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Farewell, Pat!



The Board congratulates our dear friend and colleague, Patricia Holscher, for her outstanding contributions to LIFESPAN and the pro-life movement these past 44 years. We will miss your smile, your fortitude, your printing abilities, your persistence, your ability to persuade with love and your total dedication to the cause.

Your outstanding voice on pro-life issues has helped to make LIFESPAN the dynamic, successful and oldest pro-life organization in Southeastern Michigan. You will be missed by all of us who have worked with you over these many years.

It is time to enjoy being with your children, Judith, Robert, Jeffrey and William and to spend more time with your grandchildren, Jenn, Jake, Ben, Jack and Charlie.

Pat, you came to this movement with your husband, Bob, as a young woman with young children hoping to keep permissive abortion laws from becoming a part of Michigan law. You succeeded in this effort. What followed with the Roe v. Wade decision would make this dedication to Life a life-long ministry. Your work has helped to curtail the acceptance of that law.

As you prepare to pass on the leadership of the Wayne County/Downriver Chapter of LIFESPAN, I remind you of the quote from that wonderful statesman whose efforts in Congress during those early years encouraged us to move forward:

“When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I’ve often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God—and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But 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 beautifully and clearly in the next world—and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, ‘Spare him, because he loved us!’”

—Congressman Henry Hyde

You have tried dear friend, you have tried. God bless you for all you have done for God’s children.

—Diane Fagelman, President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

News & Notes

Editor's Note: Ryan Bomberger, of the Radiance Foundation, was the guest speaker at our Celebrate Life Dinner, May 6. Those who heard his message were moved by his assertion that "The Beauty of Possibility" is clearly denied to those targeted by abortion providers and such targeting must be exposed and stopped by groups who recognize the value of life.

NAACP Wins Trademark Infringement and Dilution Case

United States District Court Judge Raymond A. Jackson for the Eastern District of Virginia at Norfolk issued an order finding that the anti-abortion group, The Radiance Foundation, was liable for trademark infringement and trademark dilution of the federally protected trademarks "NAACP" and the name "National Association for the Advancement of Colored People."

In reaching his decision, Judge Jackson entered a permanent injunction prohibiting the anti-abortion group "against any use of 'National Association for the Abortion of Colored People' that creates a likelihood of confusion or dilution as to any National Association for the Advancement of Colored People trademarks," and furthermore ordered the Radiance Foundation to pay the NAACP's court costs.

This case stemmed from The Radiance Foundation's intentional misuse of the NAACP's name and logo in postings on its website wherein it referred to the NAACP as the "National Association for the Abortion of Colored People." On February 1, 2014, in response to a cease and desist letter sent by the NAACP, The Radiance Foundation and its co-founder, Ryan Bomberger, filed a lawsuit in Federal Court seeking a declaratory judgment that its altered use of the NAACP name was protected free speech or amounted to a mere parody.

The NAACP filed a counterclaim arguing that The Radiance Foundation's use of its federally registered "NAACP" trademark, in close association with the name "National Association for the Abortion of Colored People," constituted trademark infringement and dilution in violation of both Virginia law and the Lanham Act.

NAACP General Counsel, Kim Keenan, responded to the Court's decision, stating that "this is a major victory in the protection of our trademark and should serve as notice that organizations who misuse the Association's federally protected trademarks to advance their own goals and messages will be held accountable." Noting the court's recognition that "Radiance is not prevented from criticizing the NAACP's positions or activities," Ms. Keenan added that "although Radiance and Mr. Bomberger are entitled to their opinions, they cannot assert their opinion by misusing the NAACP brand in a

manner intended to confuse and mislead the public and tarnish the reputation of this 105-year-old organization. The NAACP is entitled to defend its trademark like any other famous organizations known by their initials."

—NAACP, April 25, 2014



Ryan Bomberger, center, with members of Operation Abolish Abortion, based at Zion Christian Church, Troy, at LIFESPAN's Celebrate Life Dinner

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The care of human life and happiness and not their destruction is the first and only legitimate object of good government.

Thomas Jefferson

~ Thomas Jefferson ~

Resource Book 2014

If you attended our Celebrate Life Dinner, you received a copy of the 2014 LIFESPAN Resource Book. This book takes hours to create and is filled with all the pro-life information you will ever need. It also has a number of ads from pro-life businesses, people and churches. Please take a good look at the book and patronize our advertisers. They support us by taking ads and it would be good for us to support them by using their services. If you did not attend the Dinner and would like a book, they are available at our offices for \$10.00.

**Thanks, Dad,
for all the times you embraced me
with arms of love.**



How often you picked me up and raised me to your cheeks. You held me tenderly near your heart. You taught me to walk. You taught me how to live... Like you – protecting, providing, caring for others.

You gave me life. You gave me the greatest gift a person could – yourself.

As you carried me close to your heart, now I carry you in mine, with thanks.

Happy Father's Day!

—Life Issues Institute

Assessment from High School and College Students and Adults Who Attended the “Save the Storks” Student Event Hosted at Madonna University on April 12, 2014

What did you like most about this event? Please give some highlights.

- ◆ I liked talking to local leaders.
- ◆ I really liked the energy and community feeling of this event. All the speakers were fantastic and extremely credible.
- ◆ I loved it all!
- ◆ Time for networking.
- ◆ The young speakers were very inspirational!
- ◆ I enjoyed the food, the raffle, the great speakers, and good company!
- ◆ I liked the welcoming atmosphere, the dynamic speakers, and the one amazing goal!
- ◆ Every single part was great—I mean it!
- ◆ I liked the different points of view and different stories.
- ◆ The event was extremely well planned.
- ◆ The event was really incredible! Something that was unexpected but a really good idea was the Jeopardy Game! Keep up the good work!
- ◆ The variety of speakers that came—really helped to reach all people and develop different ways to approach the problem of abortion.
- ◆ Pro-Life items were not overpriced.



Members of Madonna University's Respect Life Group with Julie Beyel, Save the Storks, and Mike Stack, 40 Days for Life and Rachel's Vineyard



Sara, member of Madonna University's Respect Life Group

What did you like about/learn from Julie Beyel, Save the Storks Board Member and Sidewalk Counselor for a pregnancy help center (in NY)?

- ◆ She was very relatable and humorous. I enjoyed her presentation as it inspired me to learn patience and how to keep my cool.
- ◆ She was really informative about the ultrasound vans and how crucial they are in the fight to end abortion.
- ◆ I loved hearing her testimony.
- ◆ I loved her story—very inspiring!
- ◆ She had an amazing testimony. I liked her videos.
- ◆ I loved learning about the Save the Storks buses!
- ◆ I liked her sense of humor and her personal stories of persecution; learned how Save the Storks works—awesome! Also, learned how to be an effective counselor at the clinic/school.
- ◆ I was glad to hear about the sonogram work done.
- ◆ I liked learning about the Save the Storks ultrasound buses and sidewalk counseling.

- ◆ I learned more about being open and non-judgmental when approaching people.
- ◆ She was a wonderful speaker.
- ◆ She really gave me the desire to get more involved!
- ◆ I liked her personal story—very moving and inspirational. It really spoke to me as a young person.
- ◆ She was amazing! Her journey to God and the Pro-Life Movement was extremely moving!
- ◆ She is very honest and humble. She has changed her life and is working with all her strength for the Pro-Life Movement.
- ◆ She shared that a video called “The Clips of Reason” helped rid her of any remaining pro-choice ideas. I learned that a “stork” represents an expectant mother. If you can “save the stork,” then you can save the baby.
- ◆ She made her message clear. A great speaker.
- ◆ Her part really hit home with me. I liked the examples she gave of her pro-life efforts. I learned a lot about how important the Save the Storks buses are!
- ◆ Everyone learned how they could support Save the Storks.
- ◆ Abby Johnson is one of their Board Members. She is a former Planned Parenthood director who became Pro-Life and started a group called “And Then There Were None.”



Save the Storks t-shirts can be ordered online at www.savethestorks.com



Video of Joe Baker, founder, Save the Storks

What did you like about/learn from Mike Stack, 40 Days for Life and Rachel's Vineyard representative, Ultrasound Technician?

- ◆ He was very insightful as to what the healing process of abortion really is.
- ◆ Photograph exercise/meditation to understand his role as an ultrasound tech.
- ◆ Poem of the son of the abortionist.
- ◆ Loved the list of names of lost babies to pray for.
- ◆ He's an excellent speaker and he left you wanting to hear more about his experiences and insight on the topic and the work he does.
- ◆ It was great to hear about the work of Rachel's Vineyard.
- ◆ His talk was very touching. I liked his photo exercise.
- ◆ I liked the personal stories about the women on the retreats and the how the retreats work—so cool.
- ◆ I liked learning about the Rachel's Vineyard ministry and the effectiveness of ultrasounds.
- ◆ “You can't help the baby without helping the mother”—that saying has stuck in my head! It is a beautiful quote!
- ◆ His story was really great to hear and it made me want to help at pregnancy help centers.
- ◆ I liked his discussion of crisis pregnancy and Rachel's Vineyard.
- ◆ I loved his message “Be Pro-Active”! He had many great examples to do so.
- ◆ He is committed and sincere in his work at Rachel's Vineyard.
- ◆ About 1/4 or 1/5 women in church have had an abortion. Rachel's Vineyard has been in existence since 1995. They are now worldwide in 49 states and 70 countries. Even those who witness abortions indirectly need healing.
- ◆ He was easy to listen to and had good content.
- ◆ “It's no accident you were born at this time in history!” and “I have always been Pro-Life, even as a zygote!” Great quotes from Mike!
- ◆ I appreciated contact information for Rachel's Vineyard.



Lifespan Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb

Dinner Delights

Our speaker, Ryan Bomberger, at the Celebrate Life Dinner has received rave reviews from those attending. His wit, passion and love of life shone through his presentation from beginning to end. It was wonderful to see how much the young adults at the dinner enjoyed his presentation. In fact, it was wonderful to see so many young people at the dinner! Our future is looking good!!

On behalf of the Oakland/Macomb Board, a sincere THANK YOU to Diane Trombley and Lynn Gura for their work at the office for Lifespan's Celebrate Life Dinner. Some would call them unsung heroes, I think of the valiant and reliable pansy that springs forward in the dire cold and rain to bring us our first taste of spring colors and life's beauty. Thank you—well done. —Irene Tharp, Director, Oakland Macomb Chapter

Vital Volunteers

As usual, our Dinner could not happen without the helping hands of our wonderful volunteers. Table setting, auction helping, registration assistance, and the thousand and one details that need attention for

an event like this were all made smooth by the help of so many. It would be wonderful if we could thank everyone by name, but we would surely miss some and some did things we don't even know about—so instead we offer our heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

Father's Day Fun

Once again we will be providing candy bars for Father's Day. Each bar will bear a label that says, "Life is Sweet—thanks Dad." If your faith community would like to take part in this shower of sweets, call the office and let us know so we can order the candy.

Carnations

Thanks to all who helped with the Mother's Day Carnations. It is amazing how a simple flower, presented with a kiss, can bring a smile to someone's face.

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Wayne County/Downriver

From the desk of Patricia Holscher



Dear Pro-life Friends,

I am retiring from the active duties of LIFESPAN and will join the volunteers. I'm very grateful for the years that I was able to be a part of such a committed organization as LIFESPAN which continues to

fight for the rights of children, preborn and born, the medically challenged and the vulnerable elderly—all of whom are threatened by today's "culture of death" mentality.

To our steadfast president, Diane Fagelman, dedicated directors and board members, I thank you for allowing me to partner with you in this important cause of "saving lives."

Without volunteers, a non-profit organization could not survive. As the Director of the Wayne County/Downriver Chapter of LIFESPAN, I relied on you for a countless number of daily tasks: church representative responsibilities, staffing educational tables, doing innumerable mailings, wrapping candles for January 22nd memorials, tagging roses for Mother's Day, labeling candy bars and counting pens for Father's Day, collecting, loading and unloading trucks of used books for the annual book sale, delivering Christmas cards, buying baby items at garage sales, and the list continues.

I will never be able to thank you enough for your willingness to help whenever I called you. You have bonded with LIFESPAN, each other, the babies and me.

To our loyal members, some of you since 1970, I thank you for your prayers and financial support which have sustained LIFESPAN. With your help and donations, we will continue to accomplish the pro-life goals which are set for this organization.

My late husband, Bob, and my children have supported my pro-life activities for the past forty-some years, which made it possible for me to devote the time necessary to follow my dream—to change the course of history by abolishing abortion and attaining security for the medically challenged and elderly without the threat of euthanasia. No, I didn't see my dream fulfilled, but I did try, and it will happen!

My successor, Eileen Brandt, is an intelligent and very capable individual who now works in LIFESPAN's Main Office. She is a very special person with a great sense of humor and brings fresh ideas to the table. Eileen is passionate about the Life issues and is an excellent choice for the Director of the Wayne County/Downriver Chapter.

In closing, dear friends, your friendship is immeasurable. Your love, I take with me and my love, I leave you.

Mother's Day Roses

Our heartfelt gratitude to all of the pastors, church representatives and volunteers who participated with our Mother's Day Roses. It is truly an honor to recognize all of the amazing mothers in our congregations!

Father's Day: Stylus Pens and Candy

We are offering functional mementos to honor the wonderful dads in your lives: a combination stylus pen for the busy fathers with smartphones and/or tablets—write with one end and use the other end to navigate your touchscreens! Each stylus pen has the messages: "Thanks, Dad, for Life!" and "Happy Father's Day" so that the dads know that you are thinking of them all year long. We will once again have Morley Candy Bars available too! We hope that many parishes will participate in honoring fathers the weekend of Father's Day, June 15th.

New People in the Office!

After 24 years of being the Director of the Wayne County/Downriver Chapter, Pat Holscher, has determined that she is ready to sleep in, visit with her grandchildren and not be responsible for every decision that comes out of this chapter. I am very happy to step up to the plate and let Pat enjoy a well-deserved retirement. The first thing that people say when they find out that I am the new Director is that I "have big shoes to fill!" I always tell everyone that I won't be filling Pat's shoes as much as continuing down the path that she blazed and creating new paths, as they are needed. Pat is an integral part of LIFESPAN and we are all so grateful for the

years of selfless service that she has given to building the Culture of Life! Let's keep the momentum of the pro-life movement moving forward and continue the work that Pat has built in Wayne County! I will need the help of all of the amazing volunteers, church representatives and members, so please stop by and introduce yourself! I've heard wonderful things about the people that have supported LIFESPAN and, in particular, Pat, throughout the years and I want to put faces to the names!

I am also very excited to introduce our new Office Manager, John Carzon. John's parents actually met in our office while volunteering, and John's grandmother is Betty Carzon, whom many of you may fondly remember. John will be heading into his third year at Madonna University with a major of Social Studies and Secondary Education with a minor in Political Science. We're grateful for the computer skills, many talents and enthusiasm that John brings to the Wayne County Chapter. Thank you to all who applied, the decision was a tough one, but we feel that John is the right person for the job.

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Eileen Brandt, Director • John Carzon, Ofc. Mgr.



Wee Care

Can it be that Spring has truly arrived—the grass is finally green, the flowers are starting to bloom and new life is all around us—especially at Wee Care!

So many moms are about to bring their precious baby into the world and so many moms are in such desperate need of help.

Just yesterday, a mom called who has always struggled financially to provide for her family, but now, with a new little guy who requires much medical care and frequent trips to the hospital, she has had to quit her job to care for him. **Because of you**, we were able to provide diapers and wipes—two very expensive items in her budget. She was moved to tears with relief.

Another young mom had to quit her job and leave her home to escape an abusive situation. With only a diaper bag and her tiny daughter she fled to a shelter that would protect her. **Because of you**, we were able to give her diapers, blankets and clothing for her little girl. She, too, is so grateful.

And finally, there is a happy situation! A college student who is determined to make a better life for herself found out late in her pregnancy that she is having 2 not 1 baby in a few short months. Although she had slowly put together all she needed for her anticipated baby—she had no family support and was in a panic at how she would provide the immediate necessities for two babies! **Because of you**, we were able to give her the extra supplies

she needed and **because of you**, she is looking forward with joy to the day she will hold her twins in her arms!

It is never dull at Wee Care, which is another reason I love my job! **Because of you**, there is always an over abundance of smiles, hugs and love!

Thank you and God bless you! *Love, Karen*

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All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.

Update on Brayden

Brayden was born on January 7, 2013 at only 28 weeks gestation. He is the great-great nephew of Bev Bettega.

He is doing wonderfully and has been hitting all milestones for his actual age! He says over 10 words now and loves jabbering; he walks well and is really starting to run. He carries his "lamby" blankies everywhere. Right now, "daddy" is his favorite word and "mom" is normally reserved when he wants or needs something. He is about 17 lbs. and 28 inches tall! He has come so far from 1 lb., 6 oz. and 11^{1/2} inches.



“Save the Storks” Student Assessment

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Did you like having leaders from local colleges and high schools share how they got started in the Pro-Life Movement and what they are currently doing? Please give some examples.

- ◆ Absolutely. The leaders were quite encouraging and had great connections to get deeper within the Pro-Life Movement.
- ◆ Yes. Operation Abolish Abortion group was very passionate and inspiring. Their energy was amazing. The “cup song” is an amazing teaching tool and demonstration. All of the other speakers were great and I loved hearing about all of the different events, activities and perspectives.
- ◆ Yes, it was great to hear what others are doing!
- ◆ The student groups had fantastic ideas. I liked the homeschoolers and the “cup song” was clever—they’re going to do great things!
- ◆ Yes. Good ideas and contacts for networking.
- ◆ Yes. I loved it! I loved hearing about Crissy’s group (Operation Abolish Abortion) and groups available for college age students.
- ◆ Yes. It is great to know there are other like-minded young people.
- ◆ Yes. I liked Grace’s example of how her family loved and accepted their child with Trisomy 18.
- ◆ Operation Abolish Abortion group was engaging.
- ◆ Yes I do. It was because of that we decided to start our Pro-Life group (Operation Abolish Abortion).
- ◆ Yes I did. It can be intimidating for people our age to get started in this stuff but they inspired me to go out and be more active.
- ◆ Yes. It was inspiring to see how other young people are actively participating in the Pro-Life Movement.



“Meet and greet,” lunch break



Operation Abolish Abortion group performing “You’re Gonna Miss Me When I’m Gone”

How did you hear about this event?

- ◆ Attendees learned about the event from Facebook, parents, friends, Youth Mailing from LIFESPAN, and school announcements.

How was the event length?

- ◆ All participants thought the length of the event was about right with one saying it was too short.

Was the event well organized?

- ◆ Approximately 75% **strongly agreed** the event was well-organized, and 25% **agreed** it was well-organized.

In August 2015 we will have a Pro-Life Game Show for 8th-12th grade students and college students (location and date to be determined). Would you be interested in getting more information about this event?

- ◆ Most all students said yes! Some of them will no longer be in college and declined.

Further Comments:

- ◆ Amazing! Loved it!
- ◆ Jeopardy was super fun and informative.
- ◆ The different tables and merchandise were cool to have and is a great tool to reach out and engage people.
- ◆ Great job everyone!
- ◆ I want to come again!
- ◆ Thanks for organizing this!

In addition to the above, one senior in high school has applied for a mission trip* with Save the Storks for the summer, one junior in high school has decided that she would like to be a sidewalk counselor (and actually



On April 12th, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, Educational Center for Life and Madonna University Respect Life group, hosted a "Save the Storks" Student Event for high school and college students. Julie Beyel, a sidewalk counselor and board member of Save the Storks was the main speaker and Michael Stack from Rachel's Vineyard and 40 Days for Life was another speaker. You can watch an excellent Youtube clip "Save the Storks documentary" to learn more about the mission of this group and check out their website too!

would like to train with Julie Beyel in New York), and the President of the Oakland University Students for Life group plans to support Save the Storks and do some fundraising (in hopes that Michigan can get a bus!).

*Save the Storks has a summer program (mission) for students to get involved in. They tour Christian Music festivals throughout the country to talk about their work and do fundraising. They are looking for hard-working, fun, easy-going individuals who can participate in and work well with the high-functioning demands of the tour. Team members will be busy at each festival presenting the Save the Storks mission, raising money, selling T-shirts, talking about Pro-Life issues, and be responsible for setting up and taking down the Storks booths and other materials. Interested students can apply on line at www.savethestorks.com (look for Summer Tour 2014 Application).

For my part, attending the Save the Storks Student Event in April gave me a better understanding and a much deeper respect for those who are on the front lines—counseling pregnant moms outside of abortion mills and at pregnancy help centers. It really hit home in

my heart that they are dealing with life and death situations at the first initial encounter with the mothers. To me, it is like "intensive care"! I am going to pray even more for them and their ministry—that is of extreme importance for the lives of the mothers and their unborn babies!

In the next issue of *Lifespan News*, I'll give you an assessment from guests for the LIFESPAN "Celebrate Life" dinner. It was a huge success, and an outstanding talk about the beauty of Life was delivered by Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation! We also enjoyed youth group presentations by Crusaders for Life Detroit and Operation Abolish Abortion!

—Lynn Gura, Youth Director
Right to Life – LIFESPAN Educational Fund

Teen Abortion Rate Drops to Historic Low Down 66% Since 1988

By Steven Ertelt

A new report from the Guttmacher Institute finds teenage abortion rates are down to their lowest levels since 1988, a drop of 66 percent from that peak.

Guttmacher also reports that teen pregnancy and teen birth rates are down to historic lows.

"Rates of teen pregnancy, birth and abortion have declined dramatically in the United States since their peak in the early 1990s. In 2010, some 614,000 pregnancies occurred among teenage women aged 15–19, for a rate of 57.4 pregnancies per 1,000 women that age. This marks a 51% decline from the 1990 peak, and a 15% decline in just two years, from 67.8 in 2008," Guttmacher reported today.

Guttmacher is a pro-abortion research organization formerly affiliated with the Planned Parenthood abortion business and obtains information directly from abortion clinics—therefore, its numbers are regarded as more accurate than the Centers for Disease Control's figures because of those relationships.

The report continues, "Similarly, the teen birthrate declined 44% from

the peak in 1991 (from 61.8 births per 1,000 to 34.4 per 1,000); and the teen abortion rate declined 66% between its 1988 peak and 2010 (from 43.5 abortions per 1,000 to 14.7 per 1,000)."

From 1986 to 2010, the proportion of teenage pregnancies ending in abortion (i.e., the abortion ratio) declined by one-third, from 46% to 30%.

According to the report, disparities exist in the teen abortion rates among ethnic groups, showing Planned Parenthood and abortion clinics continue targeting minorities:

"The abortion rate among black teenagers (34.5) was more than three times the rate for non-Hispanic whites (8.5), while the rate among Hispanic teenagers (15.3) was almost twice that rate."

States which have passed more pro-life laws show lower teen abortion rates compared with states with few pro-life laws in place, which have the highest teen abortion rates.

Teenage abortion rates in 2010 were highest in New York (32 abortions per 1,000 women), Delaware (28), New Jersey (24), Hawaii (23) and Maryland (22). The lowest rates were found in South Dakota (4) Utah (4), Kansas (5), Nebraska (5), Kentucky (6) and North Dakota (6).

Likewise, more than half of teenage pregnancies (excluding miscarriages and stillbirths) ended in abortion in three states: New York (58%), New Jersey (55%) and Connecticut (52%).

In ascending order, the states with the lowest proportions of teenage pregnancies ending in abortion (15% or less) were South Dakota, Kansas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Utah, Arkansas, Mississippi, Nebraska and Texas.

Between 2008 and 2010, abortion rates among teens decreased by two rate points or more in 36 states, and the six states that experienced declines of 5–6 rate points or more were Arizona, California, Connecticut, Illinois, New Jersey and New York. Abortion rates among teens increased in only two states—West Virginia and Alaska—with an increase of one and two rate points, respectively.

—LifeNews.com, May 5, 2014



Gosnell Movie to Tell Story of Abortionist

By Steven Ertelt

They did it. The producers of the Gosnell movie have raised the \$2.1 million they needed to make the Hollywood-style film that will tell the story of the gruesome abortion practitioner. The campaign reached its goal four days ahead of schedule thanks to a unified effort by pro-life advocates and almost 24,000 people who agreed to fund the movie. Proving its grassroots appeal, most of the 23,471 donors contributed \$100 or less while only 72 people claimed the perks from donating over \$1,000.

Gosnell is the abortion practitioner who killed babies in live-birth abortions that were more akin to infanticide than abortion. The media virtually ignored Kermit Gosnell until the pro-life movement launched a concerned effort to call them out on their bias during the early stages of his trial for murder. Now, Gosnell is in prison, having been convicted of murder in the deaths of multiple babies, though he was accused of killing thousands of viable babies. Still, one report from Gallup showed a large percentage of Americans still have no idea who Gosnell is and what he did.

Ann McElhinney and Phelim McAleer, the directors behind *Not Evil Just Wrong* and *Fracknation* are behind the Gosnell movie project. Their made-for TV movie is based on real life Grand Jury testimony with actors to tell the Gosnell story.

"The Gosnell Movie has raised \$2.1m and will be made! We are so incredibly grateful to you for getting us here. It's been a long road and it was your ongoing support that carried us through," they said.

The Grand Jury investigating Kermit Gosnell's horrific crimes said this: This case is about a doctor who killed babies...What we mean is that he regularly and illegally delivered live, viable, babies in the third trimester of pregnancy—and then murdered these newborns by severing their spinal cords with scissors...Over the years, many people came to know that something was going on here. But no one put a stop to it. (*Report of the Grand Jury*)

Gosnell is serving several life sentences but the media basically ignored his crimes and his trial. They ignored the facts that emerged from the trial, like the fact that the babies he murdered suffered terribly.

The mainstream media or Hollywood don't think this is a story. Even though Gosnell killed more people than Gary Ridgeway, John Wayne Gacey, The Zodiac Killer and Ted Bundy combined. In a 30 year killing spree, it is thought he killed 1000s of babies. And that wasn't a national story?

—Excerpts from *LifeNews.com*, May 9, 2014

National Right to Life Convention

Louisville, KY ★ June 26-28, 2014



From its impressive first formal convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1971, the NRL Convention has continued to be the premier pro-life educational event of the premier pro-life organization in the world. NRL Conventions have always offered workshops and extraordinary general sessions featuring pro-life leaders, from the incomparable Mother Teresa to journalists such as Paul Greenberg and Fred Barnes to political leaders such as House Speaker John Boehner and Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback.

The convention is geared to meeting the needs of those who have worked in the pro-life movement since the very beginning as well as for those who are new to the struggle. Its organizing principle is to provide the tools and resources—workshops, exhibits, general sessions—the individual pro-lifer needs to better conduct the work of the pro-life movement through chapters in all 50 states.

Over three days, pro-life leaders on politics, stem cell research, the denial of life saving treatment, polling, population control and many, many other issues of the day address the attendees at four to five general sessions, as well as at a Prayer Breakfast and closing Banquet. Throughout those three days, people can choose from over 70 workshops which go into detail on a wide range of topics.

Most of all the focus of the 2014 Convention will be on equipping attendees to fight back against the most pro-abortion president in our history, and most particularly against ObamaCare. Pres. Barack Obama's continued assault on unborn babies will be outlined, analyzed and critiqued. The rationing components of his health care "reform" bill will be carefully explained and strategies in response will be detailed. At the same time, we know that pro-lifers have been busier than ever in the state legislatures, moving forward and in many cases passing protective legislation. Attendees will learn how that was accomplished.

NRL Conventions have worked hard to bring in and support the growing percentage of young people who identify themselves as pro-life. Since 1986 the NRL Convention has included several workshops and general sessions geared exclusively to, and often led by, teens and college students. The conventions pulsate with the energy of youth ready to champion the pro-life cause into the next generation. NRL Conventions continue to place great emphasis on the fastest-growing constituency of the pro-life movement: the youth of this country.

We know that you will carry unforgettable memories back home with you. Everything you need to know about the Convention can be found at www.nrlconvention.com or call 202-378-8842.

From the President's Desk

It was, as it has been for many years, a successful Celebrate Life Dinner. Our speaker, Ryan Bomberger, was energetic, with a powerful message for all those who attended. I thank him and all those who worked to bring us this special evening—especially, the Auction and Tin Can Raffle committee, Karen Patrosso, Eileen Brandt and Joanne Manning. My special thanks to our Oakland/Macomb Chapter for hosting the event and Irene Tharp, Diane Trombley, Lynn Gura. Kudos to Linda Seng, Marilyn Schepansky and Phyllis Sullivan from Educational Center for Life for printing our programs. For those who worked behind the scene and are not mentioned, you know who you are—I give my utmost respect, gratitude and thanks. For all who attended and continue to support our work—no words can express how grateful I am for your zeal for life and support through these many years. May God bless everyone who makes our work possible.

A special highlight of the evening was honoring the Director of LIFESPAN's Wayne County/Downriver Chapter, Patricia Holscher. Pat has been my friend and co-worker for the past 44 years. The road has not always been easy, but with Pat's guidance and leadership, we have accomplished much. I will miss you, Pat, at board meetings, but we will always remain friends. As we all know, God has a sense of humor. When He calls you to His work, you may say 'I will only do this a little while,' but He always has the last say. This is why so many of the originals are still around since 1970. So Pat, don't get too comfortable just sitting around the house, for there is still a lot to do!

—Diane Fagelman, President

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