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Right to Life – LIFESPAN'S

26th Annual Baby Shower

Sunday, March 8, 2015

(unless different date noted)

To Benefit Local Pregnancy Help Centers

Baby showers will be held at the following locations. Bring new or gently used baby items.

For more information, call Right to Life – LIFESPAN at 734.524.0162.

Gift Drop-Off ONLY – After Church Services (unless noted otherwise)

In alphabetical order by city:

Listing up to date as of January 28, 2015



Gift Suggestions

Sleepers, onesies, socks, receiving blankets, crib sheets, diapers (size 1 to size 4), baby wipes, wash cloths, towels, pacifiers, bottles, bibs, personal hygiene items for baby, gift cards, cash donations!

Sacred Heart of the Hills Church
3400 S. Adams Rd., **Auburn Hills**

St. Hugo of the Hills Church
2215 Opdyke, **Bloomfield Hills**

Resurrection Catholic Church
44800 Warren Rd., **Canton**

St. John Neumann Church
44800 Warren Rd., **Canton**
Weekends Feb 21st - Mar 8th

Church of the Divine Child
1055 N. Silvery Lane, **Dearborn**
Mar 7th - 8th & Mar 14th - 15th

St. Alphonsus Church
7469 Calhoun, **Dearborn**

St. Anselm Church
17650 W. Outer Dr., **Dearborn Heights**

Assumption Grotto Catholic Church
13770 Gratiot, **Detroit**

St. Clare of Montefalco Church
1401 Whittier Rd., **Grosse Pte. Park**

Daughters of Isabella - St. Colette
15089 Newburgh Rd., **Livonia**
**TRADITIONAL* Mar 5th - 8pm*

St. Edith Church
15089 Newburgh Rd., **Livonia**

St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish
29015 Jamison, **Livonia**

St. Stephen Church
18800 Huron River Dr., **New Boston**

Our Lady of Victory Church
770 Thayer, **Northville**
Sunday, March 22nd

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
47650 N. Territorial, **Plymouth**

St. Kenneth Church
14951 Haggerty Rd., **Plymouth**
Mar 7th - Mar 22nd

Our Lady of Loretto Church
17116 Olympia, **Redford**
Weekends Feb 21st - Mar 8th

St. Valentine Church
25881 Dow, **Redford**

St. Andrew Catholic Church
1400 Inglewood, **Rochester**
Mar 7th - 8th

Living Rock Church
33200 Ecorse Rd., **Romulus**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church
38750 Ryan Rd., **Sterling Heights**

St. Thomas More Church
4580 Adams Rd., **Troy**
Mar 14th - 15th & Mar 21st - 22nd

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church
26440 Ryan Rd., **Warren**

St. William Parish
531 Common, **Walled Lake**
Date: TBD

The River Church & Faith Church
3411 Airport Rd., **Waterford**

Ss. Simon & Jude Church
32500 Palmer Rd., **Westland**

Choose a location near you & help our local moms & their babies. Sometimes, just knowing that there are resources available through local pregnancy help centers means the difference between aborting a baby & giving a baby LIFE!

Does your church/organization want to co-host a Baby Shower for one of the 18 Metro Detroit Pregnancy Help Centers, but don't see your name listed? Please contact the Main Office (734.524-0162) today!

News and Notes

Obama Admin Allows Selling U.S. Citizenship to Babies Conceived Via IVF

Reverse biological colonialism!

By Wesley J. Smith

I have written about this before, but now the Obama Administration has given its imprimatur to foreigners buying U.S. Citizenship for their babies.

Here's how the scheme works: Imagine a Chinese couple create embryos using IVF in Beijing. The embryos are shipped to the USA and implanted in an American woman's uterus. She gives birth and the babies are taken back to China by the biological parents. Should the kid be a US citizen?

The Obama Administration has just promulgated regulations saying yes! From the USCIS summary:

Under this new policy, a mother who meets this definition but does not have a genetic relationship with her child (for example, she became pregnant through an egg donor) will:

- Be able to petition for her child based on their relationship.
- Be eligible to have her child petition for her based on their relationship.
- Be able to transmit U.S. citizenship to her child, if she is a U.S. citizen and all other pertinent citizenship requirements are met.

Realize that under surrogacy contracts, THE SURROGATE WAIVES LEGAL PARENTHOOD! But for purposes of opening America's doors, the Feds say the baby is a citizen if the surrogate was the legal mother at birth.

So, the contracts will just provide that the waiver of parenthood occur after birth, and voila, instant citizenship.

For sale. Unbelievable.

The voracious IVF industry is way out of hand. And now, it has the seal of approval from the U.S. Government to sell American Citizenship.

This scheme will turn a pretty penny!

#theydon'thaveourbacks

Wesley J. Smith, J.D., is a special consultant to the Center for Bioethics and Culture and a bioethics attorney who blogs at *Human Exceptionalism*.

SAVE THESE DATES!

2015 LIFESPAN Events

- March 7 – Whalers Game Fundraiser
- March 8 – Baby Showers
- May 5 – Annual Dinner and Auction
- May 10 – Mother's Day Flower Sale
- June 21 – Father's Day Candy / Pen Sale
- August 8 – Pro-Life Teen Jeopardy Game Show

Editor's Note: As has been said, "Be careful what you wish for—you may get it"

Planned Parenthood Blames Obamacare for Closing Clinic, Contraception Mandate Meant Fewer Customers

By Life Dynamics

An ironic twist of fate has occurred, Planned Parenthood, which lobbied heavily for the Affordable Care Act, is now blaming the ObamaCare monstrosity for the closure of a Michigan clinic.

A local Michigan media outlet reports:

Planned Parenthood Mid and South Michigan is closing its Battle Creek clinic, citing "increasing competition and declining patient demand" as a result of the Affordable Care Act. The last day of operation will be Jan. 31.

Spokeswoman Desiree Cooper said the need for Planned Parenthood's health-care services has declined because of the ACA, which has greatly improved access to subsidized contraceptives and women's health-care services.

The ACA requires insurance plans to provide women with an annual physical and contraceptives without a deductible or co-pay. That means women who formerly were reliant on Planned Parenthood for services and birth control can now obtain them elsewhere, Cooper said.

President Obama once promised Planned Parenthood that abortion would be at the heart of his health care bill, and he kept that promise! —*LifeNews.com, January 13, 2015*



LIFESPAN is looking...

...for volunteers to be on a **Garage Sale Committee**. Do you love garage sales? We have someone in Plymouth who has graciously given us the use of a prime location for a garage sale to benefit LIFESPAN. The date of sale can be anytime from April to October 2015. Volunteers are needed to plan the sale as soon as possible. We are

hoping to make this an annual event.

We are looking...for volunteers who want to be part of a **Dinner Committee** to plan our annual Dinner in May.

We are looking...for **Items for the Auction** held at the Dinner—gift cards, trips, sporting events, baskets, etc.?

We are looking...for volunteers to be on a **CIDER Walk Committee**.

We are looking...for volunteers who want to work on our annual **Used Book Sale**.

Would you like to help us, but not be committed all year? Maybe one of these "one-time-a-year" events might appeal to you. Please call us at LIFESPAN's Main Office, 734-524-0162. We need YOU!

March for Life 2015

By Lynn Gura, Youth Director

Hello Friends of Life!

It was truly the best March for Life ever! The Crusaders for Life Detroit group on Bus 3 started out in the beginning of the March which was at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue (near the Washington Monument)—a good change from years past, making the March for Life longer! I heard that others joined at the intersection where the March started in the past, so merging of the huge sea of people took a pretty long time!

What I liked most about the March was the singing, chanting, drums that some of the kids were playing (five-gallon buckets tipped over), energy and enthusiasm of my group! They were filled with so much joy in celebrating the gift of Human Life!

In the morning before the March, my group was the first to arrive at the Rally site right near the stage. Josh Duggar who works for the Family Research Council interviewed some from our group and had a group picture taken. The students were really excited to see him and meet him.

Unfortunately, because of the balloon display the Crusaders put together the night before at the host church, we were "kicked out" of the Rally area and were told that the balloons were illegal in the Mall. We had to leave and then figure out what we should do for two hours. So we walked past the Washington Monument



to the WWII Monument. One of our girls was having problems with her feet. We were going to walk to the Lincoln Memorial, but decided to go back to the Mall and stand on the sidewalk across the street and wait for the March to begin. The girl went with her brother and a chaperone to one of the museums to rest her feet.

We quickly realized that we were at the beginning of the March when we saw all the signs facing us. So, even though the morning brought us some disappointment, that made the group pretty happy!

Those from the other LIFESPAN buses, with whom I talked about going to the DC Armory for the Youth Rally and Mass before the March for Life, seemed to enjoy it. And, some of the groups got to meet Archbishop Vigneron after getting off the Metro before getting in line for the March.

The visit to Arlington National Cemetery and the Wreath Laying Ceremony LIFESPAN participated in on Friday were once again so heart-moving for us all. Viviano Florist made a very lovely wreath for us to have for the ceremony—Thank You! The four young ladies who participated as our Wreath Bearers each had a great desire to be a part of the ceremony. I still have to get some pictures from the ceremony. I will include them next time with their summaries of why it was important to participate.

We also went to the Lincoln Memorial and then to the American History Museum.

At the U.S. Supreme Court, which we were planning on touring, we were told by the security guard that we had to turn our sweatshirts inside out and couldn't have our message be shown. I guess it was because there were Pro-Life people praying at the foot of the steps by the Court. We did as asked, even though we didn't think that was right, and we got into single file like the guard asked us to do, and then he said our whole group wouldn't be able to get in because of all those waiting in front of us (Bus 8 was actually in front of us—they stayed and, hopefully, got to tour). We decided to leave and then went to the Basilica early to look around and go to Mass.



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Legislative Update

House Passes Bill to Completely Ban Taxpayer Funding of Abortions

By Steven Ertelt

The House approved legislation on January 22 that will put in place a complete ban on taxpayer funding of abortions that ensures abortions are not directly funded in any federal governmental program or department.

The legislation combines several policies that must be enacted every year in Congressional battles and puts them into law where they will not be in jeopardy of being overturned every time Congress changes hands from pro-life lawmakers to those who support abortions.

The House voted 242-179 for the bill with 239 Republicans and three Democrats voting to ban taxpayer funding of abortions under HR7 while 178 Democrats and one Republican voted against it. Congressman Tom Price said during the debate:

“This legislation prohibits taxpayer funding of elective abortions, no matter where in the federal system that might occur. This is a position supported by the majority of Americans in a bipartisan manner. We have a responsibility, through our government, to protect the most vulnerable among us, not the least of whom are the unborn. This bill is an important step in the right direction.”

A majority of Americans object to the use of taxpayer money for funding abortion, according to numerous polls—including a survey CNN conducted in early April

showing Americans oppose public funding of abortion by a margin of 61% to 35%.

The bill will also mitigate concerns about abortion funding in the various loopholes in the Obamacare national health care bill that various pro-life organizations warned about during debate on the law. The legislation did not contain language banning funding of abortions in its provisions and the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would fix that problem.

The National Right to Life Committee sent a letter to House members urging support for the legislation that explains how the bill will help.

In September, 2014, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report that confirmed that elective abortion coverage is widespread in federally subsidized plans on the Obamacare exchanges. In the 27 states (plus D.C.) that did not have laws in effect that restrict abortion coverage, over one thousand exchange plans covered abortion, the report found.

H.R. 7 would codify the principles of the Hyde Amendment on a

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permanent, government-wide basis, with respect both to longstanding federal health programs (Medicaid, SCHIP, FEHB, etc.) and to the new programs created by the Obamacare law. Under H.R. 7, for plan years beginning after December 31, 2015, exchange-participating health plans that cover abortion would not be eligible for the federal subsidies. Until then, the bill will revise Obamacare language to eliminate secrecy about abortion coverage, allowing consumers to be fully informed about abortion coverage and the surcharges for such coverage on plans sold on the exchanges.

A Member's vote on H.R. 7 will essentially define his or her position, for or against federal funding of abortion, for the foreseeable future.

Pro-life groups including Americans United for Life, the Susan B. Anthony List, Liberty Counsel and Family Research Council also support the legislation.

—*LifeNews.com, January 23, 2015*

To read this article in its entirety, go to: <http://www.lifenews.com/2015/01/22/house-passes-bill-to-completely-ban-taxpayer-funding-of-abortions-2/>

Pro-Life Leaders Not Giving Up On 20-Week Abortion Ban

By Steven Ertelt

Top pro-life members of Congress and leading pro-life organizations are united in the face of opposition from some pro-life Republican members of Congress to the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. They are vowing to not give up on unborn babies and promise the bill will eventually get a vote in the House and Senate.

A handful of pro-life Republicans sabotaged the bill on January 22 because they were unhappy with the language in the bill concerning women who are victimized by rape. But pro-life Senator Lindsey Graham, who is the prime Senate sponsor, says the bill will come back soon even though Republican leaders were forced to delay the vote.

Graham has introduced the Senate companion to that legislation, and conceded he did not recognize there was a problem.



"I can't wait for the debate. I'm looking forward to the debate. I want to hear how we're a better country by aborting babies at 20 weeks," said Graham, who indicated that as he envisions it, his bill would come as part of a broader debate on related issues, in what could prove a real test of the willingness of senators to take difficult votes.

National Right to Life President Carol Tobias told LifeNews.com, "The House of Representatives did not pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act this week because certain lawmakers who voted for the same language in 2013, and who had promised their pro-life constituents that they would do so again, instead worked to weaken the bill or to prevent it from coming to the floor."

"While we are profoundly disappointed that the vote on the bill was delayed, we much prefer delaying the vote to passing a greatly weakened bill," Tobias said. "We thank the House Republican leadership for quickly facilitating passage of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7) which is another National Right to Life legislative priority."

"Pro-life citizens across the nation are sharply disappointed with those lawmakers who violated commitments to constituents and derailed a bill to protect babies in the sixth month and later, a bill with broad popular support," Tobias said. "In some cases these actions were apparently dictated mainly by inordinate concern with political correctness

and garnering favorable coverage from the mainstream news media. Some of these lawmakers may ultimately conclude that they were ill advised to sacrifice the trust of their pro-life constituents so egregiously."

Tobias complained that Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-N.C.) played the most visible public role in the successful campaign to stymie action on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—even though she voted to pass exactly the same bill language on June 18, 2013.

On January 20, Ellmers personally went to the House floor to withdraw her cosponsorship of the bill. Yet on January 22, she told *The Weekly Standard* that she would vote to pass the bill with or without language that she preferred, noting, "I have a very pro-life district..."

"We're going to bring this bill back. This is a fight that's not over. We're going to continue working to get this bill passed," House Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) told *The Hill* on Thursday.

Separately, Rep. Trent Franks (R-Ariz.), one of the sponsors of the pulled bill, said leadership gave him a "word of honor" the measure will get floor action.

Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-Ind.) also withdrew her cosponsorship on January 20, yet continued to affirm to constituents that she would vote to pass the bill (as she had in 2013).

—*LifeNews.com, January 23, 2015*

To read this article in its entirety, go to: <http://www.lifenews.com/2015/01/23/pro-life-leaders-not-giving-up-on-20-week-abortion-ban-it-will-definitely-get-a-vote/>

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT **GIRL SCOUT COOKIES** 2015

Where Does the Cookie Money Go?

- A girl's troop keeps an average of just 10 to 20 percent of the money she collects from selling cookies.
- The local council receives an average of 65 to 75 percent of the money collected by all local troops.
- Girl Scouts USA (GSUSA) collects a royalty payment based upon their licensed trademark on every box of cookies produced. With approximately 200 million boxes of cookies sold annually, this amounts to millions of dollars of funding for GSUSA every year.

What's the Concern About Funding Girl Scout Councils and GSUSA?

- Girl Scouts' curriculum for girls, sold and promoted by every local Girl Scout council, recommends pro-abortion role models/organizations such as Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, Geraldine Ferraro, Hillary Clinton, Amnesty Intl., Population Council, ACLU, and National Organization For Women.
- Local Girl Scout councils and GSUSA honor and promote abortion rights advocates and pro-abortion politicians including Nancy Pelosi, Kathleen Sebelius, Wendy Davis, and Elizabeth Warren among many others.
- Local Girl Scout councils and GSUSA connect girls to resources promoting abortion rights and inappropriate sexual content via official Girl Scout social media accounts.
- GSUSA is the largest member organization of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), providing 2.8 million of its 10 million girl and adult members worldwide and paying approximately 1.5 million dollars annually to WAGGGS based on the number of registered GSUSA members.
- WAGGGS, which states that "anyone who is a Girl Guide or Girl Scout is automatically a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts," aggressively promotes youth reproductive/abortion and sexual rights, specifically on behalf of its 10 million members.
- GSUSA maintains memberships in additional abortion advocacy groups, including the Coalition for Adolescent Girls and Re:Gender. Other organizations working alongside GSUSA in these groups include abortion providers International Planned Parenthood Federation and Marie Stopes International, and numerous organizations that push for unrestricted abortion rights, such as the Feminist Majority Foundation and the National Women's Law Center.

Now that I know...

n  **thank you.**

For documentation of this information and additional pro-life concerns about the Girl Scout organization, visit:

MyGirlScoutCouncil.com

March for Life 2015

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To wrap up the trip for now, here are some comments from Crusaders for Life Detroit group Marchers who were on Bus 3 with me:

This was my 3rd year on the March. I have been looking forward all year. It was just as fun as last year—maybe more! I'm already looking forward to next year! The people I met and the friends I made will last a lifetime, not to mention the lives we saved! It is such an amazing feeling knowing you are doing something for the better. I can't wait to see everyone next year! —Natalie

The March was a lot of fun this year! It was fun last year, but this year even more so. Nothing went right until after the March. There was a lot of walking and yet in some way, it was really fun! And, I'm so glad we had daily Mass, good weather and sightseeing. I thank God and all the chaperones and bus captains for an awesome March experience! —Maria

I liked the hoodies, the songs, the bus, and our whole awesome group! It was super cool this year having the drums and being interviewed! Participating in the March was amazing! Seeing all of the great people and just being a part of it was incredible! —Anonymous

*Great people + great places + great times = March 4 Life!
—Caithleann*

It was a great trip! Everyone was super nice and it was a lot of fun going different places. I hope to do it again next year! —Isabella

It is awesome to get out there and do the cheers with everyone and just have a good time while trying to save the unborn! —William

This was my first March, and it was such an amazing experience! Being able to walk down the street in DC, go to Mass in the Basilica, and spend a weekend with these people is such a blessing to me to be able to do! Now I just can't wait for next year! —Chris

It was fantastic joining LIFESPAN this year for the March for Life. No matter what trouble or inconvenience that came along, the Bus Captains and Chaperones tackled it all the while making sure we all had a great time. They definitely succeeded! Thank you everyone involved in the planning and execution of the trip! —Anne Marie

This was my first year and from the amazing experiences I had while on the trip, I will definitely be coming back. Just seeing all the people there marching, praying and cheering for the lives of all innocent children was a beautiful sight! That alone would be a reason to go back, not to mention all the fun I had from singing, dancing, and being able to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. It was spectacular! —Thomas

Adrenaline. Excitement. Exhaustion. Inspiration. These are four words that describe the March for Life! The March is such a unifying experience for all Pro-Life people. After the March, you are exhausted, but also



inspired to save more lives! No one has saved a life without making a sacrifice of their own. Thank you all LIFESPAN volunteers/personnel for making this experience available to students! —Crissy

Attending the March for Life with LIFESPAN has always been something I look forward to all year long! 2015 has been the greatest March for Life bus trip for me yet! It means so much to me that LIFESPAN cares so much to take the time to plan this bus trip for us! Giving us the opportunity to publicly fight and defend the sanctity of Human Life! I can't say how much more involved Crusaders for Life have been able to be in the March for Life because of LIFESPAN's kindness and generosity. LIFESPAN is playing a huge role in creating future Pro-Life activists and leaders! May God continue to bless LIFESPAN, and "may we choose Life forever"! Thank you, LIFESPAN! —Bobby, Crusaders Events Coordinator

Thanks for all your support and prayers for the nine buses of chaperones and students we sent to DC for the March!

**No Law Can Give Me the Right
to Do What is Wrong.**

~ Abraham Lincoln ~





Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

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Lifespan Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb
Wayne County/Downriver

Movement In Motion Returns

Nine buses out, nine buses home—wow, what an accomplishment. Unless you have been part of planning and organizing this trip, it is hard to appreciate how time-consuming, and sometimes frustrating, it can be to get these buses there and back again.

Incomplete forms, illegible email addresses, add-ons, cancellations, procedure changes imposed by Park Police, Washington, DC police, weather, lack of sleep, mechanical breakdowns and on and on would make it seem that this is the mother of all nightmares.

NOT SO! Our Youth Director, Lynn Gura, handles it all with great grace and good humor and each trip is better than the one before.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see pictures and hear statements from our travelers attesting to just how wonderful this trip was and how being part of some 500,000 to 600,000 people, mostly under the age of 18, makes them even more determined to declare that they may have survived *Roe v. Wade*, but *Roe v. Wade* won't survive them.

Thank you to Lynn and to the young people who gave of their time and treasure to be part of the

Movement in Motion—**MARCH ON, GENERATION TRUTH, MARCH ON!**

Time Well Spent

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."

—J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Power of the One

One new ad for the Resource Book from everyone reading this message, no matter the size, would fund an entire year's worth of pro-life activities. The power of the one is truly impressive—can you be that one?

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Successful Luminary Memorial

Thank you to everyone who participated in our luminary memorial on January 21-22. Each candle lit throughout the night created awareness of the over 57 million lives lost through abortion in the United States since the decision of *Roe v. Wade* on January 22, 1973. Thank you to all who wrapped kits, distributed them and to all who lit them on their porches or front walks.

Emails!

Please send your email address to our office at: wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org. Email is the fastest and cheapest way for us to get information to you. Your email will not be used for anything but sending pro-life messages from LIFESPAN and will never be sold or shared with another company. Just put "UPDATE INFO" in the subject line and your full name in the body of the email, so we can add you to our email list.

Whalers Hockey Night - March 7th

You'll find more information on a really fun night on the back page of this issue. This is the last time that we will be able to meet at Compuware and cheer on our local OHL team, the Plymouth Whalers, as the owner has decided to move the team to Flint and change their name after this season! There is not a "bad" seat in the house, and if you sit in or near

section 114, you'll have plenty of other pro-lifers around you cheering! We hope that you can join us on March 7th! LIFESPAN receives a portion of every ticket sold. Questions? Just call our office!



Safe Haven Law in Michigan

On January 15th, devastating news came out of Roseville about a newborn baby boy who was found dead in a dumpster. The mother of that baby boy has been arrested and currently faces charges of first degree murder.

Did this have to happen? NO! NO! NO! In Michigan, you can leave your baby, up to 3-days-old, with a staff member at any hospital, fire station, police station or any emergency service provider that is on duty.

There are always options for someone unready to take on the responsibilities of parenthood. Allowing a baby to die should never be an option.

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Wee Care

Someone once said, February is the month of "hope."

In the Midwest, we hope that the worst of winter is behind us. We hope that the flu season is winding down, and we hope that the flowers we see around Valentine's Day mean that Spring is right around the corner.

February is also primarily known as the month of "love." (Don't have to explain that—the retail stores make it abundantly clear!)

And as for Wee Care, it feels like "February" all year long! So much hope—so much love and all thanks to your prayers and your generosity!

Last year, because of you, we gave out over 4500 sleepers, 4500 onesies, 3000 blankets, 700 packages of diapers, bibs, booties, baby towels, crib sheets, wipes, lotions and SO MUCH MORE!

You made a difference in over 500 moms' lives when they received your gifts of hope and love.

Thank you and God bless you!

Love, Karen

PS: Have to get back to work—it's a new year—lots of babies due!

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Pro-Life Teen Jeopardy Game Show

Will be back in the summer of 2015
for students 12 - 19-years-old!!

Date/Time/Location: Saturday, August 8, 10:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

Cost: \$15.00 per contestant, \$7.00 per guest
Children under 5-years-old are free (all costs include pizza, munchies and beverages)

Registration: March 9th - May 8th (mark your calendars!)

Teams: All contestants will have a teammate (your choice or we will match you up with someone your age!)

Special Notes:

- ◆ Game Show T-shirts will be provided to all contestants
- ◆ Age groups for teams are 12/13-year-olds, 14/15-year-olds, 16/17-year-olds and 18/19-year-olds
- ◆ Study materials in the form of Crossword Puzzles, Word Searches and Word Matches will be sent to all contestants seven weeks before the Game Show so they have time to prepare!

Game Show Categories: Fetal Development and Terminology, Abortion and the Effects of Abortion, Abstinence, Modesty and Healthy Choices, Laws and Cases, End of Life, Stem Cell Research and Human Cloning, Famous Quotes, and Books, Movies, Music and Websites

For questions and registration information:

Call or e-mail Lynn Gura, Youth Director, 248-816-1546 or oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org



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Is There Hypocrisy About Which Black Lives Matter?

By Tony Hansen

Recent events across the country have increased racial tensions. It has caused many to declare that "Black Lives Matter" because there is a perception that blacks are unfairly targeted. This alleged unfair targeting is blamed for the death of many of those in the black community. But the focus of the protests that have sprung up around the country only take into account those who have already been born. The crisis of abortion in the black community is all but ignored.

The unfortunate fact is that when looking at the abortion issue, we don't see this same outrage. If those protesting would take a broader view, they would realize that what they are protesting pales in comparison to the genocide that is happening through abortion. According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, if you look at the number of abortions in 2013 in Detroit alone versus the remainder of Wayne County, Detroit had nearly twice the number of abortions at 6,530 as opposed to 3,923.¹ Then comparing this to Macomb and Oakland, these counties had 2,567 and 3,347 abortions, respectively.²

Area of Residence	Total	Age of Woman					
		< 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+
Michigan							
Number	25,412	3,106	9,150	6,093	3,936	2,195	885
Percent	100	12.2	36	24	15.5	8.6	3.5
Macomb County	2,567	285	876	609	428	260	105
Oakland County	3,347	331	1,082	812	591	381	142
Wayne County (Excluding Detroit)	3,923	452	1,314	975	637	375	165
Detroit City	6,530	773	2,566	1,585	931	492	165

Table 1: Excerpt from Table 3-B Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Area of Residence and Age of Woman for Selected Large Metropolitan Areas Michigan Residents, 2013

This gives local abortion rates of 15.8% for Macomb, 14.3% for Oakland, 18.7% for Wayne County excluding Detroit, and 32.3% for the city of Detroit.³

County	2013
Michigan	13.4
Macomb	15.8
Oakland	14.3
Wayne	29.3
Detroit	32.3
Wayne Excluding Detroit	18.7

Table 2: Excerpt from Table G-2 Abortion Rates by County of Residence, State of Michigan, Michigan Counties and Detroit City, 2001 - 2013

This clearly shows that urban areas are targeted by the abortion industry. In addition, if you compare Hispanic abortions versus black abortions for the state, there were 838 abortions of babies with Hispanic ancestry as opposed to 12,729 abortions of blacks.⁴

Age of Mother in Years	Total	Race		Ancestry
		White	Black	Hispanic
Total	25,412	11,087	12,729	838
<20	3,106	1,382	1,556	124
20-24	9,150	3,770	4,875	298
25-29	6,093	2,685	3,026	197
30-34	3,936	1,768	1,884	128
35-39	2,195	1,008	1,017	67
40+	885	452	349	22

Table 3: Excerpt from Table 5 Abortion Distribution by Race and Ancestry of Mother, Michigan Residents, 2013

This is the much told but unheard dirty secret of the abortion industry. Urban, poor neighborhoods are targeted by the abortion industry because the central planners of the world see the poor as less than human. But these numbers tell an even darker secret. Blacks are specifically targeted by the abortion industry. The statistics broken down by county published by the state do not also break down abortions by race. Statistics by race are only published for the entire state. However, with blacks having a 15.2 to 1 abortion rate higher than Hispanics within the state, it can be deduced that a larger percentage of the 6,530 abortions in Detroit are black. This can be further solidified by the 2010 U.S. Census numbers showing 82.7% of Detroit's population is black, 6.8% is Hispanic, and 7.8% is white.⁵

People QuickFacts	Detroit	Michigan
Population, 2013 estimate	688,701	9,895,622
Population, 2010 (April 1) estimates base	713,862	9,883,701
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013	-3.5%	0.1%
Population, 2010	713,777	9,883,640
White alone, percent, 2010 (a)	10.6%	78.9%
Black or African American alone, percent, 2010 (a)	82.7%	14.2%
Two or More Races, percent, 2010	2.2%	2.3%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2010 (b)	6.8%	4.4%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2010	7.8%	76.6%

Table 4: Excerpt from U.S. Census 2010 People Quick Facts for Detroit

The Radiance Foundation regularly puts out statistics that show how abortion is the number one killer in the black community. An even more shocking fact is that, in New York City, more abortions are now performed than live births of blacks. Detroit is not that far behind. The Michigan Department of Community Health's statistics of live births of blacks in Detroit versus abortions in 2012 were 8,326 births and 5,307 abortions.⁶

County of Residence	Population	Live Births	Abortions	Abortion Rates
Michigan	330,591	21,623	10,891	32.9
Macomb	23,051	1,467	718	31.1
Oakland	41,664	2,276	1,227	29.4
Wayne	162,334	10,737	6,742	41.5
Detroit City	125,995	8,326	5,307	42.1
Wayne Excluding Detroit City	36,339	2,411	1,435	39.5

Table 5: Excerpt from Estimated Population and Pregnancies by Outcome and Fertility, Abortion and Pregnancy Rates by Selected County, Black Female Michigan Residents, 2012

With the number of abortions rising in Detroit from 2012 to 2013, it is conceivable that Detroit may one day join NYC in this sad fact. So, if black lives really did matter, why isn't the outrage that is currently targeted at police instead targeted at the abortion industry?

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LIGHTS FOR LIFE

The following is a continuing list of donations made in support of LIFESPAN's Lights for Life Tree which stood along I-275, at Grand River, December 5 through the first week of January. Look for this project to continue each year during the Christmas season. Many thanks to all.

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Roe v. Wade is Simply BAD LAW

Roe v. Wade Has Not Settled Abortion Debate

By Micaiah Bilger

It has been 42 years since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on the issue of abortion in the well-known case *Roe v. Wade*. Abortion advocates claim that *Roe* is settled case law, but after more than four decades, abortion remains one of the most contentious issues in our society.

Why? If abortion is simply a medical procedure to remove a blob of tissue, it should not be controversial. If abortion is just a medical procedure, why do many people characterize it as a difficult decision, a "necessary evil"?

Most Americans are troubled by abortion because they recognize that abortion is something much more than a medical procedure. Abortion destroys a human life.

That the unborn is a human life is becoming more apparent than ever before. New 4D ultrasounds show amazing details of the life growing in a mother's womb. Ultrasounds show preborn babies smiling, turning somersaults, or sucking their thumbs. New research is pointing to the capacity of preborn babies to learn in utero. One study from the University of Florida found that babies begin to learn nursery rhymes in the womb.

If *Roe v. Wade* has settled abortion law, why are so many women speaking out about how abortion hurt their lives? Through the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, thousands of courageous women speak out about their abortions and share their regrets, grief, and healing. They speak because they want other women to know that there always is something better than abortion for them and their babies.

If *Roe v. Wade* is settled, why are millions of young adults flocking to the pro-life cause? Young adults in high schools, colleges and communities all across the U.S. are working to provide life-affirming support for pregnant and parenting women and their families. Pro-life student clubs outnumber pro-choice clubs by more than two to one, according to Students for Life.

If *Roe v. Wade* is settled, why do Americans continue to elect pro-life legislators? In the past four years, state legislators passed 231 pro-life laws, according to the Guttmacher Institute. And in November, Americans elected even more pro-life leaders to our state and federal legislatures.

If *Roe v. Wade* is settled, why do most Americans oppose what *Roe* did? Four decades after *Roe*, a majority of Americans (58 percent) still believe abortion should be legal in only a few circumstances or not at all, according to a 2014 Gallup poll.

Roe, coupled with companion ruling *Doe v. Bolton*, opened the doors to abortion on demand essentially through all nine months of pregnancy in 1973. *Roe* created a no-limits abortion scene: no parental consent requirement for minors, no requirement to provide women with basic information about abortion risks and alternatives prior to the procedure, no medical regulations or accountability standards for abortion centers, no restrictions on abortions after the baby is viable.

Thankfully, in the past 42 years, pro-lifers have worked to enact many of these common-sense regulations – measures that most Americans approve.

Roe v. Wade was a radical decision that opened the doors to the legal destruction of 57 million preborn babies. Now more than ever, it is clear that *Roe v. Wade* was bad case law. There are better solutions to our problems than killing the smallest and most vulnerable among us. —Micaiah Bilger is Education Director of Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, Harrisburg

From the President's Desk

As you already know, from our past newsletters, we sent nine buses to the "March for Life" in Washington, DC. Did you know that there were an estimated 500,000-600,000 people at the March? No, well, don't feel bad—not many people know this because there was very little media coverage about the masses of people demonstrating against the killing of our weakest and most vulnerable—the preborn child. After 45 years, the press still refuses to tell the people of this country the truth and cover the thousands of people who march in defense of human life. The whole decision to allow abortion on demand was predicated on lies, and the lies continue. And, the press promotes the lie by omission of the truth.

So why does the press have a blacklist and suppress the coverage of any positive pro-life activities, such as the March for Life? In my opinion, they are afraid of the Truth. They are afraid that the general public will see the thousands of peaceful, respectful Marchers whose only purpose is to go out and be the voice of the voiceless—the preborn child.

So, why do they get so much attention, and we get so little? It is because, like so many other problems in this country, the progressive movement is all about change. It is about changing the family unit and making more and more people dependent on government. It is about destroying the weak and keeping only those they deem important and productive. It is about displacing God. It's about power and control of the masses.

It is time to take our country, our churches, our press and our educational system back. We can do this through love and respect of all human life and living out that belief through our own actions. It is about creating strong families and institutions that promote a respect for all human life. How do we do this? We do this by doing what we have done for the past 45 years—never give up, continue to educate and promote life values within our individual circles of family and friends and pray. Do not get discouraged! When you see all the young people in Washington, DC, you know that they will one day change this country and bring back legal protection to all life, especially in the womb.

The only media that covered the entire March from start to finish was EWTN—kudos to them.

I would like to thank Lynn Gura for her dedication and excellent work in organizing the nine buses that went to the March. I thank also the 74 bus captains and chaperones who enabled us to do this project. Keeping track of 364 young people is not an easy task. May God bless all of you for your continued commitment to the cause of LIFE.

Diane

Diane Fagelman, President

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