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SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025
IN AUBURN HILLS: 9:30-
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LIVONIA: 12:30-4:30
P.M.

Emily and Nathan Berning, Tacara
McKay: Let Them Live (both locations)



This **FREE** event is for 7th grade and up.
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Questions: Contact Lynn Gura [248-816-1546](tel:248-816-1546)/oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org
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<https://righttolifelifespan.regfox.com/2025-be-the-change>

2024 CIDER Walk for Life

...because Children In-utero Deserve Equal Rights!



The 2024 CIDER Walk marched down Farmington Rd. in Livonia despite the light rain falling the afternoon of Saturday, September 28. Over 50 walkers braved the weather to give witness to the fact that Children In-utero Deserve Equal Rights! St. Aidan Catholic Church hosted CIDER Walk. Thanks to the efforts of St. Aidan Church Representatives

Robert & Leslie Gola. From St. Aidan, the hardy pro-lifers walked to the Livonia Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. At the clinic, marchers paused for lent individual prayer. St. Aidan Parish Center for cider, doughnuts, and fellowship.



collective public prayer and si-
The walk then returned to the

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Respect Life!

By Beth Karle

As Respect Life Month comes to a close, I'd like to share the blessing I had having a "high risk" pregnancy.

My first pregnancy ended in a devastating miscarriage at 9



Photo 2: 8 weeks

weeks. Two years later, I was finally pregnant again. My doctor wanted to keep a close eye on things. So unlike everyone else who had to wait until the midterms to do ultrasounds, he began them at 4 weeks (photo 1) and we saw Joseph's heartbeat!! Just over 8 weeks (photo 2), we were able to see Joseph's profile of his head. A month later

(photo 3), Joseph's legs were moving as if he were riding a bike. A month later (photo 4), Joseph gave us the peace sign and tried sucking his thumb. And at the sixth month ultrasound (photo 5), Joseph weighed 2 lbs. 9 oz.



Photo 4: 16 weeks

We must protect those who are most vulnerable. "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching it's people to love, but to use violence to get what they want.

That is why Mother Teresa believed that:

"the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."



Joe, Joseph, & Beth Karle

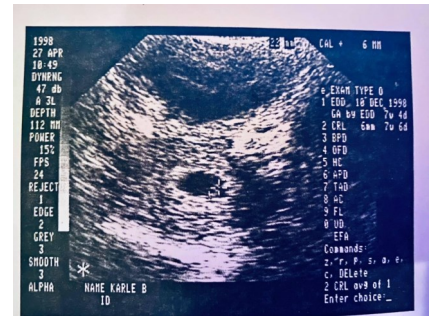


Photo 1: 4 weeks

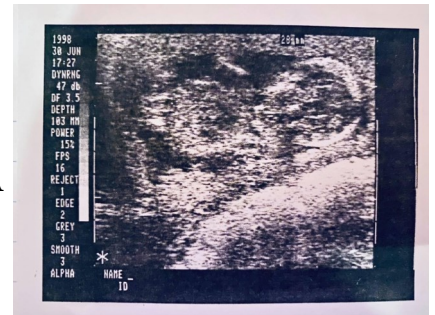


Photo 3: 12 weeks



Photo 5: 6 months

2024-2025 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events

Movement in Motion Bus Trip to DC

Registration: Sept. 1 - Nov. 15, 2024

Trip: Jan. 23, 2025 to Jan. 25, 2025

Bowling for Life (Livonia)

November 16, 2024

Be the Change (Livonia & Auburn Hills)

March 8, 2025

36th Annual Baby Shower

March 9, 2025

Annual Dinner & Silent Auction Guest Speaker: Rachel Campos-Duffy

May 6, 2025

Cut off & Hang on your Calendar ✂

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!

LIFESPAN's Annual Baby Shower is Coming!

Sunday, March 9, 2025 is LIFESPAN's 36th Annual Baby Shower to benefit local Pregnancy Help Centers. [Want to participate in this wonderful event?](#) Call the Main Office at 734.524.0162 or email us at mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org.

37th Annual Life Chain - Sunday, October 6, 2024

Special thanks to all our co-sponsors & participants this year!

- ♥ AHG Troop MI 0413 St. Anthony, Belleville
- ♥ Brightmoor Bible Missionary Church, Detroit
- ♥ Church of the Divine Child Church, Dearborn
- ♥ Church of the Holy Family, Novi
- ♥ Covenant Community Church, Redford
- ♥ Detroit Catholic Singles, Warren
- ♥ Four Winds Church, Livonia
- ♥ Full Gospel Temple Assembly, Westland
- ♥ Knights of Columbus Council #13810, Dearborn Hts.
- ♥ LifePointe Church of God, Belleville
- ♥ Merriman Road Baptist Church, Garden City
- ♥ Northville Christian Assembly, Northville
- ♥ Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth
- ♥ Our Lady of Loretto Church, Redford
- ♥ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sodality, Wixom
- ♥ Our Lady of Victory Church, Northville
- ♥ Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church, Ferndale
- ♥ Plymouth Global Methodist Church, Plymouth
- ♥ Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church, Sterling Hts.
- ♥ St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville
- ♥ St. Barbara Church, Dearborn
- ♥ St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Church, Livonia
- ♥ St. John Fisher Chapel, Auburn Hills
- ♥ St. John Lutheran Church, Fraser
- ♥ St. John Lutheran Church, Taylor
- ♥ St. John Neumann Church, Canton
- ♥ St. Joseph Church, Lake Orion
- ♥ St. Joseph Church, South Lyon
- ♥ St. Louise de Marillac Church, Warren
- ♥ St. Mary of the Hills Church, Rochester Hills
- ♥ St. Michael the Archangel Church, Livonia
- ♥ St. Peter Lutheran Macomb Church, Sterling Hts.
- ♥ St. Priscilla Church, Livonia
- ♥ St. Sabina Church, Dearborn Heights
- ♥ St. Therese of Lisieux Church, Shelby Township
- ♥ St. Valentine Church, Redford
- ♥ St. William Church, Walled Lake



LIFESPAN Chapter News

Where do we go from here?

The answer to the question of “Where Do We Go From Here?” is really very simple. We keep traveling the path to the destination in which all human life is protected from conception until natural death.

We have been on this road for a very long time – some of us for more than half a century! The road is sometimes very smooth and leads to wonderful destinations – the Hyde Amendment, the establishment of organizations that have as their single focus creating laws to protect LIFE, organizations, like *LIFESPAN*, that provide opportunities to our young people to learn about the lies and distortions abortion supporters use to promote their deadly cause. Sometimes the road is really bumpy – filled with potholes and great cracks that try to swallow our efforts – Proposal 3 here in Michigan, other states passing laws allowing all abortion regardless of gestational age, evil deeds wrapped up in pretty language that fool people – the road can get pretty nasty.

However – there is a middle lane on our road and that is the lane of “never give up.” We all learned in

our history classes that over time our history acts like a pendulum. It starts at the bottom (think of a clock with a swinging pendulum) and slowly moves back and forth in an ever-higher arc. Sometimes we are up and sometimes we are down but no matter our position on that pendulum, we are ALWAYS moving steadily upward on that smooth middle lane where all life is protected and respected. Believe!



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LIFESPAN Membership Invitation

After an intense election season, there is no better way to relax and have fun while supporting the efforts of *LIFESPAN* Wayne Chapter to give witness to the value of life at the **2024 Bowling for Life** event on Saturday, November 16 from 1-4pm at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. Donations will be in the form of pledges per pin, strike, or game. Children 12 and under are free. Consider inviting friends or family who are not *LIFESPAN* members to bowl.

Annual membership renewal season is upon us. Members should have received a membership renewal letter in the mail by now. Please return your renewal to us by December 19. Discounted Gift Memberships are available as a life-giving Christmas stocking stuffer. If you find this newsletter informative and you are not a *LIFESPAN* member, we invite you to become one by emailing wcdcr@rtl-lifespan.org or calling 734-422-6230.

Why Become a LIFESPAN member?

LOCAL: We focus our work on Southeast Michigan, particularly Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland counties.

INSPIRATION: The Culture of Death has a relentless and extremely well-funded global propaganda machine. It is easy to feel alone in your defense of life. There is strength in numbers, and we provide a local community of resolute defenders of innocent human life.

FIFTY-FOUR: We have been around for 54 years and will continue to battle for the next 54 years it may take to reverse Michigan’s 2022 vote in favor of unlimited, unregulated abortion.

EDUCATION: We are a trusted, knowledgeable source for quality information and instruction about the life issues in our monthly community/church notes, newsletters, social media, & events.

SERVICE: Our *Wee Care* program walks the walk by providing material support to mothers in need.

PURPOSE: If you believe we are endowed by our Creator with a Natural Right to Life across the lifespan from conception to natural death, you share our passion and the purpose of our witness.

ACTION: You will not find any other local group in Michigan with the quantity and quality of pro-life events, activities, and opportunities as *LIFESPAN*.

NEWS: While Big Media and Local News lies about or ignores the defense of innocent human life, we keep you updated about the threats of abortion, euthanasia, and human trafficking. Recently, we have been a lone voice warning you about the imminent threat of legalized euthanasia in Michigan.

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Wee Care

Dear Friends,

Many of our layettes are picked up by social workers who request packages for moms who are in desperate situations with no other organization to turn to.

Many of the stories are similar and most of the stories have happy endings filled with relief, joy, hope and love (knowing that someone cares.)

Today's story was a little different. Feeling joy, hope and love will be a struggle, but perhaps your gifts to this young mom may make one of the biggest impacts that you have ever made. The social worker said that "Jane" (not her real name) is in a horrible abusive situation. The baby's father is physically and emotionally abusive to Jane. He also takes all of the baby's supplies and throws them out. (She is fearful that someday he might hurt the baby.) The social worker has been trying desperately to convince her to leave – but to no avail. She grew up watching her father abuse her mom and doesn't realize that no woman should be treated like that.

When the worker dropped off your gifts, she tried to tell her that she did not deserve the abuse. It was the very first time that anyone had ever told her that and she began to cry. She was also overwhelmed that strangers cared about her and her precious baby.

It will take awhile – first getting the courage to leave the monster and then starting to believe in herself. The joy, relief and hope will follow and your gifts, your love and your prayers will have played a special part in this young lady's life and that of her little one.

Every day, you touch so many lives. Thank you and God bless you!

Love, Karen

P.S. And speaking of "thanks" – with Thanksgiving quickly approaching – we have so much to be thankful for! May you all enjoy a holiday filled with gratitude, love, hugs, laughter and pie!

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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

We hope some of you were able to be a part of one or more of the pro-life activities going on in Respect Life Month (October) If you were able to join in on the [CIDER Walk](#), a [Life Chain](#), and/or you attend the [Legislative Luncheon](#), and would like to share any pictures/comments from these activities, please send the pictures to either Julia Walrath or Lynn Gura via email as attachments. We will get them to our [2025 Resource Book](#) Editor so she can put some of them in the book.

At this time, we have [2025 Movement in Motion](#) buses picking up in two locations: Auburn Hills (Bus 1 student/chaperone bus and Bus 4 adult/family bus), and Sterling Heights (Bus 4 adult/family bus). We are working on a third location. For your convenience, here are the registration links:

[2025 Movement in Motion Bus Trip:](#)

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

[2025 Be the Change:](#)

<https://righttolifelifespan.regfox.com/2025-be-the-change>

If for any reason you are not able to register online (example: your printer isn't working so you can't print out forms for the bus trip), please contact Lynn and she will get the forms to you so you can register.

For students who need to do research for school, please keep us in mind to offer our assistance in providing Life affirming educational information on purity/abstinence, pregnancy help centers, fetal development, abortion procedures and effects of

abortion, abortion pill, abortion pill reversal, adoption, post-abortion recovery, end of life care including palliative care and hospice care, etc. You can contact Julia or Lynn for more details on what they have at their offices that they can send to you.

If you are on social media (X, Snapchat, Instagram, Parler, Truth Social) and haven't connected with us yet, please see our social media links below for weekly Life affirming updates!

With your continued support of *LIFESPAN* and our work with young people throughout the Metro Detroit area, together we will...

Be the Change!

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Julia Walrath, Wayne County Assistant Youth Director

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebration of Life Dinner

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

We are so excited to have

Rachel Campos-Duffy

Co-host of Fox & Friends Weekend
on Fox News as our speaker!



Outspoken Pro-Life Advocate
Mother of 9 Awesome Kids

Reservations will be taken soon!

Respect Medical Journal Pushes Conjoining Euthanasia and Organ Harvesting

By Wesley J. Smith

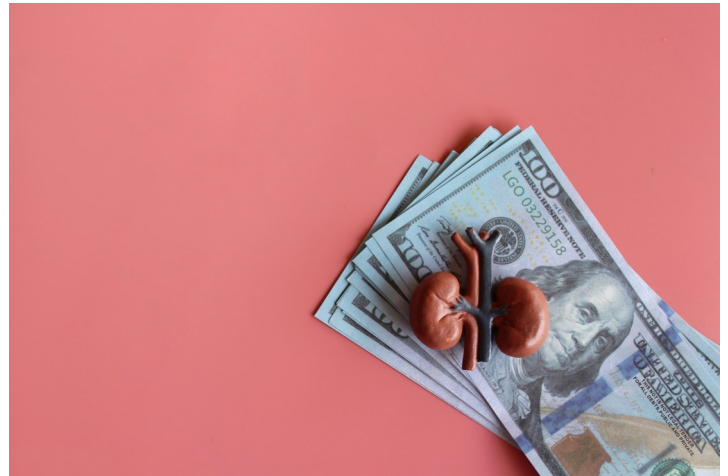
Back in 1993, my first anti-euthanasia piece, published in Newsweek, warned that if we legalized assisted suicide, organ harvesting would eventually be included as a “plum to society.” “Alarmist!” my hate mail screeched. “Slippery slope fallacy!” etc. Even those who agreed with my overall critique assured me it would never come to pass.

And yet it did. Conjoining organ harvesting with euthanasia is now deemed so respectable it is even boosted at the highest levels of the medical establishment.

JAMA Surgery just assured us that kidneys harvested from patients killed in hospitals — as happens in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Canada — work better and sooner. And remember, many of these killed donors were not terminally ill.

“Kidney Transplant Outcomes Following Donation After Euthanasia” concludes that organ donation after euthanasia “is a safe and valuable way to increase the kidney donor pool”.

In other words, harvesting the organs of people killed by doctors could be a “plum to society.”



What next? Organ harvesting as the means of euthanasia — which will produce even better organs? Is that hysteria? A slippery-slope fallacy? Perhaps, but it has already been proposed in a major bioethics journal.

Meanwhile, there are repeated calls to allow people to sell one of their kidneys and/or sell their organs after death. Well, if we ever allow that, why would it not also be okay to be paid to be killed and “donate”?

This much is clear: We are far down the road of objectifying the bodies of suicidal people to permit unethical acts.

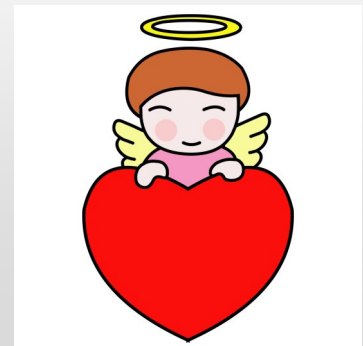
- National Right to Life News, Sept. 26, 2024

Help!

Volunteer (AKA: an angel!) needed to pick up 10 pillowcases filled with baby items from “Operation Layette” in St. Clair Shores once a month and deliver to Wee Care in Livonia.

Any Questions?

Please call Karen at Wee Care at 734-524-0165



From the President's Desk



As I write this article, the elections have not yet occurred. Whether we have a Trump or Harris Administration is unknown, however, it has become obvious during this election cycle, we have a lot of work to do in the next four years and beyond.

We have a country who has been lied too, and brainwashed on many issues, especially life issues. It is all about feelings not facts.

This past election cycle, I was disgusted and angered at the number of lies being told to the electorate on abortion. We were inundated by election videos using fear tactics and untruths; untruths about what would happen if we had a Republican administration, it was lie after lie. One of the biggest forms of deceit was to imply, if pro-life people were elected to Congress, they would take away women's right to reproductive care (abortion).

It is a lie! The truth is the Supreme Court took the abortion issue out of the hands of Congress and sent the abortion debate back to the States – where it was before 1973.

Abortion was never outlawed when *Roe v Wade* was overturned. Let me say that again, abortion was never taken away in these United States; it was only sent back to the States - it is a States-rights issue. The scare tactics used to pull on the emotional strings of the general public was outrageous. Once again, there is a planned movement to keep our country anti-life. The question must be asked: why? Why do people like George Soros put millions of dollars into our States to make sure radical abortion legislation is passed, even worse, State Constitutions are changed (which takes much more effort and money to overturn)? Let's call it the "Selective Killing Movement" (a term I just coined because this is what they do). This movement was started in this country in the nineteen thirties, and propelled into the public square by people like Margaret Sanger. It demeaned the human person and selectively sought out to destroy the unwanted in our society (under the name of compassion). Today's proponents of the anti-life movement have more money, more media access, and more access to our youth than in the past.

Abortion is just part of their overall purpose to control the masses and remove the unwanted from our society. So, we must rededicate ourselves to speak out with Truth, and challenge any lie with Facts. We must infiltrate those institutions which continue to lie. We must bring truth to a decaying nation.

Get involved; involve yourself with your local government, especially School Boards, get people registered to vote, start a *LIFESPAN* Respect Life group at your place of worship, check your local library and make sure they have pro-life books (you will be surprised how many do not), join *LIFESPAN* and keep informed. Above all pray daily that the evil of the "Selective Killing Movement" in this country will

be stopped. Pray that we will be able to change hearts and minds through education and truth. It will not be easy, but, with the help of God, we will, turn this evil philosophy of selective killing to a philosophy that all people are created equal and these rights come from God not government. Stay strong have courage.

Diane Fagelman, President

*"Right is right even if
no one is doing it;
wrong is wrong even if
everyone is doing it."*

- St. Augustine of Hippo

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
not covered in the bus trip cost.

Registration Period

September 1-
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Questions: Contact Lynn Gura
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LIFESPAN Holiday Gift Memberships - Only \$8 each!

Give holiday gift memberships to people you feel would benefit from reading LIFESPAN News. We'll send the recipient a gift card.

Gift Membership for (use another sheet for more recipients):

Name _____ Address _____

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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

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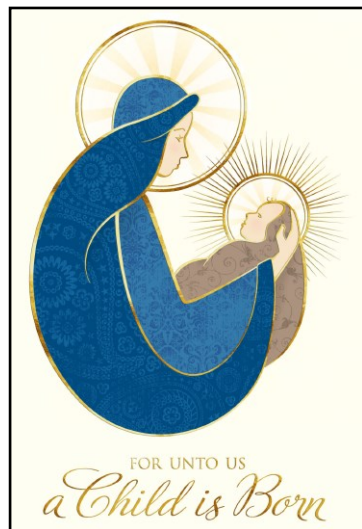
Your purchase of LIFESPAN Christmas Cards represents support for the pro-life activities, education and materials offered during the coming year.



God so loved the world
That HE gave us His only Son
May He who is the Way,
the Truth and the Life

*Bless you this Christmas
and Always*

\$16 per pkg. of 20
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So gentle this time of wonder
So holy HIS moment of birth
So wonderous this Gift of Life
When LOVE was born on earth
May the Lord of Life bless you

*this Christmas and
through the coming year*

\$8 per pkg. of 10
6 1/4" x 4 5/8"

To place an order, sell at your church, arrange for pickup, or for more information, call one of our chapter locations:
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