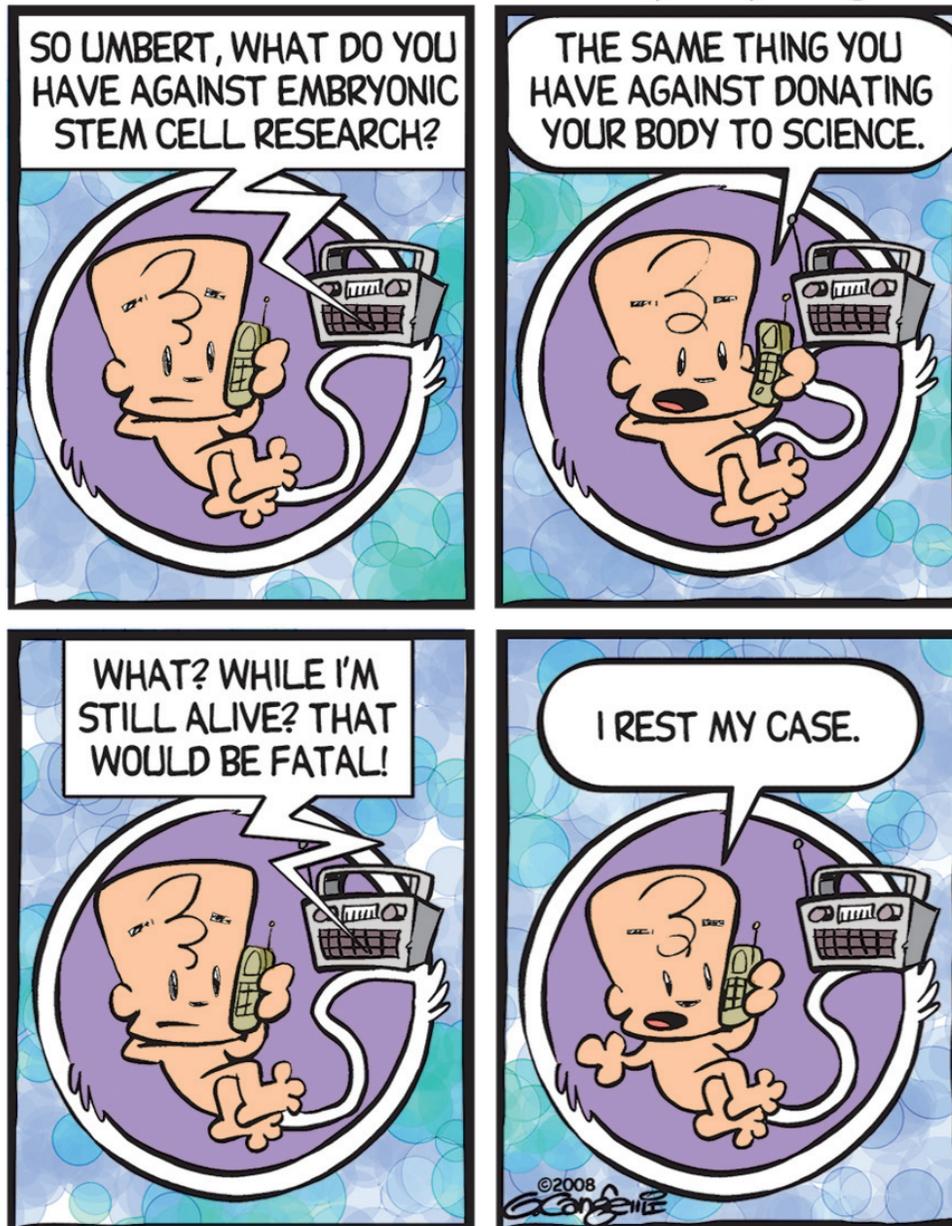


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Umbert the Unborn by Gary Cangemi



Proposal 2 UPDATE

What is MiCAUSE?

Michigan Citizens Against Unrestricted Science and Experimentation (MiCAUSE) was formed in response to a proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution. Proposal 2 is a constitutional amendment which would allow unrestricted experimentation on live human embryos. MiCAUSE will work to educate people about the troubling questions raised by Proposal 2.

For more details and to
stay informed, visit
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DOES THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REGULATE STEM CELL RESEARCH?

NO!

Proposal 2 is about unrestricted research on *live human embryos*. *It would create loopholes* that would ban any state law that might “prevent, discourage, or restrict research, or create disincentives to participate in the research.” *In other words, if a state or local law regulates the safety or ethics of research, scientists can ignore that law.*

Proposal 2’s language says that “no stem cells” may be taken from a human embryo older than 14 days; this language thus allows for research on and the killing of human embryos older than 14 days as long as researchers don’t remove stem cells.

DOES THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REALLY PROHIBIT HUMAN CLONING?

NO!

Proposal 2 has a “do-nothing” clause that neither changes or protects the current Michigan law banning cloning. Meanwhile, leaders of this proposal have already introduced bills in the Michigan legislature that would legalize human cloning by deceptively changing the current definition of human cloning.

IS THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT JUST ABOUT “LEFTOVER” HUMAN EMBRYOS?

NO!

Scientists in Britain have been *allowed to create human-animal hybrids due to a lack of enough human eggs*. Creation of human-animal hybrids is legal in Michigan, and the *loopholes in this poorly written proposal could outlaw any attempt* by the Michigan legislature to ban creation of human-animal hybrids for stem cell research.

2 GOES 2 FAR
VOTE NO ON 2

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A FEW THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

DID YOU KNOW...there are TWO kinds of STEM CELL RESEARCH?

- **ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH** uses stem cells from the placenta, umbilical cord blood, and living donors as research material and does no harm to the donor. This research is producing beneficial treatments and cures. (See inside brochure for complete list.)
- **EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH** uses stem cells from human embryos as research material, and requires the destruction of those embryos. **This research has failed to produce any beneficial treatments or cures since it began in 1998.**

Both types of stem cell research are legal in Michigan. Embryonic Stem Cell Research has limitations.

DID YOU KNOW...a proposal will be on the November 2008 ballot to amend the **MICHIGAN STATE CONSTITUTION**, which could allow taxpayer dollars to fund **EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH** in the future?

DID YOU KNOW...the **LANGUAGE** of this proposal makes it possible to engage in **HUMAN CLONING** without voter approval if the current laws against **HUMAN CLONING** change.

A "NO" Vote on PROPOSAL 2

would:

STOP

any changes to the Michigan State Constitution that would expand the use of human embryos for research.

STOP

any changes to the Michigan State Constitution that would open the door to human cloning without voter approval.

STOP

any changes to the Michigan State Constitution that would overturn current State and Local Laws and allow **UNRESTRICTED, UNREGULATED** research using human embryonic stem cells.

We strongly urge you to

Vote "NO" on PROPOSAL 2

For more information go to:
www.micause.com

A few things you need to know.

NOT ALL STEM CELL RESEARCH IS THE SAME...



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Benefits of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

NONE

Benefits of Adult Stem Cell Research

Cancers:

1. Brain Cancer
2. Retinoblastoma
3. Ovarian Cancer
4. Skin Cancer: Merkel Cell Carcinoma
5. Testicular Cancer
6. Tumors abdominal organs Lymphoma
7. Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
8. Hodgkin's Lymphoma
9. Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
10. Acute Myelogenous Leukemia
11. Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia
12. Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia
13. Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia
14. Cancer of the lymph nodes:

Angioimmunoblastic Lymphadenopathy

15. Multiple Myeloma
16. Myelodysplasia
17. Breast Cancer
18. Neuroblastoma
19. Renal Cell Carcinoma
20. Soft Tissue Sarcoma
21. Various Solid Tumors
22. Ewing's Sarcoma
23. Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia
24. Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis
25. POEMS syndrome
26. Myelofibrosis

Auto-Immune Diseases:

27. Diabetes Type I (Juvenile)
28. Systemic Lupus
29. Sjogren's Syndrome
30. Myasthenia
31. Autoimmune Cytopenia
32. Scleromyxedema
33. Scleroderma
34. Crohn's Disease
35. Behcet's Disease
36. Rheumatoid Arthritis
37. Juvenile Arthritis
38. Multiple Sclerosis
39. Polyorchiditis
40. Systemic Vasculitis
41. Alopecia Universalis
42. Buerger's Disease

Cardiovascular:

43. Acute Heart Damage
44. Chronic Coronary Artery Disease

Ocular:

45. Corneal regeneration

Immunodeficiencies:

46. Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome
47. X-linked Lymphoproliferative Syndrome
48. X-linked Hyper immunoglobulin M Syndrome

Neural Degenerative Diseases & Injuries:

49. Parkinson's Disease
50. Spinal Cord Injury
51. Stroke Damage

Anemias and Other Blood Conditions:

52. Sickle Cell Anemia
53. Sideroblastic Anemia
54. Aplastic Anemia
55. Red Cell Aplasia
56. Megakaryocytic Thrombocytopenia
57. Thalassemia
58. Primary Amyloidosis
59. Diamond Blackfan Anemia
60. Fanconi's Anemia
61. Chronic Epstein-Barr Infection

Wounds & Injuries:

62. Limb Gangrene
63. Surface Wound Healing
64. Jawbone Replacement
65. Skull Bone Repair

Other Metabolic Disorders:

66. Hurler's Syndrome
67. Osteogenesis Imperfecta
68. Krabbe Leukodystrophy
69. Osteopetrosis
70. Cerebral X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy
71. Chronic Liver Failure
72. Liver Cirrhosis

Bladder Disease:

73. End-Stage Bladder Disease

For references see: <http://www.stemcellresearch.org/facts/asc-ref.pdf>
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2 GOES 2 FAR

As you all know, there will be a proposal on the November ballot seeking to amend the Michigan Constitution to permit embryonic stem cell research. What most of you, and most of the rest of the voters in Michigan, don't know is just how far reaching this proposal is.

As the saying goes, the devil is in the details, and the language of this proposal is full of the devil. Without going into all of those details in this memo, let's just summarize by saying that passage of this proposal will result in unrestricted research on human embryos and human embryonic stem cells. Yes, read that again. While those supporting this measure make it seem that the measure seeks to only use embryonic stem cells (that is bad enough), the language also includes the human embryo. Keep in mind that the human embryo is defined as that stage of human development that extends from the moment of implantation to the end of the 8th week. (Wikipedia) **2 GOES 2 FAR!**

LIFESPAN and several other groups have begun a concerted effort to help voters understand just what this proposal means. If you represent a Catholic faith community, please know that the Archdiocese of Detroit is asking all pastors to speak about this issue in October. Please go to your pastors, let them know that you are aware of this directive from AOD and offer whatever assistance LIFESPAN can extend. We have printed material, ballot language, brochures, internet links to MiCause for yard signs and bumper stickers etc. Most importantly, we need your pastors to know that they don't have to do this alone—LIFESPAN is their local resource.

If you represent a faith community other than Catholic, you need to know that MiCause is reaching out to your communities as well, and LIFESPAN will assist your pastors in any way we can.

All churches are allowed to speak on this issue without fear of placing their non-profit tax exemption in danger!

If you need more copies of this Special Edition newsletter to pass around to friends and family, please let us know. Please call the office for any information or assistance you need.

Remember, 2 GOES 2 FAR....VOTE NO ON 2

Lifespan's Breakfast was a great success! We welcomed Rev. Dr. Tad Pacholczyk who explained the important differences between adult stem cell research and human embryonic stem cell research. Fr. Tad's excellent presentation is available for \$20 through Lifespan's offices; call 734-422-6230, 248-816-1546 or 248-478-8878. Please consider asking your pastor to sponsor a showing of this DVD at your church.



Christmas Cards 2008

Your purchase represents support for pro-life activities during the coming year. To place an order, arrange for pickup at a location near you and/or for more information, call your local Right to Life - LIFESPAN office: Detroit **313-640-8534**, Oakland/Macomb **248-816-1546** or Wayne West/Downriver **734-422-6230**.



Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him

Let Us Adore Him

This card has an oval window on the front cover that frames a painting of Mary cradling the infant in her arms. The oval is framed with a gold border. A gold foil-lined envelope is included.

Actual size: 5-3/4" x 8"

\$16.00 per box of 20

Verse:

*Let us rejoice at the Christ Child's birth and
be thankful for God's precious Gift of Life*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Infant Jesus

This card depicts the sleeping Infant in soft pastels of gold and brown. Envelope has an oval opening through which the face of the Infant can be seen.

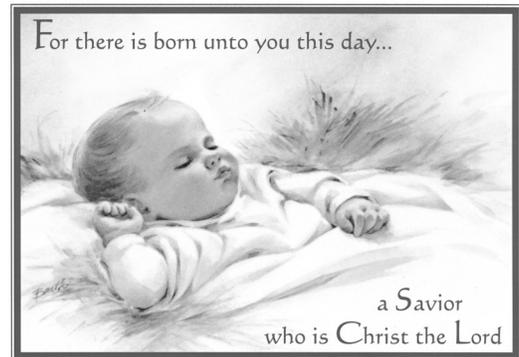
Actual size: 4-7/8" x 6-3/4"

\$7.00 per pkg. of 10

Verse:

*As we rejoice
at the birth of the Infant Savior
may our hearts be filled with love
at the wonder of God's gift of Life*

*Blessings to you at Christmas
and all through the year*



Adoration

Silver-embossed figures, against a navy blue background, adore the newborn Savior. A blue deckle edge adds the finishing touch to this beautiful card. Silver foil-lined envelopes are included.

Actual size: 5-5/8" x 8"

\$16.00 per box of 20

Verse:

*Once upon a Miracle, a tiny Infant's birth
brought love into the world and Heaven's Joy to earth*

Celebrate Life

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



*For unto you is born in the city of David
a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

Other Christmas cards from previous years are also available in packages of 10.

A Life Worth Living

By Christine Rosen

When Harriet McBryde Johnson died earlier this month at the age of 50 from a congenital neuromuscular disease, obituaries called her a “disability-rights activist.” This is far too narrow a description of her life. She was less a traditional activist than an acute social conscience. Ms. Johnson forced us to look at disability in a different way -- not as something that we should seek to eradicate, but as something that is integral to the human condition, a “natural part of the human experience,” as the American Association of People With Disabilities puts it.

Ms. Johnson, a lawyer, first earned national attention when she debated philosopher Peter Singer at Princeton University in 2003, an experience she wrote about for the *New York Times Magazine*. Thankfully free of the ponderous cant that infects so much of bioethics, she was brutally direct when she talked about disabilities, including her own. “Most people don’t know how to look at me,” she wrote, describing her severely twisted spine and her “jumble of bones in a floppy bag of skin.” But she abhorred the “vener of beneficence” that overlay the arguments of those who said she would be “better off” without her disability. “The presence or absence of a disability doesn’t predict quality of life,” she argued, challenging Mr. Singer’s support of what she called “disability-based infanticide.”

Ms. Johnson was part of a disability rights movement that had changed dramatically since the first Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethons in the 1960s, with their offensive references to “cripples” and their maudlin descriptions of “killer diseases.” She worked with people like Mike Ervin, a former Muscular Dystrophy Association poster child who founded a group, “Jerry’s Orphans,” to protest the telethons; Ms. Johnson herself demonstrated every Labor Day on the streets of her hometown of Charleston, S.C. She also worked with Not Dead Yet, the disability-rights group formed in 1996 to challenge the assisted suicide movement.

Although they never formed formal alliances (and Not Dead Yet takes no position on prebirth issues, such as genetic selection), Ms. Johnson and her fellow activists often found themselves on the same side of the ramparts as conservative Christians: Not Dead Yet marshaled the support of 25 national disability groups to oppose the attempts of Terry Schiavo’s husband to “starve and dehydrate her to death,” for example, and defended congressional efforts to intervene in the case. As Diane Coleman, president of Not Dead Yet, told a group in Tampa, Fla., during the Schiavo controversy: “Surely, it will not be argued that the National Spinal Cord Injury Association, the National Down Syndrome Congress, the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund and all the rest are now or ever have been puppets of religious conservatives.” Indeed, Ms. Johnson, an atheist, once chastised Mr. Singer for describing his enemies as a monolith of religious faithful focused solely on “the sanctity of human life.” ®

What Ms. Johnson’s life and the organizations she worked with demonstrate is that the convenient categories we often invoke to discuss these issues -- secular or religious, liberal or conservative -- can obscure as much as clarify, and that the culture benefits from hearing arguments from advocates of both secular and faith-based perspectives. Ms. Johnson’s description of Mr. Singer’s philosophy -- “it is all about allowing as many individuals as possible to fulfill as many of their preferences as possible” -- could be the slogan of our impatient, technologically sophisticated age. And both conservative Christians and secular disability-rights activists have capably criticized this devotion to extreme individualism.

In many ways, the truths that Ms. Johnson forced us to confront are easier to dismiss when they come from so-called right-wing religious nuts. Ms. Johnson, with her experience of disability and her commitment to liberal principles, made people far more uncomfortable. Her critique challenged our cultural assumptions about disability. How accepting are we, really, of those who are not able-bodied? “The peculiar drama of my life has placed me in a world that by and large thinks it would be better if people like me did not exist,” she wrote. “My fight has been for accommodation, the world to me and me to the world.” Yet, despite the lip service we pay to “accommodation” (and the genuine good that comes from legislation such as the Americans With Disabilities Act), we now find ourselves in a disturbing situation: As our scientific powers to eliminate disability grow, our acceptance of disability wanes.

To cite just one example, consider the rapid near-disappearance of people with Down Syndrome. Between 80% and 90% of women who find out they are carrying a child with the chromosomal abnormality (which can be tested using amniocentesis) choose to abort. A Harvard medical student who surveyed 1,000 women who were pregnant with Down Syndrome babies reported that many were urged by their doctors to terminate their pregnancies; one woman’s physician told her that her child would “never be able to read, write or count change.” This at a time when new developments in medicine have nearly doubled the average life span of people who have the condition to 49 from 25 years. As a culture, we have made what Amy Laura Hall of Duke University Divinity School calls a “democratic calculus of worth” regarding Down Syndrome. And that calculus has resulted in a society hostile to people who refuse to make the culturally acceptable choice of ridding themselves of a disabled child before she is born.

One recent effort to change this culture has come from Congress: Sponsored by the unlikely alliance of Sens. Sam Brownback (R., Kan.) and Edward Kennedy (D., Mass.), the Prenatally and Postnatally Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act calls for the creation of a telephone hotline and peer-support programs for parents, a national registry for families willing to adopt children with Down Syndrome, as well as “up-to-date, evidence-based, written information concerning the range of outcomes for individuals living with the diagnosed condition, including physical, developmental, educational, and psychosocial outcomes.”

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Bowling for Life winners

Our thanks to all of you who took the time to get pledges and to bowl in Lifespan's 26th annual "Bowling for Life" FUNdraiser. Our special thanks to Maureen and Rich Dreslinski who welcomed bowlers and set them up on the lanes. They are a great team and because of them, the event ran smoothly and everyone had a good time.

Those winning the grand prizes for **most pledges collected by August 25, 2008**, are:

\$200 Savings Bond.....Glenn Grisdela.....\$340.00
\$100 Savings Bond.....Agnes Cook.....\$268.00
\$ 75 Savings Bond.....Richard Dreslinski.....\$180.00
\$ 50 Savings Bond.....Mary Horvath.....\$116.00

High games with handicap:

\$100 Savings Bond...Man: Glenn Grisdela.....247
\$100 Savings Bond...Woman: Carrie Good..... 262
\$100 Savings Bond...Child: Darin Good..... 191

High series with handicap:

\$100 Savings Bond...Man: Richard Dreslinski.....614
\$100 Savings Bond...Woman: Carrie Good..... 696
\$100 Savings Bond...Child: Darin Good..... 598

Laurie Masiarak did a great job getting the gift certificates. There were restaurants, fast foods and various "fun things" to do. The bowlers loved them, and because of her, everyone was a winner!

2 GOES 2 FAR LITERATURE DROP

There will be a literature distribution about Proposal 2 in Livonia on Saturday, October 18, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Lifespan parking lot at Schoolcraft & Inkster Rds.

CALL TO HELP **734-422-6230**

A Life Worth Living

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As Ms. Johnson wrote of herself and others with disabilities: "We take constraints that no one would choose and build rich and satisfying lives within them. We enjoy pleasures other people enjoy, and pleasures peculiarly our own." And as Laura Hershey, her friend and fellow activist, told me, Ms. Johnson "invited people to understand the value and pleasure of living a life with disability."

But if choice and prevention produce a culture that equates disability with irresponsible parenting decisions, then the homage we pay to accommodation will prove hollow indeed. And as the population ages, and more Americans find themselves living with disabilities, questions about worth at the end of life will become even more pressing. Thanks to people such as Harriet Johnson, we have not yet reached the point where accommodation has given way to neglect or elimination. But we would do well to respect what Ms. Johnson's own life so ably demonstrated: People with disabilities, she said, "have something the world needs."

-- Ms. Rosen is a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy center and senior editor of The New Atlantis: A Journal of Technology & Society.

What's Up with the Youth!?

Hello Everyone!

Wow, it is already "back to school" time...Are you looking forward to what lies ahead? I am! It is always exciting to find out what tomorrow will bring! And, to be honest with you, my favorite season of the year is fall. I really enjoy the cool, crisp air, the beautiful display of color on the trees and in the blooming mums, and, of course, warm, home made apple pie, ice cream, and hot chocolate! Mmmmm good!

To my surprise, there were many of you who provided me with your e-mail addresses so I could send the Youth Mailings via e-mail instead of regular "snail" mail. If anyone else is interested in getting an e-mail from me instead, please respond by sending me an e-mail message at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org. In the subject line of the e-mail, be sure to put ATTENTION: LYNN, YOUTH MAILING REQUEST via E-MAIL. Also, make sure you include your name, address and school or church group in the main e-mail message. Thanks a lot!

There are several fliers available on our website (www.rtl-lifespan.org, click on Events) for the Washington, D.C. bus trip, student contests, Cider Walk, etc. Please check them out, and share them with your family, friends, and pro-life clubs and groups at school and/or church. As you can see, we are providing you with great opportunities to be actively pro-life this fall and winter! I hope you can participate in one or more of the activities!

Next month, I'll share with you some photos and a summary of the Pro-Life Teen Game Show Event "WHEEL OF LIFE" (which was a lot of fun, by the way). Until next time, take care and enjoy the fall weather!

Your friend for LIFE,

Lynn Gura, LIFESPAN Youth Projects Coordinator

WANTED:

TREASURER - VOLUNTEER POSITION

Please mail, email or fax resume to Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152; phone 248-478-8878; fax 248-478-8854.

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Deadline: Monday, December 1, 2008 (**NOTE—NEW DEADLINE!**)

The theme of the Student Video Contest is open to any pro-life issue. Each video submitted should be between 5-10 minutes long and may be submitted on either DVD or VHS tape.

Prizes:

- 1st place \$500 savings bond
- 2nd place: \$200 savings bond
- 3rd place: \$100 savings bond

The top three prizes will be featured on **YouTube**. The first-prize entry is also eligible for reproduction on the LIFESPAN **MySpace** page.

Rules: Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or home-school, who resides in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County and/or

is a member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, regardless of residency, is eligible for the contest, except for students in the immediate family of a board member of Lifespan. Entrants are required to submit a written explanation of their video in no more than 50 words, answering the following questions:

What pro-life message are you expressing?

How did you impart this message through your video?

Why is this message important to you?

Each entry must include, on a separate sheet of paper, NEATLY PRINTED, the title of the video, the student's name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school, names of any participants in the video, and the names of his/her parents or guardian.

All entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Monday, December 1 and mailed or delivered to: **Student Pro-Life Video Contest 2008, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152.** For additional rules or more information, call **Chris at 734-306-6028** or **Lynn at 248-816-1546.**

Student Essay Contest



ELIGIBILITY:

Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or home school, who resides in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County, OR who is a member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, regardless of residency, is eligible for the contest except for students in the immediate family of a board member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN.

RULES:

1. The topic of the pro-life essay entry must feature one or more aspects of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, human embryonic stem cell research or human cloning. The essay must be titled.
2. The essay shall be a minimum of 500 words, a maximum of 1000 words. No poems will be accepted.
3. The essay should be typed, but may be legibly handwritten.
4. Each entry must be the student's original work. One entry per student.
5. On the **BACK** only of the last page of the essay, the student must **PRINT** neatly his/her name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school, plus the names of his/her parents or guardian.
6. Each entry becomes the property of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, and each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life - LIFESPAN.
7. The essay shall be judged on content and style.
8. All entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience in the content. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize.
9. Decisions of the judges shall be final.
10. All entries must be received by **November 3, 2008**, and mailed or delivered to: **Student Essay Contest 2008, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152.**

PRIZES:

First: \$500 Savings Bond Second: \$200 Savings Bond Third: \$100 Savings Bond

Prizes will be awarded at the Rally for Life, January, 2009. The first-prize winner shall also be invited to read the winning essay at the Rally, and the winning entry shall be printed in *Lifespan News*. Call Lifespan's Main Office **248-478-8878**.

\$10,000* Prize Raffle

Sponsored by:
Right to Life - LIFESPAN
Educational Fund

The maximum number of tickets sold will be 500. Donation: \$50 per ticket



LIFESPAN is a non-profit, non-denominational and non-political organization dedicated to the protection of vulnerable human life from conception through natural death. Established in 1970, we serve Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties in southeastern Michigan.

Educational and Public Awareness Programs

Human values form and develop through education. *The educational programs of LIFESPAN strive to inform individuals and groups on life issues.* We offer a broad range of information to help people make informed life-affirming decisions. The topics include abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other life issues. Information and resources for individuals and groups are available in a variety of ways.

* If less than 400 tickets are sold, the raffle will be a 50 / 50 drawing with the holder of the winning ticket receiving half of the ticket sales.

Drawing Date / Time: January 18, 2009, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Madonna University
36600 Schoolcraft Road Livonia, Michigan 48150



Raffle tickets available at Lifespan offices:

Detroit Office, call 313-640-8534

Oakland/Macomb Chapter, 1637 W. Big Beaver, Ste. G, Troy, MI 48084; call 248-816-1546
Wayne West/Downriver Chapter, 27592 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150; call 734-422-6230

From the President's Desk

My Dear Friends of LIFE,

This election will either bring us closer to putting an end to abortion as a law of the land or it will further entrench it, into the fiber of society—a continuing erosion of disrespect for human life.

This election could set the pro-life movement back 30 years if anti-life people are put into office. Why, you ask? One candidate for president will appoint justices to the Supreme Court who will interpret the law based on sound constitutional principles. The other will appoint justices whose liberal philosophies will create law, to fit into their own impression of what should be, as in *Roe v. Wade*.

Embryonic disrespect has allowed the exclusion of the baby in the womb since before the abortion debate in 1973. This disrespect for the embryo is the underlying cause which now enables us to do embryonic stem cell research, as well as cloning. Sadly, if these little humans were respected, there would be no debate.

This Election Day, we will be voting on whether or not to allow embryos to be used at the whim of the scientific community. The new battlefield for life is in our laboratories. This effort will allow government-sanctioned experimentation on the smallest of human persons—in the embryonic stage of our lives. This is not new. The “mad scientists” of the past have always used rationalization when pushing their scientific projects, experimenting on those “who are going to die anyway”; after all, it will help society—would it not? From the scientific experimentation done at Dachau, to the prison camps in the southern United States—these were dark, tragic periods in the scientific and medical communities—and a negative mark on the countries that allowed such practices to flourish.

Today, it is the cry for experimentation on embryos—“which are going to die anyway.” Make no mistake, the human embryo, eight-days-old after conception, is no different than a 100-year-old human. He/she only needs to mature and develop—their DNA is totally present.

We rightly ponder and wonder about the misuse of humans—from slavery, to selling young women into the sex trade, to drug dealers enticing our young people into drugs, etc. It’s all a part of the erosion of “respect for human

life” in this country. Why should selling little embryos be of any importance to society? That’s the point—it should be—because they are human! Not being concerned about selling human embryos is giving your stamp of approval to the trafficking of human flesh. This disrespect of human life must stop!

It’s important that we all get involved and speak out. You have been sent this “Special Edition” newsletter to educate you on Proposal 2 and the MICAUSE campaign. Please, please read it. Do what you can do to educate your family and friends on this most vital issue.

2 goes 2 far!

Speak out loud and clear—call the office for signs and information. Be an informed voter!

May God bless you for all you do for His children.

Diane Fagelman, President

Donations have been made—

In loving memory of:

Virginia Golembiewski

Given by: Ron and Betty Socia
Carl and Jan Lenze
Mary Luberiti

Kenneth W. Kramer

Given by: Larry and Lois Jedele
Chuck Gemayel

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.

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.

_____ Annual Membership \$ 25.00 _____ *Angel in the Waters* Special Membership _____ Other
_____ Student/Senior Member \$ 15.00 \$40 or more; (call a Lifespan office for details)

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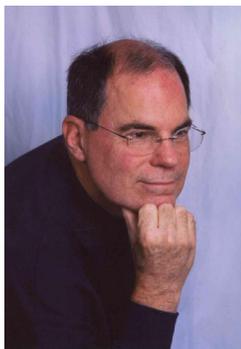
Location: Franco Communications Center

Date: Friday, October 24, 2008

Time: 8 AM – 1:15 PM

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Vincent Rue, PhD

"Post Abortion Syndrome - Its Effect on Women, Men, and Families"



Dr. Rue is the Director of the Institute of Pregnancy Loss in Jacksonville, Florida, an independent non-profit research and treatment center. For 33 years Dr. Rue has been a practicing psychotherapist and has served on the faculty of California State University at Los Angeles and United States International University in San Diego. In 1981 Dr. Rue provided the first clinical evidence of post abortion trauma, identifying this psychological condition as "Post Abortion Syndrome" in testimony before the U.S. Congress.

Speaker: Dr. Valerie Lukasik, PhD

"Counseling the PAS Client in Private Practice"

A graduate of Wayne State University and licensed Psychologist with over 20 years experience in individual and marriage therapy, Dr. Lukasik specializes in post-traumatic stress disorder.

Speaker: Michelle Yax

Executive Director, Mother & Unborn Baby Care, Southfield, MI

"Reflection on Abortion: One Woman's Story"

Ms. Yax speaks regarding her personal pain from an abortion. She will enlighten anyone who may see abortion as an easy solution to a problem pregnancy. She is also affiliated with Silent No More.

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