



# LIFESPAN news

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## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Life Chain

Sunday, October 5, 2025

2:00 - 3:30 PM\* (\*unless otherwise noted)

### LIFE CHAIN Locations Sponsored by LIFESPAN:

- **Belleville:** Main St. and Five Points
- **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.
- **Dearborn Heights:** Telegraph Rd., just north of Ford Rd.
- **Fraser:** 14 Mile Road at Utica Road (\*12:00 - 1:00)
- **Livonia:** Middlebelt Rd. at 8 between Jamison & 5 Mile Rd.
- **Livonia:** Middlebelt Rd. at 8 between Jamison & 6 Mile Rd.
- **Novi:** Novi & Grand River Roads
- **Redford:** Beech Daly & 6 Mile Roads (\*2:30-3:30)
- **Shelby Township:** Schoenherr btw. 21 & 22 Mile Rds. (\*1:00 - 2:30)
- **Sterling Heights:** Ryan & 18 Mile Roads
- **Walled Lake:** Pontiac Trail at Maple Rd. (\*2:00 - 3:00)



### Co-Sponsored by:

- ♥ Church of the Holy Family, Novi
- ♥ LifePointe Church of God, Belleville
- ♥ Northville Christian Assembly, Northville
- ♥ Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth
- ♥ Our Lady of Loretto Church, Redford
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- ♥ St. Barbara Christian Mother's & Women's Club, Dearborn
- ♥ St. Genevieve-St. Maurice, Livonia
- ♥ St. John Lutheran Church, Fraser
- ♥ St. Josaphat Ukrainian Church, Warren
- ♥ St. Linus Church, Dearborn Heights
- ♥ St. Sabina Church, Dearborn Heights
- ♥ St. Therese of Lisieux, Shelby Township
- ♥ St. Valentine Church, Redford
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# *Right to Life - LIFESPAN* *2025 Legislative Breakfast*

**Saturday, October 18 \* 9:00am-11:00am**

**St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Activity Center**

**29015 Jamison St., Livonia 48154**

Register at <https://rtlifespanspan.regfox.com/2025-pro-life-legislative-breakfast> OR call (734) 422-6230

<https://miLIFESPAN.org>

***\$14 Registration includes Continental Breakfast***

Come to the Legislative Breakfast to learn about the reality of Human Trafficking in our midst & hear legislative updates on pro-life issues direct from an elected Representative.

**Keynote Speaker: Karen Moore,  
Executive Director of Sanctum House with  
Lived Experience Speaker Irene Faziani**



Karen and her team developed the 24-month integrated care safe house for adult women victims of human trafficking in Michigan in 2018. Sanctum House provides 24/7 coverage and offers mental healthcare, physical healthcare, life skills training, educational opportunities, spiritual growth and employment opportunities. She is a member of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, Board member of The Pearls of Great Price Coalition & certified to train on human trafficking on behalf of the US Dept. of Health & Human Services.

Irene Faziani is a graduate of Sanctum House. She has 6 years in recovery and for the past 3 years has mentored women coming through the Sanctum House program as an advocate for victims of Human Trafficking.



***Legislative Speaker: U.S. or  
Michigan Congressperson TBA***



*Use this QR  
code to  
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today.*

# Costco resists pro-abortion pressure, announces it will not dispense Mifepristone, the abortion pill

By Dave Andrusko

In welcomed news, after a year of internal discussion, Costco Corporation, the nationwide grocery giant, has decided against dispensing mifepristone—the abortion pill—at its more than 500 pharmacy locations.

In a statement released on August 14<sup>th</sup>, Costco said only that the decision was “based on the lack of demand from our members and other patients.”

Other pharmacies, “like Walgreens and CVS have chosen to dispense the abortion pill,” according to Carole Novielli. “Kroger and Sam’s Club clarified in late 2024 that their pharmacies were not selling the abortion pill mifepristone, and that any appearance to the contrary was due to a third-party error.”

The Alliance Defending Freedom, a key pro-life player that brought pressure to bear on Costco, said

*We applaud Costco for doing the right thing by its shareholders and resisting activist calls to sell abortion drugs. Retailers like Costco keep their doors open by selling a lifetime of purchases to families, both large and small. They have nothing to gain and much to lose by becoming abortion dispensaries. Retail pharmacies exist to serve the health and wellness of their customers, but abortion drugs like mifepristone undermine that mission by putting women’s health at risk.*

Jeff Green and Jessica Nix reported that Michael Ross, legal counsel for the corporate engagement team at Alliance Defending Freedom “said the group will now focus on Walgreens Boots Alliance and CVS Health Corp., which dispense mifepristone in pharmacies in states where abortion is legal.”

Praveena Somasundaram, who writes for the Washington Post, provided much needed background.

*The battle over whether mifepristone would be sold in retail pharmacies began in March 2024, when CVS and Walgreens received FDA certification to sell the pill.*

*Four months later, New York City Comptroller Brad Lander sent letters to a handful of other household-name pharmacies, urging them to follow in the footsteps of CVS and Walgreens. In his letters to Costco, Walmart, Kroger, Albertsons and McKesson, Landers reminded the companies that New York City’s pension system owned shares in them. The shares in Costco alone at the time were valued at \$443.9 million.*

*Getting certified to dispense the pill, Lander wrote to Costco CEO Ron Vachris, “aligns with both long-term shareholder interests and women’s health care needs.”*

In other words, Lander tried to leverage the city’s huge pension funds to force Costco’s hand. But pro-life opponents swiftly responded.

*A coalition of groups and individual investors sent letters to the same five companies. At the time, their stock in Costco was worth about \$56 million. Thousands of Costco members and investors also signed a petition saying they did not want the company to sell mifepristone, an effort spearheaded by*

*Inspire Investing, a Christian financial firm that is part of the coalition.*

*As pressure from investors mounted, Costco indicated it did not plan to become certified to sell mifepristone, citing customer interest.*

It is significant that Amazon does not currently offer mifepristone.

The battle over the abortion pill only grows more intense. Approved for use by the FDA in 2000, the regimen for mifepristone included, among other requirements, that it would be used only through 10 weeks of pregnancy.

However, the FDA also required that the drug be picked up in person.

In 2021, the Biden FDA halted the in-person requirement and, following the 2022 Dobbs decision, blue states passed “shield” laws designed to protect abortion providers from prosecutions.

Twenty-two states have enacted abortion shield laws. “Generally, states with abortion shield laws will refuse to extradite abortionists and won’t enforce judgments or penalties from another state,” Kate Quiñones reports

As we’ve reported numerous times, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is one of those leading the charge.

In 2024 Paxton sued New York abortionist Margaret Carpenter, co-director of the Abortion Coalition for Telemedicine (ACT), who mailed abortion pills to a Texas woman which resulted in the death of an unborn child and serious medical complications for the mother.

Last month, for the second time, Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck (New York) said he would not grant Texas’ motion that sought to enforce the order of State District Judge Bryan Gantt of Collin County District Court in Texas to Carpenter to pay a penalty of over \$100,000 and to stop sending abortion pills into Texas. In March, Bruck had refused an initial request to file the judgment.

He was solidly backed by pro-abortion New York Gov. Kathy Hoch.

“Dr. Carpenter is a radical abortionist who must face justice, not get legal protection from New York liberals intent on ending the lives of as many unborn children as they can,” said Attorney General Paxton. “No matter where they reside, pro-abortion extremists who send drugs designed to kill the unborn into Texas will face the full force of our state’s pro-life laws.”

Earlier this year, grand jurors in West Baton Rouge Parish indicted Carpenter for prescribing an abortion pill online to a minor teenage girl in Port Allen, Louisiana.

District Attorney Tony Clayton said a warrant was issued for the arrest of Carpenter. “The daughter wanted the pregnancy and had a reveal party planned,” the district attorney said, according to The Advocate.

“The young child was told by the mother that she had to take the pill or else. The child took the pill was home alone... felt something happening to her body and began hemorrhaging, and the baby began to come out,” Chris Nakamoto reported.

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# 2025 CIDER Walk

Because Children In-utero Deserve



Equal Rights!



**October 4 12:30-2:30pm**

**St. Rafka Maronite Church, Livonia**

The CIDER Walk is a simple way for people of all ages to walk 2 miles so that all preborn children can someday walk a mile in their own 2 shoes!

All attendees who arrive with pledges or donations will receive a newly-designed CIDER Walk T-shirt, LIFESPAN Cup, Cider, & Donuts!

Visit <https://milifespan.org> for a QR code & Pledge form.

Call (734) 422-6230 or email [wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org) with questions.

CIDER Walk Pledges are tax deductible & support LIFESPAN Wayne Chapter

Right to Life Lifespan presents



# Pickleball Tournament

Compete for the Pickleball Trophy! All ages and levels are welcome. Register as a team or be assigned a partner. Bring your own paddle, water bottle and lawn chair. Balls are provided.

**Saturday, September 20, 2025 Raindate: Sept. 27. Time: TBA**

**Registration Deadline: September 13.**

**\$25 per player.** All proceeds benefit the Pro-Life educational efforts of Lifespan.

*No registrations or payment will be accepted on-site. Space is limited. After September 13, you will be contacted for the draws and given the park location in Livonia. Because Livonia courts cannot be reserved, we must share the available courts. For more information, email Marie at [mmtjp@gmail.com](mailto:mmtjp@gmail.com).*

----- TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO LIFESPAN -----

Return Form with check made out to: Lifespan Wayne County for \$25 per person to: Atten: Lifespan Wayne County, 32540 Schoolcraft Road, Suite 210, Livonia, MI 48150-4305

I have a team. (My team name is \_\_\_\_\_). My partner is \_\_\_\_\_  
Please assign me a partner.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle Approximate Skill Level:    Beginner    Intermediate    Advanced



**NATIONAL PRO-LIFE Cupcake Day**

Share a Cupcake & Start a Conversation

**9 OCT 2025**

Cupcakes are a great way to introduce non-hostility into an otherwise difficult conversation about abortions.

Pro-Life Cupcake Day is a reminder of the number of uncelebrated birthdays that occur due to abortions.

What is Cupcake Day?



CupcakesForLife.com

Watch for more information on [www.mILIFESPAN.org](http://www.mILIFESPAN.org) or contact Lynn at 248-816-1546/oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org



## Right to Life – LIFESPAN

invites all Advocates for Life to join us for the  
**2025 MICHIGAN March for Life on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**



Our Michigan State Capitol in Lansing



We will have seven Blue Lakes charter buses going to Lansing for the day, leaving in the morning and returning in the afternoon!

Pick-up locations include Shelby Township, Lake Orion, Novi, Livonia, Hazel Park, Plymouth and Troy!

The bus trip is open to people of all ages!

The bus trip cost is \$0.00 thanks to a very generous donor!  
*(Love Life offerings will be accepted the day of the trip to help cover administrative/processing fees for registration)*

Bring your own snacks, beverages and lunch for the day.

For questions, call Lynn Gura, Bus Trip Coordinator at 248-816-1546 or at [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org).



Registration link: <https://righttolifefespan.refgox.com/lifespan-michigan-march-for-life-bus-trip>



Right to Life – LIFESPAN  
January 2026 Movement in Motion  
Bus Trip to DC

Why do we still March?

Our most important work in the pro-life movement is changing hearts and minds. The goal of the 4th Post-Roe, 53rd March for Life in Washington, DC is not only to change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable! We are dedicated to march until a culture of life is restored throughout our entire country!

Departure: early morning of Thursday, January 22nd  
Day of March: Friday, January 23rd  
Return: Buses 1, 2, and 3 will return before midnight on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> (staying two nights at a host church) and Bus 4 will return by evening of Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> (staying three nights at a hotel - will add more cost to the trip)

Pick up locations: Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties  
Cost: to be determined




For more information, please contact Lynn Gura, Youth Director, at 248-816-1546 or [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org)  
Online registration will take place from September 1-November 1, 2025.  
Stay tuned for a registration link!

# LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

## January Bus Trip to Washington DC for Annual March

It is *extremely* difficult to find a “host church” that can accommodate our travelers to Washington DC in January. Ordinarily this is not a problem, but this time there seems to be “no room at the inn” for overnight accommodations for our young people. If any of you have friends, relatives or any kind of connection with churches that have a school attached in the DC, Alexandria or Maryland areas close to DC (this assures a gym and enough lavatory accommodations) and would be willing to open their doors to our group, please call the office, 248-816-1546, and we will follow up on it immediately.

## Christmas Cards

Can you believe your eyes when you see Christmas cards in this column? Well, it is true. We are in the final countdown to selection, and this is the best time to arrange a date on your faith communities’ calendar to offer our cards to the congregation. If you have never offered the cards and would like to, please call the office, 248-816-1546, and we will tell you all about it. If you have done them before and are doing it again, it is not too early to place your order and let me know the dates.

## Be Visible for Respect Life Month this October!

It is vitally important that all who support the right to life for the preborn mobilize as prayer warriors for Respect Life Month this October. We urge you to be visible this October for the annual **Life Chain** at locations throughout Southeast Michigan on Sunday, October 5 and **CIDER Walk** on Saturday, October 4. We also urgently encourage you to participate in a local **40 Days for Life** campaign near to you! Why the particular urgency this October? Nationwide, 38 Planned Parenthood abortion clinics have closed since the beginning of 2025! The closing Planned Parenthoods are most often in states with pro-abortion laws and voting majorities including: Marquette, Petoskey, Jackson, and Ann Arbor, MI, Hamilton, OH, New York, NY, and Santa Cruz, San Mateo, and Gilroy, CA. Dozens more Planned Parenthood clinics are expected to close as the one-year Federal defunding of abortionists takes full effect. While politics and laws have a role, Planned Parenthood is the epitome of the demonic in our society and it is becoming very clear that Prayer is the best way to cast out the demon Planned Parenthood from our midst. The Fall 2025 40 Days for Life campaign runs September 24 to November 2. So go out and pray unceasingly for the closing of the local abortionists, especially at the 40 Days for Life locations in:

**Ferndale: Planned Parenthood 23338 Woodward Ave.**

Website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/ferndale>

Leader Contact: Nancy at (248) 556-6895 or 40dflferndale@gmail.com

**Ann Arbor: Planned Parenthood-Power Family Health Center  
3100 Professional Dr.**

Website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/annarbor>

Leader Contact: Sandie at (734) 657-1936 or plan2pray@gmail.com

**Westland: Northland Family Planning 35000 Ford Rd.**

Website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/westland>

## How Old Are We

We all get unsolicited emails, letters and phone calls for which we never signed up. If we use any modern technology, our names and contact information are out there in the cloud somewhere and companies buy this information and use it to promote their product or services. One very important thing for those who belong to LIFESPAN to remember is that LIFESPAN is the oldest pro-life organization in Michigan. We started way back in 1969 under the name of *People Taking Action Against Abortion*. It was at that time supporters of abortion were planning their strategies to make Michigan an abortion friendly state. LIFESPAN was there then and was there when the US Court rendered the *Roe v Wade* decision, when the Hyde Amendment was passed and present at every opportunity to advocate for human life. We are proud to have been working diligently toward that end and will continue to do so until all human life is protected and recognized as the gift that it is.

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Leader Contact: Kim at (313) 704-1126 or [westland40daysforlife@yahoo.com](mailto:westland40daysforlife@yahoo.com)

**Eastpointe: Eastland Women’s Clinic 15921 E. 8 Mile Rd. #1**

Website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/eastpointe>

Leader Contact: Ed at [eastpointe40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:eastpointe40daysforlife@gmail.com)

Fall 40 Days campaigns also run in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Flint, and Toledo.

## 2025 Legislative Breakfast

See the Legislative Breakfast flyer with QR code and registration form in this newsletter for details on our premier annual educational event on Saturday, October 18 at 9:00am. This year’s breakfast focuses on Human Trafficking and features Karen Moore, Executive Directive of Sanctum House, a local integrated care safe house for adult women.

## In Gratitude

In June, we were blessed to hold a retirement party for two champions for life in long-time LIFESPAN Wayne Board members **Bev Bettega** and **Yvonne Speer**. Bev is a founding member of LIFESPAN going back to 1970. She served in roles such as Chapter Office Manager, Chapter Treasurer, Board Secretary, and volunteer extraordinaire all the way through 2024. Yvonne first volunteered with LIFESPAN in high school in 1972, served as Board member from 1990-2024 and served as Treasurer of LIFESPAN Inc. We thank God for Bev and Yvonne, true heroes who deserve gratitude from all in the pro-life movement!

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Wayne County



# Wee Care



father of her precious grandchildren.)

And those four clients of hers who we are helping – will not only receive all of the beautiful clothing, blankets, etc. that you donated, but will also receive

the message that there is help available, people care and are praying for them and love them.

As I have said so often – you will never know how many lives you have touched.

God bless you!  
Love, Karen

Dear friends,

I love to share stories with you of the moms who we help. Today, I asked a social worker about the four moms we are providing desperately needed supplies for. The common denominator was that they had chosen life for their babies and had no family support – financial or emotional.

The social worker then began to tell me about why she is involved in this work. Her story is cruel and heartbreaking. Raped at 13, beat up by her father, disowned by her entire family except her mother and left to provide and care for her baby any way possible. With no guidance and self esteem, she later ended up in terrible relationships and suffered through three abortions. Today, because of her strong faith, her determination, compassion and hard work – she devotes every day to helping moms who are in similar situations. (And that baby that everyone wanted her to abort – is now a doctor and the

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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



# LIFESPAN'S SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Dear Students, Young Adults, Parents, School Teachers, Campus Ministers, Principals, Presidents, Administrators, Parish/Church Youth Groups and Leaders, DRE's, and other staff who work with young people,

Much planning has been taking place this summer for our upcoming events and activities in the new school year of 2025/2026. You will see flyers about them in this newsletter. Please add them on your calendars and share details with others! We greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word! We truly hope many of you will be able to join us at a few of them or all of them if that works!

I wanted to share with you the summaries of five of the seven young people (high school students/young adults) who LIFESPAN sponsored for the annual Protect Life Michigan Life Advocate Intensive Training. To all those who donate to our educational efforts, we thank you for helping us send young people to this very important, awesome training! See pages 8-9.

Hello, my name is Hannah, and I'm honored to join Right to Life-LIFESPAN as the new social media manager. I'm committed to building active, relevant online spaces that inform, inspire, and connect you with the latest events, news, and opportunities to get involved. My goal is to create new active online pages that keep up to date with the latest events and news! Together, we can engage more people in protecting life.

Stay connected with us on our new official pages:



X (Twitter): @RTLLIFESPAN

Instagram: @Milifespan



Facebook: @MichiganLifespan

We're starting fresh! Your follows, likes, and shares will help our message reach farther than ever.

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*Be the Change*

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## LIFESPAN sends youth to PLM Life Advocate Intensive Training 2025

### What is Life Advocate Intensive Training?

The Life Advocate Intensive is the premier pro-life activism training for high school and college students in Michigan. Over the course of three days, you will learn to respond to pro-choice arguments, have meaningful conversations, and then hit the streets in key Michigan cities to put your skills into action.

Nervous about outreach? Don't be! You and your peers will receive exceptional training from experienced pro-life leaders who will ensure that you have all the tools you need to feel confident and prepared before having conversations.

You'll leave empowered to speak the truth with confidence, equipped to make an impact, and inspired by the community of pro-life leaders you've trained and served with. (<https://www.protectlifemi.org/intensive>)

### My Summary of my LAI Experience



#### **Ana Mata attended the July training in Detroit**

First, I want to start by saying thank you to Right to Life - LIFESPAN for the sponsorship that allowed me to attend Protect Life Michigan's Life Advocate Intensive (LAI) Training on July 24-26, 2025. It was all I could have hoped for and more.

I wasn't planning on going, but Rebecca Wolf, who is an Intern for Protect Life Michigan, kept insisting that I go. I felt in my heart that God was speaking to me through her, and this was something I needed to do.

When I got there and started meeting people, everyone seemed so genuine, and I knew this was the community I needed to be around. We started doing outreach and talking to strangers on the sidewalk, and I realized that even if I talked to a few people, I still helped make an impact on these babies' lives. Even the littlest thing, such as holding up a sign and asking people what they think about these images can change hearts and minds. But it wasn't until now that something clicked in me and I knew this was something I wanted to keep doing. I can't imagine having other plans that

day, other than standing up for what I believe in. I know that abortion is wrong but if I just stood by the sidelines knowing that it was wrong without doing anything to help is just unbearable. We weren't just given the gift of life for nothing; we were given it to make an impact for those whose lives are taken without remorse. I tell the people around me, if you're pro-life, don't just say that you are, but show it. Even if it's talking to a friend who has mixed feelings about abortion. Because I've been there and I understand that it can be uncomfortable to talk about sometimes, but it's well worth it in the end.

I've been spreading the word about this training and will be bringing people next time to really be moved in the way that I was. I recommend teens and young adults to really consider joining. Every one of us is called to speak up for the voices that can't be heard. We need to be their voice.

#### **Samuel Lustyk attended the July training in Detroit**

I am grateful to have been sponsored to go to LAI. It was a good experience, and I feel like I have learned a lot from apologetics to the human body. Outreach was a rather unique experience for me being taken out of my comfort zone and bringing the pro-life message to the people of Detroit. And learning how to talk and hold conversations with strangers.

Overall, it was a wonderful weekend that I am proud to have been a part of. The speakers were amazing, and the interns were a lot of fun to talk to and work with. Thank you to LAI for an awesome weekend and thank you to Right to Life - LIFESPAN for sponsoring me!





**Abigail Ries attended the July training in Detroit**

This was my first time participating in a Life Advocate Intensive training program with Protect Life Michigan. I went into it not knowing what to expect but came out of it changed and inspired. Throughout the three days of training and outreach on the streets of Detroit, I encountered a wide variety of people all in various stages of their lives, each grieving from different wounds. People who were curious about why I, a 19-year-old girl, was out there preaching the message that abortion is wrong and not the only choice. People who wanted to have a civil conversation and discuss both of our conflicting opinions with respect and dignity for each other. People who would call me names, yell at my face, stomp on our literature, call the cops, and aggressively say that what I do is disgusting. As a person who doesn't like confrontation or conflict, this pushed me out of my comfort zone but into a place of personal conviction to continue this work with PLM.

In only a few days, we impacted 57,374 people with the pro-life message. We had 494 conversations, 87 of those being partial mind changes and 99 full mind changes. Almost 10% of the population of Detroit was reached within those three days! If I don't continue to be a voice for the unborn, who will. Thank you, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, for letting me know about this training program and for sponsoring me to be a part of it.

**Miriam Ellis attended the August training in Grand Rapids**

Growing up I have always been passionately pro-life, in a passive way. I would, of course, pray for the protection of the pre-born, think about how horrific abortion was, and maybe even have conversations about abortion. I have attended a decent number of pro-life events where I realized "abortion is terrible and **someone** needs to do something to stop it." Conversations I had, often, had me stumped on how to even explain the pro-life position. Most events inspired me to think about abortion but never to **do** anything. After all, I doubted I could do much anyways.

However, after attending the Life Advocate Intensive training, my perspective has changed. I now realize that we are the **someone** who need to do something to help save these children. Of course, each in their own way. Even if it seems small, it can change and save lives!

At LAI, we were taught how to explain and defend our pro-life position. We learned about complicated situations that are especially hard to defend and how to respond with empathy while still holding the pro-life position. We saw pictures and videos of real-life abortion victims and how immensely their right to life had been violated. We were shown the statistics and number of children who lose their lives in such a violent manner each day. Then we were given the opportunity to **do** something about it. Equipped with our training, we went out to the streets. We were met by a wide variation of responses...some encouraging, some discouraging, and some heartbreaking. We had many conversations, and at the end of the day were blessed with stories of people on the streets who were now pro-life!

I am so deeply grateful to have received the sponsorship through Right to Life-LIFESPAN to attend LAI. I can truly say that it has been life-changing for me. I left the training able to have conversations that I could not have before. I also left with a plan and conviction to be active whereas before I had been passive.



**Ava Ellis attended the August training in Grand Rapids**

Due to this being my first time attending the Life Advocate Intensive training, I was unsure what exactly to expect. After attending, I can honestly say it was such a formative experience. I was completely pro-life with absolutely no exceptions, before LAI, but I learned so much more about why I am pro-life. LAI gave me solid reasoning and effective ways to use that reasoning.

My favorite part was undoubtedly the outreach we did during LAI. After we were instructed in the apologetics, we went out to have real conversations with individuals on the street. These conversations were so eye-opening and truly challenged my knowledge in the best way. It has been such a blessing to have had this opportunity to talk to people about the issue of abortion,

After attending LAI, I have decided that I need to do more to be a voice for the voiceless. Every single person can have an impact and can save lives; it is so important that we all do what we can for the pro-life cause. I cannot recommend LAI enough and am so thankful to Right to Life - LIFESPAN for sponsoring me so I could attend. I certainly plan on going again!

See our next newsletter for more insights from our youth!

## From the President's Desk



Dear Friends,

Being a part of the pro-life movement most of my life has been a privilege. The pathway to victory is not easy, the road winding and steep. Constant vigilance is needed.

Myself and several others first met in 1969-70 to form a movement that would stop the proponents of permissive abortion from changing the State of Michigan abortion laws. At the time, Michigan protected all lives, from conception until natural death. Today, due to the

vote on the deceitful Proposal 3 in 2022, Michigan now is one of the leading states that allow the killing of pre-born children without restrictions. We also know that the 'death with dignity' folks are targeting our state.

Why did we feel it was necessary to start a pro-life movement? The answer was simple. No one else was fighting for our tiniest citizens – the child in the womb – from being killed. State after state, abortion supporters were very successfully using the word "choice" and other words like "medical procedure" and "autonomy" to achieve their goals. Pro-life people understood that it was time to stop these efforts. All lives matter, including those who live in the womb, the elderly and the infirm. During the time of organization, it became clear that defining our purpose was critical to our identity and success. Our mission was to protect individual human life from premature death and to promote and support its worth from conception until natural death.

The movement defined itself as the "pro-life movement". Through the years, there has been, and continues to be, pressure to involve ourselves in more than our intended purpose – protecting vulnerable humans who are considered non-human or irrelevant or inconvenient from being killed at the wishes of someone else. We have had to walk a fine line, and we have had to be firm in our insistence that the pro-life movement must stay focused on its original intended formation. The purpose was and is to fight for those individuals who are targeted for death because he or she is unwanted by society, including their own family. Our movement has had to work diligently in maintaining a presence in the community against formidable opposition. There are only just so many people, resources and opportunities to share our goals. Any organization that is supported by generous donors must be wise and diligent in using these resources. This is a monumental task. So, when I hear people calling for us to get involved in other issues, I worry that our focus will be lost. We cannot solve all the social and economic problems associated with our society. The issues of hunger, environment, immigration, poverty, capital punishment, war, etc. are all of great importance, but there are organizations, faith communities, and governmental agencies whose focus is to address these societal needs that are better equipped and better funded than pro-life organizations like Right to Life-LIFESPAN.

We need to stay the course. We must pray and work for all God's children, but for us to succeed, we must work for those lives at risk of the direct killing because he or she is a financial or social burden or is unwanted by those around them. This is the challenge and purpose of the pro-life movement and of Right to Life-LIFESPAN. May God give us the courage to continue with this daunting task.

Diane Fagelman

### *Farewell Dear Friend*

Longtime friend and speaker for Right to Life-LIFESPAN and the Educational Center for Life, **Molly Kelly**, entered eternal life on August 14, 2025.

Molly, mom to eight children, passionately believed in the sanctity of life and after her husband's passing in 1975, she became a speaker on the virtue of chastity. She reached tens of thousands of teenagers each year with her message of life-affirming respect for chastity before marriage. Many in our area had the opportunity to hear Molly's message when Right to Life-LIFESPAN and the Educational Center for Life invited her to speak.

May she rest in peace.

### Donations have been made – *In Memory of:*

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"It's the law of Louisiana. Gov. Landry, AG Liz Murrill, and our legislature has seen fit that abortions are illegal in this state," Clayton said. "Shipping an abortion pill from another state is equivalent to me of shipping fentanyl or any other type of drug over here that ends up in the mouths and stomachs of our minor kids."

Gov. Hochul again invoked the state's shield law in rejecting a request to extradite Carpenter to Louisiana.

In a new and potential significant wrinkle, last month a Galveston, Texas man sued a California doctor in federal court for allegedly mailing his girlfriend abortion pills.

"The lawsuit—a civil complaint filed in the federal court for the Southern District of Texas—accuses a physician named Remy Coeytaux of violating state and federal laws by mailing abortion pills to 'murder' the 'unborn child' of the plaintiff, Jerry Rodriguez," O'Connell-Domenech reported for The Hill.

Previous legal challenges were filed in state court.

Along the way the very important Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) safety requirements for mifepristone were badly diluted. In response, NRLC submitted formal comments to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, calling on the FDA not to eliminate what few REMS remain in place and to reverse the approval of this dangerous abortion drug.

"Despite decades of evidence showing the dangers of mifepristone, abortion advocates are pushing to strip away even the minimal safeguards that remain," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "The REMS protocols exist because this drug can cause life-threatening complications—including hemorrhage, sepsis, and undiagnosed ectopic pregnancy—and eliminating these protections would be reckless and politically motivated."

- *National Right to Life News, August 14, 2025*

*Have you ever thought about leaving a bequest in your will or trust to Right to Life - LIFESPAN?*

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide.

Have questions? Please contact **Charles Kleinbrook** at **248-352-9569** or **MrChip1234@aol.com**

**2025-2026 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events**

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| <b>National Day of Remembrance</b><br>September 13, 2025 | <b>Autumn Pro-Life Chalking Day</b><br>October 15, 2025                 |
| <b>Pickleball Tournament</b><br>September 20, 2025       | <b>Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity</b><br>October 21, 2025            |
| <b>Life Chain</b><br>October 5, 2025                     | <b>Michigan March for Life Bus Trip</b><br>November 6, 2025             |
| <b>Autumn Pro-Life T-Shirt Day</b><br>October 6, 2025    | <b>Movement in Motion Bus Trip to Washington DC</b><br>January 22, 2026 |
| <b>National Pro-Life Cupcake Day</b><br>October 9, 2025  | <b>7th Annual Be the Change</b><br>March 21, 2026                       |

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## *National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children*

**Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 • 1:00 pm**  
**White Chapel Cemetery**

On Saturday, September 13th, LIFESPAN will join other pro-life Americans across the country to honor the memory of the more than 66,000,000 pre-born victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

### ***Date & Time:***

September 13th - 1:00 pm

### ***Location:***

White Chapel Cemetery  
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### ***For More Information:***

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### ***Our Five Unborn Children of God***

“In 1980, the bodies of 5 pre-born infants were found in Oakland County. Four bodies, found in a self-serve storage locker, were said to be 5 months or less in gestation. The fifth child found in a plastic container behind a medical clinic, was found to be approximately 8 months in gestation.

In both instances, those responsible stated that the bodies were mistakenly placed where they were found and that it was “error” or “accident” that caused them to be improperly disposed of.

Regardless of how the 5 preborn children met their deaths, it was felt by Right to Life - LIFESPAN that a more fitting place for the bodies was imperative. These children were not able to experience their right to life and we felt that at least, in death, their humanity should be recognized and burial be provided as should and would be provided for any other member of our human family.

Through the courtesy of A.J. Desmond and Sons, Funeral Directors, and White Chapel Cemetery, the bodies of these preborn children were laid to rest in a brief and simple ceremony on May 2, 1980.”

- LIFESPAN Newsletter, May 1980