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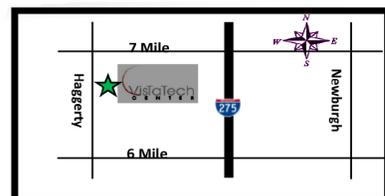
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See page 3 for registration details.



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News & Notes

Editor's Note: A re-read of Brave New World by A. Huxley would help us understand that this is a perfect example of "doublespeak."

Planned Parenthood Calls Killing a Baby With Abortion Drug a "Voluntary Miscarriage"

By Steven Ertelt

Every day, women around the world deal with the pain and grief of losing a baby in a miscarriage. Never one to show much compassion to women or their loved ones, Planned Parenthood is taking advantage of the term miscarriage to justify abortion.

As the pro-life group STOPP reports, one Planned Parenthood abortion clinic has begun using the term "voluntary miscarriage" to characterize an abortion that purposefully takes the life of an unborn child via the RU 486 or mifepristone abortion drug.

Moreover, the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in question is putting women's health and lives at risk by instructing them to tell hospitals that they have had a miscarriage instead of a drug-induced abortion when facing medical problems and complications afterwards.

STOPP has just learned from a reliable source in the York, Pennsylvania, area that several women she has spoken with recently leaving the Planned Parenthood facility have reported that they were told by Planned Parenthood staff that their medication-induced abortions that were started there are not abortions; that the women are instead having voluntary miscarriages.

The women have been additionally coached by Planned Parenthood staff that if they have problems and need to go to the emergency room, they should tell the hospital staff there that they are having a miscarriage.

How very convenient for Planned Parenthood—absolving itself of liability for the harm it is doing to women. The organization merely takes the money and runs. It can't get more back-alley or deceptive than this.

And how perfectly dismal for the women PP is injuring and abandoning. This is what Planned Parenthood really means when it says, "Care. No Matter What."

This should come as no surprise. After all, it was Planned Parenthood's own instructions on how to misuse the abortion drug that led to eight women dying from it and countless others to be injured.

—LifeNews.com, July 16, 2014

**Planned Parenthood is
UNSAFE
For Women & Girls**

Accessing Abortion Much More Difficult in 2014 Than in 2009

"Abortion access has changed dramatically," Elizabeth Nash, state issues manager at the Guttmacher Institute, says. "The debate at the federal level affected what happened at the state level, and accessing abortion is much more difficult in 2014 than it was in 2009."

—National Right to Life News, July 8, 2014

Michigan Hospice No Longer Accepting Patients Due to Obamacare

By Steven Ertelt

The pro-life movement repeatedly warned that health care rationing would ensue once Obamacare went into effect. LifeNews has reported on dozens of cases of rationing since then; here is another one.

In the state of Michigan, a hospice program is no longer accepting patients because of Obamacare.

According to a report that aired on Grand Rapids, Michigan Fox affiliate WXMI, ObamaCare is responsible for the end of another health care service due to cuts associated with the law's implementation.



Holland, Michigan's Hospice of Holland's board of directors voted to shut down June 12 according to the report and Torrey Husmann, executive director of the facility, said it's due to money woes.

"The biggest issue under the Affordable Care Act is we know we're going to see cuts in reimbursement," Husmann said. "It'll be about 12 percent."

—LifeNews.com, June 18, 2014

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Editor's note: The article below was submitted by Karen Schenk, LIFESPAN Representative at St. Mary of the Hills Parish in Rochester Hills.



Crosses are a Symbol of Christ's Forgiveness

What difference does the life of one person make in the world?

Consider the simple steps and life of constant prayer which Mother Teresa of Calcutta

pursued in bringing love and dignity to the dying poor. She is regarded as one of the greatest humanitarians of the twentieth century.

In 1955, Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Computers and father of the technology age, was born to two graduate students who immediately gave him up for adoption by Clara and Paul Jobs. His birth parents were unmarried and not ready for an inconvenient child. Melissa Ohden, born in 1977 after five days of being subjected to a saline solution while in the womb, is a beautiful wife and mother who today travels and spreads the message of love, forgiveness, and healing after abortion. She has learned now of another 160 abortion survivors who want to give a face to abortion statistics and a voice to the cause of the unborn child.

This is why St. Mary of the Hills Parish, Rochester Hills, hosted the traveling 2,000 Cross Display, representing half of the abortions performed daily in the United States. Since January, 1973, over 56 million developing boys and girls have been killed in the U.S. before they ever had a chance to breathe, and they are commemorated by these crosses. During the past 40 years, 1.72 billion babies have been killed worldwide by the atrocity of abortion. The outreach purpose of the display is to publicize the reality of abortion while enlightening everyone to the healing message of repentance, forgiveness, and the sacredness of life offered by the Church.

Consider using the crosses to grow your faith. Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception...*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you. (Jeremiah 1:5)* Give some thought to questions your children may ask and be ready with an age-appropriate answer, like, "These crosses are in memory of babies who were never born alive."

Should you need immediate help with a pregnancy, call 1-800-395-HELP. To learn more about life issues and post-abortion healing, go to website: <http://www.priestsforlife.org>. Repentance is always easier than abortion.

The crosses pictured above were sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #13950 and are an Outreach Project of Right to Life - LIFESPAN. For information on obtaining this Cross Display for your church or organization, please call 248-816-1546.

PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST REGISTRATION

YES! I want to attend LIFESPAN's Pro-Life Breakfast on September 13!

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Legislative Update

Remember FOCA? It's Back!

U.S. Senate Democrats launch push for "the most radical pro-abortion bill ever considered by Congress"

Four months before the mid-term congressional election, Senate Democrats pushed into the national spotlight "the most radical pro-abortion bill ever considered by Congress," said Carol Tobias, president of the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of state right-to-life organizations.

Tobias was one of two non-congressional witnesses who testified against the so-called "Women's Health Protection Act" (S. 1696), at a hearing before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

"This bill is really about just one thing: it seeks to strip away from elected lawmakers the ability to provide even the most minimal protections for unborn children, at any stage of their pre-natal development," Tobias told the committee. "Calling the bill the 'Abortion Without Limits Until Birth Act' would be more in line with truth-in-advertising standards."

The bill has been heavily promoted by pro-abortion activist groups since its introduction last November, although it has been largely ignored by the mainstream news media. The measure has 35 Senate cosponsors, all Democrats, including nine of the 10 Democrats on the Judiciary Committee. The chief sponsor of the bill is Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.).

The bill would invalidate nearly all existing state limitations on abortion, and prohibit states from adopting new limitations in the future, including various types of laws specifically upheld as constitutionally permissible by the U.S. Supreme Court. Among the laws that the bill would nullify are requirements to provide women seeking abortion with specific information on their unborn child and on alternatives to abortion, laws providing reflection

periods (waiting periods), laws allowing medical professionals to opt out of providing abortions, laws limiting the performance of abortions to licensed physicians, bans on elective abortion after 20 weeks, meaningful limits on abortion after viability, and bans on the use of abortion as a method of sex selection. These laws generally have broad public support in the states in which they are enacted, including support from substantial majorities of women.

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The bill would also invalidate most previously enacted federal limits on abortion, including federal conscience protection laws and most, if not all, limits on government funding of abortion.

"We believe that many voters will be appalled to learn that nearly two-thirds of Senate Democrats have co-sponsored a bill to impose nationwide the extreme ideological doctrine that elective abortion must not be limited in any meaningful way, at any stage of pregnancy," Tobias said.

However, in her testimony Tobias also issued a surprising challenge, calling on the leadership of the Democrat-controlled committee, and the Democrat leadership of the full Senate, to allow a floor vote on the bill—but at the same time, to allow a vote on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S. 1670), sponsored by Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) "In the spirit of 'pro-choice,' why not give the Senate a choice as well?," Tobias said to Blumenthal.

"We challenge you, and the leadership of the majority party, to allow the American people to see where every

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This Beautiful Girl is Helping End the Stigma Associated With Down Syndrome

By Josh Brahm

Michelle Clark will never forget the first time she took her daughter Mara out for the first time.



Photo credit: Sunday Mirror / Nicholas Bowman

Mara was born with Down syndrome, and they had spent Mara's first few weeks of life in the hospital. Now Michelle was excited to take Mara to the grocery store.

Everything was going great, until they were standing in the checkout line, and Michelle heard an elderly woman behind her say, "Aah, she doesn't have it too bad does she?"

The elderly woman may have meant well, but the sting of her comment hit Michelle's heart like a dagger. Sadly, Michelle had to deflect many more ignorant and insensitive comments over the next few weeks.

That was when Michelle decided to do something about it.

Michelle explained to *The Daily Mirror*, "I wanted to scream from the rooftops: 'Mara is a person not a diagnosis!' I had to do something to educate people about the impact their words and looks had."

Michelle saw Mara playing peek-a-boo behind their curtain and took a picture, and made a poster with the caption, "I am Mara. I have Down syndrome. I am not Down syndrome."

The poster was put on Facebook, and the new meme went viral. Parents from all over the world started taking their children's pictures and putting similar captions on them.



Image credit: Phoenix features

Mara's story actually begins in the womb. Michelle knew that there was a higher chance of Down syndrome because she was 45 when she got pregnant with Mara.

Michelle and her husband, Ben, did some research and decided they could handle it if they got the difficult news.

Sure enough, Michelle's doctor informed both of them that Mara was suspected of having Down syndrome." Michelle told *The Daily Mirror*, "From the way he said it, you'd have thought he was telling us a world war had started."

This is sadly too common. As *LifeNews* has reported before, doctors very often encourage abortion as soon as they reveal an unborn child's diagnosis to her parents. This is true, even though a small 2011 study reported that 99% of Down syndrome children reported being happy with their lives.

I'm grateful that Ben and Michelle were more life-affirming than most parents are when they discover their child has Down syndrome. "We didn't see what there was to worry about," Michelle told *The Daily Mirror*. "Down's didn't scare us."

I hope Michelle's meme continues to spread, educating society about Down syndrome. I hope one day moms with their newly-born children diagnosed with Down syndrome will be able to go to grocery stores without hearing hurtful comments like, "She doesn't have it that bad, does she?"

I wish more people had the attitude that clinical laboratory specialist and *LifeNews* contributor, Rebecca Taylor, has: "Making genetics my profession, I have always thought a person is more than just a sum of their genes. So for me, a person with Down syndrome is so much more than their extra chromosome 21. The syndrome is not who they are. It does not define them."

—*LifeNews.com*, June 17, 2014



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Book Sale Thanks

A big thank you to all of you who helped with the Book Sale. This takes, literally, an army of people to sort, lift, carry, arrange and sell the books and then to do it all in reverse when the sale is over. We could not have done it without you!

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Christmas Cards

It may still be summer on the calendar, but we have already ordered the 2014 Christmas cards! If you have never offered our cards to your church or

Annual Pro-Life Breakfast

Be sure to get your reservations in for our Annual Pro-Life Breakfast! *The 40 Film* will be shown, and we will learn how to effectively contact and interact with legislators to advance pro-life legislation. This year, the Breakfast will be held at the VisTaTech Center (at Schoolcraft College), so that we can take advantage of their huge screen to watch the film. Come out for breakfast, a pro-life movie and inspiration!

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group, would you consider doing it this year? There is never any upfront cost to you and only requires one or two weekends of your time. If you are interested, please call 248-816-1546.

How to Handle an Unplanned Pregnancy

When so many find an unplanned pregnancy a reason to take the life of the unborn child, Rep. Bill Cassidy (R-LA), who is running for a Senate seat in that state, and his wife found another way to approach the unplanned pregnancy of their 17-year-old daughter: "Earlier this year, Laura and I learned we will become grandparents this summer. Our children have been the greatest blessing of our lives and we welcome our grandchild as a joyous addition to our family. Our daughter now faces a more challenging future than her peers. She has our unconditional love and support." It may not have been in their plans, but their support and love will make a difficult situation less difficult.

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Science is always making new discoveries and advances, but some of them should give us pause. Take, for example, the recent announcement that scientists are working on creating and perfecting a maternal blood test that would make it possible to map the entire genome of a pre-born baby. Good idea? For those who value life and are happy to accept every child conceived, yes—this blood test could be helpful in preparing for a child who may have special needs (Down syndrome, cystic fibrosis, spina bifida, etc.). However, this blood test could end up being the end of many pre-born lives as medical staff and society may pressure moms to abort children because they may face some challenges after birth. ALL life has value!

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Wee Care

Dear Friends,
As you know, I love to share stories of our families who receive your gifts and tell you about special people

who make it possible.

One very special family who we were able to help was trying to put their lives back together after a terrible house fire had destroyed everything they owned. They were living in a hotel, struggling to survive, but all they talked about was how grateful they were that their four children were safe.

We put them in touch with a number of organizations that could help, but because of all of you—we were able to take care of most of the needs of their little son—diapers, formula, wipes, bedding, clothes and so much more! We are never able to accept cribs as we have no storage area—but, God sent an angel (actually, the angel called) who wanted to donate a crib, stroller and high chair! It was perfect and I am happy to say that they are renting a house now and slowly turning it into a home.

And, speaking of angels, a very, very special one is now helping our babies from heaven. Joanne Morris recently passed away. She and her husband, Frank, have been responsible for thousands and thousands of dollars worth of baby items throughout the years. They made it possible for St. Mary Magdalen in Melvindale to have a Giving Tree every Christmas for Wee Care for as long as I can remember. They also would stop in throughout the year with diapers they had purchased “for the babies.”

Not only was she a special friend of Wee Care’s, but she was a dear friend of our staff’s and of mine. Always smiling—always happy—always sharing stories of her children and her precious grandchildren. We loved to see her and Frank visit!

We will miss her terribly, but know she will be looking out “for the babies” from heaven. Our love, prayers and deepest sympathy go out to Frank and their children. She was and is a very, very special, loved lady.

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MARCH FOR LIFE 2015 YOUTH BUS TRIP

**ENTER THE HOODIE
DESIGN CONTEST!!**
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Ages 14 and up!

13-year-olds must have a parent or guardian with them

Buses 1 and 2

\$175 per person, New Baltimore pickup, January 21st (pm)-25th

Bus 3

\$170 per person, Troy pickup, January 21st (am)-24th

Buses 4-8

\$160 per person, Troy & Livonia pickups, January 21st (pm)-24th

Contact Lynn Gura, Right to Life - LIFESPAN Youth Director,
for registration forms or more information, 248-816-1546 or oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org
REGISTRATION WILL BE FROM SEPTEMBER 2nd - OCTOBER 31st



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High School and College Students: You're invited to participate in the...
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HOODIE DESIGN CONTEST!!!

For the “MOVEMENT IN MOTION”

Youth Bus Trip to Washington, DC for the January 2015 March For Life



DATES TO ENTER CONTEST: Now through October 31st, 2014

CONTESTANTS: 9th-12th grade students as well as college students up to 21 years of age who reside in Oakland, Macomb, Wayne, St. Clair County or Detroit can enter this contest.

THEME: Every January, Right to Life – LIFESPAN charters buses and organizes a bus trip for young people to travel to Washington, DC to participate in the annual March for Life which commemorates the U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* tragic decisions that **legalized abortion in our country throughout all nine months of pregnancy for whatever reason.** Over 500,000 (half a million) people attend the March for Life and a majority of them are

young like YOU! To find out our official 2015 March for Life theme, contact me by phone or through e-mail.

“BABY SHOWER” COLORS: Light blue Hoodie with black print/design and light pink Hoodie with black print/design are the choices. You can use both the front and back of the Hoodie for your design and message if you want. The LIFESPAN logo will go on the upper part of the left sleeve (see logo at top of page next to “Right to Life – LIFESPAN”—be sure to add that to your design).

- ◆ Pre-ordering of Hoodies will take place in December for all Marchers.
- ◆ All Marchers will wear their Hoodies for identification of our LIFESPAN group (this will replace the T-shirt and scarf that were worn in the past).

CONTACT INFORMATION: Lynn Gura, Youth Director, Right to Life – LIFESPAN, 1637 W. Big Beaver, Suite G, Troy, MI, 48084-3540; 248-816-1546; e-mail: oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org. If sending through e-mail put “Hoodie Design Contest” in the subject line.

- ◆ Limit three entries per person.
- ◆ Must be original artwork.
- ◆ All entries will become the property of RTL - LIFESPAN with recognition given to the designer.
- ◆ All designs will be judged by the Youth Bus Trip Planning Committee in November; judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize.
- ◆ Winners will be notified of the decision the first week of December.

First place winner will receive a free ticket on the LIFESPAN “Movement in Motion” Youth Bus Trip to DC for the 42nd annual March for Life, January 21st-24th, 2015 and two free T-shirts with his/her design; second place winner will receive a \$75.00 discount on a ticket; third place winner will receive a \$50.00 discount on a ticket.

Please note, if you are one of the three winners and are registered for the Youth Bus Trip, you will receive reimbursement in the amount of the first, second or third prize. We will notify you the 1st week of December of the Planning Committee’s decision. Good luck!

Lynn Gura, Youth Director/Bus Trip Coordinator, Right to Life – LIFESPAN
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This HOODIE DESIGN Contestant information should be submitted with your design(s). PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. If sending designs by mail, send to attention of Lynn Gura, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 1637 W. Big Beaver, Suite G, Troy, MI, 48084-3540.

Student’s Name: _____ Student’s E-mail: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent’s E-mail (if student is a minor): _____

Student’s Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name of School, Homeschool Program, or College/University: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____ Date of Submission: _____

Please note: Pictures/video may be taken by LIFESPAN of the winners and may be used on the web, in publications and or other media. If you would rather your image not be included, please indicate below.

Signature of student: _____ Signature of parent, if student is a minor: _____

Radical Pro-Abortion Bill

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senator stands on both of these major abortion-related bills," Tobias said. "Let the American people see which bill reflects the values of each member of the United States Senate."

The Graham bill, which has 41 Senate cosponsors, duplicates legislation that has already passed the House of Representatives (HR1797). The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would generally protect unborn children in the sixth month and later (20 weeks), by which point they are capable of experiencing great pain during abortions.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TWO U.S. SENATORS AND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U.S. HOUSE, AND LET THEM KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS LEGISLATION.

The Women's Health Protection Act, recently introduced in the U.S. Senate (SB1696) would overturn numerous pro-life laws on the state level, including here in Michigan, including informed consent and inspections of abortion clinics.

According to one pro-life leader, Carol Tobias (president of the National Right to Life Committee) "the measure seeks to strip away from elected lawmakers the ability to provide even the most minimal protections for unborn children, at any stage of their pre-natal development." The measure, and its companion in the House of Representatives, attempts to outlaw states from regulating abortion. It is designed to prevent duly elected state lawmakers from enacting laws to regulate abortionists and abortion clinics.

The House version of this measure (HR3471) is co-sponsored by three Michigan representatives, including Congressman Gary Peters (D-14). Mr. Peters is currently running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Carl Levin and is opposed by former Michigan Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land.

Senate Tries to Overturn Supreme Court Decision

A Democratic procedural vote to take up a bill that would reverse the recent Supreme Court decision on the religious freedom rights of Hobby Lobby has failed 56-43.

Put forward by abortion supporting Senators, the measure would overturn the decision that allowed closely-held for-profit organizations to exclude abortion-causing drugs from their insurance plans.

The vote was seen by many as a political move on the part of its supporters. The measure, called "Protect Women's Health from Corporate Interference Act" was not expected to pass but was expected to be a campaign issue in the 2014 election cycle.



In our system of government, we have an opportunity to vote. This is not the case in many places around the world.

Our vote is supposed to elect individuals who will represent our needs and desires and effect change where needed to maintain our freedoms and protections.

Sometimes we choose wisely, sometimes we are disappointed in our choice.

The fact remains that the power of our vote is a renewable resource and we get to do it again at least every two and four years.

That time is here. Pleased or not with previous choices, be sure to use that resource and vote on August 5th and again in November.

Lives depend on it.

Women's Health DOES NOT Encompass Abortion

Have you noticed lately that abortion proponents are talking less about "pro-choice" and more about "women's health"?

It seems that society has caught on to the fact that in the lexicon of those who support abortion, "pro-choice" really means pro-abortion. Seems you can't make abortion acceptable by calling it something other than abortion.

The new buzz word is "women's health." But women's health isn't about abortion—it's about mammograms (which Planned Parenthood doesn't do), well visits, making sure women are eating healthy and taking care of themselves so they can take care of their families, mental well-being, work-life balance and other things that, yes, deal with reproduction, but also deal with the impressive body and inner workings of being a woman.

The "right" to end the life of her child doesn't encompass "women's health."

—Excerpted from LifeNews.com, July 29, 2014

Crisis Hotline Numbers

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. **Bethany Christian Services** has a 24-hour hotline number, 800-BETHANY.

Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call **Abigayle Ministries** 586-323-1411 or www.abigayleministries.org; **Fr. Patrick Jackson House** 734-761-1440 or www.csswashtenaw.org/fpjh/; **Giana House** 734-838-0207 or email: smdiane@feliciansisters.org; **Guadalupe Partners House**, www.guadalupepartners.org; **Mary's Mantle** 248-376-5338 or www.marysmantle.net/.

For post-abortion counseling, call **Project Rachel** 888-722-4355 or **Rachel's Vineyard** 1-877-HOPE-4-ME (1-877-467-3463).

For those with life-limiting illnesses, call **Angela Hospice** 734-464-7810; **Mercy Hospice Care** 248-334-6700 or www.trinity-health.org.

Project Life, Archdiocese of Detroit, offers pastoral guidance to persons considering abortion or assisted suicide; call 800-281-2102.

Michigan Nurses For Life 2014 Conference

Procuring Organs “Over My Dead Body?”

Saturday, September 27, 2014

8 AM – 12:30 PM

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“Brain Death, Organ Donation & Ethics”



Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

Fr. Tad holds degrees in Philosophy, Biochemistry, Molecular Cell Biology and Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Yale University. He is currently Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

“Margaret Sanger: Her Legacy of Social Darwinism and Eugenics”



Mary Burkett, RN, MS, CNS, ANE-BC

Mary is currently teaching nursing research and working on leadership courses at Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio. She plans to pursue a teaching career post-doctoral education, teaching research and leadership courses.

“Donate Life! Give and Let Live”



Cyndy Kirschbaum, RN, BSN, CPTC

Cyndy has been a donation coordinator with Gift of Life Michigan for the past ten years. Prior to working in the donation and transplantation field, she worked for 12 years in Intensive and Cardiac Units in the Metro Detroit Area.

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From the President's Desk



A special SALUTE, to all of our LIFESPAN volunteers.

As you see by the content of this newsletter, we had a successful book sale—it all happened because of our fantastic volunteers.

LIFESPAN could not exist without the help of our wonderful volunteers. You are the backbone of this organization, and words cannot express my gratitude for all you do. Whether you helped with the Book Sale, the Cider Walk, the

Annual Dinner, the Legislative Breakfast, Mother's Day flowers, the Cross display, Making Abortion Unthinkable Seminars, Christmas card sale, Life Chain, Baby Showers, speakers bureau or any other project you may have been involved in, we could not be this productive if it were not for you—our members, our volunteers. Maybe you helped at Wee Care sorting baby clothes, or maybe you knelt down and prayed for our success in ending abortion, euthanasia and infanticide.

Whatever you did, I know you will one day be rewarded, maybe not in this life, but as Congressman Henry Hyde so eloquently put it, "And God will look at you and say not, 'Did you succeed?' but 'Did you try?'"

Diane

Diane Fagelman, President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

PS: If you would like to get more involved in leadership roles, or in our special projects, we are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated people to serve on committees and as board members. Let us know your special area of interest. We are looking for new people, especially young and middle-aged members to fill leadership roles in the next generation of pro-lifers. Your time is valuable, so we are looking to involve new people in a single project only. Please call or email the office—let's talk!

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.

_____ Individual/Family \$ 30.00 _____ Other
 _____ Student/Senior Member \$ 20.00

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
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Please complete this form and return with your donation to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305.** For more information, call 734-524-0162. Sorry, donations are not tax-deductible.

Donations have been made to LIFESPAN—

*In Honor of the 18th Birthday of:
 Kenneth Brandt*

Given by: Eric, Eileen, Dylan and Alex Brandt

*In Honor of her many years of faithful service
 to LIFESPAN:*

Pat Holscher

Given by: LIFESPAN Board Members and Friends

In Loving Memory of:

Joanne Morris

*Given by: Karen Patrosso
 Eileen Brandt*

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.

*"Former GOP Chairman Rich Bond
 warned against clinging to
 "zealotry masquerading as principle."
 He should have warned against the greater danger
 of cowardice disguised as conviction,
 of running away from issues
 simply because they are difficult.
 Avoiding tough choices cannot and should not
 earn the respect, the trust, or the votes
 of a majority of the people."
 ~ Cal Thomas, The Things That Matter Most ~*

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