



# LIFESPAN

## news

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Presenting the Pro-Life Message in Southeastern Michigan Since 1970—54 Years!

December 2024

*The Savior of the World  
came into being as  
an unexpected  
pregnancy.*

*God has a plan  
for every life.*

*Merry  
Christmas*







Right to Life- LIFESPAN presents

# Be the Change 2025



Dolce Fil: Protect Life Michigan, Livonia



Haili Gusa: Protect Life Michigan, Auburn Hills



Learn to be EFFECTIVE Advocates for the unborn at Michigan's best youth Pro-life training!

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025  
IN AUBURN HILLS: 9:30-1:30 P.M. AND IN  
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.  
Pizza, snacks, and beverage included.

Questions: Contact Lynn Gura [248-816-1546](tel:248-816-1546)/[oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org)  
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<https://righttolifelifespan.regfox.com/2025-be-the-change>



## *Right to Life - LIFESPAN*

### *Educational Fund*

*Help illuminate*

*LIFESPAN's*

## *Lights for Life*

## *Tree*

*Donate a light in honor of,  
or in memory of,  
someone you love!*

### *Place a Light on the Lights for Life Tree*

*Celebrate with us this Christmas Season, remembering those you love. In keeping with the Christmas spirit of giving, caring and sharing, LIFESPAN invites you to help illuminate our **Lights for Life Tree** by donating a light in honor of, or in memory of, someone you love. Your tax-deductible contribution may be made throughout the Christmas Season. The Tree will be illuminated **early December through the first week of January**. The Tree will be located on the grounds of Weingartz at 39050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Contributions will be used to benefit **LIFESPAN** programs, like **Wee Care**, an outreach program for moms and their babies and our **Generation Truth Youth Outreach** program. Honorees' names will appear in **LIFESPAN News**. For more information, call 734-524-0162.*

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lights to "shine" \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. If you need additional space, please attach another sheet of paper.

Check made payable to **LIFESPAN Educational Fund** (Note **Lights for Life** on your check memo)

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

Bill To:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature (for Credit Card only) \_\_\_\_\_ Card Verification Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (if receipt is requested) \_\_\_\_\_

**Send form and payment to:**

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# 2024 LIFESPAN Christmas Cards

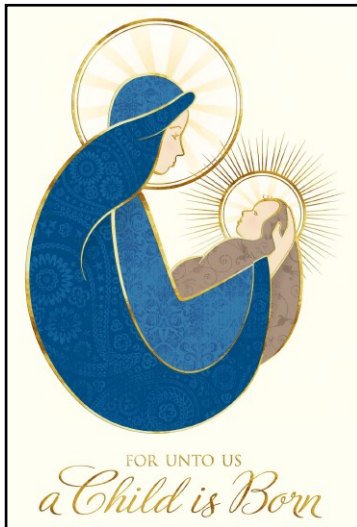
Your purchase of LIFESPAN Christmas Cards represents support for the pro-life activities, education and materials offered during the coming year.



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  
5 5/8" x 7 7/8"



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:  
Oakland/Macomb County (Troy): 248.816.1546 or Wayne County (Livonia): 734.422.6230

## 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](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org).

# 2024-2025 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events



**Pro-Life Christmas Cards**  
October - December, 2024

**Lights for Life Campaign**  
November - December, 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 ✂*

# Help Needed!



Looking for a  
**Graphic Designer** for  
our website.

- Must have prior experience
- Must have background on pro-life issues
  
- Local or Remote
- Part-Time Position
- Hours & Wages are negotiable

**Contact Chris Hansen at the Main Office at 734.524.0162 or [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org) for more information.**

## Book Depot Help!

Volunteer (AKA: a book angel!) needed to organize & maintain the Religious Book area of our Book Depot in Livonia.

**Preferably Mondays**  
(Day is negotiable)

**Please call Chris at the Main Office at 734.524.0162**



# LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

## Music

Excited children

Ringing bells

Ribbons and wrappings

Yule logs burning

Christ is born

Hosannas heard

Radiant mother

Incense rising

Shepherds attend

True God made man

Miracles fulfilled

Alleluia, alleluia

Salvation promised



The Oakland/Macomb board of LIFESPAN wishes you a wonderful Christmas season filled with family, friends, and peace.

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Wayne County

## Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon Recap

LIFESPAN supporters gathered at Laurel Manor on October 19 for our premier annual educational event, the Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon. Attorney Jason Negri offered expert advice on safeguarding yourself and your loved ones with a documented Medical Power of Attorney. A Medical Power of Attorney establishes your desire not to be deprived of food and water when incapacitated and safeguards this by naming a person you trust as the Patient Advocate who will make medical decisions on your behalf rather than defaulting to attending medical personnel. Moving to physician-assisted suicide, Mr. Negri noted that arguments appealing to religion no longer work in American culture. He then proceeded to provide six reasons physician-assisted suicide (PAS) is a bad idea.

**#1 Coercion:** The mere availability of PAS makes it the default solution for some patients and doctors.

**#2 Social Trends:** The current societal trends are tending in favor of PAS. **Those of us in opposition must form coalitions.** Disability rights groups are often very strong advocates for protecting the vulnerable.

**#3 Elder Abuse:** This is a growing problem in its own right. In Oregon, the state where PAS is most widespread, many patients fill a prescription for PAS pills, but never take them. Two must witness consent to PAS and one witness cannot financially benefit, but **one witness CAN financially benefit from death due to PAS.** Nothing stops a close friend or romantic interest of a beneficiary from serving as the witness who does not financially benefit. Murder will be made perfectly legal under a PAS regime.

**#4 Cost Control:** PAS will always be the cheapest option available! People will be made to feel they are a burden to society. This cost control bias behind PAS is as clear as day in Canada, even in the VA system.

**#5 "New Standard of Care":** If PAS becomes the new standard of care, why would society continue to spend resources on effective palliative care?

**#6 No Conscience Protection:** In many cases, PAS provides no exemptions for physicians who conscientiously object to PAS. Michigan's SB 681 does include some conscience protections for doctors, but **provides no protections for nurses or pharmacists.**

State Rep. James DeSana provided legislative updates fresh from the State Capitol. With the Michigan House of Representatives majority flipping in the General Election last month, Michiganders will be safe from legalized physician-assisted suicide in the new legislature. However, this does not mean devotees of the cult of death in our state will not attempt a ballot proposal in 2026 to override the State Legislature. More urgently it is possible, albeit unlikely, that the lame duck legislature may seek to rush Senate Bill 681 and its companion bills to legalize physician-assisted suicide through before their current majority ends on December 31. If this occurs, Rep.

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# Wee Care



Is anyone blessed to have a new baby in their family this Christmas? What a happy time—so many firsts and fun things to do! A picture with Santa—smiling or crying—is a must! A new ornament on the tree and a new stocking to hang—and of course, a few new Christmas jammies and a special outfit to wear to meet all the relatives and friends—such a joyous time filled with so many treasured moments.

At Wee Care, it is a busy time—a very busy time! Phone calls have been made to almost 20 social workers, reminding them to send in their names of new moms & moms expecting in December. Soon, every hallway, every room, will be filled with hundreds of bags of baby supplies filled with diapers, onesies, bibs, tiny socks, warm blankets, sleepers and so much more! And each one of those bags will have a pair of Christmas pajamas or an outfit and maybe even a teddy bear on top.

We may not be able to make their Christmas perfect—but your gifts and your love do bring a little magic to their world.

May God bless you for all you do for His precious children, and may you be surrounded by love, laughter, loved ones and all the peace and joy of Christmas!

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.*

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# YOUTH REPORT

Well, things are shaping up in an interesting way for the final registrations for the **2025 Movement in Motion Youth Bus Trip to DC** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Post-Roe **March for Life**. With a new administration beginning January 20, 2025, there is an increase in interest to attend the March. We will have a more supportive administration for Life, which is a big plus from the election that took place on November 5th.

There will be a student/chaperone bus and an adult/family bus (Bus 1 and Bus 2) leaving on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 am. Bus 1 will stay overnight two nights in a host church (St. Anthony of Padua, DC) and Bus 2 will stay overnight two nights in a hotel (MD). Both groups will attend the Basilica of the National Shrine Mass for Life on Friday morning, then will participate in the outdoor Rally and March for Life. Afterwards, they will tour the area and then head back to the host church (Bus 1) and hotel (Bus 2). Both groups will return home on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> by 6:00 p.m.

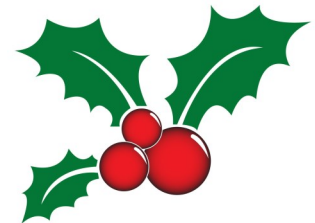
If you missed the deadline to sign up for the bus trip but would like to still go on either of the buses, please contact me by email and let me know who you are, if you are an adult or student, and which bus you are interested in.

A big thank you to the people who sponsored students so they could go on the trip in January!

And, thanks to everyone who supports LIFESPAN in our Youth Outreach programs!

Shalom to our Jewish friends, may you have a blessed Hanukkah (aka Festival of Lights) season with your loved ones!

Merry Christmas to our Christian friends, may you have a blessed Christmas season with your loved ones!



## Be the Change!

**Lynn Gura**, Youth Director,

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**And follow us on social media:**

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# 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!**



# The ultimate reality show? An unborn child's life is as dramatic as any series you will watch on cable television.

By Maria V. Gallagher

The reality of the hidden life of the unborn child can pop up in the least likely of places.

I happened to be watching a "reality show" known for its contentious female friendships when I was surprised to see one of the leading ladies show up at an obstetrician's office.

They suspected she was pregnant after having suffered the devastation of a miscarriage. She very much wanted a "rainbow baby" to bring hope and healing into her life.

Sure enough, the ob/gyn office confirmed the pregnancy, in all its glory, in the ultrasound image that appeared on the screen. The mother was overcome by emotion at the portrait of personhood before her, very early in the first trimester of pregnancy.

She was also enamored by the heartbeat that was clearly detectable in the preborn baby's first six weeks of life in the womb.

As a viewer, I felt pure joy at this scene – a mother and father seeing their beloved child for the first time. The image was to be the first in the baby's scrapbook.



The development of the child in utero is the ultimate reality show. The heart starts pulsating at a mere 24 days after conception; brain waves can be detected 43 days after the union of egg and sperm.

The life of an unborn child is as dramatic as any series you will watch on cable television. It is intense in its beauty and amazing in its grandeur.

Those who work in the abortion industry and their advocates in Congress and elsewhere are simply denying reality when they fail to acknowledge the humanity of the unborn child. They are also denying science and the basic biological fact that life begins at fertilization.

But in the end, the ultrasound image carries with it a dignity and grace which cannot be denied. Life bursts from the screen with all its possibility and promise.

When it comes to the cause of life, reality is, indeed, on our side.

- NRLC News, November 20, 2024

## Christmas Used Book Sale

**Date: Saturday, December 7 2024**

**Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**At: Angels, Saints, & Stuff**

**19223 Merriman Road**

**Livonia, Michigan 48152**

**Give the gift of reading to someone you love!**

## From the President's Desk



I would like to wish all our supporters and benefactors a very Blessed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. None of us could have imagined at the beginning of this movement that we would celebrate 54 Christmases and New Years together. The road has been rough with many more detours than we ever anticipated. I am so grateful to you and all the people that make up the pro-life movement.

Like those of us in leadership, we are here not because of any lucrative monetary value received, but because of the mission to “promote and enhance a respect for human life from conception to natural death.” During this joyous season, it is time to thank God for the gift of life and our continued ability to speak out for His children.

It has been a joyous and exuberant ending to 2024. Again, the country elected one of the most pro-life Presidents we have ever had since the *Roe v Wade* decision of 1973. If it remains that way, only time will tell. We are all optimistic about the future and our ability to continue our pro-life work. Hopefully, we will no longer hear about the abuse of pro-life people by the DOJ, e.g., throwing elderly people in jail for praying at an abortion chamber. Hopefully, pro-life students will no longer be discriminated against in schools and colleges, e.g., lower grades for students who promote respect for human life in their debates and essays. Hopefully, priests, ministers, and pastors will be able to speak out on the evils of the anti-life movement, without fear of retaliation, e.g., Pastors being threatened and accused of hate speech, if they preach on the Scriptures that proclaim Life is from our creator and must be protected.

This election also gave us a clear picture of the work that lies ahead for those of us working in the vineyard of LIFE. The radical feminists and progressives have used abortion scare tactics as a tool to get votes. The uninformed voter, who only accepts the media as truth, received lie after lie on abortion and the present state of the law in the USA. This has been a tactic of the radical feminists for years - use emotion, not fact, to change laws. The biggest lie that most have accepted is the term “choice” - the right to choose. Very few ask the key question as a follow-up: the right to choose what? That answer is little talked about; that answer is the right to choose to “kill your child in the womb.”

This is what we will need to work on in the coming years, humanize the child in the womb! Yes, we will have another uphill battle but that will not stop us. The child in the womb is little; it is hard to touch or feel that child, but it is everything it will ever be at the time of conception - his or her DNA is set. Maturation, development, and growth are what is taking place in the womb and it continues outside the womb until death. Also, my friends, death at the other end of life is another matter we will face this year, assisted suicides bills are already being written in the State of Michigan by our

progressive legislatures.

So let us enjoy the afterglow of the great victory in November. Let us put our worries and concerns on these life issues aside during the Holiday season. Enjoy your family and friends taking this opportunity to rest.

I pray that God Blesses you and your family. I pray that He gives us the courage to rededicate ourselves to continue to do His work with love and joy; knowing all things will come in His time.

*Diane Fagelman, President*



### Wayne County Chapter Continued from page 6

DeSana reminded it will be vital for constituents to contact Democratic members of the State Senate and State House who are Muslim or have backgrounds in health care in order to communicate reasoned opposition to physician-assisted suicide. This small group of legislators on the fence may ultimately decide a vote brought up on the bills.

To be able to lower ticket prices and make the Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon more accessible in October 2025, we will return to a simple continental breakfast menu and earlier morning start time.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Gift From:

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_



Make check payable & mail to: LIFESPAN Ed. Fund, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste.100, Livonia, MI 48150

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* 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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