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Right to Life - LIFESPAN
continues its tradition of caring for
mothers and their babies (born and yet to be born)
with its 16th annual

Baby Shower

on **Sunday, March 13**
to benefit local Pregnancy Help Centers

You're Invited!

See pages 4 and 5 for details

News and Notes

U.N. offers 'reproductive' aid to tsunami victims

What kind of aid is headed for Southeast Asia? The United Nations has some strange ideas on what those affected need.

What kind of help does Southeast Asia need to recover from the tidal wave that swamped the region and killed tens of thousands? It's likely your list won't include condoms and portable abortion devices—but that's part of the aid being sent by the United Nations.

The United Nations Population Fund, known as UNFPA, has requested \$28 million for tsunami assistance, part of which will go toward what it euphemistically calls "reproductive health essentials," according to Thomas Jacobson, who keeps track of U.N. action for Focus on the Family.

"I have spoken with people in Latin America and Africa whose nations faced tragedies and crises, whose people needed food, clean water, shelter and medicine immediately," Jacobson said. "But the UNFPA was there with condoms, IUDs, morning-after pills and their manual vacuum aspirators for abortions."

"UNFPA (in the past) has been very proud to announce that they're sending what they call 'reproductive health kits,' " said Ruse, who heads the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute. "That's generally the sum-and-substance of their response to emergency situations."

TAKE ACTION

Please contact your senators and congressman and ask them to continue to deny U.S. funding to the United Nations Population Fund, known by the acronym UNFPA.

—Stuart Shepard, correspondent for Focus on the Family

Morning after pill

Women's health care advocates have been urging the federal government to allow easy access to "morning-after" pills as a way to dramatically reduce unintended pregnancies.

However, a study released today undercuts that argument by showing that young sexually active women who were handed packages of "morning-after" pills had pregnancy rates six months later that were virtually the same as women who had to go to drugstores or clinics to get the pills. "That was definitely a disappointing finding," said Tina R. Raine, lead researcher of the study of 2,117 women, which appears in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA).

—Cheryl Wetzstein, *Washington Times*, January 5, 2005

Planned Parenthood

A new report by *Consumer Reports* takes the nation's largest abortion provider to task for its poorly made contraceptive devices. Two of the three types of free condoms offered by Planned Parenthood received low

ratings in terms of strength and reliability. Planned Parenthood promotes condom use by offering the device free to its clients. Planned Parenthood is also the largest provider of abortion in the United States, a procedure they say is often necessary because of contraceptive failure.

Planned Parenthood president Gloria Feldt says her organization has submitted the device to an independent testing facility offering to exchange any device with which clients felt uncomfortable.

A word about polls

It is pretty well understood that poll questions are devised to obtain the kind of response that the authors of the poll want. The questions are written in such a way as to have the respondents reply with the answers the group that is commissioning the poll wants promoted.

With that in mind, it is pretty annoying when polls ask questions that are either flat out untruths or half truths to obtain the desired end. One case in point is a recent poll commissioned by the Associated Press.

In a November poll regarding nominees to the United States Supreme Court, the AP poll made the following statement: "*The 1973 Supreme Court ruling called Roe v. Wade, made abortion in the first three months of pregnancy legal.*" Now, that is true. The decision did do that, but it also made abortion legal for the next six months as well!

Using the statement "first three months" is designed to give the respondent the impression that the decision made it legal for only those first three months.

The media know that that is an incorrect position. In the 1980s, the senior news executives of—guess who, the Associated Press!...as well as the *New York Times* and other major news outlets noted that characterizing *Roe* as legalizing abortion in "the first three months" was erroneous. A directive by Louis Boccardi, then executive editor of the *Associated Press*, dated September 4, 1981 said, "*The [Roe v. Wade] decision is often misreported, even now... For summary purposes, you can say the court legalized abortion in 1973... Thus, it is wrong to say only that the court approved abortion in the first three months. It did that, but more.*"

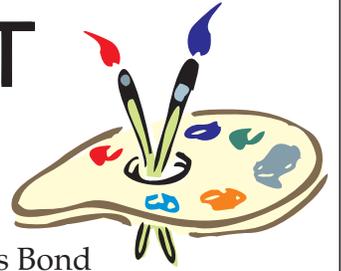
In 1982, the National Desk of the *New York Times* specified that "*brief references to the Supreme Court's 1973 decision on abortion should simply say that the Court legalized abortion, because the phrase, 'in the first three month of pregnancy' might be incorrectly interpreted to mean that abortions in the last six months of pregnancy remain illegal.*"

Why does the media continue to use a statement that they know is false and misleading? Well, we all know that polls are used to sway public opinion. If someone quotes "a national poll," they seem very intelligent and well informed. It would seem that there are those who would seek to sway public opinion even if they have to mislead the public to do it.

—First appeared in *Michigan Nurses for Life*, Dec., 2004 Newsletter

STUDENT ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005



PRIZES:

First: \$1000 Savings Bond; Second: \$400 Savings Bond; Third: \$200 Savings Bond
All winners will receive one complimentary ticket to Lifespan's Mother's Day Dinner.

RULES:

1. Any student in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12, in public, private or homeschool, who resides in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Livingston County is eligible for the contest, except for students in the immediate family of a board member of Right to Life – LIFESPAN.
2. The theme of the pro-life art contest entry is: "A Pro-Life Celebration." Entries might reflect pro-life issues involving family life, children, babies, the handicapped or the elderly.
3. Each entry must include, on a separate sheet of paper, neatly printed, the title of the artwork, the student's name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school and the names of his/her parents or guardian.
4. A student may submit more than one entry. Each entry must be the student's own original concept, design and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.
5. Artwork must be 8" x 10" and submitted on regular art stock paper. Acceptable media will be watercolor, pencil, pastel, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or photography.
6. The winning entries become the property of Right to Life – LIFESPAN and will not be returned. Each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life – LIFESPAN.
7. Artwork entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience and knowledge of art.
8. Entries will be judged on originality of concept, presentation, composition and how they relate to pro-life issues, adherence to contest guidelines and design technique.
9. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize. Decisions of the judges will be final.
- 10. All entries must be received by noon, Wednesday, March 16, 2005, and mailed or delivered to Student Art Contest 2005, Right to Life – LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152.**

Winners will be notified by phone by March 30. Prizes will be awarded at the Mother's Day Dinner, May 3, 2005, at the San Marino Club, in Troy. The first-prize entry is also eligible for reproduction on the cover of Right to Life – LIFESPAN'S *Resource Book 2005*, distributed throughout the year as an educational resource on pro-life issues to teachers, legislators, pro-life leaders and others. The winning entries may also appear in an issue of *Lifespan News*. For more information, call Lifespan's Main Office **248-478-8878**.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS

(Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston Counties)

AUBURN HILLS

CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER
3205 E. South Blvd.
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Phone: 248-293-0070

BERKLEY

CARE NET PREGNANCY INFO CTR.
28913 Woodward Ave.
Berkley, MI 48072
Phone: 248-545-6411

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

LADIES OF CHARITY
CLOTHES CLOSET
St. Hugo of the Hills Church
2215 Opdyke
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
Phone: 248-879-9379

BRIGHTON

PREGNANCY HELPLINE
7743 W. Grand River
Brighton, MI 48116
Phone: 810-494-LIFE (5433)
or toll free: 866-850-LIFE (5433)

CLINTON TOWNSHIP

COMPASSION PREGNANCY CTR.
37540 Gratiot, Suite 100
Clinton Twp., MI 48036
Phone: 586-783-2229

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

LENNON CENTER
24275 Ann Arbor Trail
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
Phone: 313-277-5637

DETROIT

PREGNANCY AID, INC.
17325 Mack Ave.
Detroit, MI 48224
Phone: 313-882-1000

IMAGO DEI WOMEN'S SUPPORT CTR.

13864 East Eight Mile Rd.
Detroit, MI 48205
Phone: 313-372-1058

SALVATION ARMY DENBY CTR.

20775 Pembroke Avenue
Detroit, MI 48219
Phone: 313-537-2130

FARMINGTON

ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CTR.
33100 Grand River
Farmington, MI 48336
Phone: 248-471-5858

LATHRUP VILLAGE

MOTHER & UNBORN BABY CARE
27330 Southfield Rd.
Lathrup Village, MI 48076
Phone: 248-559-7440

LINCOLN PARK

CRISIS PREGNANCY CTR.
1760 Fort St.
Lincoln Park, MI 48146
Phone: 313-386-4005

LIVONIA

AAA CRISIS PREGNANCY CTR.
16755 Middlebelt Rd.
Livonia, MI 48154
Phone: 734-425-8060

PREGNANCY COUNSELING CTR.

27489 W. Six Mile
Livonia, MI 48152
Phone: 734-522-8484

WEE CARE

29200 Vassar, Suite 545
Livonia, MI 48152
Phone: 248-478-8884

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BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES
1435 E. 12 Mile Rd.
Madison Heights, MI 48071
Phone: 248-414-4080
or 1-800-BETHANY

PREGNANCY COUNSELING CTR.

27631 John R Rd.
Madison Heights, MI 48071
Phone: 248-546-5225

MELVINDALE

CRISIS PREGNANCY CTR.
17729 Flint
Melvindale, MI 48122
Phone: 313-382-5941

NEW BALTIMORE

COMPASSION PREGNANCY CTR.
30464 23 Mile Rd.
New Baltimore, MI 48047
Phone: 586-949-2229

OXFORD/ORION

PROBLEM PREGNANCY CTR.
35 N. WASHINGTON
Oxford, MI 48371
Phone: 248-969-2177

PONTIAC

WOMEN & TEENS PREGNANCY CTR.
263 Oakland Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48343
Phone: 248-338-HELP (4357)

SOUTHFIELD

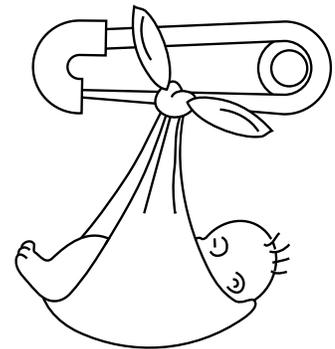
MARRILAC OUTREACH
ST. VINCENT SARAH FISHER CTR.
22255 Greenfield, Suite 330
Southfield, MI 48075
Phone: 248-559-2272

UTICA

BIRTHRIGHT OF MACOMB COUNTY
45464 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48318
Phone: 586-254-5930

WATERFORD

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER
6744 Highland
Waterford, MI 48327
Phone: 248-886-1200



RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR UNWED PREGNANT WOMEN

ABIGAYLE MINISTRIES
12313 19 Mile Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI 48313
Phone: 586-323-1411

CASA VITAE
P. O. Box 3250
Southfield, MI 48037
Phone: 248-559-5407



Right to Life - LIFESPAN's 16th annual Baby Shower Sunday, March 13

to benefit local Pregnancy Help Centers

*Baby showers will be held at the following locations.
Bring new or used (but usable) baby or maternity items.*



2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

St. Hugo of the Hills Church

Grade School/Fr. Esper Rm.

(Hickory Grove & Opdyke), **Bloomfield Hills**

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

St. Mel Church

Church Hall

7506 Inkster Rd., **Dearborn Heights**

11:30 a.m.

Christ the King Church

Koelzer Hall

16805 Pierson, **Detroit**

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

People's Free Evangelical Church

425 W. Unadilla St., **Pinckney**

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Church of the Risen Lord

821 N. Newburgh Rd., **Westland**

Gift Drop-off Only - After Church Services

In alphabetical, city order:

Auburn Hills Christian Center

2592 E. Walton Blvd., **Auburn Hills**

Sacred Heart of the Hills Church

3400 S. Adams Rd., **Auburn Hills**

Resurrection Church

48755 Warren Rd., **Canton**

Guardian Angels Church

581 E. 14 Mile Rd., **Clawson**

Church of the Divine Child

1055 N. Silvery Lane, **Dearborn**

St. Alphonsus Church

7455 Calhoun, **Dearborn**

First Assembly of God

5650 S. Telegraph, **Dearborn Hts.**

Parkside Church of Christ

17200 W. Outer Dr., **Dearborn Hts.**

St. Anselm Church/Meeting Room

17650 W. Outer Drive, **Dearborn Hts.**

Assumption Grotto Church

Shrine Lounge

13770 Gratiot, **Detroit**

Old St. Mary Church

646 Monroe, **Detroit**

Sts. Augustine and Monica Church

4151 Seminole, **Detroit**

St. Mary's of Redford Church

14750 St. Mary's, **Detroit**

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

23615 Power Rd., **Farmington**

St. Gerald Church

21300 Farmington Rd., **Farmington**

St. Dunstan Church

1646 Belton, **Garden City**

St. Raphael Church/Resurrection Rm.

5775 Merriman, **Garden City**

St. Clare of Montefalco Church

1401 Whittier Rd, **Grosse Pointe Park**

St. Joseph Church

715 N. Lapeer Rd., **Lake Orion**

St. Genevieve Church

29015 Jamison, **Livonia**

St. Maurice Church

32765 Lyndon, **Livonia**

Our Lady of Victory Church

770 Thayer, **Northville**

Our Lady of Refuge Church/Social Hall

3750 Commerce Rd., **Orchard Lake**

Oakwood Community Church

5791 Oakwood Rd., **Ortonville**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

47650 N. Territorial, **Plymouth**

St. Kenneth Church

14951 Haggerty Rd., **Plymouth**

Marimont Community Church

424 W. Walton, **Pontiac**

Hosanna-Tabor Church

9600 Laverne, **Redford**

St. John Bosco Church/School Hall

12170 Beech Daly Rd., **Redford**

St. Valentine Church/Rectory Mtg. Rm.

25881 Dow, **Redford**

St. Clement of Rome Church

343 South Main, **Romeo**

National Shrine of the Little Flower

Coughlin Building

12 Mile & Woodward, **Royal Oak**

St. Kieran Church

53600 Mound Rd., **Shelby Twp.**

St. Therese of Lisieux Church

48115 Schoenherr, **Shelby Twp.**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church

38750 Ryan Rd., **Sterling Heights**

St. Matthias Church

12509 19 Mile Rd., **Sterling Heights**

St. Rene Goupil Church

35955 Ryan Rd., **Sterling Heights**

Living Rock Church

(Held at Faith Christian Center)

25535 Ecorse Rd., **Taylor**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

280 E. Square Lake Rd., **Troy**

St. Thomas More Church

4580 Adams Rd., **Troy**

St. William Church

531 Common, **Walled Lake**

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Church

26440 Ryan Rd., **Warren**

Faith Baptist Church

3411 Airport Rd., **Waterford**

St. Bernardine Church

31463 Ann Arbor Trail, **Westland**



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Office Hours: MW 10-2; TThF Closed
Mary Cascos, Office Manager

Lifespan needs you

Each year Lifespan publishes a pro-life Resource Book in conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner. This fundraiser is a vital part of our continuing efforts to educate the public on all LIFE issues. You can help continue this wonderful tradition of defending life by contacting your church, your organizations and your family and friends to solicit ads for the Resource Book. Advertise your business, your organization or your love for LIFE and help save lives at the same time. What a win/win situation! See page 11 for ad form. Also, make sure to mark your calendars for May 3rd, and join us for wonderful food and fellowship when we honor the Mother of the Year.

Memorials

Help the Detroit office in its efforts to keep its doors open. We do not receive any federal

livingston

P. O. Box 1532, Brighton, MI 48116-9998
Phone 810-220-LIFE (5433)
Judy Zabik, Director

Mr. Dick Thompson and Rev. Keith Butler speaking

Our pro-Life Dinner this May will feature Dick Thompson of the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor. Rev. Keith Butler, founding pastor of Word of Faith International Christian Center Church will be our emcee. If you have never heard Mr. Thompson or Rev. Butler speak, this is your chance! Tickets will go fast, be sure to reserve your spot. See page 9 for reservations.

Renewal Time

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2005! We would like to have everyone up to date as soon as possible. Please take care of it now while you're thinking of it!

Baby Showers

No it's not raining babies! Contact our office to sponsor a baby shower at your church or club

monies. Our only contributions come from our fundraisers and our membership donations. One great way to help contribute is by sending in a donation in memory of loved ones who have died or in honor of a special occasion such as a birthday, graduation or anniversary. Send your donation to the Detroit office, and your memorial will be published in the next *Lifespan News*. A card will also be sent, upon request, to the family or person who is being honored or remembered.

Pro-life churches wanted

If you belong to a pro-life church but do not read about pro-life activities in your church paper, please call us. We mail Right to Life - LIFESPAN bulletin notes on a monthly basis to update churches on current and future pro-life events and legislation. Call your pastor and ask if we could e-mail and/or mail our church bulletin notes. No fee is required, and we all know that we don't get pro-life news in our regular media.

Roses are coming

If you belong to a pro-life church and you would like to help us sell Mother's Day Roses with a tag that reads, "Thanks, Mom, for Life!" please help us with this important fundraiser. All it takes is an OK from your pastor and a few friends to be with you at Mother's Day services. Call 313-640-8534 today and volunteer to help.

this coming March 13. See pages 4 and 5. All baby-related items collected go to local crisis pregnancy centers. On top of that, it's fun!

Silk Mother's Day flowers

Due to the overwhelming response to our silk flower sale last year, we will again have them available this Mother's Day. Plan on getting your selection early as last year we were swamped with the demand! Start a silk flower collection in honor of mothers and motherhood!

Resource Book ads

Forms are available now for your advertisement in our Resource Book. They range in size from 1/8th of a page (business card size) to a full page. These books are widely distributed and available at all our functions. Show your "Life Support" in the community with your ad. Call our office if you need any help or have questions. We are here to assist you with both graphics and art needs.



Pray to Stop Abortion!

oakland/macomb

1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite G, Troy, MI 48084-3540
Phone 248-816-1546 • Fax 248-816-9066
e-mail: oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org
Office Hours: M, T, Th, F 8-4; W 9-3
Irene Tharp, Director; Diane Trombley, Ofc. Mgr.
Lynn Gura, Ofc. Staff

Valuable volunteers

The invitations have gone out to our annual Volunteer Luncheon on February 26. Be sure to send in your reply and select your meal; be prepared for surprises, fun and, above all, the gratitude of the Oakland/Macomb Chapter for all the hard work done by our volunteers this year.

Movement in motion

A special word of thanks to Lynn Gura and Kim DiSalle for organizing our biggest-ever trip to Washington, D.C. for the annual March. We sent three!!! buses full of young people and their chaperones to Washington this year. This is the biggest turnout ever, and it seems that it was a fantastic experience for everyone who went. In future columns we will re-print the comments from some of our

travelers. One thing for sure, the future of the pro-life movement is in very capable hands. Our young people are great!!

Christmas cards

Another big thank you goes out to all who sold and/or purchased Christmas cards this year. The cards were beautiful, and apparently great numbers of people thought so too, because we have hardly any left!! We are so grateful to those who helped.

Membership message

You will note in the item above that we had a very successful Christmas card season. It would be absolutely, fantastically wonderful if everyone who purchased Christmas cards would become a member of LIFESPAN. An increase of that many members would allow us to be an irresistible voice in the Oakland/Macomb community.

It would also provide an opportunity to expand our programs to the young people in our area as well as provide more resources to young women facing a problem pregnancy. If you purchased Christmas cards, please, think about becoming a member of LIFESPAN—someone's very life could depend on it.

wayne west/downriver

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e-mail: wwdr@rtl-lifespan.org
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Patricia Holscher, Director; Laurie Masiarak, Ofc. Mgr.

Rally for Life

I've come to believe that God likes cold weather. No matter how hard we pray for warm weather, Rally Sunday is always freezing, but the sun shined brightly, and it didn't dampen the spirit of the crowd. The college and high school speakers were passionate about the abortion issue. Their messages were clear. Abortion is not just a word, but an action and this action produces a dead baby and a wounded mother. Armed with this information, we must not be afraid to speak up! With love and compassion, we must steer the girl/woman to a crisis pregnancy center where she and her baby will be helped. We are challenged in today's society which permeates the culture of death, but we welcome the challenge. We will not go away until unborn children are once again protected by the Constitution.

Mass for the Unborn and Rose Ceremony

The Mass for the Unborn and the Rose Ceremony on January 17 were well attended. Fr. Sidney Eckert, Pastor, St. Maurice Parish spoke beautifully of those who work in

the Life movement, whether it be doing mailings at the Lifespan office, educating one-on-one or publicly, attending rallies, standing in Life Chains, writing letters to editors and legislators, attending or hosting baby showers, being a church rep or counseling at crisis pregnancy centers. He praised them for being vigilant and caring, and applauded their strong commitment to stop the killing of unborn children in their mothers' wombs. The congregation prayed together for the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* which would ban abortions, and for all those who have been affected by abortion. The Rose Ceremony in honor of the unborn preceding the Mass was very inspiring, and we thank all of you who so graciously participated.

Mother's Day Dinner/Resource Book ad

Fundraising is very important especially in non-profit organizations. Contrary to popular belief, Lifespan is not funded by any foundation or institution and relies entirely on memberships, donations and fundraising to continue its pro-life operations.

Attending the Mother's Day Dinner and taking out an ad in the annual Resource Book are ways of supporting Lifespan's fundraising efforts, and there's an ad category to fit everyone's budget.

If you sell \$200 in new ads, you'll receive a free ticket to the dinner, where you'll hear Dick Thompson and Keith Butler, who are true heroes in the right-to life movement, meet Lifespan's "Mother of the Year," have a great meal and be rewarded with genuine fellowship with other pro-lifers. See page 9 for reservation information.

Put your picture in LIFESPAN's Photo Album!



*Jake Holscher
Grandson of Pat and Bob Holscher*

SMILE!



Purchase a 1/8-page ad and feature your children, grandchildren or other family members in Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Resource Book 2005. Fill out the form for photo ads below and send \$35 with a non-professional photo, along with the names of those pictured, or other desired caption. If you would like your pictures returned, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar, Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152.** Please no slides or negatives; color or black and white photos only. All picture ads must be received by **March 31, 2005.** If you are interested in a larger size ad or need more information, please contact Lifespan's Main Office, at **248-478-8878.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Name(s) of people in photo (or other caption) _____

Be a PATRON!

Resource Book Patron Ads:

Gold Patron \$100 **Silver Patron \$50** **Bronze Patron \$10** **Memorial Patron \$10**

Please PRINT name (s) exactly as you wish it to appear. Names of patrons in each of these categories will be listed on separate pages in the Resource Book 2005. **Deadline for submission is March 31, 2005.**

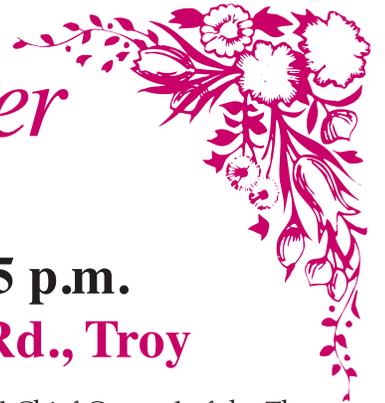
Patron name(s) _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone (include area code) _____

***Make checks payable, and mail to: Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar, Ste. 545, Livonia MI 48152.
For further information, or for an advertising contract for the Resource Book 2005, call 248-478-8878.
(Dinners, personal ads and donations are not tax-deductible.)***



Mother's Day Dinner

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Silent Auction 5:45 p.m. • Dinner 7:15 p.m.

San Marino Club • 1685 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy



Featured Guest Speaker

Richard Thompson

Richard Thompson serves as the Executive Director and Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Law Center—a national, non-profit public interest law firm and educational organization dedicated to the defense and promotion of religious freedom, time-honored family values and the sanctity of human life. It is located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Prior to his current role with the Thomas More Law Center, Mr. Thompson spent 24 years in the Oakland County, Michigan Prosecutor's office, the last eight of which, he served as the elected Prosecuting Attorney. Most notably, as the elected Oakland County prosecutor, Mr. Thompson was responsible for the prosecution of Jack Kevorkian. He firmly believed that he had a legal obligation to protect the most vulnerable members of our society, and bring to justice those, that under the guise of "compassion," participate in the killing of innocent human life. Richard Thompson has won many awards and has appeared on numerous nationally televised talk shows, including: *The O'Reilly Factor*, *MSNBC*, *FOX News Special Report*, *FOX & Friends*, *Hannity & Colmes* and *CNN Crossfire*. Mr. Thompson is married to Marylyn Thompson, also a practicing attorney. They have three sons, and reside in Ann Arbor.



Emcee

Rev. Keith Butler

Rev. Keith Butler is the founding pastor of Word of Faith International Christian Center Church. He is the Senior Pastor of the 21,000 member congregation. Rev. Butler is very active in political affairs and has appeared on various news programs to discuss the differing political issues facing the national and metropolitan Detroit communities. He can be seen on national and local TV and can be heard on various radio broadcasts. He is a contributing writer to *The Detroit News*. Rev. Butler and his wife, Deborah, have three children who now serve with them in the ministry.

Dinner Reservations: \$50 per person/\$475 per table of 10. Advance reservations required by April 30.

Yes, I (We) plan to attend. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ reservations. (Please list names of all those for whom reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper. Tickets will be held at the door.)
Seat with _____

Yes, I (We) plan to sponsor a table of 10. Enclosed please find **one** check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ tables. (Please list names of all those for whom table reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper. Tickets will be held at the door. Table arrangements will be determined by date of receipt of paid reservation.)

I (We) are not able to attend. Enclosed is a donation of \$_____ to support your pro-life efforts.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (area code) _____

*For Dinner reservations, please make checks payable and mail to:
Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. G, Troy, MI 48084
For information, call 248-816-1546
(Dinners, personal ads and donations are not tax-deductible.)*

Mother of the Year 2005

Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Seeking nominations
for "Mother of the Year 2005"

Nominate that special person in your life!

All mothers may qualify for this honor, including your mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, niece, neighbor or very dear friend. Nominations must be submitted in writing, in a minimum of 1000 words, explaining why the nominated person qualifies for "Mother of the Year."

Nominations must be received no later than noon, Wednesday, March 9. The "Mother of the Year" must be a resident of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Livingston County and able to attend the awards dinner. She will be an honored guest at Lifespan's Mother's Day Dinner on **Tuesday, May 3rd, at the San Marino Club, in Troy**, where she will be awarded a plaque, a dozen long-stemmed roses and a gift certificate to Marshall-Field's.

If your nominee is chosen, you will also receive a free ticket to the dinner. If the "Mother of the Year" is nominated by two or more individuals, the first one received will be eligible for the free ticket, and the nomination letter will be printed in the dinner program and *Lifespan News*. You, or someone you designate, will be asked to read your nomination letter at the Dinner.

In nominating the Mother of the Year 2005, please include your name, address and phone number and also the name, address and phone number of your nominee.

Mail or deliver your nomination for "Mother of the Year 2005" to be received no later than noon, on Wednesday, March 9th to: Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar, Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information, call 248-478-8878.



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*is a non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit organization
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Because of the difficulty of various different formats, we prefer to work with a hard copy, camera-ready ad or pdf files at 300 dpi, all fonts embedded. (In the case of electronic submissions, please e-mail file to mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org, indicating "Lifespan Resource Book Ad" in subject line; send contract and check by post.) If you are not able to submit camera-ready art work, we will help you with your ad; call us. Payment must accompany ad and contract. Advertisers will automatically receive a copy of the Resource Book. Lifespan reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems unsuitable.

A **complimentary dinner ticket** to the 2005 Mother's Day Dinner on Tuesday, May 3 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.

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**Brrrr...
it was
so cold!...**



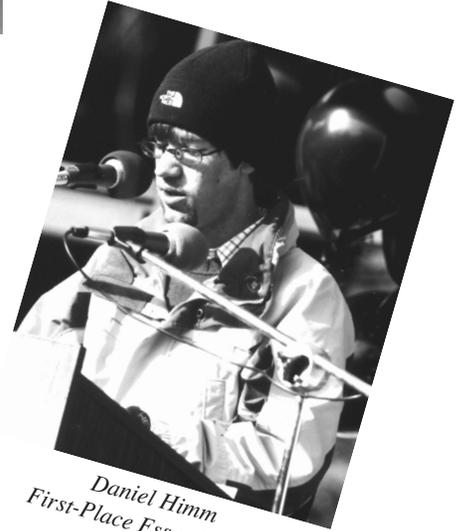
**...but we
bundled up
and came!**

The 180 black balloons distributed to the crowd represented the 180 babies who would die in the United States during this one-hour Rally.



Our Future Pro-Life Activists!

Rally for Life



*Daniel Himn
First-Place Essay Winner*

Silent Auction!

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on Tuesday, May 3**

Your tax-deductible gift of an auction item will help make this event a great success!

Auction items can include tickets  to special events,  sporting equipment, holiday items, gift baskets for babies, brides, bed and bath, car washes,  jewelry, dinners, condos, hair styling,  manicures—the list is limited only by your imagination. The cost of all donated items is tax-deductible. If your imagination is exhausted, cash donations  to purchase auction items are cheerfully accepted!

Please bring your donated items to Educational Center  for Life

1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. G, Troy, before Friday, April 22, 2005

For more information, call 248-816-8489

What's Up With the Youth?

Dear Teens, College Students, Young Adults,
Youth Group Leaders and Parents...

I am very happy to report to you that we had three buses going to the **March for Life** this year! We tripled the number of people who wanted to join our group! There were nine college students, three 18-year-olds, 117 teenagers, ranging in age from 12-17, and 32 adults.

In the next Youth Column, I'll share with you the experiences they had while they participated in activities in Washington, D.C., including the March for Life and Rock for Life concert.

The first planning meeting for the **Pro-Life Youth Jeopardy Game Night and Spelling Bee Contest** is on Saturday, February 12. The meeting will be held at my home. The Game Night and Contest will be held on Saturday, August 13 at the Auburn Hills Christian Center.

I hope many of you will either want to help me with the plans or want to be Contestants in the Game or the Contest. Call me at the Oakland/Macomb Chapter office, **248-816-1546**, if you are interested in coming to the planning meeting or for further information about the Game Night and Contest.

Celebrate the beauty of Motherhood by nominating your Mom, Grandma, sister, aunt, neighbor, or your best friend's Mom to be the **Mother of the Year 2005**. She will be honored at our annual Mother's Day Dinner in May. Nominations must be received no later than noon on Wednesday, March 9. See page 10 for more details.

As a reminder, Lifespan is planning its 16th annual **Baby Shower** for crisis pregnancy centers on Sunday, March 13. Continuing the tradition of caring for mothers and their precious little ones (born and unborn), we will host approximately 50 baby showers simultaneously at different locations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties.

If you would like to host a shower at your school or church, please contact Marge at **248-478-8878** as soon as possible.

For the first time, Lifespan is hosting a **Student Art Contest**, open to young people in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. The contest deadline is March 16. See page 3 for more details.

Lastly, if you want to receive our monthly **Youth Mailings** at your home address, please call me at the Oakland/Macomb Chapter office, **248-816-1546**. I'll need to know your name, address, phone number and what school or college you are attending.

—Lynn Gura, Youth Coordinator
Lifespan, Oakland/Macomb Chapter

La Quinta Inns Aiding Late-Term Abortions

A pro-life group is calling a national boycott of La Quinta Inn, a national chain of hotels, because a Wichita location offers discounted rates for women traveling to the Midwestern city to obtain late-term abortions. Wichita is home to infamous late-term abortion practitioner George Tiller, one of the few abortion practitioners in the country to perform very late-term abortions. As a result, women travel from across the region to obtain abortions at his office. When they do, the local La Quinta Inn, owned and operated by the national corporate office, offers discounts to stay for the 3-4 day-long abortion procedures. Members of Operation Rescue West say local pro-life advocates have "long known" that La Quinta Inn participated in housing women obtaining late-term abortions. However, the group claims Tiller uses the motel too as a "labor annex" to his abortion facility. At La Quinta Inn, Tiller is "maintaining a full-time nursing staff on site to monitor the women who have begun the 3-4 day abortion process, and even dispensing medication." Tiller's abortion process involves injecting the unborn child with a deadly drug. Later, women will begin contractions and give birth to the dead baby. "One has to wonder if the La Quinta has adequate medical malpractice insurance to cover any complications that may arise while women continue their abortion process at the hotel," said Troy Newman, President of Operation Rescue. Newman cited a botched abortion that occurred at Tiller's abortion business last week and similar botched abortions in the past as evidence that Tiller's arrangement with La Quinta Inn puts women at risk. "After last week's botched abortion that landed one of Tiller's patients in the emergency room, there is real concern for the safety of women who must endure part of their abortion in a non-medical, ill-equipped hotel room," Newman said.

—LifeNews.com, January 19, 2005

Michigan Nurses For Life

We are currently planning our annual Spring Seminar, this year to be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 9, 2005.

Based on the feedback from those who attended last year's seminar, we will be dealing with the current epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases among our young people. Regina Chapman, RN, BSN, is a Certified Abstinence Educator and is founder and director of Pregnancy Helpline of Three Rivers. She will speak on "STDs and Spring break—What Will Be Your Souvenirs" and "Counseling the Sexually Active Client."

The conference will confer four contact hours and is open to nurses, students or other health care professionals and the general public. Cost ranges from \$20.00 for the general public to \$35.00 for members of Michigan Nurses for Life, \$40.00 for nurses who are not members of MNFL and \$10.00 for students.

See the back page of this newsletter for more details.

—Diane Trombley, RN, BSN
President, Nurses for Life

Somebody said...

Somebody said that a child is carried
in its mother's womb for nine months.
Somebody does not know that a child
is carried in its mother's heart forever.

Somebody said it takes about six weeks
to get back to normal after you've had a baby.

Somebody doesn't know that
once you're a mother, normal is history.

Somebody said you learn
how to be a mother by instinct.
Somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

Somebody said being a mother is boring.
Somebody never rode in a car driven
by a teenager with a driver's permit.

Somebody said if you're a "good" mother,
your child will "turn out good."
Somebody thinks a child comes
with directions and a guarantee.

Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices.
Somebody never came out the back door
just in time to see her child hit a golf ball
through the neighbor's kitchen window.

Somebody said you don't need
an education to be a mother.

Somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math.

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child
as much as you love the first.

Somebody doesn't have five children.

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers
to her child-rearing questions in the books.
Somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose.

Somebody said the hardest part
of being a mother is labor and delivery.
Somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus
for the first day of kindergarten.

Somebody said a mother can do her job
with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back.

Somebody never organized
seven giggling Brownies to sell cookies.

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying
after her child gets married.

Somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son
or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said a mother's job is done
when her last child leaves home.

Somebody never had grandchildren.

Somebody said your mother knows you love her,
so you don't need to tell her.

Somebody isn't a mother.

Happy Mother's Day!

Unborn Child Pain Awareness

Last May 20, Senator Brownback, of Kansas, and Congressman Chris Smith, of New Jersey, introduced the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act. Since all bills die at the end of a congressional session, we called the offices of these two gentlemen and were told that they would be introducing the measures in the new congressional session. Watch the newsletter for how you can help move this legislation forward.

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Crisis hotline numbers

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your Lifespan office, pp. 6-7. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hotline number **800-BETHANY**. Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call Abigayle Ministries **586-326-0459** or Casa Vitae **248-559-5407**. For post-abortion counseling, call Project Rachel **888-722-4355**. For those with life-limiting illnesses, call Angela Hospice **734-464-7810**; Cranbrook Hospice **248-334-6700**, or Hospice of Michigan **888-HOM-5656**. Project Life, Archdiocese of Detroit, offers pastoral guidance to persons considering abortion or assisted suicide; for this counseling assistance, call **800-281-2102**.

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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

Dear Friends,
As you read this newsletter, Lifespan's Rally for Life and the March for Life in Washington, D.C. are behind us. Thousands of people marched in Washington to demonstrate against the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision and FOR life! Many thanks to those of you who came out to Madonna University and braved the cold for Lifespan's Rally. Your efforts every year will help to some day stop the killing of our future citizens. Wonderful young people spoke so eloquently about why they are pro-life and what they are going to do in the future for the movement. The hope for this cause is with the young, and by the looks of this year's Rally, we WILL one day secure a human life amendment to the constitution.

My thanks to Congressman McCotter who came from Washington to our Rally and encouraged all of us to continue the fight. Thanks to Madonna University for their gracious complimentary use of their facilities and also to Pat Holscher and the Wayne West/Downriver Chapter staff for all their hard work in hosting this Rally.

Lifespan's three buses traveling to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life, also indicates the growth in pro-life activism among our youth. Much appreciation to Irene Tharp and her staff at the Oakland/Macomb Chapter for sponsoring this wonderful trip. The theme of our bus trip was "*Movement in Motion.*" That is what Lifespan is—a movement in motion.

In fact, Lifespan's Main Office is starting the new year with a move to a new location. This move will allow us to have more office space at the same cost. It also allows us to have space which is conducive to moving this organization forward in 2005. We are very excited and are planning an open house in the spring to introduce you to our new office. The new address is **29200 Vassar Rd., Suite 545, Livonia 48152.**

We have attempted to keep the expense of this move to a minimum, but it will require professional movers. If you would like to help defray the cost of our moving expenses, a \$5 donation, or whatever you can afford, would be **greatly appreciated.** Please send your check to our new Main Office address and designate it "Lifespan on the Move." Thank you!
—Diane Fagelman, President

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 unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the monthly newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

_____ Annual Membership \$ 20.00 _____ Monthly pledge \$ _____
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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please complete this form and return with your donation to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar, Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152-2193.** For more information, call **248-478-8878.** Sorry, donations are not tax-deductible.

STDs and Spring Break: What Will Be Your Souvenirs?

Also: Talking Sexual Abstinence to the Sexually Active Client
Saturday, April 9, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Speaker: Regina Chapman, RN, BSN,
Certified Abstinence Speaker

Regina Chapman has been a registered nurse for 28-years, working mostly in obstetrics. She has been a Certified Abstinence Educator since 1998 and serves on the Health Advisory Council for Three Rivers Schools.



Regina is the founder and president of the Memory Garden of Little Ones Foundation, Inc. (MyGLO Foundation) burial garden for babies less than 20 weeks gestation.

She dined at Governor and Michelle Engler's home for his second inaugural. Her boys sent the Engler's a letter of congratulations on the birth of their triplets and received photo Christmas cards of the girls every year until he left office.

Regina serves as the Pregnancy Loss Coordinator at Borgess Medical Center, runs support groups and helps with memorial services.

She has been married for 25 years and has two sons.

Member of American Association of Christian Counselors

Serves on the Medical Advisory Council, National Abstinence Clearinghouse

Founder & former director, Pregnancy Helpline of Three Rivers, Inc., Three Rivers, MI

Presenter at numerous conferences.

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Registration / Information:

Call: (248) 816-8489

Email:

info@edcenterforlife.org

Print a registration form
from the web at:
www.edcenterforlife.org

**Please register no later than
Friday, April 1, 2005**

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