Pro-life Advocate Co-host of America's #1 Rated Cable News Morning Show, Fox & Friends Weekend. She and her husband, former congressman Sean Duffy, host a popular podcast, "From the Kitchen Table"

Mark Your Calendars!

National Right to Life Responds to Fort Liberty Presentation

ccording to documentation circulating on social media and confirmed in a statement by Fort Liberty, an anti-terrorism briefing created by a local garrison employee equated National Right to Life with terrorist groups and accused NRLC of fomenting violence and clinic bombings.

"In a presentation that is deeply offensive to pro-life Americans across the nation, Fort Liberty promoted outright lies about National Right to Life in a demonstration of lazy scholarship," said

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE PRESS RELEASE



Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "In our over 50-year history, National Right to Life has always, consistently, and unequivocally, condemned violence against anyone."

The presentation accused pro-life Americans of "terrorist activities" if they opposed "Row v. Wade [sic]," supported pregnancy centers, participated in sidewalk counseling, displayed pro-life license plates, or were involved in other peaceful activities.

Continued Tobias, "One must wonder how a license plate that raises funds for pregnancy resource centers could be construed as a symbol of terrorism."

National Right to Life's retired logo was used on the slide as an example.

"Only under the Biden Administration can peaceful law-abiding citizens and their peaceful activities be considered 'terrorism'" said Tobias. "The Biden Administration promotes the deaths of preborn babies and advocates for unlimited abortion, but peaceful pro-life Americans are labeled 'terrorists."

National Right to Life has always worked to protect innocent lives threatened by abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia and seeks to protect this right regardless of a person's race, creed, background, sexual orientation, or political affiliation.

National Right to Life's full statement on violence can be found here.

Founded in 1968, the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide, and euthanasia.

- July 11, 2024, National Right to Life



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In <u>Memory</u> of:

Victoria Kain Given by: Scott & Debra Fosgard Marjorie & Bill Goodhue



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2024 LINKS for LIFE Charity Golf Outing

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Sponsor Registration

_ Yes, I/We would like to sponsor ____ hole(s) at \$100 per hole as a Hole Sponsor.

Hole Sponsors will receive a printed sign at a Tee Box.

____ Yes, I/We would like to be a Program Sponsor for \$250.

Program Sponsors will receive a printed sign at a Tee Box & Sponsor recognition in the printed program.

_ Yes, I/We would like to be an Event Sponsor for \$500.

Event Sponsors will receive a printed sign at the clubhouse entrance as well as a Tee Box, Sponsor recognition on the <u>cover</u> of the printed program & *LIFESPAN* newsletter, & discounted 4-some at \$90/golfer.

Please send the desired text and/or a jpeg or gif of your desired image or business card to tpruse@milifespan.org

Sponsor Name: ______

Sponsor E-mail and/or Phone Number: ______

Golfer & Dinner Registration

___ Yes, please register _____ golfer(s) at \$125 per golfer.

___ Yes, please register _____ guest(s) for dinner only at \$45 per guest.

Golfer Names and E-mail Addresses and/or Phone Numbers"

Additional Dinner Only Attendee Names: ______

____ Total \$ Included for Golf/Sponsorships

Note: LIFESPAN will NEVER share golfer/sponsor personal contact info with anyone.

From the President's Desk



Dear Friends of Life,

I want to thank all of you for your continuous support of LIFESPAN. We are not and never will be a national organization; quite the contrary. Our purpose is to be a local pro-life organization. We collaborate with you to bring a pro-life footprint to the Metro Detroit area. We do not always know if our presence has changed hearts and minds, but I am sure that our influence has been and is effective.

I want to share with you one life saved by our bringing "Life Chain" to Southeastern Michigan. After years of doing Life Chain and not always sure how influential we were, we received a call from a young mother, thanking us for being there & she shared her story with us.

The year before she was on her way to having an abortion and her car would not start. She called a friend who picked her up to take her to the abortion appointment. She never drove Woodward Ave, but her friend did, and as they were driving, she came across our members holding up the Life Chain signs. By the time she got to the Planned Parenthood, she had changed her mind. This young mother was so grateful for those holding these signs because she now holds her precious daughter in her arms.

This is just one success that we know of; not many young women would have the courage to call. How many lives we have saved throughout these past 54 years, only God knows.

So, you see, your local work is important and it matters. You may not have instant gratification - in fact, because of our issue, our successes seem elusive and many will never be known; but each success brings us closer toward the goal of bringing back respect for all human life. It is slow and sometime tedious work, but worth our time, money, and effort (remember the story of the tortoise and the rabbit). We will one day succeed!!

Please, participate in our events this fall, Life Chain and the National Day of Remembrance, Legislative Luncheon, Cider Walk

and many youth activities for our young people. It will all be in our Newsletter, also online, <u>milifespan.org</u>. Share or, better yet, sign up a family member or friend to receive the "LIFESPAN Newsletter" this is a valuable tool in our fight for LIFE.

In these grim times, we need to continue to speak out loudly for LIFE. The pro-life message can only succeed if we pass on our knowledge and facts of the pro-life cause to our circle of family and friends. LIFESPAN will do everything possible to continue to be the voice in Metro Detroit and promote the pro-life message. But we can only do this if we have good people like our members supporting our LIFESPAN work.

This is also an election year. A vote for a pro-life candidate is a vote for LIFE. Elections matter. Remember if you moved or are a new voter, you must register to vote and encourage your family and friends to do the same. Know the candidates and vote for LIFE. Pro-lifers are one issue voters, and proud of it. Do not let anyone intimidate you – LIFE IS THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE. We know that if you do not have LIFE, you can do nothing to improve or change the future. If you do not have LIFE, nothing else matters.

May God give us the strength and courage to continue to stand up for LIFE! - *Diane Fagelman, President*

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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,

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

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National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, Sept 14, 2024 • 1:00 pm White Chapel Cemetery



On Saturday, Sept. 9th, LIFESPAN will join other pro-life Americans across the country to honor the memory of the more than 65,000,000 pre-born victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Date & Tíme:

September 14th - 1:00 pm

Location:

White Chapel Cemetery 621 W. Long Lake Road Troy, Michigan 48098 (Turn Left & Follow the Yellow Signs)

For More Information:

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