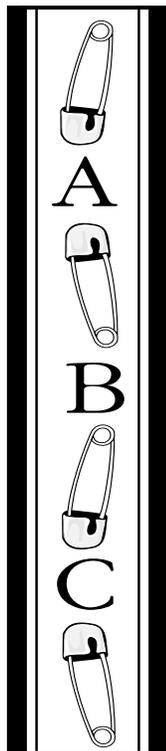
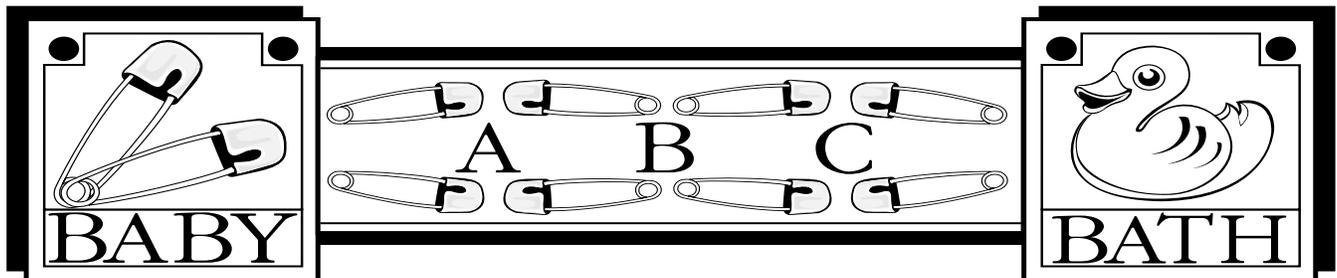


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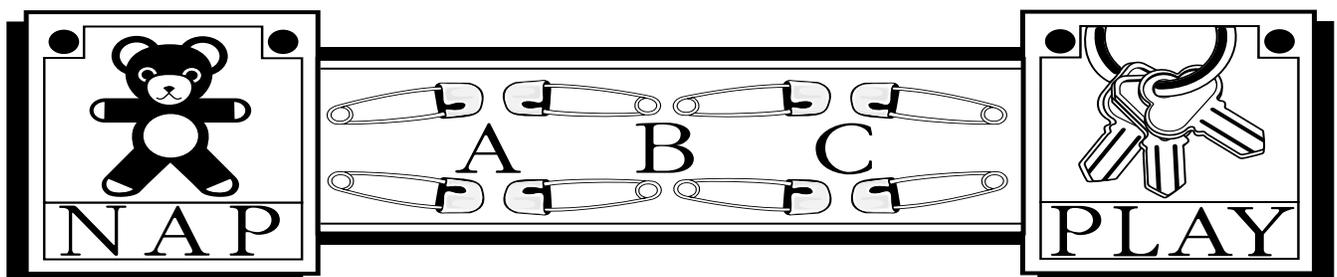
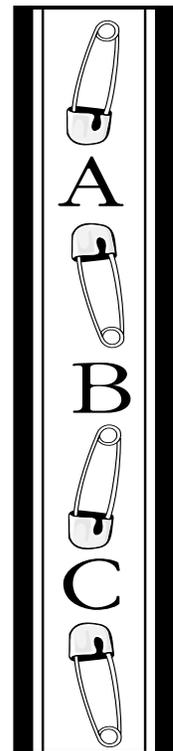
## *Baby Shower*

**Sunday, March 11**

Benefiting Local Pregnancy Help Centers

***You're Invited!***

*See pages 2 and 3 for locations and other details*



# 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 CENTER  
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  
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Brighton, MI 48116  
Phone: 810-494-LIFE (5433)  
or toll free: 866-850-LIFE (5433)

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COMPASSION PREGNANCY CENTER  
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Dearborn Heights, MI 48127  
Phone: 313-277-5637

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Detroit, MI 48224  
Phone: 313-882-1000

## CARE NET

P. O. Box 211088  
Detroit, MI 48221  
Phone: 313-279-4445

## IMAGO DEI WOMEN'S SUPPORT CTR.

15879 East Seven Mile Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48205  
Phone: 313-372-8803

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SALVATION ARMY DENBY CTR.  
20775 Pembroke Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48219  
Phone: 313-537-2130

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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

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CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER  
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Lincoln Park, MI 48146  
Phone: 313-386-4005

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16755 Middlebelt Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154  
Phone: 734-425-8060

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Livonia, MI 48152  
Phone: 734-522-8484

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

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30685 Barrington Ave., Ste. 140  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
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or 1-800-BETHANY

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17729 Flint  
Melvindale, MI 48122  
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Oxford, MI 48371  
Phone: 248-969-2177

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Pontiac, MI 48342  
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Utica, MI 48318  
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Waterford, MI 48327  
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## RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FOR UNWED PREGNANT WOMEN

ABIGAYLE MINISTRIES  
12313 19 Mile Rd.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48313  
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# Right to Life - LIFESPAN's 18th annual Baby Shower Sunday, March 11

(unless otherwise noted)

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.*

*For more information, call Right to Life - LIFESPAN at 248-478-8878*



**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**St. Hugo of the Hills Church**, Fr. Esper Rm.  
2215 Opydke Rd., **Bloomfield Hills**

**6:00 p.m. - March 10**

**Brightmoor Bible Missionary Church**  
15128 Bramell, **Detroit**

**12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**St. John Deaf Center**  
8245 Fisher, **Warren**

## Gift Drop-off Only - After Church Services

**In alphabetical, city order:**

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

**Resurrection Church**  
48755 Warren Rd., **Canton**

**Oakland Woods Baptist Church—March 17**  
5628 Maybee Rd., **Clarkston**

**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**

**St. Anselm Church/Meeting Room**  
17650 W. Outer Drive, **Dearborn Heights**

**St. Mel Church/Church Hall**  
7506 Inkster Rd., **Dearborn Heights**

**Assumption Grotto Church/Shrine Lounge**  
13770 Gratiot, **Detroit**

**Christ the King Church—March 18**  
Koelzer Hall, 16805 Pierson, **Detroit**

**Old St. Mary Church**  
646 Monroe, **Detroit**

**Sts. Augustine and Monica Church**  
4151 Seminole, **Detroit**

**St. Mary 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**  
1526 Belton, **Garden City**

**St. Raphael Church/Resurrection Rm.**  
5775 Merriman, **Garden City**

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

**The River** (meets at Holly High School)  
6161 E. Holly Rd., **Holly**

**Sacred Heart Byzantine Church**  
29125 W. Six Mile Rd., **Livonia**

**St. Colette Church**  
17600 Newburgh, **Livonia**

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

**St. Genevieve Church**  
29015 Jamison, **Livonia**

**St. Maurice Church**  
32765 Lyndon, **Livonia**

**St. Stephen Church/Church Basement**  
18858 Huron River Dr., **New Boston**

**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**

**People's Free Evangelical Church**  
425 W. Unadilla St., **Pinckney**

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

**St. Kenneth Church**  
14951 Haggerty Rd., **Plymouth**

**Marimont Community Church**  
424 W. Walton, **Pontiac**

**Our Lady of Loretto Church**  
17116 Olympia, **Redford**

**St. John Bosco Church/School Hall**  
12170 Beech Daly Rd., **Redford**

**St. Valentine Church/Rectory Mtg. Rm.**  
25881 Dow, **Redford**

**St. Andrew Church—March 3 & 4**  
1400 Inglewood, **Rochester**

**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**

**Living Rock Church**  
(Held at Faith Christian Center)  
25535 Ecorse Rd., **Taylor**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
2550 Edsel Dr., **Trenton**

**Northfield Hills Baptist Church**  
1800 W. Long Lake Rd., **Troy**

**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**

# Pearls of Wisdom Stem Cell Miracle?

An Advance This Side Of Bush's Moral Line

*Editor's Note: Mr. Krauthammer does not usually favor a pro-life position.*

By Charles Krauthammer

When President Bush announced in August 2001 his restrictive funding decision for federal embryonic stem cell research, he was widely attacked for an unwarranted intrusion of religion into scientific research. His solicitousness for a 200-cell organism—the early embryo that Bush declared should not be destroyed to produce a harvest of stem cells—was roundly denounced as reactionary and anti-scientific. And cruel to boot. It was preventing a cure for thousands of people with hopeless and terrible diseases, from diabetes to spinal cord injury. As John Edwards put it most starkly and egregiously in 2004: If John Kerry becomes president, Christopher Reeve will walk again. This kind of stem cell advocacy did not just shamefully inflate its promise. It tended to misrepresent the basis for putting restrictions on embryonic research, insisting that it was nothing more than political enforcement of the religious fundamentalist belief that life begins at conception.

This has always been a tendentious characterization of the argument for restricting stem cell research that relies on the destruction of embryos. I have long supported legal abortion. And I don't believe that life—meaning the attributes and protections of personhood—begins at conception. Yet many secularly inclined people such as myself have great trepidation about the inherent dangers of wanton and unrestricted manipulation—to the point of dismemberment—of human embryos.

You don't need religion to tremble at the thought of unrestricted embryo research. You simply have to have a healthy respect for the human capacity for doing evil in pursuit of the good. Once we have taken the position of many stem cell research advocates that embryos are discardable tissue with no more intrinsic value than a hangnail or an appendix, then all barriers are down. What is to prevent us from producing not just tissues and organs but human-like organisms for preservation as a source of future body parts on demand? South Korea enthusiastically embraced unrestricted stem cell research. The subsequent greatly heralded breakthroughs—accompanied by lamentations that America was falling behind—were eventually exposed as a swamp of deception, fraud and coercion.

The slope is very slippery. Which is why, even though I disagreed with where the president drew the line—I would have permitted the use of fertility-clinic embryos that are discarded and are going to die anyway—I applauded his insistence that some line must be drawn, that human embryos are not nothing and that societal values, not just the scientific imperative, should determine how they are treated.

The House voted yesterday [January 11, 2007] to erase Bush's line. But future generations may nonetheless thank

Bush for standing athwart history, if only for a few years. It gave technology enough time to catch up and rescue us from the moral dilemmas of embryonic destruction. It has just been demonstrated that stem cells with enormous potential can be harvested from amniotic fluid.

This is a revolutionary finding. Amniotic fluid surrounds the baby in the womb during pregnancy. It is routinely drawn out by needle in amniocentesis. The procedure carries little risk and is done for legitimate medical purposes that have nothing to do with stem cells. If it nonetheless yields a harvest of stem cells, we have just stumbled upon an endless supply. And not just endless, but uncontroversial. No embryos are destroyed. The cells are just floating there, as if waiting for science to discover them.

Even better, amniotic fluid might prove to yield an ideal stem cell—not as primitive as embryonic stem cells and therefore less likely to grow uncontrollably into tumors, but also not as developed as adult stem cells and therefore with more “pluripotential” in the kinds of tissues it can produce. If it is proved that these are the Goldilocks of stem cells, history will record the amniotic breakthrough as the turning point in the evolution of stem cell research from a narrow, difficult, delicate and morally dubious enterprise into an uncontroversial one with raw material produced unproblematically every day.

It will have turned out that Bush's unpopular policy held the line, however arbitrary and temporary, against the wanton trampling of the human embryo just long enough for a morally neutral alternative to emerge. And it did force the country to at least ponder the moral cost of turning one potential human being into replacement parts for another. Who will be holding the line next time, when another Faustus promises medical nirvana if he is permitted to transgress just one moral boundary?

—Washington Post OpEd, January 12, 2007  
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## **SAVE THE DATE !!!!**

**Michigan Nurses for Life and Educational Center for Life** will hold their annual conference on **October 6** at **St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac**. **Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk** will keynote the conference with a presentation on **Embryonic Stem Cell Research and Human Cloning**. Father Tad is a nationally and internationally known expert on this issue. He holds a PhD in Neuroscience from Yale University and is the Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center. MNFL is privileged to have Father Tad. You do not have to be a nurse or a health care professional to attend this conference. For more information, please call MNFL at **248-816-8489**.

# Pearls of Wisdom

## Down Syndrome and Abortion

By Susan W. Enouen, P.E.

If current trends continue, it may eventually become “unacceptable” for parents to continue a pregnancy knowing that their baby has Down syndrome. Recent U.S. studies have indicated that when Down syndrome is diagnosed prenatally, 84% to 91% of those babies will be killed by abortion.<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> This trend is not isolated to the United States. In England, a 2004 study showed that 94% of babies who were diagnosed prenatally with Down syndrome were subsequently aborted.<sup>5</sup> When all Down syndrome babies are considered—those diagnosed prenatally as well as those only diagnosed with DS after birth—studies show that 26% to 37% of these tiny lives will be ended by abortion.<sup>6</sup>

An estimated 70% of all pregnant women in the United States will choose to have prenatal screening tests.\* Certain screening results in combination can predict DS with up to 90% sensitivity,<sup>7</sup> but they are not definitive. Women shown to be at high risk may then choose to have a cytogenetic test, either amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling (CVS), to check for the extra chromosome that would indicate DS. As first trimester screening tests become increasingly reliable, more women are choosing CVS because it can be done in the 9th to 12th weeks of pregnancy, thus allowing an earlier abortion. It has been shown that the younger the unborn baby, the greater the likelihood that a woman will have an abortion for DS.<sup>2</sup> It should also be noted that in up to 1% of the pregnancies tested by amniocentesis, the baby is lost. CVS is even more dangerous as over twice as many babies die and a few are born with handicaps.

When a woman finds out that her unborn baby has Down syndrome, what is she facing? In a 2004 study out of Harvard Medical School, researcher Brian Skotko found that women in this situation felt anxious and scared when learning of the diagnosis, and about half felt rushed or pressured into making a decision about continuing the pregnancy.<sup>8</sup> Their feelings may have been partially influenced by the doctor’s approach. Most health care providers tend to assume that if a woman consents to prenatal screening or diagnosis, she is willing to discuss abortion as an option. Also, many doctors in these cases may see advantages in ending the pregnancy as soon as possible to avoid the medical risk to the woman of a late abortion. Combine this predisposition with the perceived “burden” of raising a child with Down syndrome, and many women could convince themselves that abortion is their most prudent “choice.”

To counteract this effect, it is also true that doctors presenting the prenatal diagnosis can positively influence the outcome if they provide balanced information about DS. The same Harvard study found that mothers who chose to continue their pregnancy after a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome did so for personal reasons such as

conscience and religion, but also because they had gotten information about Down syndrome, either in printed materials or from talking to a parent of a child with DS. However, most of the mothers felt that their doctors did not explain DS adequately and in a balanced fashion. They suggested that doctors and genetic counselors should convey consistent, accurate and sensitive messages about life with a child with DS, and that doctors, nurses and hospitals should provide contacts with local DS support organizations.<sup>8</sup>

As helpful as many DS support organizations can be to parents of children with DS, some of the largest ones have abdicated any responsibility for reducing abortions of babies with birth defects. The March of Dimes, the National Down Syndrome Society, and the National Down Syndrome Congress all take a neutral stance on abortion, ostensibly because they don’t want to judge or to tell anyone what to do. However, a neutral stance on abortion is not a neutral policy. It implies that the killing of these innocents is in the best interest of society, and can therefore be justified. Instead, these organizations need to take a stand in defense of all babies with Down syndrome, born and unborn. They could have an unparalleled influence on the current situation by putting a positive face on these unborn babies, whose humanity and inherent value to society shine through at the moment of birth. There is no telling how many precious lives could be saved if they did.

\*Maternal serum tests measure the levels of certain substances in the mother’s blood; alpha-fetoprotein (AFP), human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG), and estriol, and are combined with maternal age to calculate a risk factor for Down syndrome in a pregnancy. Another screening test, an ultrasound marker called nuchal translucency, measures the accumulation of fluids behind the neck of the fetus.

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<sup>5</sup>The National Down Syndrome Cytogenetic Register 2004 Annual Report. Accessed at: [www.wolfson.zmul.ac.uk/ndscr](http://www.wolfson.zmul.ac.uk/ndscr)

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—Life Issues Connector, January 2007



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### 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. Call 313-640-8534 to receive an ad form. Advertise your business, your organization or your love for LIFE, and help save lives at the same time.

Also make sure to mark your calendars for May 7 and join us for wonderful food and fellowship when we honor our Mother of the Year.

## livingston

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Judy Zabik, Jane Thierfeldt, Co-Directors

### Christmas card sales

A big thanks goes out to all who helped with the sales of our Lifespan Christmas Cards. Despite our sluggish economy, we had record sales this year. Any church or organization interested in carrying our cards for next year, please contact our office and we'll make arrangements to include you in our order.

### Knights of Columbus

Once again, the Knights of Columbus Council at St. John's in Hartland has made a very generous contribution to our Chapter. Lifespan representatives attended their dinner last month to benefit their work on behalf of the unborn. It was extremely well attended, and there are more events like this in the works. We are so grateful for their continued support, and we look forward to working with them on their future pro-life activities.

Support the work of your local Knights of Columbus council!

### Memorials

Help Detroit in its efforts to keep its office open. We do not receive any Federal monies. Our only contributions come from our fundraisers and our membership donations. One great way to help contribute is by sending donations 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. Instead of flowers or a card, your donation will help us save lives.

### 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 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 may e-mail and/or mail our church bulletin notes. No fee is required. 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 would like to help sell Mother's Day Roses with a tag that reads, "Thanks Mom for Life," call 313-640-8534 and volunteer to help.

### Baby Showers

Lifespan's annual Baby Shower is fast approaching. See pages 2 and 3 for a list of the showers and crisis pregnancy centers that the showers will benefit. Find a shower location near you and please bring a baby item to donate. All the proceeds go towards the support of our local crisis pregnancy centers. These centers are the front lines for dealing with the mothers facing challenges with their pregnancies. This is our opportunity to extend a helpful hand in their efforts.

### Church reps needed

We are still in need of people willing to act as a representative for Lifespan at their churches. This person is responsible for relaying information between Lifespan and their pastors and respect life groups. If you don't have a respect life group at your church and would like to start one, contact the Lifespan office for more information. It is an invaluable tool to help educate your church community on all the life issues.

### Mother's Day Dinner

#### Auction and Resource Book

See pages 9-11 for a number of ways in which you can support Lifespan and its life-saving work. Nominate a special someone in your life for Mother of the Year; attend the Mother's Day Dinner with Dr. Ray Guarendi and at which the Mother of the Year will be honored; take out a photo, patron or business ad in Lifespan's Resource Book!

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### **Efficient e-mail**

We will soon have the capacity to e-mail you with important updates, announcements of congressional or local governmental actions regarding life issues and other information that will prove useful to you in keeping track of what is going on locally and elsewhere as it relates to our efforts to restore dignity and respect for human life. We don't intend to be sending out e-mails every other day and filling your in-box with unnecessary "stuff" and the system we are using will assure that you will not get "spammed" or "phished" or anything else if you get mail from us.

What we need to get this essential information to you is, of course, your e-mail address!! If you want to be included, please e-mail the office (this is the best way to get a correct address) with your e-mail address in the subject line, and we will put you on our list. This will also save us a huge

amount of postage which in turn will allow us to do more with your donations. We are excited about this opportunity and hope that you will all take advantage of it.

### **Judson workers**

Twice each month, from 5-7 workers from the Judson Center come to our office and assist us with a variety of tasks related to our various projects.

The Judson Center, located in Southfield, is a leader in providing dynamic, innovative and effective solutions to the challenges facing children and families and adults with developmental disabilities across six counties.

We are so grateful to Brian, Mary, Carol, Kim, Michelle, Deborah, Aaron, Mike and Tom for their reliability, responsibility and dedication. Their smiling faces and generosity of spirit brighten our day and lighten our load. Our thanks to all of them.

### **Baby bottles**

Our Baby Bottle Project is a wonderful way to Change the Life of a Child, from the babies at WEE CARE to students learning about life issues to our bus trip and conferences. It is an easy project to promote with your church, youth group, homeschool network or service club.

For more information, call the Oakland/Macomb office 248-816-1546.

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### **March for Life memories**

Thirty sleepy, but excited high-school students and adults boarded the bus on January 20 that would take them from Dearborn, DC High School to Washington, D.C. It would be a trip that no one aboard that bus would forget. Our group was made up mostly of Divine Child High School students and members and adult leaders from the Dearborn-based youth group, BRICK. We arrived at the host church in Falls Church, Virginia, to—yes—the renowned hospitality of the South. Then the next day, after touring the Capital, we arrived at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Over 10,000 people tried to make it to the Basilica for the Vigil Mass for Life, and we were some of the lucky few who were able to get seats (even though they were on the floor). It was incredible to see so many people lining the walls and floors for a united purpose: to uphold the dignity of human life and to speak out against the wrongs of abortion. Even more incredible was trying to navigate and weave your way through them!

The next day was January 22nd, the 34th anniversary of the court decision *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion. We attended a Youth Rally and Mass at the Verizon Center.

It's kind of hard to describe, but it was like a concert with speakers that over 23,000 teenagers attended. Everyone there was extremely pumped up and energetic; it was just breathtaking to see so many people my age all gathered in one place to defend a natural human right. As Mass began to start, the energy level from the Rally was still in the air. Then, walking down the center aisle was a steady stream of white: deacons, priests, bishops and cardinals from all over the country processing in for probably ten to fifteen minutes. It was amazing to see so many men in the same place who have given their lives to Christ and who are dedicated to help us do the same.

Then came the March. We joined hundreds of thousands of other pro-life marchers to peacefully and prayerfully protest abortion. People came from all over—from Missouri to Florida, from Texas to Maine, from New York to Tennessee, etc. It was crowded, loud, cold, wet and long, but no one minded. We were all there to offer up our discomfort for those children who have only felt the discomfort and pain of being ripped out of the safety of their mothers' wombs. We were there to defend the innocent, give a voice to the voiceless and bring hope to the hopeless. We were there to save lives.

I cannot tell you how incredible my experience was. Every time, I am blown away with how much God cares for us as His beloved children as well as how sad He becomes over the killing of His innocent little ones. I am just so thankful that I was able to have this opportunity to speak out for those who cannot and for those who will never be able to speak. Think about it this way: if you were born after *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, you are a survivor of the silent holocaust.

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# Mother of the Year 2007

## Right to Life - LIFESPAN Seeking nominations for “Mother of the Year 2007”

### Nominate that special person in your life!

All mothers may qualify for this honor, including your mother, grand-mother, 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 **Wednesday, March 7**. No nomination by or for Right to Life - LIFESPAN board members will be considered. 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 **Monday, May 7, at the San Marino Club, in Troy**, where she will be awarded a plaque, a dozen long-stemmed roses and a gift certificate to Macy’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 2007, 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 2007” to be received no later than **Wednesday, March 7** to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152**. For more information, call **248-478-8878**.*

#### **Right to Life - LIFESPAN**

*is a non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit organization  
dedicated to the protection of defenseless human life  
from conception to natural death.*

*Established in 1970, it is the largest and oldest pro-life  
organization in southeastern Michigan.*

*Lifespan serves Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston Counties.*





# Mother's Day Dinner

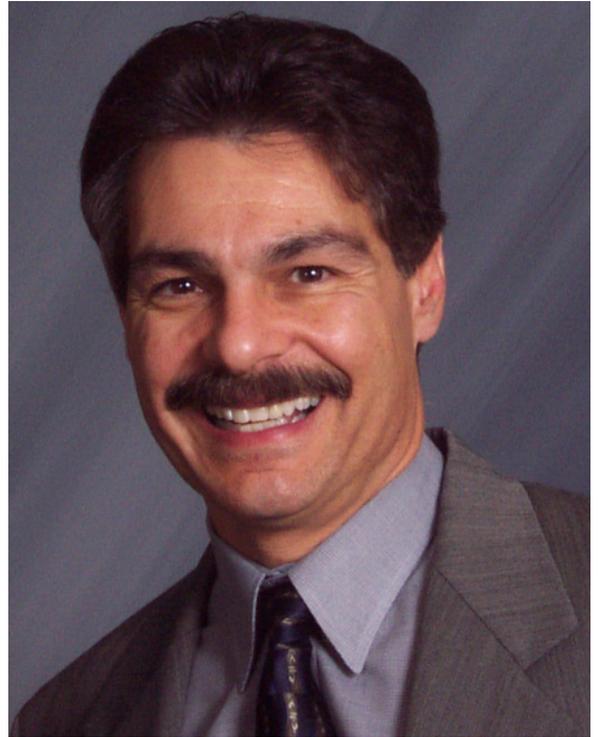


Monday, May 7, 2007

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

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

**Dr. Ray Guarendi** is a father, clinical psychologist, author, public speaker and radio host. His experience includes school districts, Head Start programs, mental health centers, substance abuse programs, inpatient psychiatric centers, juvenile courts and a private practice.



Dr. Guarendi is a member of the Catholic Answers Speakers Bureau, delivering talks throughout the country. He appears once a month on *Catholic Answers Live*. He has been a regular guest on national radio and television including *Oprah*, *Joan Rivers*, *Scott Ross Prime Time*, *700 Club*, *Gordon Elliot* and *CBS This Morning*. He's appeared on regional radio and television shows in over 40 states and Canada. He has been the program psychologist for *Cleveland's Morning Exchange*, *Pittsburgh 2-Day* and *AM Indiana*. He has written several books including *You're a Better Parent Than You Think!* now in its twenty-first printing, *Back to the Family* and his newest book, *Discipline That Lasts a Lifetime*.

**Dinner Reservations: \$50 per person/\$475 per table of 10. Advance reservations required by May 1.**

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.)

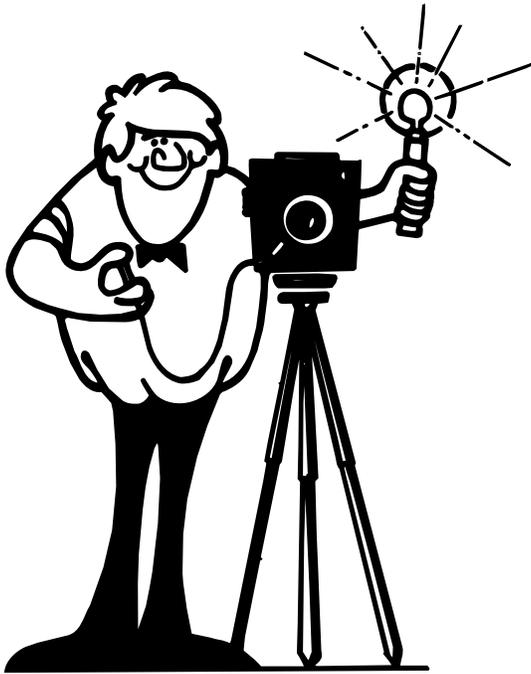
I (We) are not able to attend. Enclosed is a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support your pro-life efforts.

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.)*



**SMILE!**

## Put your special photo in LIFESPAN's Album!

Purchase a 1/8-page ad and feature your children, grandchildren or other family members in Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Resource Book 2007. 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, to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar, Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152.** All picture ads must be received by **March 31, 2007.** If you are interested in a larger size ad or need more information, please contact Lifespan's Main Office, at **248-478-8878.**

If you would like your pictures returned, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. (Please, no slides or negatives; color or black and white photos only.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of people in photo (or other caption) \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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 2007. Deadline for submission is March 31, 2007.

Patron name(s)—Gold, Silver or Bronze: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial 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 2007, call 248-478-8878.**  
*(Dinners, personal ads and donations are not tax-deductible.)*



# Right to Life - LIFESPAN RESOURCE BOOK 2007

## 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 Wednesday, March 7, 2007.**

**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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*Because of the difficulty of working with various formats, we prefer to receive pdf files, at 300 dpi, all fonts embedded, sent by e-mail to [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org), indicating "Lifespan Resource Book Ad" in the subject line. In the case of electronic submissions, please send contract and check by post. You may also send a hard copy, camera-ready ad. 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 2007 Mother's Day Dinner on Monday, May 7 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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| <b>Contact Person</b> _____        | <b>Area Code/Phone</b> _____       |
| <b>Name of Advertiser</b> _____    | <b>E-mail</b> _____                |
| <b>Address</b> _____               | <b>City</b> _____ <b>Zip</b> _____ |
| <b>Ad Seller's Signature</b> _____ | <b>Area Code/Phone</b> _____       |

**Make checks payable and mail to:**  
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**For further information, call 248-478-8878 or e-mail: [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org)**

Contributions to Right to Life - LIFESPAN, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes; however, business ads are tax-deductible. Consult your tax advisor with any questions.



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Addresses

### **President**

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500  
Opinion Line 202-456-1111, M-F, 9-5  
Fax Number: 202-456-2461  
e-mail: comment@whitehouse.gov

Dear Mr. President:

### **U.S. Senators**

The Honorable (Carl Levin, Debbie Stabenow)  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-3121

Dear Senator (last name):

### **U.S. Representatives**

The Honorable (first and last name)  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
202-224-3121

Dear Congressman or Congresswoman  
(last name):

### **Governor**

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909  
517-373-3400  
Opinion Line: 517-335-7858  
e-mail: migov@aol.com

Dear Governor Granholm:

### **Michigan State Senator**

The Honorable (full name)  
P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909  
517-373-1837

Dear Senator (last name):

### **Michigan State Representative**

The Honorable (full name)  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909  
517-373-1837

Dear Representative (last name):

## Where is Free Speech Going?

Recently, newspaper, radio and television outlets reported on the efficient work done by the newly convened United States House of Representatives and Senate.

One such action in the Senate, an ethics reform bill, was widely praised as a way to return ethics, decency and moral behavior to our governing bodies. What was not reported was what the bill (SB1) originally contained and the impact it would have had on all grassroots organizations. Section 220 of that measure would have restricted the voluntary efforts of members of the general public, as members of grassroots organizations, to communicate their own views on an issue to Federal officials or to encourage other members of the general public to do the same. In other words, the measure would have made lobbyists out of any and all grassroots organizations if such organizations tried to communicate their position to elected officials or encourage their members to do so. Violation could result in up to \$200,000 in fines and 10 years in prison.

Communication with our elected officials is at the heart of the representative system of government we enjoy, and it would appear that such actions would be regarded as suspect activity if SB 1 were approved with the language of section 220 intact.

Maintaining that such language criminalized our ability to communicate with our senators, Senator Robert Bennett (R-Utah) introduced amendment 20, which would strike section 220 entirely. The amendment passed. The vote was 55-43. It was passed with unanimous support from Republicans. Seven Democrats voted to support the amendment while all other Democrats voted against it.

Once the Bennett Amendment passed, the main bill (SB1) passed by a vote of 96-2 (Republican Senators Orrin Hatch of Utah and Tom Coburn of Oklahoma) voting against passage. Both Senators Levin and Stabenow voted against the amendment.

## Embryonic Stem Cell Bill

A schedule has not yet been announced, but in the next several weeks, the U.S. Senate is expected to vote on a bill that would use federal funds to promote the destruction of human embryos for stem cell research. On January 11, the U.S. House of Representatives passed its own embryonic stem cell bill (H.R. 3), 253-yes, 174-no, well short of the two-thirds necessary for an override. In 2006, the House failed to override President Bush's veto of an identical bill.

The President's policy limits federal funding of embryonic stem cell research to cells obtained from embryos as of August 9, 2001. H.R. 3 would rescind this policy so that new embryos, initially created for reproduction, can be killed for their stem cells if their parents give consent. That measure has been placed on the Senate calendar. An identical bill, S. 5, was introduced in the Senate on January 4. According to some reports, the Senate may pass its own bill, rather than the House-passed H.R. 3.

In his 2006 veto message President Bush stated: "If this bill would have become law, American taxpayers would, for the first time in our history, be compelled to fund the deliberate destruction of human embryos. And I'm not going to allow it. I have made it clear to Congress that I will not allow our nation to cross this moral line." The President has stated he would veto the recently-passed H.R. 3.

Destroying human embryos to obtain embryonic stem cells is immoral. It is also unnecessary. Stem cells from adult tissues, umbilical cord blood, and other morally acceptable sources are already producing treatments for diseases. Embryonic stem cells have yet to benefit any human patient.

**ACTION:** Please express your objections to H.R.3/S.5 by contacting your two U.S. Senators by U.S. mail, FAX, letter, e-mail or phone. Write: The Honorable \_\_\_\_, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121, or call your elected officials' local offices.

—National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, Inc., January 26, 2007



# Silent Auction!

Sponsored by Educational Center  for Life

*In conjunction with Lifespan's annual Mother's Day Dinner (Monday, May 7, 2007), the Educational Center for Life sponsors a Silent Auction.*

*Each year, proceeds from the Auction help to pay for the guest speaker at the Dinner. ECL needs your help with donations for the Auction. Suggested items include:*

- ◆ Use of a condo for one week
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Framed Artwork
- ◆ Gift certificates from restaurants, bookstores or clothing stores (denominations of \$25.00 or more)
  - ◆ Baby clothing items
  - ◆ Event tickets: sporting, movie theatre and live theatre
  - ◆ Handmade items: quilts, afghans, pottery, ceramics, etc.
- ◆ Hotel package for two: overnight or weekend package including one or all of the following—  
breakfast, dinner, flowers and/or champagne in the room, etc.
  - ◆ Monetary donatons in any denomination

*Please contact Educational Center for Life AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
if you have an item or items for the Auction: 248-816-8489*

## STUDENT ART CONTEST

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007**

**PRIZES:**

First: \$1000 Savings Bond; Second: \$400 Savings Bond; Third: \$200 Savings Bond.

**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 and/or is a member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, regardless of residency, 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: "Celebration of Life." Entries might reflect pro-life issues involving family life, children, babies, the handicapped or the elderly.
3. **Entrants are required to submit, on a separate sheet of paper, a written explanation of their art work, in no more than 50 words, answering the following three questions: What pro-life message are you expressing? How did you impart this message through your art? Why is this message important to you and your work?** Each entry must include, on this same 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 **oriented vertically** for possible reproduction on the cover of Lifespan's *Resource Book*. The artwork must be submitted on regular art stock paper and be matted or mounted. Acceptable media will be watercolor, pencil, pastel, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink. No photographic entries will be accepted.
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 Wednesday, March 14, 2007, and mailed or delivered to Student Art Contest 2007, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152.** Winners will be notified by phone. The first-prize entry is also eligible for reproduction on the cover of Lifespan's *Resource Book 2007*, 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.





Dear Friends,  
The other day, a gentleman (and a long time member of Lifespan) said that I often write about putting together “layettes” for babies and he wanted to know “exactly, what the heck is a ‘lay-

ette?” I guess it’s a girl thing—many of us grew up with treasured Tiny Tears or Betsy Wetsy dolls, our daughters had Madame Alexander babydolls and our granddaughters love their Bitty Babies—and they all have one thing in common—layettes! The layettes usually came with a blanket, a bottle, a change of clothes, a diaper and maybe pretend baby powder—everything a little mommy needed to care for her dolly.

And today, I am still playing with all those baby things, but on such a grander scale! My precious Wee Care babies do not come with a layette. Many leave the hospital wearing only the undershirt and diaper they were given, wrapped in the thin receiving blanket and handed a few bottles of formula. Some are sent “home” in a taxi to a homeless shelter. Some arrive home to sleep in a hastily made-up drawer and all of our babies are sent home desperately needing “layettes”! And that’s were YOU come in, dear friends! Usually, a nurse or hospital social worker calls and requests help for those special babies, and because of YOU, we can help them!



*Wee Care Layette*

The layettes that are given usually consist of the following: 9 sleepers (3 of each size), 9 onesies (3 of each size), 4 receiving blankets, 4 booties/sox, 3 bibs, 1 baby towel, 1 crib sheet, 1 pkg. of diapers & wipes, bottles & pacifier, baby lotions, blanket sleeper, snowsuit & sweater set—in season, and most importantly—a cuddly teddy bear or stuffed animal. Many layettes are placed in baby bathtubs and some include beautiful handmade afghans. They ALL include your love.

Now, a little bit of math—Wee Care normally provides about 500 layettes a year. That amounts to: 4500 sleepers, 4500 onesies, 2000 receiving blankets, 2000 booties/sox, 1500 bibs, 500 baby towels, 500 crib sheets, 500 pkgs. of diapers. Mind-boggling—isn’t it?! But just like the miracle of the loaves and fishes, God provides me each year with beautiful, caring people like you who crochet the pretty afghan or buy the adorable sleeper or tiny booties. And each year, despite the economy, despite the ever-increasing cost of living and despite the growing need for your help—we are able to meet those needs and provide those wonderful “layettes” for our precious babies. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

**Love, Karen**

*Karen Patrosso, Director 248-478-8884  
Wee Care, A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN*

## From the President’s Desk

Dear Friends,

What is in a name? Much has been written about the need to properly communicate by using the correct wording. You have all heard of the term “words mean something.” After 35 years in this movement, I would like to suggest to my fellow pro-lifers that we need to use the proper word for the child in the womb. Babies are developing, being fed and nurtured until the time that their gestational period is over and they emerge from the womb. Upon entering the world, babies still need to be nurtured; they will continue to grow and mature as members of the human race. What in the world am I talking about, you ask? It is the term we have all used in this movement, the term “unborn” child vs. “preborn” child. The American Heritage Dictionary defines “un” as: *Perf.* 1. Not; 2. To deprive of; 3. Used as an intensive. If you read the dictionary definitions carefully, you get the sense of a negative, of an entity that is somewhat non-existing or will not happen.

On the other hand, the term “pre” is defined as: *pref.* 1. earlier; before; 2. preparatory; preliminary; 3. in advance; 4. anterior; in front of. As you see by these definitions, “pre-born” is a much more positive and correct definition of the child waiting to be born. It is much more conducive for those of us in the pro-life movement who teach the truth about child development in the womb to use the word, “pre-born.” The baby is a human from the time of fertilization; it exists whether inside the mother’s body or outside. He/She will continue to exist from that point in time until he/she ceases to exist. This ceasing to exist will happen due to the actions of man or natural causes. It is time we all refer to the child in the womb as pre-born. Please pass this pearl of wisdom on to all other pro-lifers you know. Even Dr. Seuss knew in “Horton Hears a Who,” that “a person’s a person no matter how small.”

*Diane*

### Born to be a Lady

A Fashion Show and Tea Buffet for young ladies (10-18 years of age) will be held on Sunday, March 18, St. Michael Church, Southfield, 2-4 p.m. Contact Marilyn 248-816-8489 or Lynn, 248-816-1546.

### March *continued from page 7*

Each year, over 1.2 million babies are killed through abortion. Our generation is over 48,000,000 short the number of people it should have in it: about 1/3 of it has been killed. And that’s only those who have been documented! How sad to think that people believe it is all right to take the life of an innocent child! Who knows, the person who would have been your best friend could have been aborted, and you would have never know him or her. Please—speak out for those who can’t, and keep this mass murder from continuing in the future. Pray for an end to abortion! It is the only way to ensure the termination of the ultimate termination of life.

—Elizabeth Walker, Divine Child High School, Class of 2008

**Donations have been made—**

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Given by: Annetta and Jeffrey Bosman

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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.

**Educational Center  for Life**

A donation was made to Educational Center for Life:  
*In celebration of the 80th Birthday of:*

**Ken Stockman**

Given by: Tom and Marilyn Schepansky

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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.

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You know why you're pro-life, but how do you share your beliefs with others, especially when they say they support abortion?



The **"LIFESPAN TEEN LIFE LINK"** (aka LTL<sup>2</sup>) group is planning a seminar titled **"Making Abortion Unthinkable"** specifically designed for teens and college students (ages 14 and up).

The seminar will be held on **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30-9:00 p.m.** at the **St. Michael Media Center in Ferndale (Woodward Avenue)**. The cost will be \$15.00 per person and will include a seminar binder with educational materials, as well as snacks, beverages and a pizza dinner. (If the cost is a problem, please let us know.)

A registration form will be available in mid-February from the Right to Life - LIFESPAN Oakland/Macomb office located in Troy. Please call the office at **248-816-1546** with questions and to get a form(s) mailed to you.

**PRE-REGISTRATION is a must** for this seminar due to the cost of putting the binders together for all those who attend. Maximum seating for the seminar is 175 people, so the sooner you sign up, the better your chance is for a seat!

We hope to hear from many of you—this is an excellent seminar you won't want to miss!

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