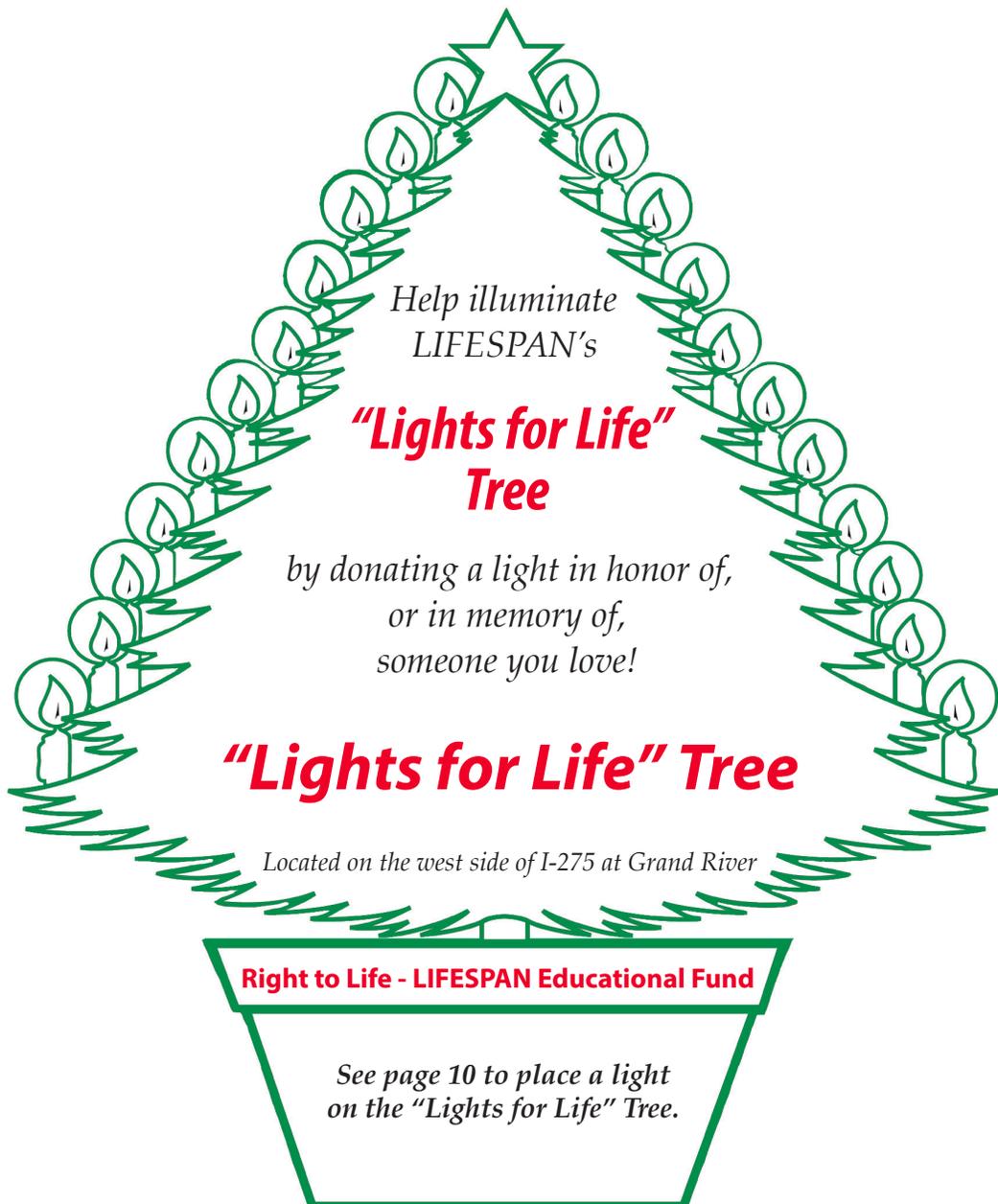


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# YOUTH News!

Amazing! All nine LIFESPAN buses filled up a week before the deadline! A huge thanks to all the groups who have registered including: Shrine High School; St. Mary's Prep; U of D Jesuit; Brother Rice; Regina High School; Our Lady of the Lakes High School; Crusaders for Life Detroit; and youth groups from Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Our Lady of Czestochowa; Immaculate Conception, Ira Township; St. Mary's, Port Huron; St. Mary Queen of Creation; Our Lady on the River; St. Anastasia; Our Lady of Good Counsel and F.I.S.H. (a homeschool youth group).

Your Friend for Life! Lynn Gura, Youth Director

P.S. See the photo of our model wearing our official beanie hat that all Marchers will wear on the 2016 trip! The turquoise, yellow and black stripes look really sharp along with the LIFESPAN logo! We ordered a limited number of extras just in case any of you would like one! Please call me at 248-816-1546 or send me an e-mail at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org if you would like me to send you one! Or, you can stop by the office in Troy to get one! There is a limited supply of beanies available. A donation of \$7.00 is suggested for each one.



**Special thanks to all our co-sponsors and participants in the 28th Annual LIFE CHAIN, held Sunday, October 4!**

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St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Redford  
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St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton  
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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Garden City  
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St. William Catholic Church, Walled Lake

# 2015 LIFESPAN Christmas Cards

Your purchase of LIFESPAN Christmas Cards represents support for the pro-life activities, education and materials offered during the coming year.

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## *For Unto Us A Child is Born*

This beautiful card depicts the Holy Family in subtle cream and ivory tones with embossed and silver foil detail. A silver box and silver foil lined envelope complete this elegant Christmas greeting.

Inside Verse:

*May you have  
the joy of Life  
the blessing of hope  
and the peace of His love  
During this holy season and always*

*Wishing you a  
Merry Christmas*

Actual size: 5.63" x 7.88"

**\$17 per box of 20**



## *Kissing the Face of God*

This captivating card brings us the famous "Kissing the Face of God" image by Morgan Weistling. The image is in real-life colors and has Mary in her blue and ivory dress holding the Infant Jesus.

There is a white envelope to carry your message to loved ones.

Inside Verse:

*As we reflect on the beautiful Face  
Of the newborn Savior  
May we look on all Life  
As a beautiful reflection of God's promise*

*May you have a Blessed Christmas*

Actual size: 4.84" x 6.75"

**\$7 per pkg. of 10**



***Both cards are made in the U.S.A.***

Additional cards from previous years (at a discounted rate) will also be available on a limited basis.  
Contact our offices for more information!

# What's in a Name?

By Tony Hansen



A person's name generally has a lot of meaning and can evoke a wide range of emotions. I was sitting at the National Right to Life Convention, in July, listening to four presidential candidates speak, and I had an epiphany as I heard them all speaking about how pro-life they were.

I think it started when my wife, Chris, had noticed that Kelsey Grammer was sitting right behind us and to our right two seats. She's even got a picture while pretending to take a candid selfie. At first, we weren't sure if it was he because she thought she saw his wife's name on the badge. It seems funny to me now that we were more interested in the TV star sitting behind us than the four presidential candidates on stage in front of us. Eventually, we did see he had his own badge, but it was kind of an exhilarating experience being that close to someone who had been on one of this country's most endearing TV shows of the 80s.

In any case, I was thinking about his name, and then my older brother, Christopher, started flooding my thoughts. See, I had an older brother who was almost exactly a year older than I am, but he was stillborn. It would have been his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 24th.

As I was sitting, thinking about him at this conference, I was reflecting on his name Christopher Clark Hansen. He was obviously named after my dad—that's where Hansen comes from. He was also named after my mom's maiden name, Clark.

But I wondered to myself, why did they name him Christopher? We didn't have any Christophers on either side of the family, and most of us had at least one of our names as family names.

My oldest brother was named after my dad, so he's a junior. My first name, Richard, was chosen after two extended family members who were priests, and my youngest brother was named Joseph after my grandfather, my mom's dad. So where did Christopher come from?

Then the epiphany came. I realized that they had named Christopher after the third person in their marriage, God. As Christopher is their son, Christ is the Father's Son. It was such a profound moment of realization to me, that I couldn't believe I never realized it.

As I was preparing this article, I decided to actually ask my mom why they had named my brother Christopher. As I suspected, she actually didn't realize the significance. She said that she and dad had always loved the name Christopher, and she had a special devotion to St. Christopher even when she was a little girl. She de-

scribed that she and my dad traveled a lot to see relatives in Wisconsin and Florida, so they asked St. Christopher to pray for their protection as he is the patron saint of travelers.

The real significance, however, is that this young life that was taken away too early when he was stillborn was named for the three persons that conceived him. While my mom and dad each provided half of his DNA, God provided his soul as He does for every person.

I've always claimed that the reason that I was pro-life was because of Christopher because if he had not passed away, I would not be here, or at least not exactly the person that I am today. I sometimes feel like we are two sides of the same coin.

We recently came across his medical file as we were cleaning up some of my dad's stuff after he passed away last year from a very aggressive stomach/esophageal cancer. It turned out that, as we read Christopher's file, my mom knew almost nothing of what happened.

See, 40 years ago, there was still a sort of stigma around dealing with miscarriages. At that time, it was believed that for the mother's well-being, it was better to tell her as little as possible. We knew that Christopher was born with the umbilical cord around his neck, but that was about the extent of what we knew.

We came to find out through his records, he was much worse off than what we knew. And even after 39 years, my mom was grief stricken, as was I, to see how much Christopher had suffered. But it also brought a sense of closure knowing what actually happened. And I think, had my mom not named Christopher, like so many miscarried and/or aborted babies go unnamed, I think she would have had a much harder time with the realities of what we were reading.

Names bring us a range of emotions. In the case of Kelsey Grammer, it brought Chris and me excitement at being in close contact with a star.

When I had my epiphany about my brother's name, I felt amazed at God's presence in our lives.

For my mom and me, we felt nostalgia and a bit of sorrow when reading my brother's records.

For mothers who have had abortions or miscarriages, names can bring a sense of calm and acceptance.

So, what emotions have you felt when thinking of someone's name?

*Tony Hansen is a LIFESPAN Church Rep, with his wife Chris, at Our Lady of Loretto Parish, in Redford. He is also on their church's RCIA team. This year, Tony started working on updating LIFESPAN's website. He is an engineer in the auto industry.*



## Will Progressives Require Doctors to Kill?

By Wesley J. Smith

Secularist threats against religious liberty are spreading like a stain. Thus, I was attracted immediately to Bruce Abramson's *Mosaic* column, *How Jews Can Help Christians Live as a Creative Minority*.

Abramson warns Christians that the space to practice their faith *in the way they live* is shrinking. Tell me something I don't know, I thought. But my attention focused when Abramson (citing political scientist Peter Berkowitz) cast the trending secularist oppression we are witnessing as a clash between classical "liberalism" and contemporary "progressivism."

Liberalism stands for "freedom and the rule of law," he writes, "a system of 'negative rights' that no government may legitimately infringe (as in the U.S. Bill of Rights)." In contrast, progressives seek to ensure "equality and justice," by guaranteeing these outcomes through the enactment of a series of "'positive' rights like housing, food, and health care" that *someone* must provide—be it government or the private sector.

Abramson's description of the conflict between liberalism and progressivism explains the drive to promote "patients' rights" over the consciences of doctors and other medical professionals in the abortion, assisted suicide, prescription, and other contexts. In this regard, mere legalization of these procedures does not guarantee the free and open access to them deemed by progressives as a positive right. Achieving *that* goal will require *coercion*; that is, forcing doctors (and other medical professionals, such as pharmacists) to participate—even when it violates their religious beliefs and deeply held moral convictions.

This kind of progressive authoritarianism is aborning in Canada. Earlier this year, that country's Supreme Court conjured a Charter right to euthanasia. The debate has now shifted to whether doctors with deeply-held religious objections to killing patients should be able to opt out.

The trends are bad news for physicians who believe it would be a grievous sin to administer lethal injections or assist suicides. The Ontario and Saskatchewan Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons have issued ethics opinions that would require doctors to perform every legal medical procedure paid for by the government's socialized system upon demand—which will include active euthanasia when the Supreme Court's ruling goes into effect next year. If the requested physician has religious or moral objections, the Colleges have determined, the MD's have a positive duty to find another doctor willing to do the deed to ensure that the patient receives the death she wants.

If a willing doctor cannot be found, the Saskatchewan College requires the dissenting physician to do the deed personally, "even in circumstances where the provision of health services conflicts with physicians' deeply held and considered moral or religious beliefs." To guarantee the positive right to die, doctors will be forced to kill. Ontario's College even requires doctors to euthanize or refer if the person asking to die is not the doctor's patient!

Demonstrating how thoroughly progressive thought—as defined by Abramson—has shattered classical liberalism in Canada's medical ranks, 79 percent of the Canadian Medical Association doctors recently *voted against* conscience protections for physicians opposed to participation in euthanasia. In other words, in Canada, becoming dead when one is ill or disabled and wants to die counts as a positive right that trumps the negative right to "freedom of conscience and religion" enumerated in Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

What about the USA? Our physicians currently receive conscience protections against required participation where assisted suicide is legal, provisions promoters understood as necessary to gain enactment. But that approach is in danger of erosion. Some assisted suicide boosters are already grumbling about the difficulty of get-

ting doctors to participate in ending patients' lives where it is legal.

Moreover, the same progressive tide sweeping religious freedom aside in Canada is also flowing here. The Supreme Court has ruled that the "negative right" to the free exercise of religion guaranteed by the First Amendment does not prevent individuals from being coerced into obeying laws of general applicability when doing so violates their religious beliefs. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act, passed in response to the Supreme Court's ruling—the law that protected Hobby Lobby from forced coverage of abortifacient contraceptives—is now opposed energetically by previously strong progressive supporters like the ACLU. If Washington is ever controlled again by political progressives as it was in 2009, expect efforts to repeal.

Not only that, the federal RFRA does not protect against state laws that infringe upon religious liberty, and state religious protections are now vociferously opposed by progressive political adherents and large corporations—as Indiana discovered recently when it was threatened with economic ruin for attempting to pass an RFRA that extended to the operation of businesses. Thus, the stage is already set for the creation of a positive right to die here that could, one dark day, subsume the religious liberty of doctors not to participate—as is occurring now in Canada, and afflicts pro-life doctors in Victoria, Australia regarding access to abortion.

The only guaranteed way to prevent medical martyrdom is to maintain laws against assisted suicide and euthanasia. If that wall ever crumbles, orthodox Christians (and others) here may, as their Canadian brethren will next year, be forced to choose between being a doctor and violating the Sixth Commandment.

Wesley J. Smith is a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute's Center on Human Exceptionalism. A revised and updated version of his award winning *Culture of Death: The Assault on Medical Ethics in America* will be released by Encounter Books next year.

—First Things, September 4, 2015

## 6 Reasons Planned Parenthood's Claim It Isn't Selling Aborted Babies' Organs Anymore is a Farce

By Matthew Clark

Planned Parenthood has been caught red-handed, selling murdered babies' body parts to pad "their bottom line."

Now the abortion giant is in full crisis mode. Their hundreds of millions of dollars in federal and state funding has been threatened. Their stranglehold on the mainstream media—and by extension the American public—is beginning to crack (when even the *Washington Post* says they lied, you know that's a problem).

Their false façade is flaking; their once stellar reputation is in shambles.

In an effort to avoid an extended publicity nightmare, Planned Parenthood has publicly announced that "going forward" it "will not recover reimbursements" for its baby organ harvesting program—no more "I want a Lamborghini."

Number one, this new letter once again admits it has engaged in the transfer of aborted babies' body parts in exchange for money (also known as selling babies' body parts).

Second, Planned Parenthood thinks it can evade liability if it ditches the financial aspect (for now). The media will likely buy into its nothing to see here mantra—case closed. Yet the legal reality is any potential illegality Planned Parenthood has engaged in over the last two decades (the law went into effect in 1993) must be investigated. Whatever Planned Parenthood may have done in the past must come to light—the very thing Planned Parenthood hopes to avoid by its latest stunt.

Third, the law has not changed. Planned Parenthood has been able to exploit this deadly and sadistic legal loophole for years. The atrocity can still continue. Other abortionists are free to exploit the law's failures all the way to the bank. And should Planned Parenthood silently change its mind tomorrow, it could once again return to its old ways unfettered.

Fourth, Planned Parenthood isn't stopping the harvesting and trafficking of human body parts for experimentation. Planned Parenthood will still kill unborn babies. It will still sift through the parts of the wreckage it has left behind and send the body parts of these butchered babies off for experimentation. The horror continues.

Fifth, Planned Parenthood's brand new policy (only implemented because it was caught) does not prevent the sale of murdered babies' parts by the middle man, the StemExpress's of the world, the businesses that were buying the body parts from Planned Parenthood and selling them to researchers and big pharmaceuticals for experimentation.

Sixth, Planned Parenthood's decision to stop accepting payment for murdered babies' organs is a cold



calculated pecuniary decision. It's all about the bottom line. It's all about the money. Remember Planned Parenthood cares about nothing more than death and money. Planned Parenthood knows that the amount it receives from the sale of murdered babies' body parts (even if it is millions) is a pittance compared to the more than \$500 million (nearly half its billion-dollar budget) it stands to lose from the American taxpayer each year. It recognized that a bipartisan majority of the U.S. Senate (not to mention the American people as a whole) turned its back on Planned Parenthood's cash cow. It is one election away from losing nearly half its budget. Financially, this decision (which may be a temporary one, just till the storm passes) is a no brainer.

Is it a victory for life that Planned Parenthood has acquiesced to the overwhelming horror of the American people at the audacity of abortion behemoth's actions behind closed doors? Yes. But babies are still dying. Planned Parenthood is still the nation's leading abortionist, murdering nearly 330,000 defenseless babies a year. And Planned Parenthood still gets over a half a billion of your tax dollars.

Planned Parenthood is clearly wounded, but far from defeated. Now is the time to keep the pressure on Planned Parenthood and the mainstream media. At the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), we continue fighting to defend pro-life organizations (including a board member of the investigative journalists exposing Planned Parenthood) against the abortion industries' constant attacks. Join with over 300,000 in demanding Congress continue to investigate and defund Planned Parenthood by signing the petition here: <http://aclj.org/pro-life/stop-planned-parenthood-from-harvesting-and-selling-babies-organs>.

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—LifeNews.com, October 14, 2015

# Forensic Analysis of Videos Exposing Planned Parenthood Finds “No Evidence of Manipulation”

Now, a legal group, Alliance Defending Freedom, has obtained the services of the cybersecurity and forensic analysis company Coalfire Systems to examine each of the 10 videos CMP released to determine if they were manipulated in any way. According to a news report, the extensive report finds the answer is no, and the only edits in the videos consisted of bathroom breaks and time eating meals.

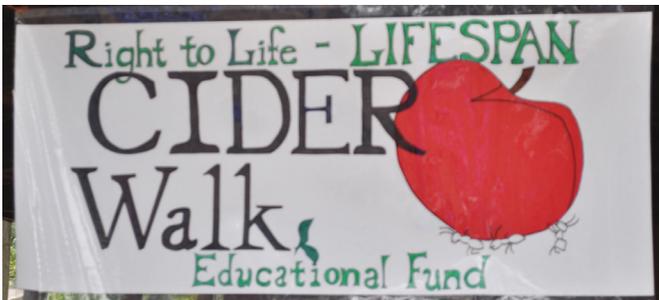
“This conclusion is supported by the consistency of the video file date and time stamps, the video time-code, as well as the folder and file naming scheme,” the report states. “The uniformity between the footage from Investigator 1’s camera and Investigator 2’s camera also support the evidence that the video recordings are authentic.” The report also confirms that “edits made to the full footage videos [for the shorter YouTube videos] were applied to eliminate non-pertinent footage, such as restroom breaks, meals, and other similar periods lacking pertinent conversation.”

“The Coalfire forensic analysis removes any doubt that the full length undercover videos released by Center for Medical Progress are authentic and have not been manipulated,” ADF Senior Counsel Casey Mattox said in a statement.

“Analysts scrutinized every second of video recorded during the investigation and released by CMP to date and found only bathroom breaks and other non-pertinent footage had been removed.

According to its website, “Coalfire has been listed on the Cybersecurity 500, a directory of the world’s hottest and most innovative cybersecurity companies to watch in 2015” and serves “thousands of client organizations across the United States and the U.K.,” including 3M, Amazon, CenturyLink, IBM, Intel, Intuit, Sharp, Netgear, and Toshiba. Coalfire’s website lists 17 separate accreditations.

—Excerpted from LifeNews.com, September 29, 2015



This year’s CIDER Walk was wonderful! We had a beautiful fall day for our walk! Thank you, all sponsors, pledgers, walkers and volunteers! Thank you so much for making CIDER Walk 2015 another successful LIFESPAN event!





# LIFESPAN Chapter News

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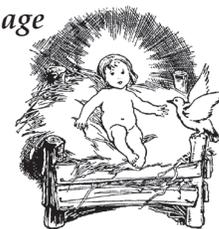
**H**---here it comes, the first of the Holidays  
**A**---arrange the house  
**P**---prepare the food  
**P**---plan the activities  
**Y**---you are gonna need help!

**T**---think  
**H**---how  
**A**---all  
**N**---need to be given  
**K**---kindness  
**S**---sympathy  
**G**---grace  
**I**---identity  
**V**---value  
**I**---integrity  
**N**---nobility  
**G**---gratitude



**M**---midnight will come, soft and quiet  
**E**---everyone listens  
**R**---rays of heavenly light descend  
**R**---revealing Mary and Joseph awaiting the birth  
**Y**---yearning for daybreak

**C**---Christ is born!  
**H**---hope abounds  
**R**---ring the bells, announce the birth  
**I**---ensure that all hear the message  
**S**---share the joy  
**T**---true love is sent  
**M**---miracles abound  
**A**---all are awed  
**S**---Savior, sweet, small and Supreme has come



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## Happy Thanksgiving!

There are mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings who will be counting their blessings this Thanksgiving because they have had support, in one way or another, from LIFESPAN.

At LIFESPAN, we will be counting our blessings for *all of you!* We don't receive any federal or state dollars and depend solely on donations to continue our work. Without you, there is no LIFESPAN; so we will be saying thanks for *YOU*.

Whether you make monetary donations, buy Christmas Cards or Entertainment Books, donate goods to Wee Care, support the *Movement in Motion* Bus Trip or volunteer your time—*YOU are amazing* and we are so very *THANKFUL for YOU!*

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## Merry Christmas!

**L**ove with all of your heart  
**I**magine a world where *ALL* lives are protected  
**F**ill your heart with joy and spread love  
**E**ncourage others to be pro-life  
**S**ing for the pure joy of it  
**P**raise acts of kindness  
**A**dvocate for those who are without a voice  
**N**urture your relationships





## Wee Care

**C**an't believe that Christmas is almost here!

This is such a busy time of year at Wee Care. We make sure that every baby who is here or due by January is provided for. Hundreds of layettes will be given out before Christmas, filled with tiny sleepers, diapers, warm blankets, snowsuits and everything our precious babies need to stay warm.

One of my favorite Christmas memories as a mom and a grandma was cuddling my little ones in my arms and feeding them in the middle of the night by the glow of the Christmas tree lights. The quiet, the peace, the love and the joy took your breath away.

It is moments like that that you give to our moms. Because of you, this Christmas, our moms will be filled with hope and have moments of peace, love and joy.

There is nothing more that I could wish for you, dear friends. As you celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, may your holidays overflow with that peace, love and joy and moments that take your breath away.

*Love, Karen*



*Hailey Gorsuch - Christmas 1998*

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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.*

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## LIFESPAN's 2015 Pro-Life Breakfast

**W**hat a great morning! The turnout was wonderful and the speakers were top notch! Legislators came from across the state along with many Livonia City Officials and candidates for Livonia City offices. There was a lot of networking, and we even called a couple of the legislators into service answering questions from the audience. State Representative Thomas Hooker inspired us through his testimony and his insight into the budgeting process that will DEFUND Planned Parenthood and other abortion clinics (at least in the 2016 budget) here in Michigan. State Representative Tom Barrett gave us legislative updates on bills that will impact pro-life issues in Michigan. Bills that State Representative Laura Cox introduced in the House to ban dismemberment abortions were highlighted. State Senator Patrick Colbeck assisted Representatives Hooker and Barrett by fielding questions from our astute audience. Everyone went away with full stomachs and full minds.



*Honored Guests at LIFESPAN's Breakfast*



*Left to right: Eileen Brandt, Director of LIFESPAN's WCDR Chapter; Irene Tharp, LIFESPAN Treasurer; Senator Patrick Colbeck; Diane Fagelman, President of LIFESPAN; Mary Ann Barrett; Representative Tom Barrett; Patrick Barrett, Oakland/Macomb Chapter Board; Diane Trombley, Director of LIFESPAN's Oakland/Macomb Chapter; Representative Thomas Hooker and Pam Hooker*



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Maximum of 500 tickets will be sold

Donation: \$50 per ticket

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**Question:** Do you know where I can find the perfect Christmas gift for a friend or family member?

**Answer:** Get them a LIFESPAN Raffle ticket! They could win \$10,000.00!

Not everyone wants to take chances. However, this is one you really want to consider. LIFESPAN's Raffle Ticket is \$50. We are offering only 500 tickets. The prize is \$10,000.00!!  
**You can even get some friends to buy a ticket with you!**  
The Raffle drawing will be held on May 3, 2016 at LIFESPAN's Annual Dinner. Winner need not be present to win.

*Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund is required, by law, to withhold appropriate taxes as designated by the IRS on cash prize winnings. Proceeds from this raffle will help support the life-saving programs of Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund. License No. R31440*

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Name(s) on Ticket(s) (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

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# We Remember...



On September 12, the National Day of Remembrance of the Unborn, several dozen people returned to White Chapel Cemetery, in Troy, to remember the babies that were buried there by Right to Life - LIFESPAN in 1977.

As soft rain was falling but those attending were sheltered under a canopy provided by White Chapel. Father Michael Greene, one of the original officiants at the burial in 1977 spoke to those assembled. Fr. Mike told us that he frequently drives past the cemetery and has also accompanied many families and deceased to the cemetery for burial. He said that each time he passes by, this is the burial he remembers most. He noted that the family chairs, usually occupied by mourners, were empty that day because these little ones had no family to mourn them. He remembers the babies, the mothers who chose not to bring them to birth and those of us who remember them still, with a prayer and a blessing.

Rebecca Kiessling, director of Save the One, also addressed the assembled group and reflected on how easily she could have been one of those buried beneath the simple headstone as her birth mother sought abortion when she

found she was pregnant with Rebecca.

Pastor Steve Gallegos, from the Auburn Hills Christian Center, led us in prayer asking for blessings on those working in the pro-life movement, the babies at risk and their mothers.

As each person left the grave site in silence, he or she placed a red rose on the headstone which bears the message "5 Unborn Children of God."



A display of Wee Care materials was featured October 8, at the Women's Expo, sponsored by the Oxford Chamber of Commerce, and was held at the Boulder Pointe Golf Club and Banquet Center in Oxford.

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# Michigan's Safe Delivery of Newborns Act: Are you aware?

By Chris Hansen



In January of this year, a baby boy was found dead at a recycling center in Roseville. This precious child was born in a garage and left to die over two days. His mother, Angela, was charged with open murder and first-degree child abuse.

In March, I went, with a group of pro-lifers, to see the movie, "The Drop Box." This movie was about Pastor Lee in Seoul, South Korea, who saw many children abandoned to die in the streets and decided to do something about it. He installed a little door on the side of his church, where desperate mothers, who didn't believe they could raise their children, but wanted them to be safe, could leave their babies, no questions asked. In South Korea, there is no law that protects these children. It was Pastor Lee and his church who did this out of the kindness of their hearts.

In January of 2001, the Michigan Legislature passed the Safe Delivery of Newborns Act. This act "allows parents to safely surrender their newborn child no more than 72-hours-old to an employee who is inside and on duty at any hospital, fire department, police station, or by calling 9-1-1. This program is a safe, legal and anonymous alternative to abandonment or infanticide and releases the newborn for placement with an adoptive family."<sup>1</sup>

This law is on the books, but no one knows about it. Babies are still being left to die when there is an alternative available. How do we, as lovers of life, make sure these children are being allowed to live? Education.

Education is necessary, not only for the mothers, but for the ESPs (Emergency Service Providers) who would be receiving these children. I had asked a friend of mine, who works in a hospital if they had ever heard of this law or received training in regards to it, and he said no. This scares me.

In July of this year, my husband and I attended the National Right to Life Convention in New Orleans. One of the workshops that I attended was on Safe Haven laws throughout the country. After spending an hour discussing it, I decided to make it my duty to make sure the people of metro Detroit were aware of this law. So, here are the basics.

## The Basics<sup>1</sup>

- Parents can anonymously surrender a newborn within 72 hours of birth to an Emergency Service Provider (ESP).
- An ESP is an employee/contractor of a hospital, fire department or police station and EMS when responding to a 9-1-1 emergency call.
- According to the law, the ESP will make a reasonable attempt to encourage completion of family/medical backgrounds, inform them of counseling/medical services and encourage the parent to share their identity, but the parent still has the option to leave the baby anonymously.
- The newborn is examined by a physician.
- Any unharmed newborn is transferred to a child-placing agency.
- This agency will meet with the parent, if known, place the baby with an approved adoptive family, file a placement petition in court, attempt to identify, locate and provide notice of the surrender to the non-surrendering parent and petition for termination of parental rights.
- Parents may change their minds within 28 days of surrender.

## Does this really make a difference?

According to the information on the Michigan Department of Human Services website, as of August 31, 2012, 125 newborns were surrendered in 29 counties in Michigan, since the law was enacted in 2001. Almost all of these babies were dropped off at hospitals.

Michigan State University conducted a survey in November 2005 and November 2009, to evaluate the public and professional awareness of this law. These are the results:<sup>1</sup>

|  | November 2005 (N=1,003) | November 2009 (N=1,022) |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Familiar with the Law                          | 15%                     | 22%                     |
| Learned about law through print media          | 50%<br>(n=149)          | 25%<br>(n=218)          |
| Learned about the law through electronic media | 31%<br>(n=149)          | 47%<br>(n=218)          |

## What does this tell us?

Over four years, public and professional awareness has increased, but there is still work to do. Every police station, fire station and hospital in metro Detroit needs to be reminded of this law. We can also see that more of the public received their information about the law electronically and we can surmise that this is the optimal way of disseminating this important information.

## What can I do?

At the side of this article, there is a small information card that you can cut out and keep in your wallet. This has the hotline for mothers who want more information. Also, go to the Other Issues Resource page on our website, [miLIFESPAN.org](http://miLIFESPAN.org), to learn more. Our site will lead you to the Michigan Department of Human Services page where you can find training, toolkits, brochures, fliers and much more.

Now that you are informed about this important legislation, it is your turn to spread the word. If you work at a hospital, police station or fire station and you want more information, please call me at the Main Office, **734.524.0162**, and I can lead you to the information.

*For more information about "The Drop Box" film and to order a copy of the film, visit [www.thedrop-boxfilm.com](http://www.thedrop-boxfilm.com). It is also available at Family Christian Stores ([www.familychristian.com](http://www.familychristian.com)).*

*Notes: 1 [www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5452\\_7124\\_7200---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5452_7124_7200---,00.html)*

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## Safe Delivery of Newborns Law

**Hotline: 866-733-7733**

**Safe. Legal.  
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## First Do No Harm

*By Mary Lou Temple, RN, MS*

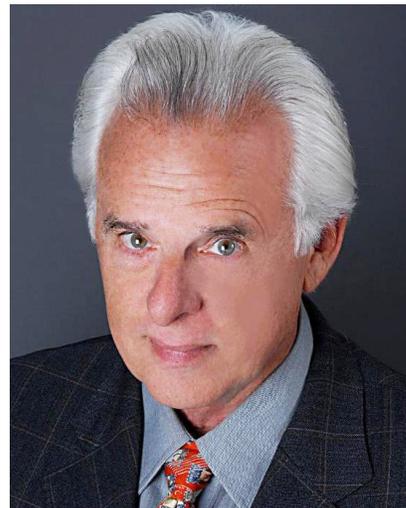
**O**n September 26<sup>th</sup>, 65 nurses and lay people met at the Franco Center of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital to hear Wesley Smith speak on the topic of "FIRST DO NO HARM," The Threat of Assisted Suicide. This is the third time Wesley has spoken to the pro-life nursing group. Mr. Smith is an author and attorney and is a Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute's Center on Human Exceptionalism. He is also a consultant to the Patients Rights Council.

He reviewed the history of the assisted suicide movement and pointed out that it is a conflict of differing world views—the dignity and sanctity of life vs. autonomy, quality of life and the idea of eliminating suffering.

Smith also discussed the "conscience clause," where medical professionals used to be able to "opt out" of a procedure to which they had moral or religious objections. Other countries such as Australia and Canada now require doctors to refer a woman for an abortion, even if they are morally opposed to it. He defined this as "medical martyrdom." He commented that doctors no longer take the Hippocratic Oath in the United States.

Assisted suicide was just legalized in California, making it the 4<sup>th</sup> state to legalize assisted suicide. Pro-life activists are working in coalition with disability activists to educate the public about the dangers of assisted suicide.

Ed Rivet, Legislative Director of Right to Life of Michigan, discussed the POST (physician's orders for scope of treatment) document, which began development in Michigan three years ago in collaboration with the MNA, hospices, medical groups and other disciplines. It is a response to the over-medicalization of death of the elderly in ICUs, deficiencies in living wills and the low number of patients who have advanced directives. It is a one page document that is filled out by the doctor in collaboration with the patient and/or family and addresses CPR status, desired medical interventions, nutrition and documentation of discussion. The patient should have a copy and the POST document would move with the patient to ER, hospital, nursing home etc. It should be reviewed periodically based on changes in the patient's condition. It is currently used in three counties in Michigan and as well as other states. *This conference was sponsored by Michigan Nurses for Life and Educational Center for Life.*



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



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

## From the President's Desk

Dear Pro-Life Friends,

May the blessings of this holiday be upon you! To our Christian supporters, I wish you a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS**. May the message of Christ's peace be upon you and your loved ones! The celebration of the birth of Christ, coming as a small baby, brings hope to a weary world. This holy season is so appropriate for those of us who work to save the unwanted babies of the world. Especially—those of us working with LIFESPAN—working to save the wee ones in metro Detroit.

To our Jewish supporters, we wish you a **HAPPY HANUKKAH**. As the "Feast of Lights" is celebrated, may the candles of Dedication shine brightly in your homes! May the blessings of God be upon you and your families! What eight candles will do to light up our homes—many will brighten the world.

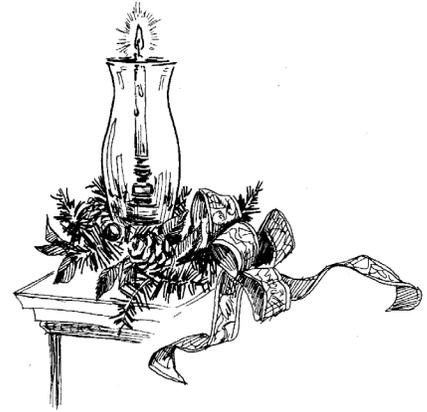
**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!**

We are a people who are constantly busy doing many things—it is time during this holiday season to sit back and evaluate what is important as we go into the year 2016. So, during this blessed season, take time, time for God, yourself, your family and your friends.

Our pro-life activities must be lived daily with the goal of changing hearts and minds in favor of human life. Respect for Human Life is essential for Peace in the World. It must begin with you and then it will permeate your family, friends and co-workers. It will take time, but we will change hearts and minds—the work has already begun.

This coming year will be an exciting one. We will continue with our yearly activities and work toward some new goals in LIFESPAN. Remember to give the gift of a LIFESPAN membership to someone you love (see page 11); it will carry the message of Life into a new home. Don't forget—take time, sit back and relax and think of all the wonderful gifts we have—especially the first and most important—LIFE! WITHOUT IT, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS.

Diane Fagelman, President



## Place a Light on the "Lights for Life" Tree

Celebrate with us this Christmas Season, remembering those you love. In keeping with the Christmas spirit of giving, caring and sharing, LIFESPAN invites you to help illuminate our "Lights for Life" Tree by donating a light in honor of, or in memory of, someone you love. Your tax-deductible contribution may be made throughout the Christmas Season. The Tree will be illuminated December 5 through the first week of January.

The Tree will be located on the grounds of Weingartz, 39050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, Michigan. Contributions will be used to benefit projects like Wee Care, a LIFESPAN outreach program for moms and their babies. Honorees' names will appear in *LIFESPAN News*. For more information, call 734-524-0162.



**Yes, please place lights on the "Lights for Life" Tree!**

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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.

**Defunding Planned Parenthood**

*As this newsletter was going to print, we learned the following:*

The House of Representatives, on October 23, approved a bill that will use the reconciliation process to approve legislation to de-fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business, which has been caught selling aborted babies and their body parts. The House passed the Planned Parenthood de-funding bill on a 240-189 vote margin with all but seven Republicans voting for the bill and only one Democrat willing to vote to de-fund Planned Parenthood after it kills unborn babies in abortions and sells their body parts for profit.

—LifeNews.com, October 23, 2015

**Shoppers, Beware!**

There are many businesses that support Planned Parenthood. Life Decisions International (LDI) maintains a list of such businesses. If you would like to avoid patronizing these merchants while Christmas shopping, go to [ldi@fightpp.org](mailto:ldi@fightpp.org) for more information.

**Did you know?** The following are just some of the supporters of Planned Parenthood: AOL, Darden Restaurants (Bahama Breeze, LongHorn Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Red Lobster), Franchise Services (PIP, Signal Graphics, Sir Speedy), Hilton Worldwide (Doubletree, Embassy Suites, Hampton Inns/Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Hilton Hotels, Homewood Suites), Ignite Restaurants (Joe's Crab Shack) & Mrs. Fields Cookies.

**UPDATE (12-14-15): Kohl's, Toys "R" Us & Trader Joe's ARE NOT ON THE LIST!**

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*The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion*

**Saturday, November 21, 2015 • 1 - 4pm • Location: TBD**

### **Who should consider participating in this seminar?**

- Pro-Life supporters, both active and inactive
- Crisis Pregnancy workers and volunteers
- Counselors, therapists and teachers
- Those who have not yet been fully convinced to call themselves pro-life, rather than pro-choice
- Those who have never given much thought to the issue and are unsure of what to believe
- Those who are pro-choice, but are respectfully willing to hear the other side

**Advanced registration is required. The registration fee is \$10** (to cover materials) for non-UM participants. Please send a complete list of names and addresses for all the people for whom you are making reservations. Complete the form below and mail with your check to **LIFESPAN Educational Fund, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150**. Registrations should be received by Wednesday, November 18, 2015. For more information, call **734.524.0162**.

**Yes, I will attend the seminar on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at The University of Michigan Dearborn.**

Nov/Dec 15

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