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# The LIFESPAN "Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip to Washington, DC for the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual March for



Life has received a large amount of support from so many of you! All of the Marchers and I thank you very much! Your kindness and generosity is truly appreciated and makes my heart smile really big!

We have nine buses of students and chaperones attending the March for Life! On Thursday morning, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be participating in the Youth Rally and Mass that the Archdiocese of DC puts on each year before participating in the huge March that afternoon with over 500,000 others! The host churches are ready for us to stay overnight on Thursday and we are scheduled to participate in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery on Friday morning before we tour the DC area. Some of the groups will be going into the U.S. Supreme

Court building for the first time for a self-guided tour. As a group, in all the years I have gone on the bus trip, we have never stepped foot in the highest court in our country where the dreadful decision was made to make abortion legal in every state. I think it will be a good experience for us to be able to do this additional stop while in DC.

In addition to your assistance with helping to cover costs that are not covered by the Marchers for the trip, like sponsorships to students, All American Screen Printing and Embroidery, located in Sterling Heights, gave us a generous discount in the cost of our Hoodies. They are a local company we have worked with for over ten years, dating back to our first Pro-Life Teen Jeopardy Game Show. Their finished products have been really great—graphics and quality—and their customer service is outstanding!

Please keep our group in your thoughts and prayers for a safe journey there and back again! You'll be able to hear from the students and chaperones after we return as to how the March went and what they experienced!

*Your friend for Life! - Lynn Gura, Youth Director*



## Pro-Life Teen Jeopardy Game Show

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 9<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org)



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# “Movement In Motion” Bus Trip Hoodie Design Contest Winners!



**K**ay Lamerson is the winner of the Hoodie Design Contest. Kay will receive the bus trip cost of \$170.00 as her prize as well as two Hoodies. In addition, she will receive an Oakland/Macomb LIFESPAN student membership for one year.

**M**y name is **Katarina Lamerson**. I am 14 and the oldest of eight children. Recently, I returned to Seton Homeschooling as a sophomore after five years of private schooling with Dominican sisters.

I wish to attend the 42nd March for Life because of the awesome experience it affords me. It is a great feeling marching for the millions of lost lives, for the rights of future children and the hope that one day this cruelty will come to an end.

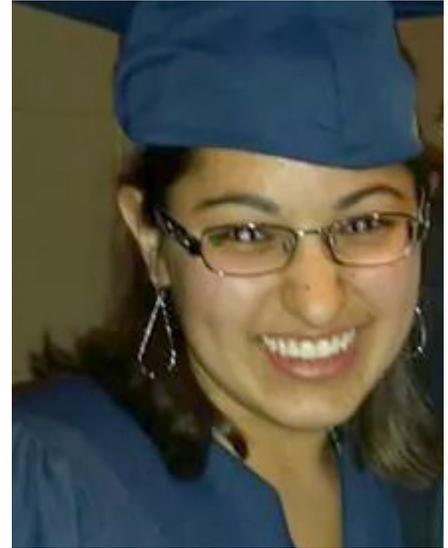
I believe that giving a voice to the voiceless is the greatest contribution, outside of my prayers, that I can offer. I was taught that God will judge me based upon my behavior towards my neighbor and I know that my protest is not only pleasing to God, but my actions may possibly inspire someone contemplating abortion to choose life.

The March for Life is a special event to participate in for people of all ages and I look forward to the day when it is no longer necessary.



Second-Place Winner

**M**y name is **Mary Wolf**, and I am currently a home-schooled freshman, and am one of nine children. I enjoy playing sports, reading and singing. Since a young age I have participated in pro-life activities, and have always wanted to go on the March for Life. This is my first year going on the bus trip to Washington, D.C. with Right to Life - LIFESPAN. I want to attend the 2015 March for Life because I believe it is our responsibility to protect the innocent babies that cannot protect themselves, by protesting for their right to live.



Third-Place Winner

**M**y name is **Maria Vitale**. I am 19-years-old and third oldest of five daughters. I am a recent homeschool graduate from Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church. I enjoy baking, learning Italian and making craft items.

From a young age, I was taught the value of human life. When my mother was expecting my youngest sibling, she would open a book that showed how an unborn baby progressed week by week in the womb, so that we could see how big the baby was and what was happening at that time of his/her growth.

I want to go to the 2015 March for Life because I believe that this is a cause worth fighting for. We can't just be pro-life and make no effort to stop abortion. We have to stand up for life and defend it.



Winning hoodie design - front



Winning hoodie design - back

# Fact: 94% of Pregnant Women Who Went to Planned Parenthood Got an Abortion

by Kristin Hawkins

So Planned Parenthood says that that only three percent of all Planned Parenthood health services are abortion services. Makes abortion seem pretty rare for Planned Parenthood doesn't it?

were cheeseburger meals, you can't say that cheeseburgers sold more than chicken nuggets. In fact, 50% of all meals sold were cheeseburger meals. Let's call this the Entrée Model.

But if you had something against

cheeseburgers, and wanted to make it look like you sold very few cheeseburgers, you can compare it to all the food items sold. Let's call this the Bias Model.

Since each meal contains 4 food items (an entree, fries, cookie and drink), the total number of food items sold in 100 meals was

enthood's own annual report tell us that each Planned Parenthood customer receives multiple "services" when they visit. One customer who goes into a Planned Parenthood for birth control will be considered at least 12 "services," since she is given a prescription for a year's worth of birth control packs.

Using the Entrée Model, here's how the math should really be computed: 327,166 abortions divided by 3,000,000 customers times 100 equals 10.9 percent.

So it's fair and reasonably accurate to say that 1 out of every 10 people (since the 3 million customers include some men) who receive "services" from Planned Parenthood will get an abortion.

Further if we go back to Planned Parenthood's Annual Report and look at the services that are only specific to pregnant women, taking out pregnancy test, contraceptives, and others. We only have left Adoption Referrals to Other Agencies, Prenatal Service, and Abortion Services. These total to 348,869 services performed that are specific to pregnancy and 327,166 were abortions.

So, what percentage of these pregnancy services were abortion services?

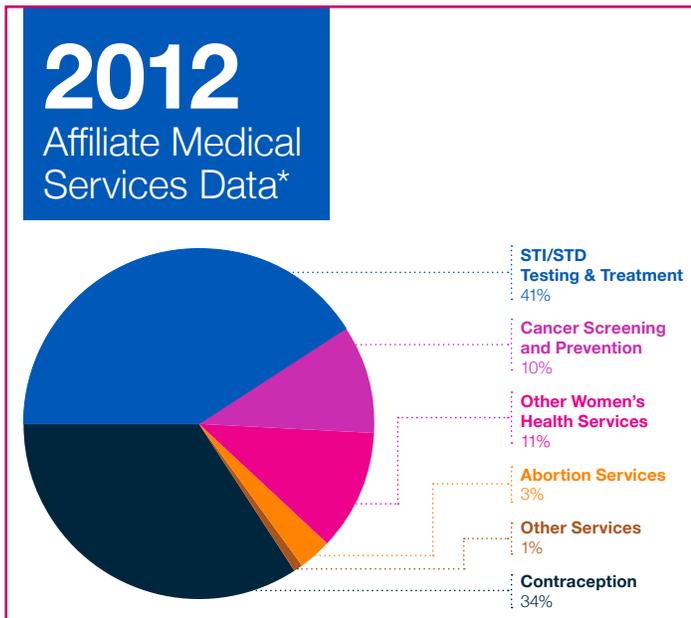
A whopping 93.78%.

If 1000 pregnant women walked into Planned Parenthood, 62 women will give birth to a child and 938 will have an abortion.

So this means that, during Planned Parenthood's 2012-2013 operating year, 10.9% or one of out of 10 customers who walk into a Planned Parenthood will be sold an abortion and 93.78% of all pregnant women who walk in, will leave without their child.

—LifeNews.com, October 29, 2014

Watch the video at: <http://www.lifenews.com/2014/10/29/fact-94-of-pregnant-women-who-went-to-planned-parent-hood-got-an-abortion/>



This pie chart from Planned Parenthood's Annual Report from 2012 to 2013 represents every single service Planned Parenthood performed during that year, and this slice of the pie represents the number of abortion services they provided in comparison to all the procedures they performed.

And this clearly shows that abortion services were only 3% of the total pie. Right?

So then why are pro-life groups claiming that this 3% number is misleading? What's their problem?

Well, imagine you are trying to determine how popular cheeseburgers are compared to chicken nuggets at a fast food restaurant. Let's assume that every meal sold consists of an entrée, fries, a cookie, and a drink. The choices for an entrée are either a cheeseburger or chicken nuggets.

If this restaurant sold 100 meals in a year, and half of those meals

400. And since only half of the 100 meals had cheeseburgers, only 50 (or 12 and a half percent) of those 400 food items were cheeseburgers.

Which makes cheeseburgers look like it sells more? 12.5% or 50%?

By adding in the side-dishes and drinks, the Bias Model ends up intentionally watering down the stats of how many cheese burgers were sold. Clever isn't it?

So if Planned Parenthood's 3% number is out of context, then what is a more accurate number?

Planned Parenthood says abortion "care" was only 3% percent of its "services" – 327,166 abortions out of a total of 10,933,675 services provided in the 2012-2013 operating year. Here's their Bias Model math: 327,166 abortions divided by 10,933,675 "services" times 100 equals 2.99 percent.

Sounds pretty good doesn't it?

Well, former Planned Parenthood employees and even Planned Par-

## Words of Wisdom

# My abortion clinic was a happy, laughter-filled place... except for this one room

*Confessions of a former  
Planned Parenthood director*  
By Abby Johnson

People always ask me what it was like to work inside an abortion clinic. They want to know what the atmosphere was like. Was it a sad place? Did people walk around with tears in their eyes? Was it a somber environment? Was it quiet?

It was not a sad place. Why would it be? We didn't think we were doing anything wrong. We didn't see that there was anything to be sad about. We joked around with the patients. We enjoyed our work. We talked to them about their weekend plans while the doctor performed their abortion. It was a loud place. A place of laughter, conversation, and a false sense of joy.

Our patients would form a camaraderie of sorts in the waiting rooms. They would share stories about their families, their jobs, school, and yes, their previous abortions. They would reassure our first-time patients. They would pray together. They would share videos on the Internet. They were bonded by their similar experiences.

"Women's reproductive rights." The right to be violated. The right to be abused. The right to be taken advantage of. The right to be used.

You could hear laughter and cheerful voices in every room. Well, every room but one. The recovery room was silent. There was no noise except for muffled cries and the pump of a blood pressure cuff. The camaraderie that was once alive was no longer present. Every woman was on her own. Laughter had faded. Their faces were stained with tears. Reality had set in. They were faced with the fact that where there had once been life, there was now emptiness...in their wombs and in their hearts.

Once they were in our recovery room, they had twenty minutes to pull themselves together. They needed to use that time to justify why their abortion was acceptable. They had to convince themselves that it wasn't a baby. Twenty minutes to make their abortion acceptable in their minds and hearts. Twenty minutes to forget. Twenty minutes to stuff their feelings of regret and sadness deep inside their soul.

After their twenty minutes were up, we would give them a package of crackers and a small cup of apple juice. We would hand them a brown paper bag that included antibiotics for potential infection, condoms they wouldn't use, a pack of birth control pills that we knew they wouldn't take, and a sheet of paper that instructed them to go to the hospital if they had any serious complications. We would also give them a "survey" so they could score the "service" they received from us that day. We would watch them slowly walk out. They would walk out to their boyfriends, husbands, or friends a changed person. There were no more smiles. No conversation. No hugs. No sense of relief. They walked in as strong women, but they walked out broken.

There was no follow-up from us. We had done our job. We had collected their money. Whatever happened to them after they left our parking lot was of no consequence to us. We prided ourselves on being a savior to these women. We were problem-solvers. And with a little luck, we would see them again. They wouldn't have "learned their lesson." They would need our "help" again. And we would be there, arms and cash drawers open and ready.

"Women's reproductive rights." The right to be violated. The right to be abused. The right to be taken

advantage of. The right to be used. There is no choice in abortion. A woman's freedom of choice is removed as soon as she walks in that abortion facility. She becomes a number, a statistic, a line item on a budget sheet.

Equal rights for women. I agree with that concept. But we will never be free, we will never obtain equality until we stop letting ourselves become pawns of the abortion industry. Our freedom depends on our rejection of abortion.

I am a woman's advocate. I stand against abortion.

—November 18, 2014



*Women don't need to be rescued; they are strong beyond society's imagining.*

*They don't need to be protected from the children conceived within their bodies; they don't need doctors to violate their wombs in order to "save" them from the "burden" within.*

*Women are not so weak that they can handle the rigors of motherhood only if the conditions are perfect, the correct products purchased, careers neatly arranged, the approval of those in power secured.*

*Women are not so fragile that they can delight in their children only when their own needs and desires are entirely satisfied.*

—Mother and future midwife,  
Nora Calhoun, "Learning from our Bodies,"  
First Things, August/September 2014



# Lifespan Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb

**H**ear the horns  
**A**pplaud the fireworks  
**P**our the champagne  
**P**eer into the future  
**Y**earn for peace

**N**o one can know  
**E**vents to come  
**W**ish for peace

**Y**ield to blessings  
**E**ntertain love  
**A**ll will be well  
**R**ealize His peace



*The Oakland  
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blessings and peace  
in the coming year!*

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**New Year, New Hope: Resolutions that EVERYONE can LIVE with!**

**N**urture your relationships.  
**E**nlighten someone about pro-life issues.  
**W**onder what is currently happening with pro-life issues in the state, nation or world? Contact LIFESPAN to find out!

**Y**ou are needed to make the pro-life movement stronger!  
**E**ducate yourself and others.  
**A**dvocate for LIFE for all!  
**R**espect those who have challenges in their day to day lives.

**N**ever give up!  
**E**ngage your legislators!  
**W**ork as a volunteer.



**H**ear the voices of the voiceless and speak out!  
**O**pen up and let people know you are pro-life!  
**P**articipate in pro-life events.  
**E**ncouraged by the latest statistics. 51% of Americans identify themselves as pro-life.

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## CIDER Walk 2014 – Top Walkers!

**C** - Children  
**I** - In-utero  
**D** - Deserve  
**E** - Equal  
**R** - Rights

The results are in! We have determined our Top Walkers for CIDER Walk 2014. These walkers did an amazing job in bringing in over \$2200 in pledges total! Please join me in congratulating our Winners!

**Mary Cascos  
Mike and Christine  
Mack**

They have won two tickets to LIFESPAN's Annual Dinner on May 5, 2015 at the San Marino Club in Troy!

Thank you so much to all our walkers and all those who pledged! We couldn't do our life-saving work without you!



Wishing you a Happy, Happy New Year filled with all the joy, peace and love that your heart can hold!

May all of the happiness that you have given to my moms throughout the year return to you!

God bless you all, dear friends!

*Love, Karen*

## Wee Care



**A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund  
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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.*

**LIFESPAN's Cross Display** provides a vivid visual reminder of the tragic loss of life from abortion. Make arrangements to display the crosses at your church or other organization when the ground thaws again come spring! The crosses are available by calling LIFESPAN'S Oakland/Macomb Chapter for scheduling, **248-816-1546**. Pictured here is the Cross Display at St. Hugo School in Bloomfield Hills this past fall with the students who helped placed the crosses.





# Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

## RESOURCE BOOK 2015

### Advertising Contract

This book will contain pro-life informational material that will be used throughout the year. Your ad represents support for Lifespan's educational efforts. Fill out the form below and send it to us with your remittance included. **Deadline for submission is Tuesday, March 31, 2015.**

**Advertising Contract:** I wish to publish \_\_\_\_\_ page ad for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please run \_\_\_\_\_ last year's ad \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed, new ad  
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Full page (7 x 10) \$280
Inside front cover \$325
Back cover (inside) \$325
Back cover (outside) \$525

1/4 page (3.5 x 5) \$115	1/8 page (3.5 x 2.5) \$65
Half page (7 x 5) \$165	

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- ◆ **Payment must accompany ad and contract.**
- ◆ Advertisers will be sent a copy of the Resource Book upon request only. Lifespan reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems unsuitable.
- ◆ **A complimentary dinner ticket** to the 2015 Celebrate Life Dinner on Tuesday, May 5 will be given to any individual for every **\$200 worth of new ads** obtained for the Resource Book. The ad seller's signature must appear on the contract below when the ad and remittance is received by **Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund**.

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# News to Know

## How the Supreme Court's Latest Case Could Totally Cripple ObamaCare

By Matthew Clark

The Supreme Court announced on November 7th that it would hear a major ObamaCare case that could deal a crippling blow to President Obama's prized pro-abortion health care law.

As the *Wall Street Journal* reports:

The Supreme Court agreed to review whether consumers can receive subsidies through the Affordable Care Act for insurance purchased through a federal exchange, taking up a key piece of the Obama administration's healthcare law.

As ACLJ attorney David French explained earlier this year: ObamaCare as passed by Congress stated quite clearly that IRS tax credits (better known as ObamaCare "subsidies") are available to subsidize insurance policies purchased through **state ObamaCare** exchanges. It **does not state** that subsidies are available for insurance purchased through the **federal exchange**.

After 36 states refused to create state exchanges, an action that had the effect of limiting the law's individual insurance mandate and employer mandate, the IRS decided to simply make up a new regulation—without any statutory authority—that extended subsidies to insurance purchased on the federal exchange and thereby dramatically expanded the individual and employer mandates. "This broader [IRS] interpretation has major ramifications. By making credits more widely available, the IRS Rule gives the individual and employer mandates—key provisions of the ACA—broader effect

than they would have if credits were limited to state-established Exchanges. The individual mandate requires individuals to maintain "minimum essential coverage" and, in general, enforces that requirement with a penalty. The penalty does not apply, however, to individuals for whom the annual cost of the cheapest available coverage, less any tax credits, would exceed eight percent of their projected household income.

By some estimates, credits will determine on which side of the eight-percent threshold millions of individuals fall.

Thus, by making tax credits available in the 36 states with federal Exchanges, the IRS Rule significantly increases the number of people who must purchase health insurance or face a penalty. "Put simply, if Congress had intended for subsidies to be made available through federal exchanges, it should have said so. The fact is if the subsidies don't stand—the major funding mechanism that made it even remotely possible for many families to comply with the individual mandate—then ObamaCare would likely collapse on itself. With a newly elected pro-life Senate, a major challenge to ObamaCare subsidies at the Supreme Court, and the news that these subsidies are directly paying for abortion, the President's prized pro-abortion reconfiguration of America's health care landscape may be in serious jeopardy.

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—Edited from *LifeNews.com*, November 7, 2014

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### 2015 LIFESPAN Events (January-August)

- January 21 – "Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip
- March 7 – Whalers Game Fundraiser
- March 8 – Baby Showers
- May 5 – Annual Dinner and Auction
- May 10 – Mother's Day Flower Sale
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## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

The Supreme Court decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* were not just rulings which condemned over 58 million pre-born children to a premature death, but these decisions also changed the soul of our Nation. Look around us now—what do you see—a country in a cultural crisis. We used to be the country that took care of its unwanted citizens, a country that would strive to correct injustice. We protected human life no matter how small or how sick. We were a country who strived to improve human rights and voted into office persons of honesty and integrity. Now look at us!

Yes, the decision of January 22, 1973 not only allowed killing in the womb, but opened the door allowing disrespect of the human person in more ways than we could ever have imagined in 1973. The denial of God as government policy, the weakening of the family, the acceptance of lies and deceit by those who govern (especially in the areas pertaining to life), the sexual culture that allows for an “anything and everything goes” policy on sexual behavior, the constant infringement and attacks on religious freedom—this is decay left behind after 43 years of a government policy that made humans a commodity—to be discarded and forgotten like an old shoe.

Just as this decision caused a loss of freedom for those in the womb, so has it cost us our freedoms to live freely and practice our God-given right to protect human life. We are now paying for medications and abortions that kill another human person through the forced mandates of ObamaCare. We have no choice!! We are being forced by the government, either directly or indirectly, through the 4000 pages of regulations that make up the Affordable Care Act. We have lost our freedom.

Yes, this nation’s soul can be made clean again. But, only when good people stand up and say “no more!!” For 44 years “LIFESPAN” has strived to bring about change. We have made inroads, but it is not enough. We need more people to stand up and say “no more!!” “No more” to the killing of preborn children, “no more” to the proposed rationing of health care as proposed in

ObamaCare. So, as we begin a new year, let’s rededicate ourselves—say a few more prayers, give maybe a little more time or money. Let us do whatever we need to do to cure a nation’s soul from its indifference and malaise.

One thing you can do is to take advantage of our discount program that allows you to sign up family and friends for a nominal fee of \$8 per membership. They will get our newsletter and announcements. They will get something delivered to their homes that is educational and also shows that human life is still a primary concern for many of our citizens. They will, due to your generosity, become a part of the solution that will heal the soul of this nation. May God bless you, and your efforts.

Diane Fagelman, President

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**Right to Life – LIFESPAN’s**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Shower**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2015**  
*to benefit local Pregnancy Help Centers*



**What is the LIFESPAN Baby Shower?** For the last 26 years, LIFESPAN has worked with churches and organizations in the Metro Detroit area to help provide support to mothers and babies who are less fortunate. These organizations hold either a Traditional Baby Shower or a Gift Drop-Off program for local Pregnancy Help Centers.

**What is needed?** Any new or gently used baby items. Gift suggestions include: 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 and cash donations!

**How can I help?** If you would like to host a Baby Shower this year, please contact your church or organization and return the form below as soon as possible. We will be assigning Pregnancy Help Centers at the beginning of February. For more information, call Right to Life – LIFESPAN at 734.524.0162.

**YES**, I will host a Baby Shower on **March 8, 2015**, as indicated below:

**Gift Drop-Off Shower** after church services

**Traditional Shower** at this time \_\_\_\_\_ PM to \_\_\_\_\_ PM

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