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Legislative Update

U.S. Senate Votes to Defund Planned Parenthood

National Right to Life, the nation's largest pro-life organization, applauded U.S. Senate approval on December 3 of H.R. 3762, a bill that will block approximately 89% of all federal funding to Planned Parenthood—about \$400 million in the next year.

In letters sent to the Senate in advance of the vote, National Right to Life advised that it would include votes on the Planned Parenthood issue and on final passage of the broader “reconciliation bill” in its scorecard of key pro-life votes of the 114th Congress, a move seen by many as key to securing the bill’s success.

“Thanks to many weeks of hard, skillful work by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), and the Senate Republican Leadership to execute a filibuster-proof strategy, and an outpouring of support from the grassroots pro-life movement, the Senate has for the first time passed legislation that will defund Planned Parenthood,” said Carol Tobias, National Right to Life President.

“Planned Parenthood now commands over one-third of the total abortion ‘market’ and pays its chief executive over a half-million dollars annually—it’s past time to cut off the taxpayer goodies.”

National Right to Life praised Republican presidential contenders Marco Rubio (Fla.), Rand Paul (Ky.), Lindsey Graham (S.C.), and Ted Cruz (Texas) for voting for passage of the bill.

“On final passage, the bill had the support of all but two Republicans—including support from all of those seeking the presidency—but not a single Democrat,” said Douglas Johnson, legislative director for National Right to Life.

“While this bill faces the implacable opposition of President Barack Obama, it blazes a trail that can be

followed to victory in the future—once we have a pro-life president.”

The bill would close the largest pipeline for federal funding of Planned Parenthood, Medicaid, and apply as well to the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Title V and Title XX block grant programs. These sources account for roughly 89% of all federal funds that currently flow to Planned Parenthood.

Under the bill, the amounts denied to Planned Parenthood are reallocated to community health centers. Planned Parenthood is the nation’s largest provider of abortions—at least one-third of all abortions in the U.S. are performed at Planned Parenthood-affiliated facilities.

According to their most recent annual report, Planned Parenthood received at least \$528 million annually from the federal government or state and local governments.

Based on data from their own annual report from 2013-2014, nearly one in eight women walking through the door of a Planned Parenthood clinic has an abortion.

—National Right to Life News Today
December 4, 2015

Democrats Block Resolution Honoring Pregnancy Centers

By Steven Ertelt

If you need any more proof that the Democratic Party is the party of abortion and beholden to the Planned Parenthood abortion business, look no further than the United States Senate. There, Democrats, on November 11, blocked a resolution to honor pregnancy centers that provide women with abortion alternatives and help support pregnant women and facilitate adoptions.

Senator Mike Lee, a pro-life Utah Republican, sponsored the resolution, during what is known as National Pregnancy Center Week. He requested unanimous consent from the Senate to approve Senate Resolution 37, which would designate the second week in

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November as “National Pregnancy Center Week.”

But leading abortion advocate Senator Patty Murray, a Washington Democrat, objected to the request, calling the resolution “another effort to pander to the extreme Republican base...They want to interfere with a women’s [sic] medical decisions.”

“If that is divisive, we have significant problems,” Lee responded during the exchange, shown in the video at <http://www.lifenews.com/2015/11/10/democrats-block-resolution-honoring-pregnancy-centers-providing-abortion-alternatives/>. (The objection comes at around the three-minute mark.)

In presenting the resolution, Senator Lee said, “I am asking for my colleagues’ unanimous consent because there is absolutely nothing contentious about this resolution or the pregnancy-resource centers it commemorates.”

“There are approximately twenty-five hundred pregnancy-resource centers in America. And every single day, they serve an average of sixty-five thousand women and men faced with challenging pregnancy decisions, providing them a wide array of resources. This includes, at many centers, health-care services—like pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and testing for STDs and STIs.”

“It includes emotional and educational support—like “options counseling” and parenting classes,” he explained. “And it includes material and logistical assistance to help new moms and dads deal with all the little things that easily add up to big obstacles in the first weeks and months of parenthood.”

He continued: “America’s pregnancy-resource centers aren’t out to make a profit or push an agenda. They’re just there to help—and to do so in a way that is compassionate, considerate of individual privacy, and respectful of the equal dignity of all human life.”

Lee said: “Madam President, any way you look at it, America’s pregnancy-resource centers deserve to be recognized with a “National Pregnancy Center Week.” But the real measure

of their significance isn’t in the words of a floor speech or the outcome of a vote—it’s in the millions of lives they help save from abortion every year. The millions of teachers, soldiers, and nurses, neighbors, friends, and spouses, whose lives and contributions to our communities we might never have known had it not been for the unassuming heroes down at the local pregnancy center, giving their time to keep the lights on, answer the phones, and to help young women and men find the hope and courage to choose life.”

—*LifeNews.com, November 11, 2015*

Editor’s Note: Polls are tricky things!

Media Censor Poll Shows Majority of Americans Support Defunding Planned Parenthood

By Katie Yoder

The media rushed to cover a recent poll showing majority support for federal funding of Planned Parenthood. But when another poll surfaced with the opposite findings, journalists looked the other way.

Days before the U.S. Senate voted to defund Planned Parenthood, a nationwide poll conducted by Robert Morris University (RMU) showed a majority supported defunding the nation’s No. 1 abortion provider. In contrast to other polls, 53.3 percent of respondents agreed with the GOP position in regards to Planned Parenthood. The difference, according to researchers, was the question wording.

Earlier this week, for example, a *USA TODAY*/Suffolk University Poll found that 58% were against eliminating funding for Planned Parenthood. National media hyped the story, from *Cosmopolitan* to *TIME*.

The questionnaire asked participants, “Do you think federal funding for Planned Parenthood should be eliminated—yes or no?”

But the new poll conducted by RMU showed different results—by providing a more detailed question.

“Congressional Republicans favor shifting Planned Parenthood federal funds to community clinics that perform the same services, but do not

perform abortions,” the RMU question read. “Would you say you support or oppose this plan?”

The poll found that “A majority, 53.3 percent, strongly or somewhat, supported the plan, while 31.5 percent were strongly or somewhat opposed.”

RMU Professor of Political Science Philip Harold commented on the different poll results.

“One of the cardinal rules in polling is to clearly indicate the alternative in the question and a poll question that doesn’t do this is flawed,” he said in a press release. “Because the wording of this poll reflects the actual proposal, it is more accurate.”

In an exclusive comment to the MRC, Professor Philip Harold, who conducted the poll, explained that while journalists had access to the poll results, they chose not to report on it.

“Press releases were sent to national reporters and was posted on PR Newswire,” the professor stressed. “In the past, results from the RMU Polling Institute have gotten traction on political topics but not this time.”

The press release outlined surprising results that should have been reporter bait:

“Democrats (47.3 percent) are more likely than Republicans (15.4 percent) and Independents (33 percent) to oppose the Congressional Republicans’ plan. However, 42.7 percent of Democrats in the RMU poll support the GOP plan.”

Professor Harold called the findings “astonishing” because the question noted that the plan belonged to “Congressional Republicans.” The RMU poll also discovered that nearly one-third of participants who identified as pro-choice supported the Congressional Republicans’ plan, according to the press release.

SIGN THE PETITION! Congress Must Investigate Planned Parenthood for Selling Aborted Baby Parts: <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/congress-must-de-fund-planned-parenthood-immediately.html>

Katie Yoder writes for Newsbusters, where this column originally appeared. NewsBusters Analyst Curtis Houck contributed to this report. —LifeNews.com, December 11, 2015

**We will “Roe or Wade” across the river of “DeNial”
but we WILL bring everyone to the protection of the shore!**

By *Diane Trombley*

In response to a recent interview on MSNBC, Barbara Boxer downplayed the notion that an abortion kills a baby. She called it “hateful rhetoric.”

Sometimes the sheer brazenness of those who support abortion pushes me over the edge. The facts are simply undeniable. And yet, we have those who simply cannot, or will not, embrace that truth. They have an agenda and that agenda takes precedence over everything else, even common sense.

When a human female becomes pregnant, she can only be pregnant with another human entity. Call it what you like—fetus, baby, offspring, kid, even “it,” but none of those names change the fact that she is pregnant with a member of the human race. If she decides she does not want to give birth to this entity, there is only one thing she can do prior to its natural delivery. Kill it. End its life force. Terminate its growth process.

Again, use whatever term you like. No matter how people try to squirm (yes, I used that word on purpose) around these facts, they simply cannot be denied.

You can call it a procedure, you can call it a termination (which of course means there is an ongoing process which must be stopped), no one—not Barbara Boxer, not Rachel Maddox, not Nancy Pelosi, not Hil-

lary Clinton, not Katie Couric, not Chris Matthew, not Cecile Richards, not Harry Reed—no one with two brain cells to rub together can deny that a killing is taking place.

No matter what words he may have uttered, we have no evidence that the gunman in Colorado was driven by anything other than a mental disturbance. Those who are trying to blame his actions on videos, words, speeches, etc. that uncover the unavoidable fact that abortion takes the life of an unborn child are grasping at straws.

If we follow their reasoning (such as it is), they are as much to blame for his actions as anyone else. They are the ones that approve of the “procedures” and some of them are indeed selling the body parts of those babies—it’s just not a secret anymore.

If they were not, Cecile Richards would not have told Congress (August, 2015) that they are not going to do it anymore and those doing the buying (StemExpress) would not have severed their relationship with Planned Parenthood.

Whatever a person’s particular position on abortion may be, at least he/she should be honest about what is believed in and look in the mirror to see if he/she is part of the problem.

Diane Trombley is the Media Relations Director of Right to Life - LIFESPAN.

How many babies die in abortions?

In November, the Centers for Disease Control released its national abortion report on the number of babies who die in abortions every year across the United States.

The good news is that, although approximately 699,000 babies lost their lives in abortions in 2012, the latest year CDC has produced figures for, that represents a decline of about half since the highs of more than 1.5 million in the late 1980s. That number is also a decline from the 730,322 babies who died from abortions in 2011, according to CDC’s report last year.

In other words, 31,000 babies were saved from abortion compared to the number who died the year before.

But there is still SO much work to do. That’s because, according to those figures:

58,250 babies die in an abortion EVERY MONTH

13,442 babies die in an abortion EVERY WEEK

1,915 babies die in an abortion EVERY SINGLE DAY

Also, we know these numbers are much higher than the CDC reports. That report doesn’t include California, Maryland and New Hampshire.

Better estimates still have the **United States killing as many as 1,000,000 babies a year in abortions.**

That equates to over 83,000 every month, 19,230 a week and over 2,700 every single day.

—*LifeNews.com, December 1, 2015*

SAVE THESE DATES!

2016 LIFESPAN Events (January-June)

January 21 – “Movement in Motion” Youth Bus Trip

March 6 – Annual LIFESPAN Baby Showers

May 3 – Annual Dinner and Auction

May 3 – \$10K Raffle

May 8 – Mother’s Day Flower Sale

June 19 – Father’s Day Candy/Pen Sale

Summer 2016 - LIFESPAN Garage Sale

Do you have items to donate to our Garage Sale? Please contact your local chapter office to drop off your items: Oakland/Macomb 248-816-1546 or Wayne County 734-422-6230. We are hoping to have the date determined soon!

The word abortion industry workers can't say

BABY

By Sarah Terzo

A pro-choice researcher wrote about how the term “baby” is dreaded in abortion clinics. Feminist author Wendy Simonds interviewed abortion industry workers for her book *Abortion at Work: Ideology and Practice in a Feminist Clinic*.

Although the book was written from a pro-choice perspective, with a whole chapter dedicated to how to foil “antis” (i.e. “anti-choice” protesters), some interviews with abortion workers seemed to give far more ammunition to the pro-life side than the pro-choice side.

After observing the workings of the facility and witnessing both abortions and counseling sessions, Simonds writes:

Center staff members commonly said “the pregnancy,” “the tissue,” “the products of conception.” “Fetal tissue” was the most explicit term I heard health workers use with clients.

They never, ever, called it a baby.

Although Simonds does not spend much time talking about the counseling at the facility (except to say that sessions were kept short because spending too much time with each woman slowed down patient flow, ultimately reducing the facility’s income) pro-lifers can speculate about why the term “baby” is avoided.

Many former abortion industry workers have talked about how they were trained never to say the word “baby” because it would make women have second thoughts about going through with their abortions.

For example, former abortion worker Kathy Sparks said the following in the *Christian Herald*:

Sometimes we lied. A girl might ask what her baby was like at a certain point in the pregnancy: Was it a baby yet? Even as early as 12 weeks a baby is totally formed, he has fingerprints, turns his head, fans his toes, feels pain. But we would say ‘It’s not a baby yet. It’s just tissue, like a clot.’

Abortion facilities do not make money if the woman leaves without aborting her baby. Avoiding words and phrases that might change her mind would be beneficial for a facility geared towards making a profit. (Which, of course, all of them are.) It’s important to keep women in the dark.

But there was another reason why the abortion workers in Abortion at Work avoided the term “baby.” See the quote from an abortion industry worker below:

I feel some sadness [about second trimester abortions]...And I think part of the problem is that we don’t talk about that...Do you see what I’m saying—that somehow your pro-choice stand is compromised by saying the word “baby.”... We don’t allow ourselves to say or think that word...

Even though the abortion workers were dedicated to abortion and vented a lot of hatred at pro-lifers, they had qualms about what they were doing. They had to avoid the word “baby” because that word could bring their carefully constructed facade of lies and euphemisms crashing down.

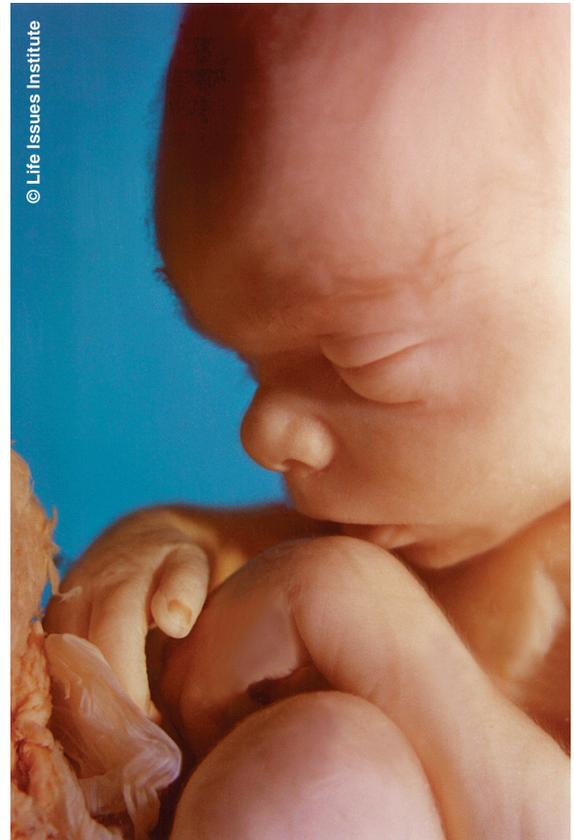
The word “baby” cuts through the illusion that they are doing something noble and good in the clinic. It refutes, in their own hearts, the belief that they are heroes helping and serving women. Admitting that the fetus is a baby

means admitting they are killing babies. And of course, they don’t want to believe that.

Since the abortion facility in Abortion at Work did abortions through 26 weeks, (6-1/2 months) there were many, many times when the aborted children looked like full-term babies. (80 to 90% of babies born at 26 weeks who are given medical care survive.) So these babies were fully developed in many cases.

Looking at the photo of the child below, one can imagine the emotional strain on an abortion worker who has to sort through the dismembered pieces of a baby this age. Calling the child a “product of conception” or “fetal tissue” is a way they deceive themselves. “Baby” seems to be a word that abortion industry workers hate. *This originally appeared at liveactionnews.org.*

*National Right to Life News Today
December 10, 2015*



20 weeks from conception



LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb

New Year Opportunities

As we begin a new year, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, Oakland/Macomb, wishes for you a year filled with blessings, love and peace. Our world is filled with care and concern this year. But, there are great opportunities ahead for us. As you read the item below, note that there are 12 entries. If we all pick one each month, believe them and practice them, those opportunities might just become realities—let us pray that this is so.

Hope for the future
Allow for grace to enter our lives
Prayers for guidance
Placing ourselves where we need to be
Yearning to have a heart for helping

No child left at risk
Encourage those struggling
Wisdom to make the right choice

Yes to Life
Energy to stay the course
Always believing
Remember, He can do all things

A new year always holds such promise! It is like an empty blackboard or a blank sheet of paper. It simply awaits our input.

The Oakland/Macomb Chapter has a BIG goal this year. Our goal is for each of you reading this newsletter to find one new member for LIFESPAN. This is not just to increase our member numbers. This is to be sure that as many people as possible know what is happening to the precious gift of life we have been granted and, since it is an election year, to know who supports protection and respect for all lives.

It is really a big goal, but if we don't try, we won't succeed. So, talk to your children, friends, fellow church members, pastors, hairdressers, dog walkers—whomever and gather in one more voice for life—that big, blank piece of paper is waiting for your input!!



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Wayne County/Downriver

Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had an amazing Christmas and New Year! As I reflect on the past year, I am so grateful for the many supporters of the Wayne County Chapter of LIFESPAN. Each of you have helped to make a difference through your donations, volunteering and friendship. Anne Marie and I are so grateful to each and every one of you!

Memorial Luminary Kits

Luminary kits will again be available at our office. The kits include instructions, candles and luminary bags. Each candle lit throughout the night creates awareness of the over 59 million lives lost through abortion in the United States since the decision of *Roe v. Wade* on January 22, 1973. This U.S. Supreme Court decision made abortion legal from conception until birth for any reason. Want to spread even more education and awareness? Write a simple fact about abortion on the bags, such as: "Adoption is the Loving Option," "End Abortion," "miLIFESPAN.org," "Choose Life," "Almost 59 MILLION Babies Killed by Abortion since 1973," etc. Call our office for more info!

Membership

Keep watching your address label on the LIFESPAN newsletter—the date when your membership is due will

appear above your name in the next couple of months! Technology can make our lives easier—we just have to get there! Be sure to send your email address to: wcdri@rtl-lifespan.org with the subject of "Pro-Life Leader," to get the most up-to-date pro-life information.



Safe Delivery of Newborns Act in Michigan

We've posted this before, but we will keep posting it until no baby is left to die. Did you know? 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

Happy New Year, Everyone!

As I write this, we are giving out the last of our Christmas layettes. In this ONE week (because of angels like you), we helped

over 200 babies—that's 1200 sleepers, 1800 onesies, 1,000 receiving blankets, 400 bibs and tiny socks, 200 crib sheets and baby towels, 200 packages of diapers and wipes and so much more—and that is just ONE WEEK!

I can't thank you enough for making this possible. You have helped so many precious babies this year. You are such an important part of this miracle called Wee Care. On paper, we shouldn't exist—no funding/no grants. But God has other ideas! They say, "Angels walk amongst us." They certainly do, and I know who you are!

I wish there was a way to adequately thank you—I can only ask God to fill your New Year with many blessings and much happiness!

Love, Karen

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LIFESPAN's 2016 "Movement In Motion" Youth Bus Trip Update

Hello, Everyone! Happy New Year blessings! The month of January is the busiest one for me out of the entire year! The nine buses that LIFESPAN has chartered through Blue Lakes are all ready to take our young people and their chaperones to DC for the largest annual pro-life event in our country—the March for Life!

We are all very excited and thankful to those of you who helped make this trip possible for some students who needed assistance to join their fellow "lovers of Life"! Our Marchers include junior high and high school students, college students and young adults, parents, teachers, youth group leaders, deacons and priests from Our Lady of the Lakes High School, St. Edward Parish, Cardinal Mooney High School, Our Lady on the River, St. John the Evangelist, Immaculate Conception (Ida), St. Christopher, St. Mary (Port Huron), St. Paul of Tarsus, Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Crusaders for Life Detroit, St. Hugo, Sacred Heart (Imlay City), Another Way Pregnancy Center, Shrine Catholic High School, U of D Jesuit High School, U of D Mercy, Regina High School, Macomb Community College, Brother Rice High School, FISH (Christian homeschool group), Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Mary (Royal Oak), St. Mary's Prep, St. Anastasia and Our Lady of Czestochowa.

We at LIFESPAN appreciate all those who signed up for the trip! We are really looking forward to hearing what your experience was like and to seeing pictures of your groups while participating at the Youth Rally and

LIFESPAN is looking...

...for **volunteers for our Garage Sale**. Do you love garage sales? We have a prime location in Livonia and we are looking for volunteers to help organize and price the items.

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

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. Call us at LIFESPAN's Main Office, **734-524-0162**.

Auction Items Needed!

Every year at our Celebration of Life Dinner in May, we have a wonderful variety of items for the Silent Auction and Tin Can Drawing. We are looking for items that will bring in large auction bids, such as:

- ◆ Accommodations at tourist destinations
- ◆ Golf packages
- ◆ Restaurant gift cards (Red Lobster, Max & Erma's, etc.)
- ◆ Family-friendly places to visit (Great Wolf Lodge, Dave and Buster's, etc.)
- ◆ Sports event tickets (Tigers, Red Wings, Lions, Pistons)
- ◆ Movie packages (gift certificates with/without dinner)
- ◆ Specialty/department store gift cards

Monetary donations will be put to good use; donate any amount and an auction item will be created in your name. Please call **734-524-0162** for more information!

Mass at the Verizon Center, the outdoor Rally at the Mall, the March for Life event, socializing at the host churches (we have four this time—one Baptist and three Catholic), participating in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery, touring the DC area's monuments and memorials and inside some of the Smithsonian museums.

Be on the lookout for summaries and photos in a future *LIFESPAN News!* Please pray for our safe travel on the roads there and back and that all will be well while we are on our journey together! Thank you!

Lynn Gura, Youth Director

P.S. One more thing...I truly thank Maria Vitale, young adult, who has been working in the office one day a week with me during the whole bus trip preparation. She helped keep me sane and did a great job in assisting with a whole lot of data entry while all the registrations kept "pouring in," plus made necessary follow-up phone calls and sent e-mails to Marchers, and copied whatever we needed for our leaders to take on the buses. Maria, and one of her sisters, will be on Bus 3 with me and my husband. It will be their third time with us, and Maria is now in a new role as an Assistant Chaperone!



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RESOURCE BOOK 2016

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I wish to publish a _____ Page ad for the
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Our Resource Book will be published on our website (miLIFESPAN.org).
 Please check here if you DO NOT want your ad to be published online.

Deadline for submission is Friday, March 25, 2016.

- Due to the difficulty of working with various formats, we prefer to receive pdf files, at 300 dpi, all fonts embedded, sent by email to: mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org, indicating "LIFESPAN Resource Book Ad" in the subject line. In the case of electronic submissions, please send contract and check via post to the address below.
- You may also send a hard copy, camera-ready ad.
- If you are not able to submit camera-ready work, we will help you with your ad, just call us!
- **Payment must accompany ad and contract.**
- Advertisers will be sent a copy of the LIFESPAN Resource Book *upon request only*.
- LIFESPAN reserves the right to refuse any advertisement that it deems unsuitable.

A complimentary dinner ticket to the 2016 Annual LIFESPAN Dinner on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, will be given to any individual for every \$200 worth of new ads obtained for LIFESPAN's 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**.

Contact Person _____ Phone (_____) _____

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Make checks payable and mail to:
Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund
 32540 Schoolcraft Road, Suite 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305
 For further information, call: 734.524.0162 or email: mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org

Contributions to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund are deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.



\$10,000* RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING

Maximum of 500 tickets will be sold

Donation: \$50 per ticket

You could be the winner of \$10,000!

* If fewer than 400 tickets are sold by drawing time, the raffle will become a 50/50 drawing. The winning ticket holder will receive half of all ticket sales. If 400 or more tickets are sold, the prize will be \$10,000. Tickets are available by mailing in the order form below, calling the Main Office to order with Credit Card or by visiting one of LIFESPAN's offices:

LIFESPAN's Main Office

32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Suite 100
Livonia, MI 48150 • 734.524.0162



Oakland/Macomb Chapter

1637 W. Big Beaver, Suite G
Troy, MI 48084 • 248.816.1546

Wayne County/Downriver Chapter

32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Suite 210
Livonia, MI 48150 • 734.422.6230

Not everyone wants to take chances. However, this is one you really want to consider. LIFESPAN's Raffle Ticket is \$50. We are offering only 500 tickets. The prize is \$10,000.00!!

This is an opportunity that is really too good to miss! The Raffle drawing will be held on May 3, 2016 at LIFESPAN's Annual Dinner. Winner need not be present to win.

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund is required, by law, to withhold appropriate taxes as designated by the IRS on cash prize winnings.

Proceeds from this raffle will help support the life-saving programs of Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund. License No. R31440

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Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name(s) on Ticket(s) (if different from above) : _____

If sold out, please return money If sold out, please accept as a donation

Send order form and payment to:

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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by LIFESPAN in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because... You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - LIFESPAN will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts. Send donations to your local LIFESPAN office.

From the President's Desk

To all the members of LIFESPAN, I wish you a very Happy New Year! It will be a busy year for us. It is time to rededicate ourselves to this pro-life movement that has been working over 45 years to bring back a respect for human life from conception to natural death. A reminder—the “March for Life” in Washington, DC occurs on January 22; it will be one of the largest pro-life events of the year. The only media outlet to cover this event from start to finish will be EWTN. You will see thousands of youth (nine buses are being sponsored by LIFESPAN), and it will give you hope for the future. I want to thank you for your outstanding support of this project, and the many more we have during the year. You keep our doors open. Without you, we could not have our Wee Care program that serves up to 600 families yearly. We would not have local chapters that serve your pro-life needs. We would not have been able to update our website. So much more that we do—only because of YOU. May God bless you for all you do on behalf of His children.

Diane Fagelman, President

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Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

Right to Life - LIFESPAN believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the preborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you our newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

_____ Individual/Family \$ 30.00 _____ Other
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Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
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DATED MATERIAL



Right to Life – LIFESPAN's **27th Annual Baby Shower**

Sunday, March 6, 2016

(unless different date noted)

To Benefit Local Pregnancy Help Centers

Baby Showers will be held at the locations listed below.

Bring new or gently used baby items.

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



In alphabetical order by City:

Resurrection Catholic Church
44800 Warren Road, **Canton**

Guardian Angels Church
581 E. Fourteen Mile Road, **Clawson**

St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Church
7469 Calhoun, **Dearborn**
Weekend of Mar 5th - 6th

St. Anselm Church
17650 W. Outer Drive, **Dearborn Hts.**
Weekend of Mar 12th - 13th

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

St. Colette Church
17600 Newburgh Road, **Livonia**
Weekend of Mar 5th - 6th

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

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
47650 N. Territorial, **Plymouth**
Weekend of Mar 12th - 13th

St. Kenneth Church
14951 Haggerty Road, **Plymouth**
Weekends Feb 27th - Mar 13th

Our Lady of Loretto Church
17116 Olympia, **Redford**
Weekends Feb 20th - Mar 6th

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

Living Rock Church
33200 Ecorse Road, **Romulus**

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

St. Thomas More Church
4580 Adams Road, **Troy**
Weekends Mar 5th - Mar 13th

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

Ss. Simon & Jude Church
32500 Palmer Road, **Westland**
**TRADITIONAL* Mar 6th - 1-3pm*

**** Gift Suggestions****

sleepers, onesies, socks, crib sheets,
receiving blankets, diapers (size 1 - 4)
baby wipes, washcloths, towels,
pacifiers, bottles, bibs,
personal hygiene items for
baby, gift cards & cash donations

Listing up to date as of 12/18/15

Choose a location near you, drop off some new (or clean, gently used items) and help our local moms and their babies. Sometimes, just knowing that there are resources available through local pregnancy help centers means the difference between aborting a baby and 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 us today at the LIFESPAN Main Office and we'll get you everything you need! 734.524.0162 or mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org.