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## CIDER Walk 2015

Sunday, September 27th

1:30 - 3:30 PM

***Starr Jaycee Park - 13 Mile Rd. in Royal Oak***

(one block east of Crooks Rd.)

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All forms can be downloaded from the **EVENTS** page at **www.miLIFESPAN.org**

- Walk or Sponsor a Walker! Collect pledges or make a donation! All forms can be found on LIFESPAN's Website: [www.miLIFESPAN.org](http://www.miLIFESPAN.org).
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- Free Cider and Donuts for all participants!
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- Free Prize for all walkers who finish the route while supplies last.
- The two walkers who collect the most pledges will receive two tickets to our Annual Dinner in Troy on May 3, 2016.



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# Legislative Update

## Supreme Court Decision Underscores Need for No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act

*Editor's note. The following is National Right to Life's response to the June 25th U.S. Supreme Court decision in King v. Burwell.*

"Federal taxpayer subsidies are helping pay for over 1,000 health plans that cover abortion on demand, and today's Supreme Court decision underscores that only Congress can put a stop to that," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life.

"This decision again demonstrates the need for enactment of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which would permanently prevent taxpayer subsidies for abortion-covering health plans, both in Obamacare and in other federal health benefits programs," Tobias said.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7) in January by a vote of 242-179, despite a veto threat from the Obama White House.

When Barack Obama was elected president in 2008, an array of long-established laws, including the Hyde Amendment, had created a nearly uniform policy that federal programs did not pay for abortion or subsidize health plans that included coverage of abortion, with narrow exceptions. Regrettably, provisions of the 2010 Obamacare health law ruptured that longstanding policy. The Obamacare law authorized massive federal subsidies to assist many millions of Americans to purchase private health plans that will cover abortion on demand. In addition, the law contains multiple provisions that will ration life-saving or life-preserving medical care.

In September 2014, the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the nonpartisan investigatory arm of Congress, issued a report [[www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-742R](http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-742R)] containing information that confirmed predictions by National Right to Life that federally subsidized abortion-cov-

ering health plans would become a widespread feature of Obamacare. That report found that more than one thousand federally subsidized exchange plans currently cover elective abortion. Currently, 26 states and the District of Columbia allow coverage of elective abortion in health plans that qualify for the federal subsidies (while 24 states have restricted or prohibited such coverage).

*For further documentation, please see [www.nrlc.org/uploads/ahc/ProtectLife-ActDouglasJohnsonTestimony.pdf](http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/ahc/ProtectLife-ActDouglasJohnsonTestimony.pdf), and [www.nrlc.org/uploads/DvSBA/Generi-cAffidavitOfDouglasJohnsonNRLC.pdf](http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/DvSBA/Generi-cAffidavitOfDouglasJohnsonNRLC.pdf).*

*For information on how Obamacare rations life-preserving medical treatment, see [www.nrlc.org/uploads/communications/healthcarereport2014.pdf](http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/communications/healthcarereport2014.pdf).*

*For a pro-life alternative to Obamacare that would provide health insurance to those unable fully to afford it without rationing or government deficits, see [www.nrlc.org/uploads/medethics/Obamacare-AlternativeNRLC252015.pdf](http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/medethics/Obamacare-AlternativeNRLC252015.pdf).*

—National Right to Life News Today  
June 25, 2015

## Assisted Suicide in California

*The following is an excerpt from the statement of California State Senator Bob Huff on the failure of that state's effort to make assisted suicide legal.*

State Sen. Bob Huff, a Republican who is the minority leader in the State Senate, talked about the bill failing:

A high-profile bill that recently passed out of the state Senate without much trouble is facing a much tougher road in the Assembly.

Senate Bill 128 would legalize physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients in California. Supporters call it the Death with Dignity Act.

In reality, however, the bill should be known as the "Aid in Killing" act. We are asking our health care professionals—the people we hire to care for us and cure us—to now prescribe drugs that will cause our death.

Although I opposed this measure on the Senate floor, and I was not alone

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Dear Representative (last name):

in my opposition, 23 others did vote in favor of it, which was enough to send it to the Assembly. And that's where the trouble started.

The two authors of SB 128 have canceled a vote on the bill in the Assembly Health Committee because there is currently not enough support. The sponsors of SB 128 might be hoping that if they delay the vote long enough, the passage of time may change the minds of some committee members.

Where is the opposition coming from? Hundreds of organizations and citizens are vehemently opposed to physician-assisted suicide. This includes the American Medical Association and the physicians who treat cancer patients: oncologists.

These are the doctors that deal with dying more than anybody. They deal with death on a regular basis. They are the ones who have to explain to the patient or family that they have a terminal illness. Nobody wants to hear this. It's never taken well. People don't rejoice when they are told they are going to die.

A statement from both the Association of Northern California Oncologists and the Medical Oncology Association of Southern California sums up their opposition: "For many practicing physicians, end of life issues are purely theoretical. For oncologists, it is an everyday part of their practice to assist the patient in a comfortable death...an act that directly causes the patient's death is contrary to the role of the physician."

*Entire article may be found in the July 7<sup>th</sup> edition of LifeNews.com.*

## Congressional Action on Defunding Planned Parenthood

On August 3rd, Senate Democrats defeated an effort to revoke taxpayer funding for the Planned Parenthood abortion business by filibustering the bill and preventing a vote on it. Republicans were unable to secure the 60 votes needed to invoke cloture and stop debate on the bill, allowing an up or down vote.

The legislation follows four shocking videos that have caught Planned Parenthood doctors discussing and arranging the sale of body parts of aborted babies.

The Senate voted 53-46 on the cloture motion—failing to get the 60 votes needed to stop the Democratic filibuster against the defunding measure. Had the cloture vote been approved and the bill passed, and should the House pass its own bill to defund Planned Parenthood, President Barack Obama said he would veto the measure.

Republican Senator Mark Kirk of Illinois was the only Republican to vote against the defunding effort while pro-life Senator Lindsey Graham, who supports defunding Planned Parenthood, missed the vote to campaign for president.

With the Senate voting against defunding, attention now turns to attempts to defund Planned Parenthood via the budget process. Already, 18 House Republicans have said they will not allow passage of any essential bills to fund the federal government if such bills do not include language defunding Planned Parenthood.

Both of Michigan's senators, Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters voted to continue using federal tax dollars to fund Planned Parenthood.

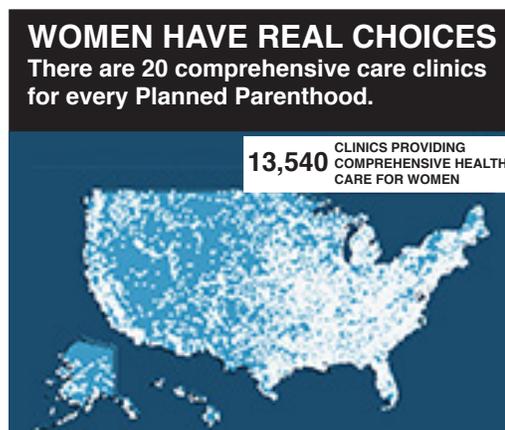
## Obama Administration Cautions States Defunding Planned Parenthood

Five states, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Utah and New Hampshire, have taken steps to defund Planned Parenthood. Most cite recent information about Planned Parenthood's treatment of fetal remains following abortion, and how these activities are not in keeping with the general characteristics of these states. The Obama administration has sent letters of warning to Louisiana and Alabama, citing a possible conflict with Medicaid funding.

A spokesman from the Department of Health and Human Services stated, "Longstanding Medicaid laws prohibit states from restricting individuals who have coverage through Medicaid from receiving care from a qualified provider," he said. "By restricting which provider a woman could choose to receive care, women could lose access to critical preventive care, such as cancer screenings." (Editor's Note: Please see map of alternative help care providers on this page.)

In Louisiana, however, according to the Medicaid provider contract between DHH and Planned Parenthood, along with relevant Louisiana law, either party can choose to cancel the contract at will after providing written notice.

The Obama Administration has been an ardent and vocal supporter of Planned Parenthood.



*If Planned Parenthood Loses Taxpayer Funding, This Map Shows Health Clinics That Will Take Its Place*

## Obamacare is restricting your choice of doctor or hospital. Here's how.

In the much anticipated Obamacare case, *King v. Burwell*, handed down June 25, the Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision ruled that subsidies will continue to go to recipients, not only exchanges set up by state governments, but also in the states where the Federal government set up a state exchange. When dozens of states either tried or gave up on establishing these expensive exchanges, the Federal government came in and set one up in that state.

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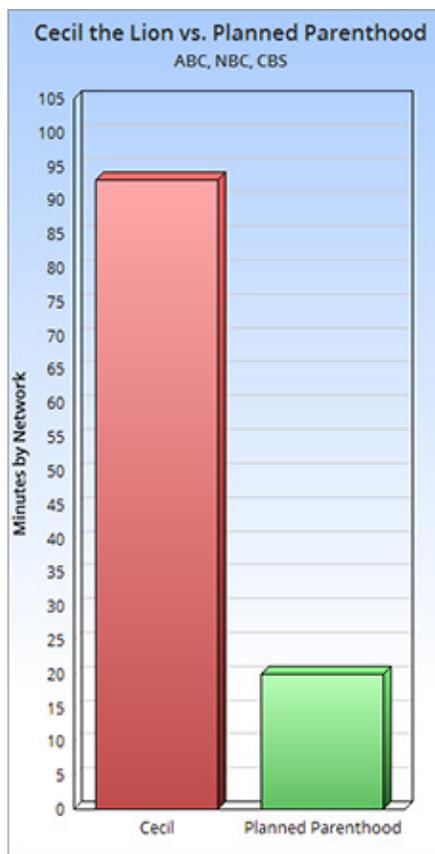
# Nets Spend 92 Minutes on Cecil the Lion; 20 Minutes on Abortion Videos

By Katie Yoder

Even after three weeks, the broadcast news shows are choosing to cover the death of one animal before the story of countless babies torn apart by a taxpayer-funded organization.

In the three weeks since the release of the first video exposing Planned Parenthood, July 14, ABC, NBC and CBS spent 20 minutes, 21 seconds on the videos during their morning and evening news shows.

In contrast, since July 28, the nets devoted 1 hour, 32 minutes, 56 seconds to Cecil, the famed African lion shot by an American dentist.



In other words, the three broadcast networks covered Cecil four times more than the trafficking of baby parts by Planned Parenthood.

Here's the breakdown of time by network on Cecil the lion after three weeks:

ABC: 27 minutes, 8 seconds  
 NBC: 35 minutes, 34 seconds  
 CBS: 30 minutes, 14 seconds  
 TOTAL: 1 hour, 32 minutes, 56 seconds

Here's the breakdown of time by network on the Planned Parenthood videos after three weeks:

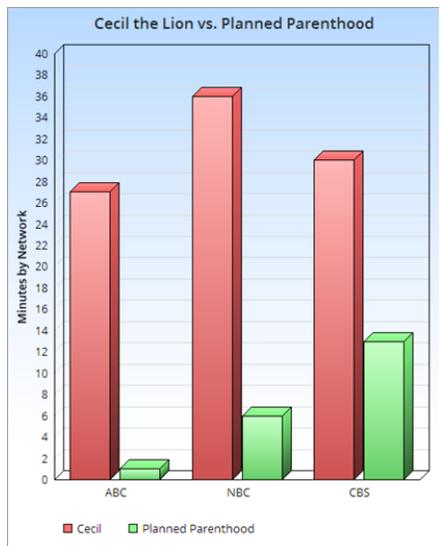
ABC: 1 minute, 27 seconds  
 NBC: 6 minutes, 6 seconds  
 CBS: 12 minutes, 48 seconds  
 TOTAL: 20 minutes, 21 seconds

In addition to the three-week tally above, the networks spent 5 minutes, 51 seconds on Cecil and 2 minutes, 48 seconds on Planned Parenthood, Wednesday morning. Instead of talking about the videos, however, the networks emphasized comments made by Jeb Bush on defunding Planned Parenthood.

None of the network news shows covered the content in the fifth CMP video released August 4, where Planned Parenthood workers laughed over aborted baby parts "all mixed up together in a bag."

Meanwhile, ABC, NBC and CBS used every opportunity to spin Cecil's story.

On Tuesday night, anchor David Muir noted the "beloved lion" and how Delta, American and Air Can-



ada are now "banning all big game trophies on their flights" during *World News Tonight*.

For CBS the same day, anchor Scott Pelley recognized the "outrage" over the lion and how the new "Cecil beanie baby" will raise funds to protect other lions in Zimbabwe.

ABC co-anchor Willie Geist recognized on Monday's *Today* that

"Over the weekend, a tribute to Cecil was projected onto the Empire State Building." He added that "Cecil's brother, Jericho, was confirmed to be alive after false reports surfaced that he too had been killed."

In their stories, the nets also hyped a second American investigated for killing a lion as well as other hunters defending their activity.

Methodology: MRC Culture searched Nexis and watched news shows to count the time spent on Planned Parenthood and Cecil. We included stories that the media connected to Cecil or the Planned Parenthood videos (for example, coverage of Cecil's lion-friend, Jericho, or, on the other hand, the Senate's vote on Planned Parenthood). We did not include teasers.

## Spanish-Language Networks

According to MRC Latino, the nation's leading Spanish-language television networks, Univision and Telemundo, spent 17 minutes and 9 seconds on Cecil during their news shows. In contrast, Telemundo completely ignored Planned Parenthood, while Univision spent a couple of minutes, on the scandal.

Tuesday night, Univision devoted a full 2 minute and 45 second segment of its national evening news program to the fifth Planned Parenthood video and the entire controversy. On Sunday, Univision also spent 45 seconds asking Senator Bernie Sanders about the "presumptive selling of fetal tissue by Planned Parenthood for scientific reasons."

## Media History

Since the release of CMP's first video, the networks have proved hesitant to publicize the story. ABC, NBC and CBS covered the shooting of Cecil the lion more in one day than they did these videos in two weeks.

From the beginning, the liberal media raced to defend Planned Parenthood. In the first 9 hours and 30 minutes of news shows broadcast after the story broke, ABC, NBC and

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# Commentary on Planned Parenthood

By Diane Trombley

There is so much wrong with what Planned Parenthood is doing that it boggles the mind. It is almost impossible to wrap my brain around the notion that a civilized society could not only approve of what they are doing, but fund the behavior with tax dollars. Some \$550,000,000.00 federal tax dollars are awarded to an organization that takes the lives of pre-born infants and then examines what is left of their bodies after they have been torn apart, selecting kidneys, lungs, hearts, livers, tissues—sometimes whole arms legs and heads—and sells them to companies that resell them to research facilities. Does that shock you? Well, it should!

You may ask why you did not see any of this on television. The answer is rather simple. Planned Parenthood has become a sacred cow in our society and must not be criticized for what they do, because, after all, they are providing health care to thousands of women. Just ask them and they will tell you that the American woman cannot possibly receive health care from any other source and to remove those tax dollars from Planned Parenthood is akin to a war on women. Celebrities and politicians of all walks of life would have us believe that only 3% of Planned Parenthood's activities are related to "abortion care" so that should not bother us so much.

There is an old saying, circulated among students of statistics, that goes something like, "Figures lie and liars figure." That fits very well in the case of that phony 3% figure. PP's practice is to count every "service" offered to a client as a single service. Instead of counting the client as one entity, PP counts everything they do for the client as an additional item. So, a woman who has her blood pressure checked, a pap test, a consultation for birth control, a prescription for that birth control, a breast exam (not a mammogram—Planned Parenthood DOES NOT DO MAMMOGRAMS)—counts as five services. A woman who comes in for an abortion has everything they

do for, or to, her as one item. Easy to see how they can manipulate the numbers, isn't it?

When the first videos appeared, detailing PP's activities, the mainstream media allowed a mere 20 minutes covering the story. That mostly included Planned Parenthood representatives claiming that the videos, which were not shown to the viewers, were "edited, deceitful and distorted." They did not deny what the videos showed but rather attacked those who exposed the actions. As to "edited," please note that the full 2-1/2 hour video was available, online, to anyone who wanted to see it.

Note also that when Planned Parenthood takes an "undercover video" of a pro-life pregnancy help center, that is just fine, but a pro-life undercover video of Planned Parenthood is "deceitful."

What is *distorted* are the minds of individuals who can haggle over the prices of baby body parts while enjoying a lunch of salad and wine, as was seen on the first video.

While these videos were being "buried" by mainstream media, a lion was killed by an American big game hunter in Zimbabwe. This story got more than an hour of air time compared to the 20 minutes allotted to the Planned Parenthood expose. Delta, American and Air Canada are now banning all big game trophies on their flights, a Cecil "beanie baby" will be sold to raise funds to protect other lions in Zimbabwe and the Empire State building projected a tribute for Cecil the Lion on its façade. Meanwhile, legislators who support Planned Parenthood admitted that they had not seen the videos and did not plan to, the Obama administration is threatening those states that plan to defund Planned Parenthood with loss of federal

health care funding, and the two primary figures featured in the video discussing prices for products have not been seen or heard from since the videos were shown.

There are 9000-plus community health care centers in this country compared to some 700-plus Planned Parenthood clinics. Planned Parenthood services are not free. Community health centers charge nothing or according to one's means. Insurance from the Obamacare health plan pays for the services rendered by Planned Parenthood in doctor's offices and clinics other than Planned Parenthood. WOMEN DO NOT NEED PLANNED PARENTHOOD FOR HEALTH CARE—THEIR PREBORN BABIES DO NOT NEED PLANNED PARENTHOOD FOR ANYTHING!

So what are we to do? If we just shrug our shoulders and allow this travesty to pass out of the public eye, the babies will continue to die and their bodies denied even the least shred of dignity. STAND UP. GET UP OFF THE SOFA AND CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS. TALK ABOUT IT TO YOUR FRIENDS. WATCH THE VIDEOS. STOP SUPPORTING STORES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT PLANNED PARENTHOOD. TELL EVERYONE WHAT THE LITTLE BOY SAID OF THE EMPEROR—THE EMPEROR HAS NO CLOTHES!!! DON'T LET PLANNED PARENTHOOD HIDE BEHIND THE CLOTHING OF RESPECTABILITY. WE CAN CHANGE THIS. WE CAN STOP THIS—AND WE MUST!

—Diane Trombley, Media Relations Director  
Right to Life - LIFESPAN





# LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb

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## Planned Parenthood

It is difficult to describe the practice of Planned Parenthood as it relates to the handling of the remains of the pre-born infants destroyed in their clinics. Mainstream media has done little to inform the public of Planned Parenthood's selling of the body parts of these little ones, but it cannot go unremarked. Please visit the website [www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com) to see what your tax dollars are funding (\$550,000,000 per year) and then call the LIFESPAN office to see what you can do to stop this. If we remain uninformed and silent, Planned Parenthood will get away with their grizzly behaviors that no civilized society can approve, let alone pay for. Please call LIFESPAN for more information, 248-816-1546.

## Michigan Nurses For Life Conference

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Michigan Nurses for Life will hold their annual conference at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. The conference will provide information on another assault on human life—the threat of assisted suicide that is gaining more acceptance among medical professionals. Wesley Smith, Discovery Institute, has written extensively on the topic and will present his findings. Ed Rivet, Right to Life of Michigan, will explain the measures being taken in Lansing to protect vulnerable individuals from this threat. This conference is open to the public. Call MNFL, 248-816-8489.

## CIDER Walk

You may think that taking a pleasant stroll through a park on a Sunday afternoon would have little impact on trying to protect preborn babies and their mothers, but you would be wrong. Everyone who sees you walk for Life in Starr Park, in Royal Oak, with your CIDER Walk t-shirt on display, on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, will realize that you, and those who have pledged to support you, know that Planned Parenthood is not the answer to a difficult pregnancy. Cider and donuts await you at the end of the walk. Call LIFESPAN for more information, 248-816-1546.

## Christmas Cards And Entertainment Books

We have the books now, and the Christmas cards are due any day. If you want to be a coordinator at your church, club or organization for either of these, please let us know. You do not have to pay any money in advance when offering our cards or Entertainment books.

*"All great works are accomplished not by the many but by the deep-seated resolution of the few."*

—John Cardinal Newman

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Do you have a talent you want to share and develop? Only have an hour or two to share? No problem! LIFESPAN can help! Right now, we are looking for volunteers to help with several of our upcoming events.

### LIFESPAN Bookstore (Date: TBD)

We have a storefront in Livonia where we store our books between Book Sales. Since we are no longer having a yearly Book Sale, we will be opening this store occasionally, but we need the following help:

Sorters: Are you an organized person and like to keep things neat and tidy? This is the opportunity for you.

Salespersons: Would you like to spend a few hours reading AND selling books?

### LIFESPAN Garage Sale (Date: TBD)

We have a wonderful location in Plymouth that we can use for a LIFESPAN Garage Sale. What we are missing is YOU! Do you love garage sales? Do you love organizing? This opportunity may be the one for you! We need help with:

Garage Sale Committee Chairperson: Do your talents include the gifts of leadership and organization? We need you! Don't worry: you will have some amazing people to work with you!

Donation Sorters/Pricers: This is the fun part! Come spend a few hours helping up sort and price all the garage sale items.

### LIFESPAN's CIDER Walk (Date: September 27, 2015)

Our 9th Annual CIDER Walk is coming soon! We can use help on the day of the CIDER Walk. There are many different roles you can play. Do you want to come early to help the Committee set-up the event? Do you want to act as a Route Captain and help people along the route? Can you stay to help clean up? We can use you!

Call the Main Office today if you are interested in the volunteer opportunities above: 734-524-0162.



## Wee Care

Dear Friends,  
The world and Planned Parenthood are buying and selling babies' body parts—and in our little corner of

the world, we are buying sleepers to keep our precious babies warm—so glad Wee Care does what it does. It doesn't stop the world's atrocities, but it does make a difference with each mom and her baby, and over the years, it has saved some babies from the horrors of abortion.

What can we do about Planned Parenthood? I wish I knew. Contact your senators and representatives. Write

or email your newspapers. Complain to the media about lack of coverage. Contact and thank major corporations who have pulled their donations from PP. (Coca-Cola is one)...and pray.

In the meantime, thank you for making Wee Care possible. Because of your gifts, your love and your prayers, many mothers hear about Wee Care and choose life for their babies. 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.*

## YOUTH UPDATE:

In an effort to be more actively pro-life—especially after there have been seven videos to date (August 21, 2015) that have been released by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) showing the horrible, sickening evil that takes place against God's precious creation of human life as babies lives are being snuffed out through abortion and, in some cases, they are being allowed to be born then their lives are taken (infanticide) and their body parts are sold for profit to research companies—I want to update you on ways you can stand up for Life! **This is a very crucial time in the history of our nation to do so! The horror of abortion and the harm it causes women must be exposed!**

See below some local activities/events that you can participate in between now through the end of September—mark your calendars and look for further details as we get closer to these things taking place!

Registration for the 2016 Right to Life - LIFESPAN **"Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip to Washington, DC** for the 43rd annual March for Life will be from September 1st-October 31st. If you are a teacher, youth director, parent, young adult or teenager, and you would like more information, please call Lynn Gura, Youth Director, at **248-816-1546** or e-mail her at [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org).

Right to Life - LIFESPAN's **Annual Pro-Life Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, September 12th at the Holiday Inn on Laurel Park Drive in Livonia beginning at 8:30 a.m. with registration. The topic is "Defund Planned Parenthood" and is very timely because Planned Parenthood is being exposed for what they really are and our government should stop funding them with our tax dollars! For more information see page 8.

On the same day, September 12th, the third **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children** will be held at 2:00 p.m. at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. For more information see back page.

**Voice for the Voiceless Pro-Life Youth Event** will be presented by the Youth of Northville at Three Cedars Farm, 7896 Six Mile Road in Northville on Friday, September 18, 2015 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.00—pay at the door.

Enjoy cider and donuts, live music by young Christian singer, Tori Harris, and speakers Fr. Ben Luedtke and young adult Travon Clifton who had a conversion to the Pro-Life side! Contact Ashley or Nicholas at [youth\\_life@att.net](mailto:youth_life@att.net) for more information.



*Rose Jaynes and Lizzie Wolf among contestants at Jeopardy for Life Game Show*

**2015 Nurses for Life Conference** "First Do No

Harm" The Threat of Assisted Suicide as End of Life Care will take place on September 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac from 8:00-12:30 p.m. For more information, call 248-816-8489 or go online to [www.mnfl.eventbrite.com](http://www.mnfl.eventbrite.com).

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If someone you know is suffering from an abortion decision, contact Christine at **Rachel's Vineyard Detroit** at 248-494-6363 or [info@detroitrachelvineyard.org](mailto:info@detroitrachelvineyard.org).

Please follow the undercover investigation that CMP is sharing with the public by going to their website **[www.centerformedicalprogress.org](http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org)**.

I will share more with you next time about the Jeopardy for Life Game Show Event that took place on August 8<sup>th</sup> at Madonna University and upcoming activities/events that will take place in October!

Until next time...Keep on loving and enjoying the Gift of Life!

*—Lynn Gura, Youth Director  
Right to Life - LIFESPAN*

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- Winner need not be present to win

*\* If fewer than 400 tickets are sold by the drawing time, the raffle will become a 50/50 drawing; the winning ticket holder will receive half of all ticket sales.*

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## Michigan Nurses for Life

### 2015 Conference

#### “First Do No Harm”

*The Threat of Assisted Suicide As End of Life Care*

Saturday, September 26, 2015 ♦ 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland ♦ Pontiac, Michigan



#### “The Threat of Assisted Suicide”

Wesley J. Smith, Author and Senior Fellow, Discovery Institute

#### “What is Happening with POLST in MI”

Edward L. Rivet II, Legislative Director, Right to Life of Michigan



#### The public is welcome!

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# Right to Life - LIFESPAN

## Annual Pro-Life Breakfast

### Saturday September 12, 2015



Taxpayer money is funding Planned Parenthood?  
**NOOOOO! I don't want my parents' taxes paying for the nation's leading abortion provider!**  
**Representative Tom Hooker, 77<sup>th</sup> District**  
**Representative Tom Barrett, 71<sup>st</sup> District**  
will give information about steps being taken in the Michigan Legislature to protect innocent human life!  
Let's get together on **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** and find out what is happening to **Defund Planned Parenthood!**

**Registration at 8:30 AM  
Program begins at 9:00 AM**

### Holiday Inn®

17123 N. Laurel Park Dr.,  
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### Saturday September 12, 2015

**For information, please  
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#### Want to sit with specific people?

Send in your registration forms together or list out the names below.  
We will do our best to accommodate seating requests!

YES! I want to attend LIFESPAN's Pro-Life Breakfast! Reservations required by **Friday, September 4th**. ALL tickets will be held at the door.

\_\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$25 each (Current LIFESPAN Members)

**Make checks payable to: Right to Life-LIFESPAN and send to:  
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## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

**A**s summer comes to a close, I cannot help but think of the beauty of fall and the coldness of winter to follow. It seems that our world is filled with compromises. We must accept the cold before the rebirth seen in the spring. We must allow the beauty of fall to hold us over during those cold blizzard days of winter.

One thing we must never compromise is our commitment to the Life issues. During this summer, we have all been witness to the videos of Planned Parenthood (PP) selling body parts of aborted babies for cash. It has been a shock to many, but not to those of us working in the vineyards of life for over 45 years. We know what Planned Parenthood represents. It is not an organization that really cares for women. It is an organization which has infiltrated its philosophy through lies into the psyche of the United States government and those who have been elected to represent the citizens of this great country. Its lies have convinced our elected officials to give half a billion dollars a year to PP.

Did you know that the two Senators from Michigan, Senators Stabenow and Peters voted NO to defund PP? Elections do matter. These Michigan Senators vote against life every time they get a chance because party politics comes before truth and the pre-born child's right to life.

Before these videos broke, LIFESPAN had already dedicated our Legislative Breakfast to Planned Parenthood and debunking their worth to our society. We will concentrate on what is being done to defund this organization. Due to space constraints, I ask you to refer to the many articles and comments on PP published in our Resource Book. I hope many of you will come to our Breakfast and hear the experts.

You received my recent fundraising letter; I hope you will be able to help us update our website. This will enable LIFESPAN to report incidences like the PP scandal when they appear, in a timely manner, and provide links to articles about these and other current events. We hope to do much of our education through our website as well as through our newsletters and Resource Book.

Many of us pray daily to end abortion and bring back a respect for human life to our country. Sometimes we feel these prayers are not heard. But you see they are—not in our time, but God's time. Be at peace, stay strong, stay active and be joyful in your work. We will one day change hearts and minds—just as the latest gruesome videos of selling body parts to the highest bidder has done.

Maybe it is hard for some to admit the truth, but once presented with that truth visually, they may have to re-evaluate their personal stand. They will ask themselves—how have I come to believe that killing in the womb for convenience and profit is justified?

With your help, we will always be here as a local organization to help with answers created by and in TRUTH!

*Diane*

*Diane Fagelman, President*

## Obamacare

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The unpopular Obama Health Care Law, now over five years old, originally envisioned that the exchanges would operate as online marketplaces where people could find different levels of insurance and where qualifying residents could use advanceable tax credits to pay for some or all of plan premiums.

However, as these exchanges have started operating state by state, it is becoming commonplace that policies available in both the state and federal exchanges severely restrict the doctors and health care facilities in its plan networks. Evidence continues to emerge as to the extent of these limits. Plan holders across the country have been finding out that under his or her new exchange plan, access to top hospitals, doctors and drugs are all more restricted.

While many are quick to blame insurance companies, the real culprit is the Obamacare provision under which exchange bureaucrats must exclude insurers who offer policies deemed to allow "excessive or unjustified" health care spending by policyholders.

Under the Federal health law, state insurance commissioners are to recommend to its state exchanges the exclusion of "particular health insurance issuers...based on a pattern or practice of excessive or unjustified premium increases." The exchanges not only exclude policies in an exchange when government authorities do not agree with premium levels, but the exchanges must even exclude insurers whose plans outside the exchange offer consumers the ability to reduce the danger of treatment denial by paying what those government authorities consider an "excessive or unjustified" amount.

*—Excerpted from LifeNews.com, July 6, 2015*

Right to Life - LIFESPAN  
**2016 "MOVEMENT IN MOTION"**  
**Youth Bus Trip - Washington, DC**  
Annual March for Life  
January 21st-24th—(All buses, 1-8)  
**Youth in Grades 8-12 and College are Invited!**



**Registration: September 1 - October 31**

If you are 12 or 13 years old, you must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. For further details about the trip and to get registration forms when they become available, please e-mail Lynn Gura, Youth Director, at [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org) or visit [www.miLIFESPAN.org](http://www.miLIFESPAN.org).

**Donations have been made to LIFESPAN—  
In Loving Memory of:**

**Gertrude Wynsberge**

*Given by: Phyllis and Patrick H. Casey*

**John Smyth**

*Given by: The Smyth Family*

**Dorothy Barden**

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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.

**Cecil and Planned Parenthood**

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CBS, spent only 39 seconds on the first video. It took more than 24 hours before all three covered the story. In the week after the first video, the networks gave a mere 9 minutes and 11 seconds to the story. In contrast, the networks devoted more than three times that to the Susan G. Komen controversy, when the charity temporarily decided to defund the abortion giant.

Similarly, the media stayed silent on the case of Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell. Gosnell’s trial, in which witnesses described baby abortion survivors “swimming” in toilets “to get out,” attracted a scant 12–15 reporters. Only after 56 days, multiple letters from members of the House of Representatives and a public outcry, did all three broadcast networks report on Gosnell.

*—National Right to Life News Today, August 6, 2015  
This originally appeared at [newsbusters.org](http://newsbusters.org).*

**What 58,000,000 Looks Like  
By Rolley Haggard**

A little over 58 million babies have been aborted in America since January 22, 1973. Few of us have any idea how many “anythings” 58 million is. Here’s something I did that might help us all to grasp the enormity of that number:

I opened a Word document. I typed periods across the top line, no spaces in between. I repeated the process until I got to the bottom of the page. When I was done there were 50 lines with 165 periods each, for a total of 8,250 periods filling the page.

Then I repeated the process, page after page, until I had 58,000,000 periods.

I wound up with 7,030 pages.

I then printed off all the pages. It took over 14 reams of paper (a ream is 500 sheets). The resulting stack was almost 30 inches high, about up to my waist.

As I sat gazing at that mind-boggling quantity of dots, like one who has for the first time peered through a powerful telescope at a faraway galaxy containing innumerable stars, it occurred to me that on those occasions since 1973 when the church has been used by God in any worthy capacity (and it has) it has been far more a case of Him using us “in spite of our unfaithfulness” rather than “because of our faithfulness.”

I later told a Christian friend about my little experiment. His first response was, “Dude, you just killed a bunch of trees there!”

Yeah. Trees. That’s the kind of “tragedy” we get worked up about. “*Wisdom is justified by her children.*”

*—www.breakpoint.org, July 1, 2015*

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## **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**

**Saturday, September 12, 2015**

White Chapel Cemetery - Troy

On Saturday, September 12th, we will join other pro-life Americans across the country to honor the memory of the more than 58 million preborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children.

### ***Date & Time:***

September 12th - 2:00 pm

### ***Location:***

White Chapel Cemetery  
621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, Michigan 48098



### ***For More Information:***

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### ***Our Five Unborn Children of God***

"In 1980, the bodies of five unborn infants were found in Oakland County. Four bodies, found in a self-serve storage locker, were said to be five months or less in gestation. The fifth child found in a plastic container behind a medical clinic, was found to be approximately eight months in gestation.

In both instances, those responsible stated that the bodies were mistakenly placed where they were found and that it was "error" or "accident" that caused them to be improperly disposed of.

Regardless of how the five unborn children met their deaths, it was felt by Right to Life - LIFESPAN that a more fitting place for the bodies was imperative. These children were not able to experience their right to life and we felt that at least, in death, their humanity should be recognized and burial be provided as should and would be provided for any other member of our human family.

Through the courtesy of A. J. Desmond and Sons, Funeral Directors, and White Chapel Cemetery, the bodies of these preborn children were laid to rest in a brief and simple ceremony on May 2, 1980."

- LIFESPAN Newsletter, May 1980