

# Lifespan news

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## Pro-Life People Care for Women and Children After Birth, Too

By Helen Alvaré, Greg Pfundstein, Matthew Schmitz and Ryan T. Anderson

One of the most frequently repeated truisms of the abortion debate is that pro-lifers really don't care about life. As much as they talk about protecting the unborn, we are told, pro-lifers do nothing to support mothers and infants who are already in the world.

Liberal writers such as Matthew Yglesias are given to observing that pro-lifers believe that "life begins at conception and ends at birth." At *Commonweal*, David Gibson, a journalist who frequently covers the abortion debate, asks how much pro-lifers do for mothers: "I just want to know what realistic steps they are proposing or backing. I'm not sure I'd expect to hear anything from pro-life groups now since there's really been nothing for years."

This lazy slander is as common as it is untrue. Of course, there is much more that needs to be done, but in the decades since *Roe v. Wade*, pro-lifers have taken the lead in offering vital services to mothers and infants in need. Operating with little support—and often actual opposition—from agencies, foundations and local governments, pro-lifers have relied upon a network of committed donors and volunteers to make great strides in supporting mothers and their infants. It's time the media takes notice.

In the United States there are some 2,300 affiliates of the three largest pregnancy resource center umbrella groups, Heartbeat International, CareNet, and the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA).

Over 1.9 million American women take advantage of these services each year. Many stay at one of the 350 residential facilities for women and children operated by pro-life groups. In New York City alone, there are twenty-two centers serving 12,000 women a year. These centers provide services including pre-natal care, STI testing, STI treatment, ultrasound, childbirth classes, labor coaching, midwife services, lactation consultation, nutrition consulting, social work, abstinence education, parenting classes, material assistance, and post-abortion counseling.



### LIFESPAN'S 24th Annual Baby Shower! March 10, 2013

Right to Life - LIFESPAN, in continuing its tradition of caring for mothers and their babies, born and yet to be born, sponsors an annual Baby Shower, held simultaneously in several locations, in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties, to benefit local pregnancy help centers. Bring new or gently-used baby items to the Shower locations listed on page 3. For more information, please call Lifespan's Main Office 734-524-0162.

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## "Lights for Life" Tree Remembrances

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

**IN MEMORY OF:** ★Emily Volino, Maxine Johnson, given by Tracy and Isabel Johnson ★Lyle Van Houten, given by Mary Van Houten ★Brian Martinuzzi, given by Joan Martinuzzi ★Fr. Daniel Homan, O.S.B., Br. Benedict Giuliani, O.S.B., Br. Gregory Grabow, O.S.B., given by St. Benedict Monastery ★Elizabeth Petroff, given by Tom and Irene Tharp ★Maria Tislerics, Joseph Gostomski, Sophie Gostomski, Ferenc Tislerics, given by Rosalie Tislerics ★Dr. John Joyce, given by Joseph Maclean ★Richard Condit, David Lazzeri, given by Michael and Marleen Condit ★Maureen Dreslinski, given by Dan and Nancy Vecchioni and Veronica Gibbons ★Lukasz Skowronski, Zofia Telka, given by Monica Majcher.

**IN HONOR OF:** ★Deanna Bartolone, given by Margaret Horne ★Friends of Life Mary and Lawrence Maclean ★Friend of Life Lucille Ward ★Judge Margaret Van Houten, given by Mary Van Houten ★Friends of Life Ethelyn and James Laidlaw ★Friend of Life Sylvia B. Gee ★Friends of Life James and Marilyn Schafer ★Sr. Celestine, I.H.M., given by Veronica Gibbons ★Friends of Life John and Maria Michalik.

**\$10,000\* RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING**  
Maximum of 500 tickets will be sold  
Donation: \$50 per ticket



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Lifespan's raffle ticket is \$50.  
We are offering only 500 tickets.  
The prize is \$10,000.00!!

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

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Proceeds from this raffle will be used to help support the life-saving programs of Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund  
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Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ raffle ticket(s). Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50 per ticket)

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## Right to Life - LIFESPAN's

# 24th annual *Baby Shower* Sunday, March 10, 2013

(unless otherwise noted)

## to Benefit Local Pregnancy Help Centers

### GIFT SUGGESTIONS

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



Bring new or gently used baby items. Baby showers will be held at the following locations. If you don't see your church listed, but would like to host a LIFESPAN Baby Shower, please call Right to Life - LIFESPAN at 734-524-0162.

### Gift Drop-off Only - After Church Services (unless otherwise noted)

(alphabetical order, by location)

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

**Resurrection Church** April 27-28  
48755 Warren Rd., Canton

**St. John Neumann Church**  
44800 Warren Rd., Canton

**Guardian Angels Church**  
581 E. 14 Mile Rd., Clawson

**Church of the Divine Child**  
March 9-10 and March 16-17  
1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn

**St. Alphonsus Church** March 2-3  
7469 Calhoun, Dearborn

**Assumption Grotto Church**  
13770 Gratiot, Detroit

**Christ the King Church**  
16805 Pierson, Detroit

**St. Raphael Church with St. Mel Church**  
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**St. Clare of Montefalco Church**  
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**St. Edith Church**  
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**St. Stephen Church**  
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**Our Lady of Refuge Church**  
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**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**  
March 3-10  
47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

**St. Kenneth Church**  
14951 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth  
March 2-3, 9-10, 16-17

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

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

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

**St. Matthias Church**  
12509 19 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights

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

**Sts. Simon and Jude Church**  
32500 Palmer Rd., Westland



## Pregnancy Help Centers Recipients of Baby Shower Donations

If you are the director of a Pregnancy Help Center, in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County, and your center's name is not listed below, but you would like to be a recipient of Lifespan's 24th Annual Baby Shower, contact Lifespan's Main Office, 734-524-0162.

**AAA PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER**  
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734-425-8060

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**ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER**  
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**CARE NET PREGNANCY INFO CENTER**  
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248-545-6411

**COMPASSION PREGNANCY CENTER**  
37540 S. Gratiot, Ste. 100, Clinton Twp., MI 48036  
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**LADIES OF CHARITY CLOTHES CLOSET**  
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# Legislative Update

## 2012: Second Highest Number of Pro-Life Laws Passed on Abortion

By Steven Ertelt

**D**uring 2011, state legislators set a record by approving more pro-life laws stopping and limiting abortions than any other year since *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. A new report shows that last year, legislatures approved the second highest number.

Although some media outlets and abortion advocates say the November presidential election marked a defeat for the pro-life movement, the number of abortions is at its lowest level nationally and states are seeing historic low abortion figures thanks in large part to state pro-life laws. These laws—ranging from parental notification and informed consent to banning abortions later in pregnancy and cutting of taxpayer funds for abortions or the Planned Parenthood abortion business—are saving lives every day.

The new report from the Guttmacher Institute, a pro-abortion group that was once affiliated with Planned Parenthood and still receives funding from the abortion giant, lamented the passage of the second highest number of state pro-life laws.

“Over the course of the year, 42 states and the District of Columbia enacted 122 provisions related to reproductive health and rights. One-third of these new provisions, 43 in 19 states, sought to restrict access to abortion services. Although this is a sharp decrease from the record-breaking 92 abortion restrictions enacted in 2011, it is the second highest annual number of new abortion restrictions,” Guttmacher notes.

“This analysis refers to reproductive health and rights-related “provisions,” rather than bills or laws, since bills introduced and eventually enacted in the states contain multiple relevant provisions.”

“Four states enacted provisions banning abortion coverage in the insurance exchanges being estab-

lished under the Affordable Care Act. Provisions enacted in Alabama, South Carolina and Wisconsin permit coverage of an abortion in cases of life endangerment, rape or incest,” the report added. “In addition, the Missouri legislature overrode Gov. Jay Nixon’s veto of a bill that allows any employer to refuse to cover abortion services. South Carolina amended the long-standing requirement that the state employees’ health plan may cover abortion only when necessary to save the woman’s life or in cases of rape or incest.”

Guttmacher noted: Also last year, three states limited provision of medication abortion by prohibiting the use of telemedicine to dispense the dangerous abortion drug that has killed dozens of women and injured thousands more. South Dakota and Arizona enacted provisions requiring a woman seeking an abortion to obtain counseling that includes inaccurate or irrelevant information. Two states adopted requirements that either mandate parental involvement or make it more cumbersome for a minor to use the judicial bypass procedure to obtain an abortion in the absence of parental involvement.

As Guttmacher pointed out, no laws were approved in any state promoting abortion.

“Twenty-four of the 43 new abortion restrictions were enacted in just six states. Arizona led the way, enacting seven restrictions; Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin each enacted at least three. Although some of the most high-profile debates occurred around legislation requiring that women seeking an abortion be required to first undergo an ultrasound or imposing strict regulations on abortion providers, most of the new restrictions enacted in 2012 concerned limits on later abortion, coverage in health exchanges or medication abortion,” Guttmacher added.

Many of those new pro-life laws included allowing women to see an

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# Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Celebration of LIFE Annual Dinner Tuesday, May 7, 2013 San Marino Club, Troy



Join us for our Celebration of LIFE Dinner and meet the new March for Life President, **Jeanne F. Monahan**. The Board of Directors of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, which organizes and runs the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., unanimously voted in November 2012 to make Jeanne Monahan full-time President of the March for Life. Ms. Monahan was previously a board member and was serving as interim president following the passing of Founder and President Nellie J. Gray. Prior to being named the full-time President of the March for Life, Ms. Monahan was the Director of the Center for Human Dignity at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, she served as an expert on life issues and a regular media contributor on issues related to the dignity of human life. Prior to her service at FRC, Ms. Monahan served in various capacities at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A life-long advocate for life, Ms. Monahan holds a Bachelor's Degree from James Madison University and a Master of Theological Studies from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Catholic University of America.

**Dinner Reservations: \$50 per person/\$475 per table of 10. Students (under 21) \$25 per person. Advance reservations required by Friday, April 26.**

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 seating 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) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_



**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**

*Photos/video may be taken at this event and may be used on the web, in publications and/or other media. If you would prefer that your image not be included, please contact Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Main Office at 734-524-0162 or mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org.*

*This change of argument is really a pro-life victory. We must be prepared to respond to this position.*

## Abortion Activists Admit: “I Knew It Was a Baby”

By Sarah Terzo

It is usually assumed, in the abortion debate, that the fundamental difference between the pro-life and pro-choice positions is the question of when life begins. Pro-life people point to the scientific fact that the life of each organism begins at conception, when the sperm and egg meet to form a new individual with its own DNA different from that of the mother and father. As this new life implants and begins to grow, it has its own circulatory system, heartbeat and developing body, making it an independent organism and a very young member of the human species.

Pro-choice activists, on the other hand, argue that the fetus in the womb is not a person, not a baby—instead, just a “thing” that will eventually become a human being. However, in a disturbing new trend, more and more pro-choice activists are changing their tune and admitting that an unborn baby is a person, and that their pro-choice stand is based not on the belief that the baby is inhuman, but rather on the belief that killing the baby is okay.

This opinion was perhaps first expressed in Naomi Wolfe’s essay “Our Bodies, Our Souls: Rethinking Pro-Choice Rhetoric.” Her essay, which appeared in the October 16, 1995 issue of *The New Republic*, says:

It was when I was four months pregnant, sick as a dog, and in the middle of an argument, that I realized I could no longer tolerate the fetus-is-nothing paradigm of the pro-choice movement. I was being interrogated by a conservative, and the subject of abortion rights came up. “You’re four months pregnant,” he said. “Are you going to tell me that’s not a baby you’re carrying?”

The accepted pro-choice response at such a moment in the conversation is to evade: to move as swiftly as possible to a discussion of “privacy” and “difficult personal decisions” and “choice.” Had I not been so nauseated and so cranky and so weighed down with the physical gravity of what was going on inside me, I might not have told what is the truth for me. “Of course it’s a baby,” I snapped. And went rashly on: “And if I found myself in circumstances in which I had to make the terrible decision to end this life, then that would be between myself and God.”

While many pro-life readers found this revelation shocking, some pro-choice activists criticized Wolfe. Having a fellow activist suddenly proclaim that yes, a fetus is a baby the whole time, was jarring to them.



They saw her rhetoric as a threat to abortion rights. But despite the outcry from some feminists, others have echoed her sentiments. For example, abortion supporter Judith Arcana recently said at a seminar (1):

I performed abortions, I have had an abortion and I am in favor of women having abortions when we choose to do so. But we should never disregard the fact that being pregnant means there is a baby growing inside of a woman, a baby whose life is ended. We ought not to pretend this is not happening.

This feminist, herself an abortionist, readily admits that abortion kills a baby. She clearly feels that abortions are justified, even though they kill human beings. She has no problem with the belief that a woman has the right to murder her own children for personal reasons.

Julia Black echoed these sentiments in an interview in which she discussed *My Fetus*, a pro-abortion movie that she directed. In an interview with ABC’s Tony Jones she said, bluntly (2):

[The idea of] dismembering a baby and pulling it out in pieces ... is obviously horrific. But at the same time, it is easy to get caught up in that emotion.

Julia Black implies that while abortion does indeed kill a baby by dismemberment, this act is nothing to be concerned about. The baby is expendable. What is important is the mother’s desire not to be pregnant. Those of us who are troubled by the thought of a baby being violently torn apart are overreacting and overemotional. We should “get with the program” and accept abortion. As shocking as this concept is, this opinion is being advanced more and more often in the pro-choice movement.

Is this callous attitude limited to only a few pro-choice advocates on the fringe? To answer that question, one need look no farther than the words of Faye Wattleton, the former president of Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is the leading provider of abortions in America. Its legal arm is active in fighting pro-life legislation on both the state and federal levels. Planned Parenthood has successfully campaigned against parental notification bills, laws requiring a woman to be shown a sonogram before consenting to an abortion, and even bills requiring abortion clinics to be licensed

and regulated. However, the woman who served as president of Planned Parenthood for years has written the following in her book *How to Talk to Your Child About Sexuality* (3):

There are many sperm cells in the [seminal] fluid. If one of them meets an egg cell inside the mother, new life can begin to grow...If one of your friends is pregnant, ask her to let your child feel the baby move...A baby grows in a special place inside the mother, called the uterus—not in her stomach. In nine months, it is born.

Wattleton, who presided over the most active pro-abortion organization in the country, freely admits that the being developing in a woman's womb is a baby—not a mere clump of cells or subhuman organism. Yet despite this knowledge, she fought to keep abortion legal and to advance legislation to keep women uninformed of its true nature. Wattleton campaigned against laws that would have required an abortion provider to offer any information on the fetus to his/her patients. We can only imagine how vehemently she would have fought against a law requiring him to refer to the fetus as a "baby." Yet in her book, she does just that. This quote from Wattleton, once one of the most prominent pro-choice activists in the country, shows that the pro-choice movement as a whole is well aware of what abortion really does, as well as increasingly unafraid to say it.

In 2003, another prominent pro-choice advocate, Kathleen McDonnell, wrote in her book (4):

Abortion is in some sense an act of violence, and indisputably results in the termination of a life.

McDonnell continues to support legalized abortion despite this admission.

The trend of pro-choice activists admitting in public that abortion kills babies is not unique to America. In Australia, pro-choice author Leslie Cannold stated in her book *The Abortion Myth: Feminism, Morality, and the Hard Choices Women Make* (5):

Any woman who has felt a baby stir inside her [and] any man who has seen the tiny heart pulsing on an ultrasound screen knows that abortion is about ending a life.

The same book quotes a British author and pro-choice activist, Eileen Fairweather, saying (6):

It is possible for people to support a woman's right to choose whether they believe that abortion is killing or not.

The message is clear—abortion is permissible even if it's killing a child. These women believe that it is perfectly acceptable to kill babies in their mothers' wombs. One needn't even bother trying to hide the fact that abortion kills a baby. The public should just accept that abortion is fine—even knowing that it is murder.

Creator of "The Abortion Diaries" Penny Lane says, in an article in *Salon Magazine* (7):

Most of the abortions in America are about convenience. People need to accept abortion for what it is: a valid part of the reproductive spectrum. I want it to be seen as normal; if 1.3 million women in this country have one every year, it's gotta be normal.

Yet later on, in that same interview, she says (8):

I remember feeling conflicted about the magic of being pregnant. I felt electricity running through my body. Not for a minute did I not think of it as a life. I knew it was a baby.

In one breath, abortion is an acceptable, common occurrence that shouldn't bother anyone. In the next, it is the murder of a baby.

One of the most prominent pro-choice activists of the current decade is Jennifer Baumgardner. She is the creator of the "I Had An Abortion" T-shirt and the campaign surrounding it. She frequently speaks at pro-choice functions and fundraisers. She describes what happened to one such event in her book *Abortion & Life* (9):

I had my own moment of truth during my fifth month of pregnancy in May 2004. A small moment, but it changed me. I was speaking to a group from Barnard's College Students for Choice when I referred to the object in one's uterus when one is pregnant as a "baby."

A nurse practitioner who was speaking after me interrupted "Fetus, you mean. You said baby, but it's a fetus."

"Oh, right," I stammered, blushing. "Oops." I felt foolish, caught in an ignorant mistake. Later, though, I realized that I had always thought of my pregnancy as carrying a baby—that was the word I wanted to use—and I was forcing myself to say "fetus" out of fear...I thought of other phrases that I forced myself to use too, like "so-called partial-birth abortion" and "antichoice." These phrases suddenly struck me as legal jargon, words in the service of arguments that weren't themselves always meaningful. Suppressing language, policing ourselves so we don't slip up and say "baby" continues the split between our politics and our lives.

Jennifer Baumgardner, one of the most active new faces in the pro-choice movement, is continuing a trend that is becoming more and more blatant in the movement and in our society as a whole. We have gone from engaging in the mental gymnastics of denying the obvious—the humanity of the unborn child—to advocating murder outright, admitting that abortion kills babies and that's perfectly fine.

As if that wasn't enough, pro-choice leader Loretta Ross, who is the national coordinator of SisterSong: Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective, is also quoted in Baumgardner's book referring to the unborn child as a "baby" (10).

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# Lifespan Chapter News

## Thank You!!

A huge thank you to all of you who helped with the Christmas card project. Keeping tabs on all those quarters made it a little more difficult this year. The project is an important fundraiser for us, as well as a beautiful acknowledgement of the Reason for the Season. All of you who picked up, delivered, stayed after services to staff the Christmas card table or returned the left-overs are true pro-life heroes.

## Movement in Motion

Once more, hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers marched in Washington to show their support of Life and 394 of them came on our LIFESPAN buses. This is a life-changing experience for the young people who go on the March. We always ask them to write a couple of sentences about the trip and we will be reprinting some of these statements in the next *LIFESPAN News*. In the meantime, so many of you responded so generously to our "scarf letter" that sought donations for bagels, muffins and juice to feed these hungry kids as well as "scholarship" funds for those who had difficulty meeting the cost of the trip, that you will be pleased to know, everyone who wanted to go on the

trip, but needed a little help, was able to go, and that no one came home hungry!

## Email Addresses

If your email address has changed over the last 12 months, would you be kind enough to email us your new one? Our email address is [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org). We try to be very careful sending emails. We do not send daily or weekly emails asking for donations (hmmm—perhaps we should), but try to use your addresses to get time-sensitive information to you or to alert you to some event that impacts on human life. It is very important that we have current addresses for all of you.

*When a man (or woman) who is honestly mistaken hears the truth, he/she will either quit being mistaken, or cease to be honest.*

— Author Unknown

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## A Special Miracle – Or Two

During a normal pregnancy, Amy went in on January 5 for a scheduled ultrasound. They found there was a problem with the baby not receiving enough nutrition and oxygen. Amy was immediately admitted. After two days, Amy began having serious problems with her blood pressure and her heart. To save both their lives, the baby was delivered at only 28 weeks gestation.

On January 7, 2013, a special miracle took place. Little Brayden Ray was born by Caesarian section weighing only 1 lb. 6 oz. He was immediately classified in NICU as a "fighter." He was placed on oxygen and fed intravenously through a Picc line.

Mama Amy was put into a drug-induced coma, on a ventilator and had a heart catheterization. She made good progress, was taken out of the coma, off the ventilator and finally was able to hold Brayden in her arms on January 9. Daddy Cole kept everyone apprised of Brayden's progress along with photos, asking for everyone's prayers for both Amy and Brayden.

After losing some birth weight, Brayden began to gain a few ounces. He was taken off oxygen and the Picc line on January 18. Now he is being fed breast milk through a nasal tube as he sucks on his pacifier. This teaches him how to suck as well as to nourish him. He now weighs 1 lb. 14-3/4 oz.

Although Amy has had some other problems, she is feeling well. Her blood pressure and heart rate are

improving. Little Brayden has made extraordinary progress due to the many prayers said for him by many people. We still ask for your prayers for him and Amy, our two miracles.



— Bev Bettega, Brayden's great-great aunt

## March for Life

The Wayne County/Downriver Chapter welcomed the March For Life bus riders and their parents at Madonna University on the evening of January 24th. Rev. Fedewa and Deacon Piro bestowed a blessing on the enthusiastic travelers before their departure. We are so proud of the young people who went to Washington, D.C. to represent all pro-lifers and to be a "voice for the voiceless." It was a great experience for those who braved the cold and were able to give our LIFESPAN buses a grateful send-off. — Sharon Neal, Wayne County/Downriver Board Member

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## Wee Care

It's February—the month that is filled with hearts, love and chocolate!

Every month at Wee Care could be February—there is always such an outpouring of love for our moms and babies. The friends who donate always have smiles on their faces when they drop off their gifts. Their happiness is contagious as they show us what they have purchased and visualize a precious baby wearing it. Another may have crocheted a beautiful afghan and with every stitch has thought about the little one who would be warm and cuddled in his mother's arms because of her.

The moms who pick up their packages are always overwhelmed knowing that strangers care so much about their child. Many are moved to tears as they thank

us. I wish that I could share the loving hugs that we receive in your name!

And then there are the babies--ohh, the precious babies! Love personified—as we look at their little faces and ohh and ahh as they open their eyes and give us a crooked smile. Yes, I do have the best job at LIFESPAN!

So much love enters our door at Wee Care—not just in February, but all year round because of you. We are so blessed. To those who cherish life and to those who chose life—may February and the months ahead be filled with much love and happiness (and chocolate!) —*Love, Karen*

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## We Marched for LIFE!

**I**n spite of several challenges, including a bus, that after three hours into the trip, had a defrost mechanism failure which caused some improvising and team work to keep the windshield safely clear, two chaperones and one student taking a fall at different times and receiving minor injuries, Metro tickets that wouldn't work properly, the bitter cold weather, the tight quarters for sleeping at the host churches and some sick students the last afternoon and evening of the trip, **IT WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL, AWESOME, BEST MARCH FOR LIFE EVER!**

I am still waiting on the official count this year for the number of Marchers, but my estimate is over 500,000 (1/2 million)! The "sea of humanity" (as Fr. Joseph Mary referred to it on EWTN) kept coming once the March got started! People literally merged into the large crowd marching on Constitution Avenue from all over! It was so beautiful to witness the huge number of people, a high percentage of them high school and college age, walking peacefully together for the most important cause! (This year I had to witness this while watching EWTN because for the first time in 13 years, I was not able to be in the March due to my fall at the Metro station). I am so happy and proud to say that the young people have taken on the fight for Life that so many of us adults have been involved in for a long time, and they will work in every way they can with total commitment to ABOLISH ABORTION! We must continue to support them in every way we can!

I thank all of those, most sincerely with a very warm, loving heart, who helped behind the scenes to prepare for the trip with data entry, phone calls, mailings, ordering, delivering and sorting T-shirts, cutting scarves, putting together Captains binders and Chaperones folders, and with monetary support for the sponsorships, supplies and other costs involved in the Bus Trip; those who helped the afternoon and evening of the trip with picking up food/beverages for the buses and sorting these for



*Crusaders for Life of Detroit, from Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Sterling Heights, led by Bobby Smith, a junior in high school, traveled with LIFESPAN on our Bus Trip and made their presence known this year not only by singing uplifting chants and songs and wearing their new "LI - FE" yellow hoodies, but they also put together a huge yellow LIFE balloon arch and LIFE balloon bouquets to carry in the March! It was a big hit at the March!*

each bus, keeping traffic under control at the LIFESPAN office the evening of departure; and, while on the trip, the Captains and Chaperones for their very good leadership, and the students, parents, teachers, youth directors, deacons and priests who made many sacrifices to go on the trip and experience this truly life-changing event!

Plans for 2014 will be set in motion very soon! Any young person interested in getting information should contact me at [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org). The flier will be ready to promote the trip by April. Students can get it on their schedules for the 2013/2014 school year and can start saving money for the trip. I think Ms. Jeanne Monahan, our guest speaker at Lifespan's Celebration of Life Dinner in May, will be happy to know our plans are already underway! I am looking forward to meeting her! I hope to see many of you at the dinner!

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



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## Pro-Life People Care

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Religious groups also provide crucial services to needy mothers and infants. John Cardinal O'Connor, the late Archbishop of New York, famously pledged to assist any woman from anywhere experiencing a crisis pregnancy, and the current Archbishop of New York, Timothy Dolan, recently renewed Cardinal O'Connor's pledge.

The Catholic Church—perhaps the single most influential pro-life institution in the United States—makes the largest financial, institutional and personnel commitments to charitable causes of any private source in the United States. These include AIDS ministry, health care, education, housing services, and care for the elderly, disabled and immigrants. In 2004 alone, 562 Catholic hospitals treated over 85 million patients; Catholic elementary and high schools educated over 2 million students; Catholic colleges educated nearly 800,000 students; Catholic Charities served over eight-and-a-half million different individuals. In 2007, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development awarded nine million dollars in grants to reduce poverty. And in 2009, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network spent nearly five million dollars in services for impoverished immigrants.

The Catholic Church is far from the only pro-life religious group that assists the needy. At the Manhattan Bible Church, a pro-life church in New York since 1973, Pastor Bill Devlin and his congregation run a soup kitchen that has served over a million people and a K-8 school that has educated 90,000 needy students. Pastor Devlin and other church families have adopted scores of babies, and taken in scores of pregnant women, including some who were both drug-addicted and HIV positive. The church runs a one-hundred-and-fifty bed residential drug rehabilitation center and a prison ministry at Rikers Island.

All told, the church runs some forty ministries, and all without a government dime.

No major pro-abortion group or institution has taken on a comparable commitment to vulnerable Americans. Pregnancy resource centers devote significant resources to supporting women who have already decided to have an abortion, but abortion advocates offer no similar support to women who wish to continue their pregnancies. Indeed, they often devote their resources to shutting down the services provided by pro-lifers. NARAL Pro-Choice America reports spending twenty thousand dollars on "crisis pregnancy centers" in Maryland in order to "investigate" and publicly smear such centers for demonstrating a bias for life. (One might point out that the same bias once motivated the entire medical profession.)

If pro-life Americans provide so many (often free) services to the poor and vulnerable—work easily discovered by any researcher or journalist with an Internet connection—why are they sometimes accused of caring only for life inside the womb? Quite possibly, it is the conviction of abortion advocates that "caring for the born" translates first and always into advocacy for government programs and funds.

In other words, abortion advocates appear to conflate charitable works and civil society with government action. The pro-life movement does not. Rather, it takes up the work of assisting women and children and families, one fundraiser and hotline and billboard at a time. Still, the pro-life movement is not unsophisticated about the relationship between abortion rates and government policies in areas such as education, marriage, employment, housing and taxation. The Catholic Church, for example, works with particular vigor to ensure that its social justice agenda integrates advocacy for various born, vulnerable groups, with incentives to choose life over abortion.

One of the significant ironies of accusing pro-lifers of being "anti-vulnerable," "anti-women" and "anti-poor" is that poor women tend to be more pro-life than their more privileged counterparts. It is especially important, therefore, to offer them options that do not simply appeal to their economic interest or personal autonomy narrowly understood, but rather that accord with their moral outlook and overall wellbeing.

Abortion advocates, however, continually argue that one public policy in particular—further increases in government-supplied birth control—can become a panacea for high abortion rates. However, there is more than a little doubt about the claimed relationship between contraception programs and abortion rates. Rather, in the altered sex and marriage markets made possible by contraception and legal abortion, more and more women engage in non-marital sex without any "shotgun marriage" guarantee in the event of pregnancy. This leads (ironically) to more non-marital pregnancies, more non-marital births, more sexually transmitted diseases, and (irony of ironies) more abortions.

Figures out just in the past few weeks show that this contraception-related increase in abortion is not limited to the United States. In Spain, legal availability of birth control and abortion has drastically increased, with some 60% more women reporting that they used contraception in 2007 than in 1997.

Over the same period, researchers found abortion rates more than doubled. The results of government



policies promoting widespread contraception are clear: more of every outcome that birth control and abortion were promised to curb, including non-marital pregnancies, births and abortions. Not to mention sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment; is it any coincidence that Planned Parenthood serves roughly the same percentage of clients for STIs (31%) as it does for contraception (36%)?

No one doubts that birth control used in a particular instance of sexual intimacy increases a woman's chances of avoiding pregnancy. But the social policy of widely available birth control has been accompanied by an increase of out-of-wedlock births and abortions. In New York City some 41% of all viable pregnancies ended in abortion in 2009 despite the fact that the city distributed 40 million free condoms during the same year.

The insistence that pro-lifers make birth control the centerpiece

of a pro-life strategy has reaped a three-fold reward for abortion advocates. First, its surface logic ("birth control equals no baby") has blinded onlookers to the historical results of birth control as a social policy. Second, pro-lifers are easily tagged as "religious zealots," ignoring the most obvious solution to abortion for irrational, theological reasons. Third, abortion advocates can claim to be women's best friend—by increasing sexual autonomy—despite the dubious effects of their proposed solution.

In sum then, the charge should be laid to rest once and for all that the pro-life movement is not active on behalf of women, children, and vulnerable persons generally. Those bringing the charge—the same groups that do very little personally to help women and children—should be held to account, both for their lack of real charity and for their refusal to acknowledge that their entire strategy—state-supplied birth

control and unlimited abortion—has backfired upon the very groups they promised to help.

While the pro-life cause has always been animated by the conviction that life begins at conception, it has never forgotten that it continues after birth. The pro-life movement's message has been vindicated by 40 years of legalized abortion: the personal dignity, happiness, and prosperity of women, children, men, and the nation is advanced when life is cherished both before and after birth.

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*Could This Be the Handwriting on the Wall?*

## Are pro-abortionists losing the battle?

By Dave Andrusko

How's this for a lead to "Has The Fight For Abortion Rights Been Lost?" by Kate Pickert? She writes:

*"In January 1973, the Supreme Court made access to abortion a federally protected right. As I write in this week's TIME cover story, that seemingly decisive victory 40 years ago kicked off a war that the pro-choice movement has been losing ever since. In many parts of the country today, obtaining an abortion is more difficult than at any point since the 1970s."*

The litany of "woe" is a familiar one, but it always helps to remind us why—the re-election of Barack Obama notwithstanding—the tide is moving in the direction of life. Picket enumerates (and mischaracterizes in some cases).

"There are fewer doctors willing to perform the procedure and fewer abortion clinics open for business."

"Pro-choice activists have been outflanked by their pro-life counterparts, who have successfully lobbied for state-based regulations that limit access."

"Scores of states now require women to undergo counseling, waiting periods or ultrasounds prior to obtaining abortions."

"Minors across the country must often get permission from their parents if they want to terminate pregnancies."

"And pro-life state legislators are passing laws that require clinics to comply with arcane requirements—such as a hallway having to be more than five feet wide—that make it difficult for them to stay open."



But why, or, better, how? There are several "positive" explana-

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## Are Pro-Abortionists Losing the Battle

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tions—for example, that the Movement, led by National Right to Life, “has pursued an organized and well-executed strategy.” Almost all of the gains mentioned above are the product of NRLC state affiliates working in conjunction with NRLC’s Department of State Legislation.

And because of this carefully honed incremental strategy, pro-lifers have been able to take advantage of the impact of prenatal ultrasound and advanced neonatology which helps Americans to “understand what a fetus looks like and that babies born as early as 24 weeks can now survive,” Pickert writes.

Likewise, “Although three-quarters of Americans believe abortion should be legal in some or all cases, most support state laws regulating the procedure and fewer and fewer are identifying themselves as ‘pro-choice’ in public opinion surveys.”

This is one of those points that need clarification. A much clearer and more honest explanation of almost all recent polling data is that a majority of Americans oppose the reasons that over 90% of all abortions are performed.

The two-fold “negative” explanation, if you will, for pro-life advances, according to Pickert, is, first, “The pro-choice establishment has also been hampered by a generational divide within the cause. Young abortion rights activists today complain that the leaders of feminist organizations, who were in their 20s and 30s when *Roe* was decided, aren’t eager to pass the torch to a new generation whose activism is more nimble and Internet-based.” Second, a familiar refrain from pro-abortionists is that “the most pressing challenge for pro-choice activists may simply be that abortion is legal. In a dynamic democracy like America, defending the status quo is always harder than fighting to change it.”

That is true, of course, but it masks the larger and more significant point: the “status quo” is not a reflection of where the country was or is. It is the legacy of a judiciary run amuck.

Moreover that status quo is (by Pickert’s own reading) changing. The public never endorsed essentially abortion on demand which is why pro-lifers have been able to gradually hedge in the unlimited “right” to abortion.

One other very important point, made in a separate article written by Emily Buchanan. Feminism, properly understood, has always opposed abortion, going back to the founding mothers such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

It was the pro-abortion militants of the 1960s and 1970s that high-jacked feminism. “So the pro-life movement hasn’t changed the meaning of feminism, as has been suggested,” Buchanan wrote. “It was the neo-feminists of the 1960s and ’70s who asked women to prize abortion as the pathway to equality.”

—*National Right to Life News Today, January 3, 2013*

## *From the President’s Desk*

Dear Friends,

As I watched the March for Life on EWTN-TV (the only TV station to cover this event), I could not help thinking of all of you who have worked so diligently in the pro-life movement. You, who have supported LIFESPAN with your prayers, actions and finances.

The 40th anniversary of the March for Life was celebrated as it should be, with prayer, energy and commitment to the cause till abortion ends. But, I remind you that LIFESPAN has been fighting the good fight for 43 years plus. How have we been able to do this? It is because of you. Be proud of what you have done. It is because of you, that minds and hearts in this country are changing. It is because of you, that we have been able to keep alive the movement, and through education we have created a solid foundation for the youth. This March for Life was the largest ever in numbers. An estimated half-million people stood together to speak out for life—most of them young. This was also the longest-running march in Washington, D.C.—40 consecutive years. Forty years professing the cause of Life and 40 years ignored by the press.

Unfortunately, for the over-55 million little ones who have lost their lives in the past 40 years through abortion, it was not a time of celebration. The country should mourn this tragic number of citizens lost—citizens who will never be able to celebrate anything. They will never be able to follow their dreams.

We pro-lifers have persisted in our zeal for life, we do not give up. This has not made the culture of death folks happy. I am not sure when the killing will stop, but I do know that it will, thanks to you.

Founders of the pro-life movement are aging, but right behind them are thousands of pro-life youth. There is a truth hidden within this movement—pro-lifers reproduce, pro-abortionists’ kill their offspring. Pro-lifers replace themselves. Pro-abortion people do not. So there is hope for the future, our numbers are growing, and one day *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned through an amendment to the Constitution.

I would also like to thank all of you who supported sending eight buses of youth to the March this year. This is a tremendous undertaking, and I would be remiss not to mention our Youth Director, Lynn Gura. She is the catalyst who keeps this project successful and growing. Our March for Life bus trips started out with two buses years ago and now we have eight; thank you, Lynn, for all your dedication and hard work. Job well done!

I know things look grim, but be refreshed in knowing that our numbers are increasing, especially among the young. Just a reminder—did you get another membership for LIFESPAN? Let’s keep the movement growing.

*Diane Fagelman, President*

## "I Knew It Was a Baby"

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Are pro-choice activists so confident of their victory in making abortion legal that they have abandoned any pretense that abortion isn't murder? Have they finally come to the point where they are no longer attempting to deceive the public into believing that unborn babies aren't people? And is our society so far gone that the public will accept the fact that yes, abortion kills babies, but that there's nothing wrong with that?

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—LifeNews.com, January 22, 2013

## Pro-Life Laws

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ultrasound of their unborn baby before an abortion while others included ensuring abortion facilities follow the same health and safety laws that apply to legitimate medical centers performing outpatient surgeries. In addition, laws adopted in Louisiana and Oklahoma require abortion providers to make the fetal heartbeat audible to the woman prior to an abortion. Arizona, Michigan and Virginia approved such laws on abortion clinics—that have shut down many abortion centers that fail to comply.

"Legislation to require abortion providers to have hospital admitting privileges was introduced in five states and enacted in three," Guttmacher added. "Arizona, Georgia and Louisiana enacted measures to ban abortion prior to fetal viability in direct conflict with U.S. Supreme Court decisions."

—LifeNews.com, January 2, 2013

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