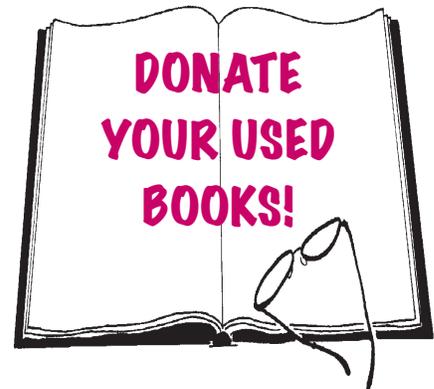


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PLEASE SAVE & DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS!

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Near Cadieux and Mack, Detroit, call Mary 313-885-8238

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**St. Mary Church Fellowship Center
730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak**

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News Notes

Stop the Abortion Bailout

Abortion groups have submitted their 50-page proposal to the Obama-Biden Administration. At the top of the list? More taxpayer dollars for abortion organizations like Planned Parenthood. How much more? Over 1.5 billion dollars more!

The Abortion Bailout Package:

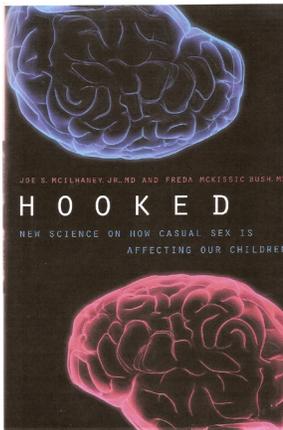
- \$1 BILLION dollars in taxpayer funding for International Abortion Groups
- \$700 million in taxpayer funding for "Title X" Health Clinics (aka your local Planned Parenthood affiliate)
- \$65 million for the UNFPA, an international aid organization connected to coercive abortion as part of China's coercive one-child policy
- Repeal the Hyde Amendment—Vastly expanding federal taxpayer funding for abortions

- Include abortion coverage in any taxpayer-subsidized national health care program
- Expand taxpayer-funded abortions on military bases
- Expand taxpayer-funded abortions through the Peace Corps program
- Expand taxpayer-funded abortions for federal prisoners

Send a letter to your Senators today demanding that they keep your tax dollars out of the pockets of abortion providers.

Contact www.StopTheAbortionBailout.com which will take you to the Susan B. Anthony List and provide more information.

*We can stop this.
Do not give up.
When good men do nothing,
evil triumphs.*



High School and College Parents Learn About The New Science of Casual Sex...What all Parents Need to Know

Hooked—New Science on How Casual Sex is Affecting our Children, by Joe McIlhane, M.D. and Freda McKissic Bush, M.D., (available at Amazon.com and other book sources).

Thanks to breakthroughs in the field of neuroscience, scientists have been able to explain the impact that sex has on the developing brains of adolescents and young adults.

- Sexual activity releases chemicals in the brain, creating emotional bonds between partners.
- Breaking these bonds can cause depression and make it harder to bond with someone else in the future.
- Chemicals released in the brain during sex can become addictive.
- The human brain is not fully developed until a person reaches their mid-twenties. Until then, it is harder to make wise relationship decisions.

This book takes a look at the unfolding scientific evidence that can help us understand sexual behavior. As parents, it will arm us with information that truly values sexual health.

Required Reading 101

Arm your daughters and granddaughters heading off to college with the facts.

Sense & Sexuality—The college girl's guide to real protection in a hooked-up world, by Miriam Grossman, M.D.

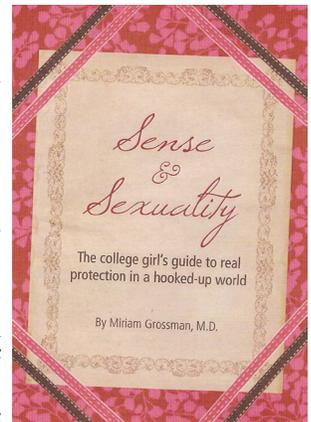
A free printable PDF version of this new pamphlet is available at www.cblpi.org/sense-andsexuality

Here's what a few students had to say after reading *Sense & Sexuality*...

"The reason some abstinence-minded college women start to stumble is their lack of knowledge. This pamphlet assists in reinforcing the belief of waiting to have sex 'til marriage. It gave my friends and me new talking points when discussing abstinence with our peers."

"*Sense and Sexuality* is so informative. It would have helped me a lot had I known about it sooner."

Pamphlets are available for a small fee at Educational Center for Life, 248-335-7806.



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Pearls of Wisdom

A recent article in the *Wall Street Journal*, written by a Canadian physician, describes the severe drawbacks to their system of health care. The proposals for health care reform being put forward by Mr. Obama here in the U.S. are much like the system currently in use in Canada. For a better understanding of that system and the doctor's concerns about it, please read the entire *Wall Street Journal* article at this link <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124451570546396929.html>.

Canada's ObamaCare Precedent Governments always ration care by making you wait. That can be deadly.

By David Gratzer

Congressional Democrats will soon put forward their legislative proposals for reforming health care. Should they succeed, tens of millions of Americans will potentially be joining a new public insurance program and the federal government will increasingly be involved in treatment decisions.

Not long ago, I would have applauded this type of government expansion. Born and raised in Canada, I once believed that government health care is compassionate and equitable. It is neither.

My views changed in medical school. Yes, everyone in Canada is covered by a "single payer"—the government. But Canadians wait for practically any procedure or diagnostic test or specialist consultation in the public system.

The problems were brought home when a relative had difficulty walking. He was in chronic pain. His doctor suggested a referral to a neurologist; an MRI would need to be done, then possibly a referral to another specialist. The wait would have stretched to roughly a year. If surgery was needed, the wait would be months more. Not wanting to stay confined to his house, he had the surgery done in the U.S., at the Mayo Clinic, and paid for it himself.

Such stories are common. For example, Sylvia de Vries, an Ontario woman, had a 40-pound fluid-filled tumor removed from her abdomen by an American surgeon in 2006. Her Michigan doctor estimated that she was within weeks of dying, but she was still on a wait list for a Canadian specialist.

Indeed, Canada's provincial governments themselves rely on American medicine. Between 2006 and 2008, Ontario sent more than 160 patients to New York and Michigan for emergency neurosurgery—described by the *Globe and Mail* newspaper as "broken necks, burst aneurysms and other types of bleeding in or around the brain."

Only half of ER patients are treated in a timely manner by national and international standards, according to a government study. The physician shortage is so severe that some towns hold lotteries, with the winners gaining access to the local doc.

Overall, according to a study published in *Lancet Oncology* last year, five-year cancer survival rates are higher in the U.S. than those in Canada. Based on data from the Joint Canada/U.S. Survey of Health (done by Statistics Canada and the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics), Americans have greater access to preventive screening tests and have higher treatment rates for chronic illnesses. No wonder: To limit the growth in health spending, governments restrict the supply of health care by rationing it through waiting. The same survey data show, as June and Paul O'Neill note in a paper published in 2007 in the *Forum for Health Economics & Policy*, that the poor under socialized medicine seem to be less healthy relative to the nonpoor than their American counterparts.

Ironically, as the U.S. is on the verge of rushing toward government health care, Canada is reforming its system in the opposite direction. In 2005, Canada's supreme court struck down key laws in Quebec that established a government monopoly of health services. Claude Castonguay, who headed the Quebec government commission that recommended the creation of its public health-care system in the 1960s, also has second thoughts. Last year, after completing another review, he declared the system in "crisis" and suggested a massive expansion of private services—even advocating that public hospitals rent facilities to physicians in off-hours.

And the medical establishment? Dr. Brian Day, an orthopedic surgeon, grew increasingly frustrated by government cutbacks that reduced his access to an operating room and increased the number of patients on his hospital waiting list. He built a private hospital in Vancouver in the 1990s. Last year, he completed a term as the president of the Canadian Medical Association and was succeeded by a Quebec radiologist who owns several private clinics.

In Canada, private-sector health care is growing. Dr. Day estimates that 50,000 people are seen at private clinics every year in British Columbia. According to the *New York Times*, a private clinic opens at a rate of about one a week across the country. Public-private partnerships, once a taboo topic, are embraced by provincial governments.

In the United Kingdom, where socialized medicine was established after World War II through the National Health Service, the present Labour government has introduced a choice in surgeries by allowing patients to choose among facilities, often including private ones. Even in Sweden, the government has turned over services to the private sector.

Americans need to ask a basic question: Why are they rushing into a system of government-dominated health care when the very countries that have experienced it for so long are backing away?

—Dr. Gratzer, a physician, is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute.



LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4, 2009
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Across the U.S. and Canada, on National LIFE CHAIN Sunday, hundreds of thousands of participants will silently stand in peaceful, prayerful witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. In addition to select designated Lifespan locations, we encourage the forming of Life Chains at all churches and organizations. If you are interested in hosting a Life Chain at your church or organization on Sunday, October 4, please call us. Signs will be provided. We will list Life Chain locations as we become aware of them. Currently, we know of these locations:

- ☆ **Downtown Belleville, Main St. at Five Points to Belleville Lake Bridge—Belleville**
- ☆ **Woodward Ave., from 11-12 Mile Rds.—Berkley/Royal Oak**
- ☆ **Telegraph Rd. at Ford Rd., north to Hass St.—Dearborn Heights**
- ☆ **Gratiot at Six Mile Rd.—Detroit**
- ☆ **Middlebelt, Jamison (2 blks. south of 5 Mile Rd.) to 6 Mile Rd.—Livonia**
- ☆ **Intersection at Wayne and Warren Rds.—Westland**

Will YOU stand with us? Call to register your church or group, 248-478-8878

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"MOVEMENT IN MOTION"

Youth Bus Trip to Washington, D.C. - JANUARY 2010

REGISTRATION: September 8th-November 30th (or sooner, depending on how quickly the buses fill up—the quicker you sign up the better chance you'll have of getting on board!)

COST: \$140.00 per person (which will include a dinner and a Continental breakfast at the host church), a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit will be required to hold a seat on the bus.

BASIC ITINERARY: Four buses will leave Thursday evening, January 21st from Troy & Livonia, arrive in D.C. Friday morning, January 22nd, participate in the Youth Rally/Mass at the Verizon Center and the March for Life, stay overnight at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria (Virginia), tour some sites on Saturday, January 23rd (including the Arlington National Cemetery), and arrive back home on Sunday morning, January 24th. (For those who would like to attend the Catholic Mass, Buses 1-3 will go to the Basilica Saturday evening).

QUESTIONS? WANT TO REGISTER? Call Lynn, Bus Trip Coordinator, RTL- LIFESPAN Oakland/Macomb Chapter office, at 248-816-1546 or e-mail her at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org. Be sure to put "Movement in Motion" in the subject line of your e-mail message. Please note: We are not planning a "red eye" trip, unless we get a commitment of 50 people.

**Help us spread the word about the trip to your family members,
friends at school, at college and in your faith community!!!**

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27th ANNUAL "BOWLING FOR LIFE"

Sponsored by Right to Life - LIFESPAN Wayne West/Downriver Chapter



Friday, July 31, 2009

with starting times between 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

WOODLAND LANES

33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia

BOWL 3 GAMES FREE!

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 14 years and older \$100 Savings Bond
- High Series for 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

★★★ FREE PIZZA FOR LIFESPAN BOWLERS ★★★

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 24, 2009**

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



3rd Annual CIDER WALK

"Children In-utero Deserve Equal Rights"

October 10, 2009

Registration (date of Walk) begins at 1:30 p.m.

◆ Walk at 2 p.m. ◆ Cider and donuts to follow

- ◆ Pre-registration is preferred (www.rtl-lifespan.org, click on Events or call 248-478-8878)
- ◆ Collect pledges from family, friends and co-workers ◆ Turn in pledge form and donations at the Walk

Will you walk 4.1 miles to save lives?

Start at Rochester Municipal Park and walk the beautiful Paint Creek Trail!

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Mary Cascos, Office Manager

State Fair volunteers needed

Lifespan will again be at the Michigan State Fair and will need volunteers to work the booth. Your admission is free, and if you are a new volunteer, you will be placed with an experienced veteran. We need two volunteers for each four-hour shift. Why not sign up with a friend? Besides having a great time exploring the Fair before or after your shift, you will feel wonderful knowing you helped spread the pro-life message to the thousands who walk by our booth.

Detroit needs volunteers for one day only, Wednesday, September 2nd. The shift times are: 9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 1:45 to 6:00 p.m. and 5:45 to 10:00 pm. Call today to get the shift you desire—313-640-8534.

Independence Day

We have just celebrated our Declaration of Independence, but let us not forget the foundation of that historic document: "We

hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are LIFE, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness."

Why is it no longer self-evident that without the Right to LIFE, asserted in the Declaration, no other rights have any meaning? In the name of independence, women are being led to choose an act which only superficially sets them free at the price of physical, mental and spiritual pain that lasts a lifetime. What then happens to their pursuit of happiness? Needless to add is all the babies' rights which were taken from them. Lord have mercy on our Country!

Summer garage sales

Summer is a time to relax and slow down. However, helping pregnant women doesn't stop or slow down. Keep them in mind when you visit garage sales this summer. If you happen to notice gently-used baby items, why not buy them and donate them to your local pregnancy help center? Maybe let the seller know that you will pick up any unsold items and deliver them to the center for her. You may also be able to barter a little and let the seller know that you would be willing to buy whatever she has left over for a reduced price. Be bold and be willing to stand up for those precious babies who cannot stand up for themselves. Many are not aware of the pregnancy centers in their area and that they are always looking for donations, especially during the summer months.

Give the office a call at 313-640-8534 to find a pregnancy help center in your area.

wee care

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Karen Patrosso, Director

Carrie wanted to do something for our program and thought that our moms do not have the time nor the resources to create these treasured books. She wanted them to have a record of their baby's life that they could cherish forever. You don't need to be a "pro" at scrapbooking to participate--I'm not--and it sounds like fun!

The event will take place on September 19th at St. Benedict's Church in Waterford. For more information, please contact Carrie: 248-760-6782.

www.michiganscrapbooker.com
editor@michiganscrapbooker.com

Update on Molly

"Molly," the 6 months' pregnant 16-year-old who was to have an abortion last month, is doing well. She is working closely with an adoption agency and has picked the couple who will adopt her precious baby. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Love, Karen

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



Dear Friends,

Do you like to scrapbook? A very special friend of Wee Care is planning a wonderful day of scrapbooking to benefit our moms.

Carrie MacGillis, the editor and publisher of Michigan Scrapbooker, Inc., is going to host a get-together where everyone attending will be creating a scrapbook album to be given to each of our moms to record their precious baby's first milestones.

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E-mail efforts

We are still asking that you email us your e-mail address. At the present time, e-mail is the most efficient way to get breaking news to you. Time-sensitive information and action alerts simply cannot be shared quickly enough by regular mail. E-mail gets the information into your hands almost as quickly as we receive it here in the office. Our e-mail server is secure, and you will not receive spam mail by giving LIFESPAN your e-mail address. Please help us help you be on top of important pro-life information. E-mail your e-mail address to us at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org.

Father's Day candy bars

We hope there is not a single sweet tooth that has gone unsatisfied this Father's Day. The candy was yummy, with more dark chocolate than ever before. A big Thank You to all who helped with this project.

wayne west/downriver

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July 4th Independence Day

July 4th is celebrated as "Independence Day." However, as with the Supreme Court decision, many years ago in the *Dred Scott Case* in which a slave could not sue for his freedom since he was not considered a "person," the unborn today are not protected by law because they are not considered "persons." Abortion-on-demand is legal in the United States and LIFESPAN is determined to stop the killing of unborn children. With hard work and concentrated efforts, we can change history. If you have time and would like to volunteer in your local Lifespan office, just give us a call.

Reminder: 27th annual "Bowling for Life"

Don't get left out of the fun! Join other pro-lifers on Friday, July 31, at Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Rd., Livonia; starting times between 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. BOWL 3 GAMES FREE with your sponsored pledge sheet and help Lifespan financially. Get your family or church members to make up a team or come alone—no one is a stranger in a pro-life crowd. See page 5 for more details.

Entertainment Books

We still have a few 2009 books left for the pre-sale promotion. Don't get left out. Call the office and order yours today.

Fair friends

We are looking for smiling faces to help staff our information table at the State Fair. From what we read in the newspapers, the chances of the State Fair continuing to be an annual event may be fading away. Don't miss this opportunity to help at the table and then enjoy the attractions of the fair. Call the office if you have some time available between September 3rd and 7th.

Used Book Sale

There is still time to donate used books for the annual LIFESPAN book sale (see details on the front page). Just drop all those books that you have stashed in the closet and under the bed at the Oakland/Macomb office—and then don't forget to come to the sale and buy some more!!!

Congratulations, Phyllis!

Oakland/Macomb member and director of the Educational Center for Life, Phyllis Sullivan, was recently awarded the John Francis Regis Award from the St. Regis faith community. The award is given to those in the parish who manifest in their lives their faithfulness to God and to our brothers and sisters.

We've added bumper bowling for children. The prizes for most money collected, high game and high series are great! FREE PIZZA FOR ALL LIFESPAN BOWLERS. Call for more details and pledge sheets.

Pro-life breakfast with legislative update

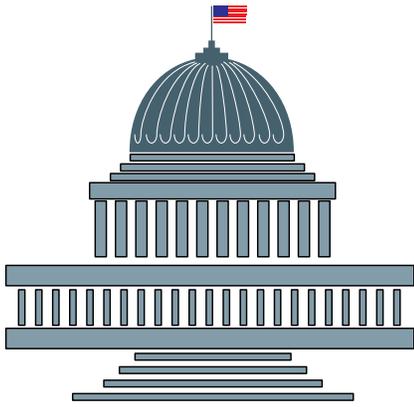
Our chapter is again responsible for the Pro-life Breakfast. We willingly accept this challenge because everyone can use more knowledge about the abortion issue and what's going on statewide and nationally. Call now for your reservation to have breakfast with invited U.S. and Michigan legislators. Come, meet some of the men and women who make the laws which affect our lives. Don't miss the opportunity to hear and meet Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List. Make reservations now to insure seating. See page 8.

2010 Entertainment Book presale

Order and pay for a 2010 Entertainment Book now for only \$20, and receive a FREE 2009 Book which can be used until November 1, 2009. Limited quantities available.

Life Chain

Will you be a part of the National Life Chain? Select a Chain near you and try to be in place by 2:30 p.m. and stay until it ends at 3:30. Stand at least twelve feet apart. Do not stand in clusters. The longer the chain, the greater impact it will have on those passing by. It's free. It's easy. It's effective. It has saved babies. Call us for signs as only official Life Chain signs should be used. See page 4 for more details.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Dear Representative (last name):

U.S. May Export Abortion

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Marjorie Dannenfelser, President of the Susan B. Anthony List, an organization that supports pro-life women who announce their candidacy for public office.

Ms. Dannenfelser will be the featured speaker at Lifespan's Pro-Life Breakfast on September 26. See back page of this newsletter for more information. (Reservation form appears at the bottom of this page.)

June 9, 2009

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Glenn,

Earlier this year, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told Congress that she believes that reproductive rights are a fundamental policy goal and that abortion is a reproductive right.

Under Clinton's leadership at the State Department, the newly created Office of Global Women's Issues will carry out her vision by advancing the legalization of abortion in pro-life nations around the world.

This means that your tax dollars will help promote pro-abortion laws in countries around the world, particularly in the Third World.

Americans should respond to women's needs in foreign countries with real assistance that upholds their dignity, not by promoting or paying for abortions.

Please tell your representative to vote No on the State Authorization bill!

Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), tried to offer an amendment that would prohibit the Office of Global Women's Issues from promoting abortion, but

the pro-abortion majority on the Rules Committee blocked this amendment from ever reaching the House floor.

Alice Paul, an early feminist, once said that "Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women."

We must not allow Secretary Clinton to exploit vulnerable women and children by spreading abortion in other countries.

Please contact your representative today and tell them that we cannot export abortion overseas. Tell them to vote against the State Authorization bill.

Marjorie Dannenfelser
Susan B. Anthony List President
703-875-3370; www.sba-list.org

Health Care Beware

The president, during his campaign, promised that reforming the delivery of health care in our country would be one of his priorities.

This is a laudable goal, but something this important, that will affect literally everyone in the United States, requires careful thought, discussion and planning. It is not something that can be introduced at the beginning of the week and voted on at the end of the week.

This does not mean the idea must be "talked to death," but it is critical that what is to be included, who will receive it, what options our citizens will have if he/she does not want government paid health care and what such a government plan will cost and how will it be paid for, be clearly understood.

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Yes! I will attend Lifespan's Breakfast, Saturday, Sept. 26!

Send me ___ tickets @ \$20.00 each
___ tickets @ \$10.00 each (students 21 or younger); \$___ total enclosed

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Area Code/Phone _____

Please send a complete list of names and addresses for all people for whom you are ordering tickets. Make checks payable, and mail to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152.** Reservations are required by **Friday, September 18.**

I'M SPECIAL

In all the world there's nobody like me.

Since the beginning of time, there has never been another person like me.

Nobody has my smile.

Nobody has my eyes, my nose, my hair, my hands, my voice.



I'M SPECIAL

No one can be found who has my handwriting. Nobody anywhere has my tastes—for food or music or art.

Nobody sees things just as I do.

In all of time, there's been no one who laughs like me, no one who cries like me.

And what makes me laugh and cry will never provoke identical laughter and tears from anybody else, EVER.

No one reacts to any situation just as I would react.

I'M SPECIAL

I'm the only one in all of creation who has my set of abilities. Oh, there will always be somebody who is better at one of the things I'm good at, but no one in the universe can reach the quality of my combination of talents, ideas, abilities and feelings.

Like a room full of musical instruments, some may excel alone, but none can match the symphony sound when all are played together.

I'M A SYMPHONY

Through all of eternity, no one will ever look, talk, walk, think or do like me.

I'M SPECIAL. I'M RARE.

And in all rarity, there is great value.

Because of my great rare value, I need not attempt to imitate others.

I will accept—yes, celebrate—my differences.



I'M SPECIAL.

And I'm beginning to realize it's no accident that I'm special. I'm beginning to see that God made me special for a very special purpose. He must have a job for me that no one else can do as well as I. Out of all the billions of applicants, only one is qualified, only one has the right combination of what it takes.

THAT ONE IS ME. BECAUSE...I'M SPECIAL.

—Author Unknown

Jessica and Rob Essenberg are the proud parents of twins, Layla and Lana, born May 9, 2009 at 27-1/2 weeks gestation, weighing 2 lbs., 6 ozs. each. On June 20th, they were able to be together for the first time since birth, now 4 lbs. each.

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

As summer comes to our little part of the world, we in the pro-life movement must continue our efforts on behalf of those who are unable to speak for themselves. We cut back on our office hours, but we never cut back on our efforts to save lives. Our fight for LIFE must continue without any interruptions, and we will never let anything—not even summer—deter us from our main mission—“promote and enhance a respect for human life from conception to natural death.”

I thank all of you who have helped us through the year. Whether it has been in the form of prayer, volunteer time, financial donations or membership, your continued support keeps the doors of LIFESPAN open. I would like to refer you to an article in this newsletter in the News and Notes column, entitled, “Stop the Abortion Bailout.” You will see by this article that we do not have the backing of the federal government. We get not one penny of federal funding. We depend on YOU! And with your help, we will continue to fight the good fight for life. I thank you again for your trust and approval of our work.

I pray that your summer is filled with deserved rest and happy times with family and friends. Summer allows us to have a little more free time to regenerate our bodies and minds. Everyone, even pro-lifers, needs rest—so to all you hard workers, take some time for yourself! The sun is finally warming us—so enjoy!!

You're appreciative President,

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Our citizens must have the opportunity to express their desires and concerns. The issue is incredibly complex and in spite of news conferences, hour-long promotions without the opportunity for a dissenting voice and other media assists, we must require that we know what we are getting if we sign on for government-paid health care. Will we receive health care that we want, or health care that the government says we can have? Please take the time to read everything you can about the proposals, listen to those who speak about the issue and remember two very important concepts---abortion is not health care and neither is doctor-assisted dying.

Sotomayer411.com

The title of this article is the name of a new website, hosted by Americans United for Life, that outlines some of the decisions and a little of the philosophy of the woman Mr. Obama has nominated to fill Justice Souter's seat on the United States Supreme Court. While it would be unfair to pre-judge the nominee, it is always important to explore the philosophy and apparent temperament of the next Supreme Court Justice, who will hold that position until voluntary retirement. Visit the website and learn about Ms. Sotomayer.

Michigan Lawmakers Prepare Bills to Monitor Proposal 2

When Michigan voters approved Proposal 2 last November, pro-life groups were concerned that it could lead to problems and unethical biotech practices. To respond to those concerns, state legislators introduced the Embryo Research and Fertility Clinic Transparency Act last week. The Act consists of several bills that would codify Proposal 2 into law and would fulfill the promise of its supporters that no human embryos will be created specifically for destructive research or be bought or sold for monetary value. The legislation would ban the creation of human-animal hybrids and amend the current ban on creating cloned human embryos to prevent trafficking of cloned humans into Michigan. Several pro-life groups across the state are in support of this legislation, including the Michigan Catholic Conference.

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If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call a Lifespan office, pp. 6-7. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hotline number **800-BETHANY**. Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call Abigayle Ministries **586-326-0459**. 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**.

**Dads With a Sweet Tooth,
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Helping to unload candy bars for Father's Day are Christian, Brendan and Ethan Heiss. Each year, the Oakland/Macomb Chapter of Lifespan offers candy bars to dads on Father's Day. Satisfying that "sweet tooth" with a candy bar is a long-standing tradition, and each bar carries the message, "Life is Sweet—Thanks, Dad!"

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Walking the Talk: Pro-Life Attitudes Can Translate to Electoral and Policy Success

Marjorie Dannenfelser, an original organizer of the Susan B. Anthony List, is the organization's President and Chairman of the Board. As President, Marjorie directs the mission of SBA List, is the chief strategist, and serves as its primary spokeswoman. Under her leadership, the organization has grown to over 157,000 members nationwide.

Since its founding, the organization's connected political action committee, the nonpartisan Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund, has helped elect 75 pro-life candidates to the U.S. House of Representatives, seven to the U.S. Senate and seven to other statewide offices across the country.

Marjorie has represented the Susan B. Anthony List on *Fox News* (*The O'Reilly Factor*, *Real World* with Neil Cavuto, *America's Newsroom*), *CNN*, *CBN* and *EWTN*. She often appears on both regional and national radio shows, including Janet Parshall's *America, Catholic Connection* with Teresa Tomeo, *The Fred Thompson Show*, and the *Bob Dutko Show*. She is a regular contributor on pro-life political issues to national radio news services, like *Focus on the Family Radio*, *American Family Radio*, and *Salem Radio News*. Her commentaries have appeared around the country and have been published in *The Weekly Standard*, *National Catholic Register*, *The Washington Times*, *National Review Online*, *Townhall.com*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The DC Examiner* and many other periodicals.

Prior to launching the Susan B. Anthony List, Marjorie served on Capitol Hill as staff director of the Congressional Pro-life Caucus. Previous to her work on Capitol Hill, she worked at the Heritage Foundation. She is originally from North Carolina and is a graduate of Duke University. Marjorie lives in Arlington, Virginia with her husband, Marty, and their five children, ages 8-17.

It is critical to be involved in the pro-life movement and be an advocate for change.

For more details, call 248-478-8878 or 734-422-6230; see page 8 for registration information.



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