

# Lifespan *news*

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## *Congratulations, Missy Parker!*

### *Mother of the Year 2006*

*In conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner, we are honoring our Mother of the Year 2006, Mildred Louise (Missy) Parker, of Detroit. Missy was nominated by her daughter, Erica Parker. Printed below is the nomination letter which her daughter wrote.*

**G**od made a wonderful mother, a mother who never grows old; He made her smile of the sunshine, and He molded her heart of pure gold. In her eyes He placed bright shining stars, in her words, much wisdom you see. God made a wonderful mother, and He gave that precious mother to me.

On October 4, 1956 Mildred Louise Parker (better known as Missy Parker) was born in Detroit, Michigan to Alfreida and John Butler. Overall, she had a wonderful childhood and enjoyed the time spent with her only brother, Charles Butler. She went on to attend Cass Technical High School where she excelled academically, for which she was accepted to Michigan State University, where she studied Criminal Justice. While in college, she met the love of her life, my father, Rickford C. Parker (better known as Rick Parker), whom she married on November 18, 1978. Their marriage was full of love and laughter and served as a wonderful example of a marriage ordained by God. Of this beautiful union, came three biological and five adoptive children. God gave my parents hearts full of compassion that led them to become foster parents for dozens of children during their devoted twenty-two years of marriage.

Education has always been very important to my parents. Because of this, my mother chose to sacrifice her career goals and dreams to take on the enormous task of home-educating all eight of her children. Over the years, she found that extracurricular activities and interaction with other children was important for the development of her own. Knowing this, she founded and coordinated the Metro Detroit Christian Home Educators Support Group where she offered leadership and guidance to families who were new to the idea of home schooling and support to those who needed encouragement.

She has always been a leader and pillar in all avenues of life. She has dedicated years of service and sacrifice as the head of the youth program at our church where she ministers to youth faithfully. Because of her heart of gold, she

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# News & Notes

## Hospital Won't Treat Pro-Life Advocate

A British hospital is refusing to provide medical treatment to a pro-life advocate who was recently jailed because he mailed graphic abortion pictures to the hospital. Edward Atkinson, who is 74, mailed the graphic abortion pictures to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and some of its staff.

Now, QEH has decided that it will take him off of a waiting list for a hip replacement surgery. The hospital has also banned Atkinson from receiving any medical treatment other than care for something life-threatening.

QEH chief executive Ruth May, who testified against Atkinson in court which ultimately led to the jail sentence, told EDP News in the UK that, "We take such matters extremely seriously and because he continued to send extremely graphic material to us we exercised our right to decline treatment to him."

Bellingham said Atkinson was "out of order" to send the graphic abortion pictures to the hospital but added that QEH's reaction of withholding medical treatment was a wrong response.

"I don't believe anyone should have treatment withdrawn, whatever they have done. Whatever the hospital may feel about him, everybody should be treated the same," the MP said.

Atkinson was sentenced to 28 days in jail by Magistrates' Court after sending the graphic pictures to the hospital and its staff between January and April. He is expected to be released soon and will only serve part of the sentence. But afterwards, he will be obligated to report to a Anti-Social Behavior Order for a period of five years.

*LifeNews.com, May 9, 2006*

## Abortion-Depression Link

Officials at the National Institutes of Health have written a letter in response to a query from a pro-life Congressman. The medical agency said it could not replicate a landmark New Zealand study

confirming abortion causes severe depression for women and appeared uninterested in confirming the results.

In January, a pro-abortion New Zealand researcher looked at 25 years of data collected about women and pregnancy and found that 42 percent of the women who had abortions had experienced major depression within the last four years. The percentage was nearly doubled those who carry the pregnancy to term. Women who had abortions also doubled their risk of having anxiety disorders compared to those who gave birth.

Indiana Republican Mark Souder wrote a letter to NIH after the publication of the New Zealand study seeking its "advice on searching out the best U.S. research data on the effects of abortion on women in the U.S." Souder asked whether any comparable studies existed in the United States. According to TheFactsIs, a pro-life blog site, NIH said it had "not funded any prospective longitudinal birth cohort studies on the effects of abortion on mental health."

*LifeNews.com, March 22, 2006*

## Disabled Newborn Babies Are Routinely Killed

A doctor who defected from Communist-controlled North Korea told a human rights panel that few disabled people are living in the Asian nation because physicians kill any newborn babies with physical disabilities shortly after birth. Ri Kwang-ch told the panel that infanticide of disabled babies is widespread, but said he didn't participate in the practice before fleeing the country last year. "There are no people with physical defects in North Korea," Ri told members of the New Right Union, a group that partners human rights activists with North Korean refugees. Ri said disabled babies were killed in hospitals or homes and quickly buried. He indicated the North Korean government encourages the practice to "purify" its population and get rid of people who are "different."

*LifeNews.com, March 22, 2006*

## Mother of the Year Judges

*We want to thank the judges who had the very difficult task of selecting our Mother of the Year 2006 from among all the worthy nominations we received.*

*Margaret Rose Kolinski was Lifespan's Mother of the Year 2005. Margaret is the loving and devoted mother of 13 children, 30 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. As busy as she was raising her family, she always found time to crochet hats for "preemies" in hospitals, lap blankets for the elderly, scarves and hats for the homeless, and in so many other ways expressed a selfless love to those in need.*

*Chana Campbell is happily married and the mother of three. She loves babies, women and life and hopes to do all she can to further the pro-life cause.*

*Eileen MacDonell, BS, RRT, graduated from the University of Detroit in 1982. She was a practicing respiratory therapist at Sinai-Grace Hospital and presently works in Neonatal Intensive Care at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Eileen is the mother of two young, adult women. She volunteers at the Lifespan Wayne West/Downriver office when time permits.*

*Suzanne Piepszowski has been married to Dan for 21 years. She is the mother of Sarah, 16; Jacob, 14; Isaac, 12; Leah, 10 and Joshua, 8. Suzanne works part-time as a pediatric occupational therapist and pre-school physical education instructor. She and her family live in Detroit, are members of St. Clare of Montefalco Parish and are active volunteers at Regina High School, U of D Jesuit High School and St. Clare of Montefalco Elementary School.*

*Tanya Wrenn is a graduate of Sacred Heart Major Seminary with a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry degree. She formerly taught in public high school in Virginia and in parochial elementary school in Ohio.*

## Mother of the Year 2006

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has been an active member of a crisis pregnancy center for twenty-three years, where she mentored and touched the lives of many young women, devoting countless hours of prayer, counseling sessions, unspoken support, love and tears, as well as much needed monetary support and necessary contributions for the increasing growth in a society where the sanctity of the unborn life is diminishing.

Over the years, Missy has inspired and encouraged many, with the love of her children and the unconditional support of her husband. Unfortunately, on December 11, 2000, her life was changed forever. On this day, the love of her life, her husband, support and best friend of twenty-two years, went home to be with Jesus, leaving her behind to care for eight children alone. Although she was devastated, she accepted that it was God's will and asked Him to guide her on this new journey in life. My mom is such an amazing woman that instead of thinking of her own feelings, she remained strong for the sake of her children.

Until this point in life, she had not worked in the work force, so one of her most courageous moments was at the young age of forty-four years, she applied for her first job and went on the interview, for which she was hired! Because of this, she was forced to put her children into the traditional school system which was quite difficult for her, but in the end, it worked out wonderfully. She decided to take on the awesome challenge of raising eight children while providing financially for her family as well as remaining actively involved in her numerous church and community activities. This is the perfect example of the strength and courage my mother has exemplified to all who come in contact with her and clearly shows why this nomination of Mother of the Year is long overdue.

She has diligently guided three of her eight children to college while nurturing the others in their goals and dreams. Ebony (25), her oldest, was recently married and is currently finishing her fourth year of medical school at the University of Michigan, graduating June 2006. I, Erica (22), am currently finishing my fourth year at Western Michigan University, majoring in dance, and I will be graduating July 2006. Rick II (18), is currently in his freshman year at Henry Ford Community College where he's majoring in Business Administration. Nathaniel (21) and Gabrielle (18) are both currently working while deciding their career goals. Keith (14) is a freshman in high school at Westside Christian Academy where he plays on the basketball team. And, last but certainly not least, Kyra (12) and Khaliq (10) are both excellent students at Warrendale Charter Academy.

My mother has taken her passion for young people to a new level. She currently works for St. John's Providence Health System as an abstinence instructor where she educates middle and high school students on the benefits of abstaining from drugs, alcohol and premarital sex. This job was truly a gift from God because for years my mother volunteered in a similar abstinence program where she put in hours of work for free because of her undying passion and charismatic heart for young people and their futures.

Knowing that passion can only take you so far, my mother has also made the courageous decision at forty-nine years of age to go back to college and complete her degree. She currently attends Spring Arbor University where she is studying to be a family life planner. Due to my mother's years of experience in this particular area, the University is allowing her to use life experience as credits toward her degree.

Watching and learning from my mother has been what has brought me thus far in life. In her daily walk, she has shown me the characteristics of a Godly woman and helped mold me into the woman I am today. As I've grown older, our relationship has developed into an open and honest friendship that I rely on for support, encouragement and inspiration. She's the greatest listener, yet she always has words of wisdom that help put life into perspective. Her spirit is one that will walk with the angels for she has spent each and every day of her life improving and uplifting all whom she meets. Over the years I have watched my mother live a selfless life, purely devoted to her faith, family and friends. I know that there are an abundance of amazing mothers in this world, but for me and my family, this courageous teacher, friend, inspiration, leader and wife, my mother, surpasses them all! I am privileged to honor such a wonderful woman, and I am grateful to Lifespan for giving me the opportunity.

*—Erica Glen Parker*

### *The Parker Family*

*Back row: Rick, Missy, Ebony, Erica  
Front row: Keith, Kyra, Rick II, Khaliq*

*See page 2 for information about  
this year's Mother of the Year judges*



*Nathaniel and Gabrielle*

# Pro-Life Student Art Contest

Three teens won savings bonds in Lifespan's 2nd annual Student Art Contest. The theme of this year's contest was "Celebration of Life." A first-place prize of a \$500 savings bond has been won by **Deanna Kray**, 17, of Dryden, a junior, who is homeschooled. Deanna is the daughter of Rick and Nicki Kray. The second-place prize of a \$200 savings bond has been won by **Autumn Stiles**, 18, of Warren, a senior at Warren Woods Tower High School. Autumn's parents are Barb and Steve Vander Veen. The third-place winner of a \$100 bond has been won by **Victoria Madek**, 15, of Shelby Twp., a freshman at Regina High School. Victoria's parents are Bill and Patti Madek. The savings bonds were awarded at the Mother's Day Dinner, in Troy, on May 9.

Deanna's first-place art work was reproduced on the cover of Lifespan's Resource Book 2006. The winning entries are reproduced on the following page.

We want to thank the judges who had a difficult job choosing the winners from so many excellent entries:

**Laura Cascos** was raised pro-life from birth with her three sisters. She has proudly participated in many a Life Chain and Rally for Life. She is a senior at Wayne State University, double majoring in Fine Arts and Criminal Justice.

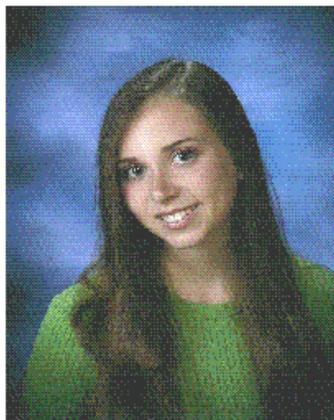
**Patrick Flynn** holds a degree in Advertising Art. He has been an ardent pro-life activist since 1989. Patrick served as director for two years of Northeast Florida Rescue (Operation Rescue) as well as past president of Catholics United for Life. Patrick and his wife, Laura, are busy raising and homeschooling their seven children in Hamburg Twp. Mr. Flynn is Business Manager at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Hamburg and freelances as a graphic artist and singer as well as recently entering the world of politics.

**Jean Ross** lives in Troy and is assistant secretary for a Catholic school in Birmingham. She is the proud mother of one and has been happily married for over 26 years. She is interested in all art forms and after exploring oils and pastels, fabric painting, smocking and quilting, is now taking up knitting. She believes that *beauty and life are both gifts from God*, and that the talent shown by all the artists and the different mediums used to express their pro-life visions was very impressive.

**Diane Stamp** is the mother of four boys and one girl, all grown, and the grandmother of twin boys born in March. Diane has studied art for the past fifty years in all of its mediums. She has won several design contests, and an example of her fine work is the large print of the "Madonna and Child with a Tear," hanging in St. Gerald's Catholic Church in Farmington.



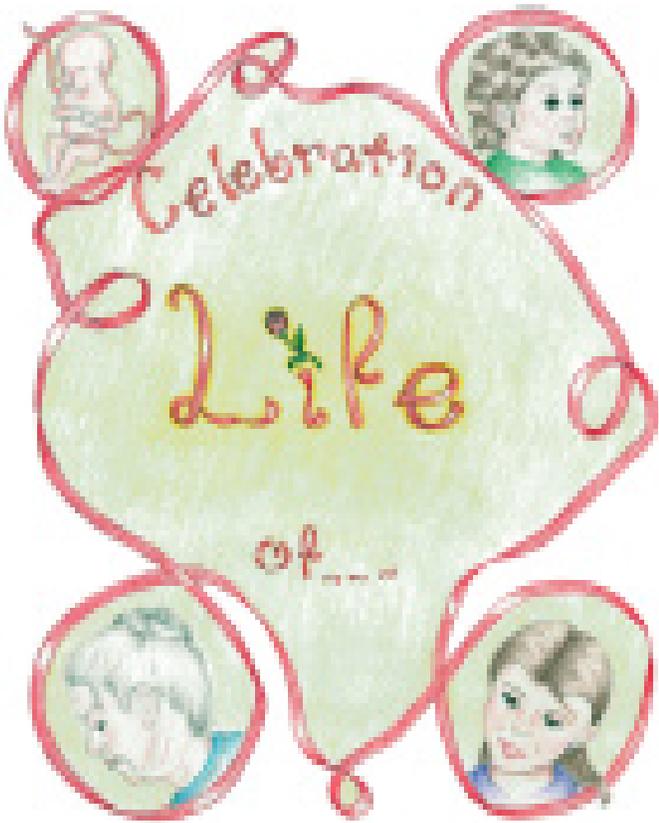
*Deanna Kray  
First-Place Art Contest Winner*



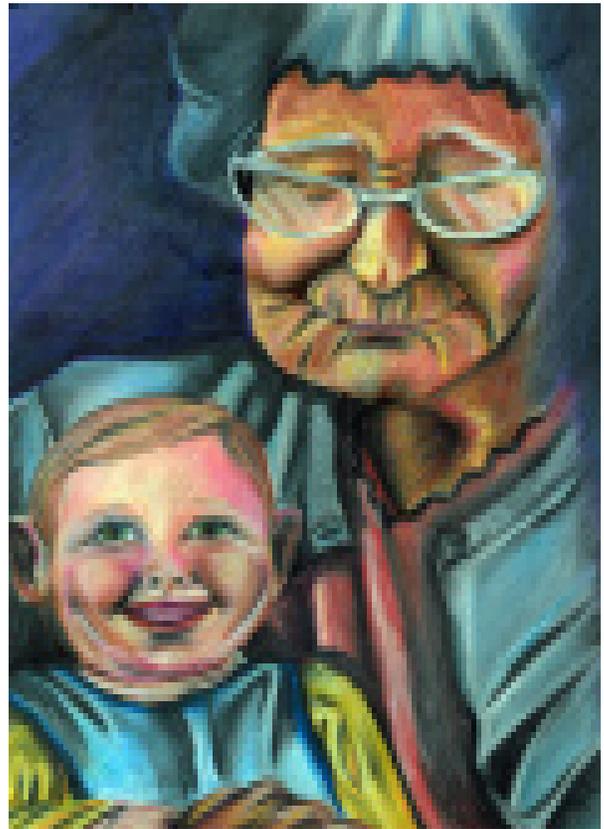
*Autumn Stiles  
Second-Place Art Contest Winner*



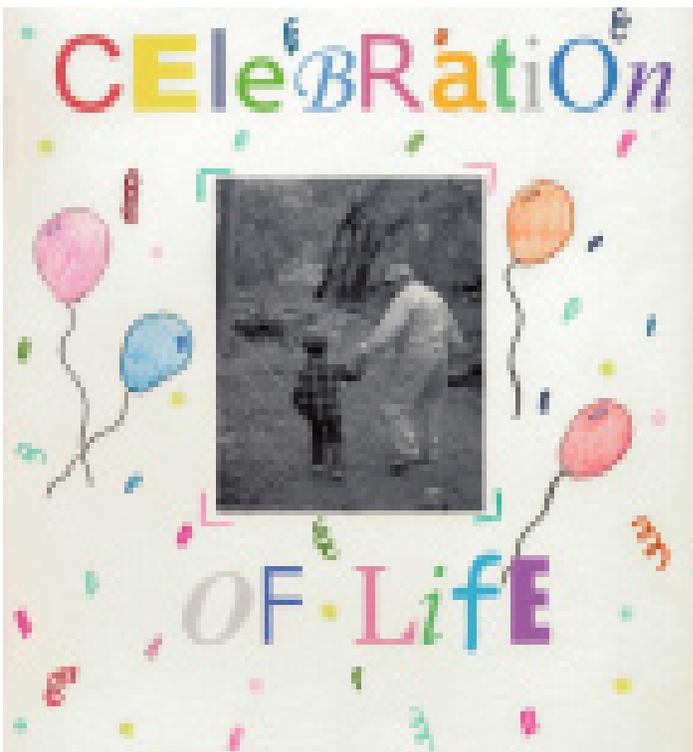
*Victoria Madek  
Third-Place Art Contest Winner*



*Celebration of Life  
From Conception Until Death  
by Deanna Kray, First Place Winner*



*Children of God  
by Autumn Stiles  
Second Place Winner*



*My Best Friend  
by Victoria Madek  
Third Place Winner*

# PRENATAL CHILD PROTECTION PETITION

**Right to Life – LIFESPAN** has joined with other pro-life organizations and individuals throughout the state of Michigan in a petition drive to put a constitutional amendment on the state ballot in November, 2006. The proposed Prenatal Child Protection Amendment would provide that a person exists at the moment of conception for the purposes of statutes and the constitutional rights to due process and equal protection of the laws. A minimum of 317,000 signatures by registered voters throughout the state are needed by early July to place the amendment on the November, 2006 ballot.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

You can help by signing the petition. Think of it this way—each person who signs the petition is speaking for an unborn baby whose life may be ended by the tragedy of abortion. Imagine 317,000 unborn babies crying out—asking for the opportunity to be born. Since their voices can't be heard, we must speak for them.

## HELP NEEDED TO COLLECT SIGNATURES

We need people who are willing to help collect signatures. Petition forms will be supplied along with signing instructions and information about whom to ask to sign the petition and what to say to them. Churches are one of the prime locations to gather signatures. If you are able to have a table in a church gathering room or vestibule, you can be a major contributor to the signature collecting process. For more information, or to find out where you can sign a petition or pick up blank petition forms in the following counties, call one of the Right to Life – LIFESPAN Chapters: **Oakland/Macomb Counties 248-816-1546; Wayne County West/Downriver 734-422-6230; Detroit/Wayne County East 313-640-8534; Livingston County 810-220-5433.**

### *Points to Remember*

You may have heard some different opinions about whether this petition effort is necessary. Here are some points to remember.

- The current Michigan law that is “on the books” may not fully protect the right to life of all unborn babies if and when *Roe v. Wade* is overturned.
- There is never a wrong time to do the right thing.
- The *Roe v. Wade* decision should be challenged from all directions.

*Visualize the following:*

There is a very large mountain that is completely covered with snow. At the bottom of the mountain there is a sign that reads: *Roe v. Wade decision 1973*. Near the top of the mountain, the snow starts to slide a little. As the snow slides, it picks up a little more snow. It continues to slide very slowly, always gathering more snow. The snow slide gains more speed. Eventually, it's an avalanche. The snow continues down the mountain with the speed increasing as it goes. As we watch from a safe distance, we see this huge avalanche of snow completely bury the *Roe v. Wade* sign. There is silence...then we hear cheering coming from behind us, we turn around...and there we see five smiling people wearing black robes. It all started with a tiny amount of snow movement near the top of the mountain.

A petition form has been inserted into this newsletter. We are requesting that you use this form to gather signatures in favor of the proposed amendment that has been described above. If you have any questions or need more petition forms, please call the Wayne West/Downriver office at **734-422-6230** or the Oakland/Macomb office at **248-816-1546**.

The signing instructions are on page 7 of this newsletter. Please read the instructions before circulating the petition. The signatures on each form must be by county. There is a line at the top to write in the county name. If someone from another county wants to sign, it must be on another form with their county written in for that sheet.

Completed forms should be returned to:

**Right to Life - LIFESPAN**  
27592 Schoolcraft Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48150

or

**Right to Life - LIFESPAN**  
1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite G  
Troy, MI 48084

***Please remember that each person who signs this petition is speaking for an unborn child.***





## detroit

17209 Mack Ave., PMB 293  
Detroit, MI 48224-2248  
Phone 313-640-8534 • Fax (same as phone)  
Office Hours: MW 10-2; TThF Closed

### Bouquets of thanks

Our annual Mother's Day Rose Sale was a great success. We wish to extend our sincere thanks and profound gratitude to all our Detroit church representatives and their helpers. You gave up your precious time on Mother's Day on behalf of future Mothers who will hear our message of life and decide to give birth to their child.

For all those who bought a flower, your continued support will help us keep the office open so that we can continue to educate a city that desperately needs to hear the truth about abortion. Thanks and God Bless.

## livingston

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

### Looking for church representatives

Lifespan is looking for people in Livingston County to act as church representatives. These church representatives will help coordinate with the sale of Lifespan Christmas cards, Mother's Day flowers, Father's Day candy, disseminate church notes and coordinate other activities. Please contact our offices if you're interested in helping as a church rep.

### Pre-Natal Child Protection Amendment

There is confusion regarding the need for this petition drive providing a constitutional amendment recognizing human life as beginning at conception. One of the arguments is that the laws on the books currently would end abortion once *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. According to the Thomas More Law Center in a recent press release, they acknowledge there are inherent weaknesses in the current laws on the books. "Richard Thompson, the President and Chief Counsel of the Law Center, earlier in the year had expressed deep concern that after *Roe v. Wade* was decided in 1973, the Michigan

### Father's Day reflection

Let us pray for our own fathers and thank them for playing ball with us or singing songs to us because they supported their wives and helped give us life. Let us pray for all fathers who will never get a chance to play ball with their sons or sing songs to their daughters because of abortion.

### Garage sales

Summer is a time for garage sales. Are you up to your neck in clutter after spring cleaning? Why not get rid of your junk and turn it into someone else's treasure and at the same time help save lives by donating your proceeds to LIFESPAN.

Also remember to think of the little ones while you are out there garage-saling. Pick up a few gently used baby items and donate them to your local pregnancy help center. God will bless you for your efforts.

### Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to Betty Queen for celebrating her 90th Birthday! Betty spent many years as the Detroit Office Manager and she has continued to witness to all around her what God's precious gift of LIFE is really all about. We have all been honored and blessed to know Betty. May God continue to bless her with good health, love and His peace.

Supreme Court interpreted Michigan's pre-*Roe* statutory abortion ban to include a broad health exception, and that court interpretation would continue to authorize abortions through all nine months of pregnancy after *Roe* was overturned." Furthermore, "...abortion advocates could argue based on current precedent that should *Roe v. Wade* be overturned, the law in Michigan would permit, at a minimum, first-term abortions performed by physicians for the health of the mother, which accounts for approximately 90% of the abortions performed in this country." The conclusion to this legal analysis is that electing pro-life officials AND doing a constitutional amendment petition drive to protect babies from their very beginning at conception are NOT mutually exclusive, that we could and should be pursuing both. If your church has not participated in this petition drive and you would like to do so, please contact our offices for petitions and circulation directions.

### Father's Day prayer

By Kirk Loadman-Copeland-  
Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support.

Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives.

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## **oakland/macomb**

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

### **Dinner wrap-up**

Well, we have folks who are going to Florida, watching new television sets, wearing beautiful jewelry, getting ready for some marathon gardening and, in their spare time, reading books to little girls, little boys and families. These folks were the lucky bidders on items in our wonderful auction. The auction, sponsored by the Educational Center for Life and held in conjunction with our annual Mother's Day Dinner, just seems to get better every year. Everything from paintings to plants, books to blankets and purses to Piston's tickets. There were bargains at every turn and we thank ECL for all the hard work they do with the Auction and in supporting LIFESPAN.

The Dinner itself was a great evening and for those who missed Erica Parker reading the nominating letter she wrote for her mom, you really need to read it else-

## **wayne west/downriver**

27592 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150-2203  
Phone 734-422-6230 • Fax 734-422-8116  
e-mail: wwdr@rtl-lifespan.org  
Office Hours: M-Th 10-4; F Closed  
Patricia Holscher, Director; Laurie Masiarak, Ofc. Mgr.

### **Thanks a bunch!**

It was a rainy and overcast day, but that didn't stop the smiles on the Moms' and Grandmas' faces when they received the roses tagged, "Thanks Mom, for Life." When my grandson, Jake, who is 8, gave a red rose to his mother, he was anxious for her to read the tag, which he repeated as she read it. Not only did his mother smile and give him a big hug so did his grandmother. Pastors praised motherhood and talked about babies, born and unborn. We thank these pastors, church reps, volunteers who helped to tag and distribute thousands of flowers and donors for their time and donations, all of which contributed to the success of our Mother's Day Tribute to Mothers.

### **Goodies galore**

Lifespan church representative, Donna Kempfer, from St. Thomas a'Becket Church in Canton, will be hosting the Father's Day Bake Sale on June 17 and 18 at that church. All Lifespan bakers from the Plymouth/Canton area are especially invited to participate. We welcome new bakers. Baked goods may be left at the

where in this newsletter. It was a wonderful tribute to a lovely lady and her family was justifiably proud of her.

If we started naming the names of everyone who helped make the dinner a success, someone would surely be overlooked, so instead, let us just say that it takes a host of people to put on our Mother's Day Dinner and we thank you all.

### **Carnations**

Thanks also go to the 31 LIFESPAN representatives who offered carnations to their faith communities on Mother's Day. It was a little gloomy at the 9:00 a.m. pick up time, but the gloom was replaced with miles of smiles when the ladies received their flowers with "Thanks Mom, for LIFE" on the ribbons.

### **Entertainment Books**

Wonder of wonders!! Not everything we buy goes up in cost! Entertainment Books for 2007 are going down!! The 2007 book will only be \$20.00 this year and you can order yours today. If you order a 2007 book at the new price now, you will receive a 2006 book as a bonus. There are still five months left on the 2006 book so this is a real bargain. Call the office for ordering.

## **Happy Father's Day!**

church or at the Lifespan office in Livonia. All proceeds go towards Lifespan's educational projects.

### **Bowling for Life \* Bowl 3 games free**

This is the 24th year that we've hosted our "Bowling for Life" Fundraiser, and we're looking forward to seeing both new and old friends. Come out on Sunday, July 30, and have a great time of fun and fellowship—no one is a stranger in a pro-life crowd. All bowlers receive a gift certificate donated by area merchants. See page 13 for complete details. Call the office for information/pledge sheets.

### **Happy Father's Day!**

Let's hear it for fathers—they are the unsung heroes of our society. Fathers also suffer from the abortions of their children. While the pro-abortion movement ignores the rights of fathers, the pro-life movement acknowledges their pain and offers healing, forgiveness and a strong affirmation of the value of fatherhood. For information and help for fathers who are suffering from the loss of a child from abortion, contact Life Institute, 1721 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45239; 513-729-3600; e-mail Life Issues@aol.com. LIFESPAN wishes all fathers and grandfathers a blessed and happy Father's Day.

### **Entertainment Books**

When you pre-order a 2007 Entertainment Book, you will receive a FREE 2006 book which can be used until November 1, 2006. Cost is reduced to only \$20. Quantities are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.



# 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

## **Congressional Bill Would Legalize Unlimited Abortion, Overturn Pro-Life Laws**

Abortion advocates in Congress have reintroduced a measure that would legalize unlimited abortion and overturn key pro-life laws like parental involvement and measures allowing women to have information about abortion's risks and alternatives. While abortion is legal in the United States, it is allowed only because of a controversial 1973 Supreme Court decision—not due to any federal law approved by Congress. The pro-abortion Freedom of Choice Act would not only codify *Roe v. Wade*, but would overturn key pro-life laws including limits on taxpayer funding of abortion and bans on partial-birth abortions.

In an e-mail to their activists, NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) said that it wanted abortion advocates to contact Congress and support the bill. "President Bush and other anti-choice leaders are working to reverse *Roe v. Wade*," NARAL said. "But we have a trump card and we're ready to use it." Douglas Johnson, the legislative director of National Right to Life, told LifeNews.com that the bill goes much further than making *Roe v. Wade* the law of the land. It would nullify virtually every pro-life limit on abortion the pro-life community has fought so hard to enact in the 33 years since *Roe*.

*LifeNews.com, April 9, 2006*

## **Stalwart Pro-Lifer Retires**

From the very beginning, in the dark days immediately following *Roe v. Wade*, there was one man who stood tall and strong in our United States Congress who refused to accept that taking the life of unborn children was a benefit to our country.

Congressman Henry Hyde (Illinois) is retiring from Congress this year and something he wrote bears repeating:

*When the time comes as it surely will, when we face that terrible moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates there, you are there alone standing before God and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can image. I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world, but are heard very beautifully and very loudly in the next world, and I think they will plead for everyone who has been in the movement. They will say to God, "Spare them because they loved us," and God will look at us and say not, "Did you succeed?" but "Did you try?"*

If anyone will deserve that chorus, it will be Congressman Henry Hyde.

## **Informative Websites**

[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)

National Right to Life's site provides the latest information on pro-life issues in Congress.

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Maintained by the Library of Congress, Thomas offers a searchable database of congressional activity from 1969 to the present.

[www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov)

The official State of Michigan website with links to the Legislature, Courts and Executive Offices.

[michiganvotes.org](http://michiganvotes.org)

For the most up-to-date information on Michigan legislation regarding abortion or any pro-life issue, visit [michiganvotes.org](http://michiganvotes.org).

# *A great time was had by all... Mother's Day Dinner and Auction 2006*



## **Attention: Health Conscious Pro-Lifers**

We are looking for people who would be interested in being on a committee to help us plan a 5K Run and 2-Mile Walk this fall. If you are interested in participating in the planning of this event, please call Lifespan's Main Office **248-478-8878**. Also, we are hoping to have this activity at the Detroit Zoo. We need \$4000 to hold the event there. If anyone is interested in sponsoring this event, please call us at **248-478-8878**.





Jackie Bertollini and Ed Bueche

## ATTENTION:

Young People, ages 12-18 years old...  
Did you hear the great news?

## THE PRO-LIFE TEEN JEOPARDY GAMES

will be back again on August 26!!!  
Come, join us as a Contestant!

*Auburn Hills Christian Center*  
*2592 East Walton Boulevard (East of Opdyke, west of Squirrel)*

The entrance fee for contestants is \$10.00  
The fee for all others who attend as part of the audience is \$5.00  
Children 5-years-old and under are free  
Note: The maximum charge per family is \$45.00

### Registration ends July 19<sup>th</sup>

Pro-Life t-shirts will be given to the contestants to wear that evening and special prizes will be given to all winners of the Jeopardy Games

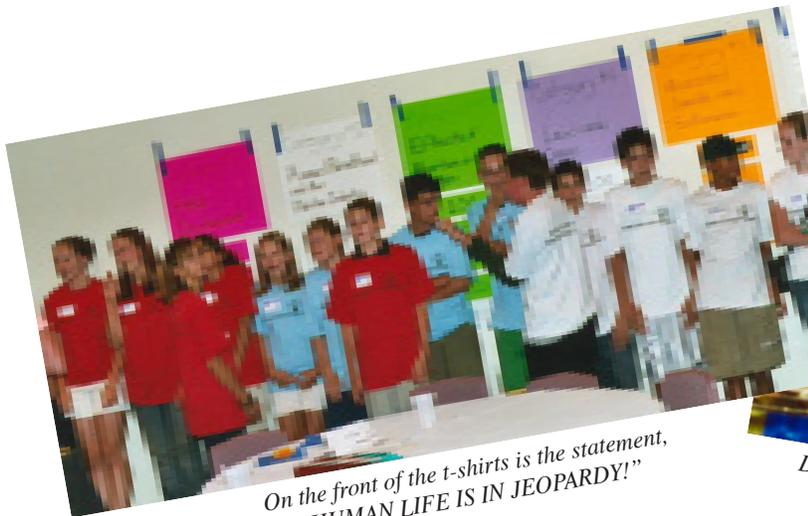
Contestants will be mailed a packet of information after July 19<sup>th</sup> which includes study materials, game rules, the time of their Game and their partner's name/phone number.  
Note: Partners will be randomly picked according to their age.

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and the first Game begins at 2:00 p.m.  
The Games will last approximately 20 minutes each.  
Pizza, pop, munchies, desserts and beverages will be provided from 2:00 - 7:30 p.m.

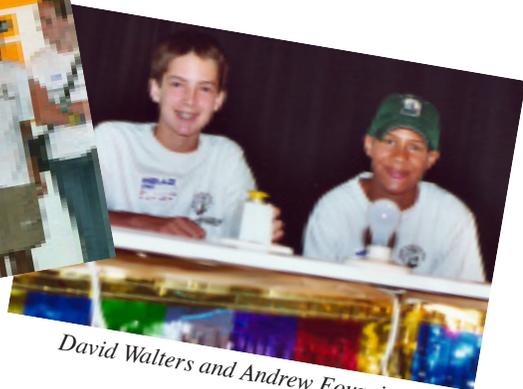
Call 248-816-1546 for more information and to get on the mailing list for a registration form.



Sponsored by Right to Life-LIFESPAN Oakland/Macomb Chapter in cooperation with Educational Center for Life



On the front of the t-shirts is the statement,  
"HUMAN LIFE IS IN JEOPARDY!"



David Walters and Andrew Fournier

# 24th ANNUAL "BOWLING FOR LIFE"

SPONSORED BY

## RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFESPAN



Sunday, July 30, 2006  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



### WOODLAND LANES

33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia

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## **BOWL 3 GAMES FREE!**

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### *PRIZES!!!!*

#### GRAND PRIZES FOR MOST MONEY COLLECTED

1st Prize ..... \$200 Savings Bond  
2nd Prize ..... \$100 Savings Bond  
3rd Prize ..... \$75 Savings Bond  
4th Prize ..... \$50 Savings Bond

#### ADDITIONAL PRIZES FOR HIGH SCORES WITH HANDICAPS

High Game for Men 14 years and older..... \$100 Savings Bond  
High Game for Women 14 years and older..... \$100 Savings Bond  
High Game for Children 7 - 13 years old ..... \$100 Savings Bond  
High Series for Men or Women 14 years and older..... \$100 Savings Bond  
High Series for Children 7 -13 years ..... \$100 Savings Bond

#### CHILDREN'S BUMPER BOWL...ELIGIBLE FOR GRAND PRIZES

All bowlers receive a free gift certificate  
Bowlers with \$50 in pledges receive gold-plated pro-life jewelry

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES, AT LEAST \$50 MUST BE IN THE LIFESPAN OFFICE,  
27592 SCHOOLCRAFT, LIVONIA, MI 48150, BY MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006**

For sponsor pledge sheets or information  
call Lifespan 734 422-6230

## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends of Life,

Another Mother's Day Dinner has come and gone. If you were not present, you missed a wonderful, moving evening. We are already planning for next year's event—mark your calendars for Monday, May 7, 2007; our speaker will be Dr. Ray Guarendi. If you have not heard Dr. Ray, you are in for a treat. With humor and knowledge, he promotes families, parental love of children, the need for discipline and the pro-life message. Our Mother's Day Dinner supplies the monies that keep our Main Office open. If you could not attend, a donation is always appreciated!

This Dinner doesn't happen without a lot of hard work by so many behind the scenes. I want to thank the following:

- Dinner Committee: (Oakland/Macomb Chapter) for planing and organizing this event; Irene Tharp, Diane Trombley, Lynn Gura and their co-workers.

- The Auction Committee: (Educational Center for Life) Phyllis Sullivan, Linda Seng, Marilyn Schepansky, Mary Beth Ritter, Maureen McClorey and all those who worked to make the auction possible, including all those who donated items.

- Resource Book Committee: Marge Bradley, who worked so hard to update and produce this great Resource Book, as well as Diane Trombley, Theresa McCall, Phyllis Sullivan and the ECL staff.

Congratulations to Missy Parker, our Mother of the Year 2006. Also, to all the Mothers who will never have the opportunity to be publicly honored, we thank you for your devotion to your children and the sacrifices you make for them.

**Diane Fagelman**

*President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN*

PS: Did you sign and get copies of the Prenatal Protection Petition? Do you need more copies? Call your Chapter for more.



### Wee Care

She is 18. She has a 4-month-old son. He has many birth defects and when she wouldn't give him up for adoption, her parents threw her out. Who could she turn to for help? YOU. YOU were the answer to many of her prayers.

You provided her precious baby with diapers, lotions, wipes and a diaper bag. You provided formula to feed him, a baby bathtub and towels to bathe him, soft blankets to keep him warm, sleepers and onesies to clothe him and a bassinet for him to sleep safely.

The young mom was also put in contact with other organizations that could help her with housing and her immediate needs. She was so grateful and especially touched when I told her that along with all of the gifts—you also keep our moms and their babies in your prayers.

This is just one example of the hundreds of moms whose lives you touch each year. God bless you!

*Love, Karen*

*Karen Patrosso, Director 248-478-8884*

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## What's Up With the Youth?

*Hello Teens, Parents of Teens, College Students, Youth Group Ministers and Coordinators, Jr. High and High School Teachers, Pro-Life Youth Groups and Adult Volunteers for Youth Activities!*

I certainly am looking forward to summertime—some of my favorite things to do are bike riding, swimming and gardening as well as taking family vacations which include going camping!

We are putting together an e-mail database so that we can notify all our young pro-life friends of important news and events quicker than the regular mail. If you want us to have your e-mail address for this purpose, send us an e-mail message at [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org) with your first name, last name and zip code. That is all we'll need. We DO NOT give the addresses to anyone else.

Each year, we set up our Educational Booth to give a pro-life presence at the fairs. The Oakland County 4-H Fair runs from Tuesday, July 25th through Sunday, July 30th; the Michigan State Fair runs from Wednesday, August 23rd through Monday, September 4th; and the Troy Daze Festival runs from Thursday, September 14th through Sunday, September 17th. We need young people and families to help out. If you like going to the fairs and would be interested in working a 3-4 hour shift, please call me at 248-816-1546! It's a really great way to meet other pro-life young people and an important way to help save lives! Note: For those of you who are under 18, a parent, guardian, or responsible adult must be with you at the booth.

The Pro-Life Teen Jeopardy Game Show registration has begun and will end on July 19th. The Game Show will be on Saturday, August 26th from 1:30-8:30 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Christian Center. For those teens who are interested in participating or who would like more information about the Game Show, please call me at 248-816-1546. For those adults who would like to join us for the Game Show, as either part of the audience or as a volunteer, please call me at the same number. Note: I will need many volunteers to help throughout the duration of the Game Show. If you'll be available even for a few hours during the afternoon or evening, it sure would be helpful!

*Your friend FOR LIFE,*

*Lynn Gura, Youth Projects Coordinator*



## LIFE CHAIN

**Sunday, October 1, 2006**

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

*MORE INFORMATION IN NEXT NEWSLETTER*

*OR CALL 248-478-8878*

**Donations have been made—**

*In loving memory of:*

**Henry Rahmel**

Given by: Shirley Veit

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Given by: Larrie and Tanice Fox

**Joseph Burghardt**

Given by: Maureen McClorey

**Joanne S. Dudek**

Given by: The Zabik Family

**Regina Mickiewicz**

**Pauline O'Connor**

Given by: Sue McIntyre

**Howard Lee Chamberlin**

**Sophie M. Kubik**

Given by: Frank & Vivian Hutira

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.

**Crisis hotline numbers**

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your Lifespan office, pp. 8-9. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hotline number **800-BETHANY**. Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call Abigail Ministries **586-326-0459**. For post-abortion counseling, call Project Rachel **888-722-4355**. For those with life-limiting illnesses, call Angela Hospice **734-464-7810**; Cranbrook Hospice **248-334-6700**, or Hospice of Michigan **888-HOM-5656**. Project Life, Archdiocese of Detroit, offers pastoral guidance to persons considering abortion or assisted suicide; for this counseling assistance, call **800-281-2102**.

**Father's Day prayer**

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Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their stepchildren's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

**Calendar of Events**

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**Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form**

Right to Life - LIFESPAN believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the 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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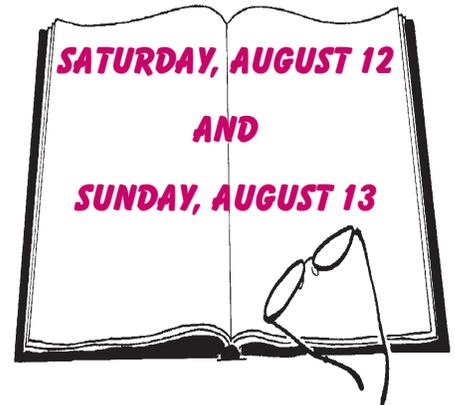
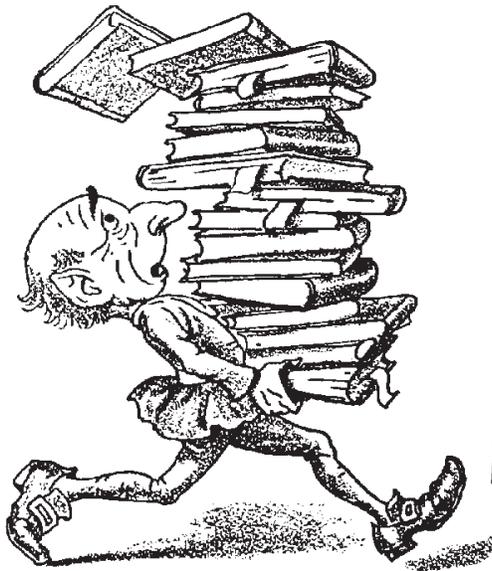
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\$40 or more; (call a Lifespan office for details)

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## **LIFESPAN'S USED BOOK SALE!**

### **PLEASE SAVE & DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS!**

*A truck will be available in June and July for collection of books on the parking lot at Lifespan's Main Office, 29200 Vassar St., Livonia (off Middlebelt, one block north of Seven Mile Rd.)*

*Call to drop-off books, or for more information - 248-478-8878*

## **AND COME TO THE BOOK SALE!**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**St. Gerald Church Social Hall**

**21300 Farmington Rd., (north of 8 Mile Rd.) in Farmington**

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