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What Comes Next?

Now what? Where do we go from here? For the first time in eight long years, we have an occupant of the Oval Office who has declared himself to be pro-life! He has promised to appoint Justices to the Supreme Court who are pro-life. He has said that the Hyde Amendment, which prevents tax dollars from being used for elective abortion, will be continued. He has promised to uphold religious liberties for those whose faith belief condemns abortion. He has promised no more tax money to Planned Parenthood.

Writing that seems almost like a dream. It is hard to believe that we have someone who has promised to help us protect unborn babies and their mothers and offer dignified, reasonable and workable solutions to their problems. After forty-six years of pro-life efforts, it appears that we might finally be successful.

Make no mistake and think that those who support abortion are simply going to close their doors and quietly go away. There is too much profit in the abortion industry for its proponents to do that, and the new president cannot do it alone.

Right to Life - LIFESPAN can't do it alone either. We need you to help us help this new administration. Our numbers must be so large, our voices so loud, and our determination so strong that our goal, protection for the most vulnerable members of our human family, will not be denied.

Alone, we are each a small quiet voice. Together, with a president who has repeatedly expressed his support, and as members of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, *we can shout from every newspaper, every TV station, every pulpit and every home* that human life is precious and to be protected.

Please renew your membership with Right to Life - LIFESPAN and help us help a pro-life administration be so loud and so strong that our goal will be achieved. This is no time to sit back and say "ok, now we can rest." There is still a great deal to be done, and there are lives depending on your steadfast support of LIFESPAN and Life. We need your help to do the work that needs to be done. Please renew your LIFESPAN membership today so we can get started.

—Right to Life - LIFESPAN, Inc. Board of Directors

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.



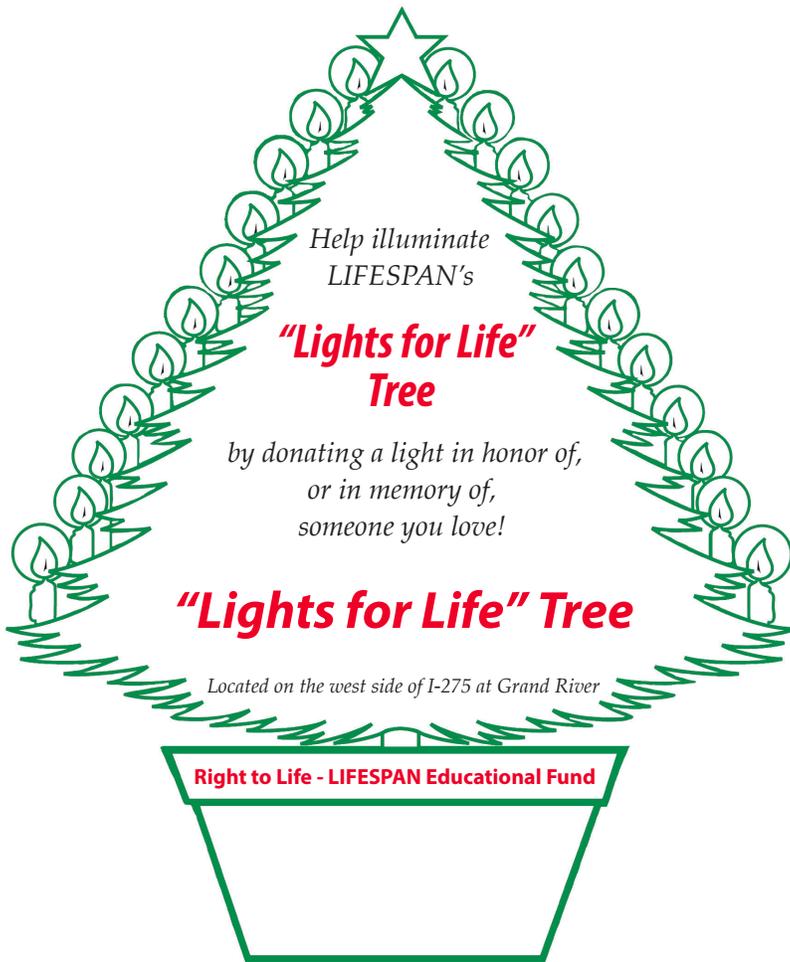
Contributions will be used to benefit projects like Wee Care, a LIFESPAN outreach program for moms and their babies.

The Tree will be illuminated in early December through the first week of January.

The Tree will be located on the grounds of Weingartz, 39050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Honorees' names will appear in *LIFESPAN News*.

For more information, call 734-524-0162.



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

In Honor of _____ In Memory of _____

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of Lights to "shine" _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. If you need additional space, please attach another sheet of paper.

Please make your check payable to LIFESPAN Educational Fund. Donations are tax-deductible.

Note "Lights for Life" on your check memo and mail to Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150.

Pro-Life Luncheon

It was a wonderful event about horrible concepts: euthanasia and assisted suicide. On October 22nd, LIFESPAN held a pro-life luncheon at O'Kelly Banquet Hall in Dearborn focusing on End-of-Life issues. The luncheon buffet was amazing and everyone walked away full!



Our main speaker, Jason Negri, Assistant Director of the Patient Rights Council and a practicing attorney, was engaging and very informative. Attendees walked away better prepared to face end-of-life issues and protect themselves from euthanasia/assisted suicide.

Senator Patrick Colbeck, who serves Michigan's Seventh District, spoke about current pro-life legislation at the state and national level.

None of us likes to think of dying or being incapacitated in a way that doesn't allow us to speak up for ourselves. However, it is a reality that we all must face.

The phrase 'knowledge is power' is very applicable, because what you don't know can actually kill you.

Our thanks to the speakers for an incredibly informative day.



Thank You, Christopher!



A wonderful young man, Christopher Moy, made this wooden storage unit for the LIFE Chain signs at the Wayne County Chapter office. Christopher called us offering to do work for his Eagle Scout project, and this wonderful young volunteer created the perfect storage cabinet to store and sort our LIFE Chain signs!

Michigan Nurses for Life 2016

The State of Michigan is working diligently to initiate legislation to halt the practice of Human Sex Trafficking and provide protection to those caught in the web of abuse this practice produces.

Michigan Nurses for Life's 2016 conference, held on October 1, addressed the topic of The Tragedy of Human Trafficking in Michigan. Michigan ranks 2nd, after Nevada, in the incidence of human trafficking, with the Detroit area being the focus of this activity. Detroit has a very busy downtown area with sporting events from three professional teams, Tigers, Lions and Red Wings, the Auto Show and many conferences and conventions. These types of events are fertile ground for those finding no problem with using young men and women as prostitutes for visitors.

Theresa Flores, LSW, MS, who is a survivor of trafficking and the author of "Slavery in the Land of the Free," described how she was drawn into this activity as a high school student in one of Oakland County Michigan's most affluent communities. Unwise decisions, naiveté, and loneliness brought her into a ring of pimps who kept her under their control by threatening her family. She was at the beck and call of these men who would take her to a home or hotel to be used by one, or many, men for their pleasure. She was able to get away from them, only when her family moved from the area.

Shelia Meshinski, BSN, RN, CEN, CFN, who is a certified forensic and sexual assault nurse examiner, explained how difficult it is to be able to reach these young people who are at risk. If they are seen in a medical setting, they are rarely alone—almost always accompanied by a "friend" who is really there to be sure he/she does not ask for help or say that they are afraid or are being abused.

Both speakers explained that shopping malls and other places young people gather are "hunting grounds" for those who would entwine teens in the industry. Sometimes over a period of days, flattering them or simply inviting them for a coffee, a pop or a ride, from which they don't return.

State Senator Judith Emmons was to address the proposed Michigan legislation, but on the way to the conference, she and one of our Michigan White Tailed Deer had a meeting on the highway! One of our audience members, a social worker who served on the Human Trafficking task force, stepped up and explained some of the workings of the task force and offered to provide a list of contacts for those seeking more information on how to end this assault on human dignity.

—Diane Trombley, President, Michigan Nurses for Life



Special thanks to all our co-sponsors and participants in the 29th Annual LIFE CHAIN, held Sunday, October 2nd!

AAA Pregnancy Resource Center, Livonia
 Assumption Grotto, Detroit
 Auburn Hills Christian Church, Auburn Hills
 Belleville Church of God, Belleville
 Christ Church of Redford, Redford
 Christ Lutheran Church, Milford
 Church of the Holy Family, Novi
 Congregation Shem Yisrael, Bloomfield Hills
 Detroit Catholic Singles
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LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

Thanksgiving

Steadfast—this word is defined as being *resolute and unwavering in one's position on an issue of importance*. There are a number of synonyms for this word. They include unyielding, ardent, dedicated, faithful and resolute.



As I look at the names of those of you who receive this newsletter and put faces to these names, I see each of you displaying these qualities.

Many of you have been involved in our efforts for Life for many years. Others of you are new to the struggle. No matter how long, or short, you have been involved in the pro-life movement in general, and Right to Life - LIFESPAN in particular, your steadfast belief in the preciousness of all human life will keep you strong when challenged and joyful when we succeed.

We offer our Thanksgiving to you for your courage, your voice and your determination to succeed.

Merry Christmas

Magic in the air
Elegant wrappings
Ringing bells
Ribbons of red, silver and gold
Yellow-haired angels on top of the tree



Cherished loved ones home for the holidays
Happy faces everywhere
Ripples of chocolate on cakes and in cookies
Icing on sweet rolls
Silver tinsel on the tree
Timeless memories shared by all
Music familiar and timeless
Alleluias raised on high
Seasons blessings to all of you from Oakland/Macomb LIFESPAN.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

There are so many things to be thankful for this year. At the Wayne County Chapter, we are very grateful for our many volunteers and supporters.

Every donation for roses, candy, Christmas Cards, Entertainment Books, *Roe v. Wade* memorial luminary kits, pins, bumper stickers, baked goods, etc., makes our work throughout the year possible.

Each time a LIFESPAN volunteer sets up a display of items for donation, the pro-life message is being spread. One quote or one small fact could be the tipping point for someone. You help to increase the "ripple in the pond" and spread the knowledge of what it means to be pro-life. We are so thankful for all of YOU!

Wayne County

Merry Christmas!

The best gift around the Christmas Tree
Is the presence of FAMILY
Wrapped in Love

May you and your family have a very Merry Christmas!
Thank you for being part of LIFESPAN's family!
With Love, Eileen and Anne Marie



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Wee Care

On Respect Life Sunday, the 1st Sunday in October, I, along with hundreds of thousands of people throughout the United States and Canada, took part in Life Chain.

Life Chain is an annual event where participants silently stand, in peaceful, prayerful witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers by holding pre-printed signs that state: Pray to End Abortion; Adoption: The Loving Option; Abortion Hurts Women; Life—The First Inalienable Right, etc.

In the 1-1/2 hours that we quietly stood there, many cars beeped their horns in support, but one woman shouted from her car—that although we don't want the babies to be aborted—we don't care about the mothers or babies after they are born. This is a recurring accusation and YOU KNOW THAT IT IS NOT TRUE! Because of YOU, over 600 babies each year are given warm blankets, sleepers, onesies, diapers, wipes and so much more.

They are referred to pregnancy centers and social workers who offer parenting classes, formula, housing, nutrition and health guidelines—the list is endless. Because of YOU, mothers have chosen life for their babies and because of you, Wee Care can help provide for these precious babies and their moms.

Never forget what a difference you make!

I can't believe that this is the Christmas issue of our newsletter! By the time you read this, we will have distributed hundreds of packages to our little ones to keep them warm during the cold months ahead.

Please know that I am grateful beyond words and wish you all a Christmas filled with peace and all the love and happiness your hearts can hold! *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.

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Give holiday gift memberships to people you feel would benefit from reading LIFESPAN News. We'll send the recipient an attractive gift card.



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You Still Have Time!

The end of the year is coming!

Have you donated to the Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund yet?

LIFESPAN Educational Fund's Wee Care Outreach Program provides material

goods and resources to new moms and their babies who are in dire need of assistance. Our vibrant and dynamic Youth Outreach Program works with hundreds of students every year.

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization. **Your donation is 100% tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.** Send in your donation today!

Things to Do List for the New President

We must make sure he nominates good judges to the Supreme Court who respect the Constitution and the rule of law and who would be likely to overturn the worst decision in the high Court's history.

We must make sure Donald Trump makes good on his pledge to sign a bill defunding the Planned Parenthood abortion business and protecting us from funding America's largest abortion company.

We must make sure Donald Trump makes good on his pledge to sign pro-life legislation to stop late-term abortions.

We must make sure Donald Trump makes good on his pledge to uphold and respect the religious liberties of pro-life Christians who don't want to be forced to promote or be involved in abortion and abortion drugs.

To make this happen, *LifeNews* needs your help today. Your financial support will allow us to continue being the leading pro-life news vehicle on the Internet and will help life news continue reaching millions of pro-life voters so they can be empowered and informed to ensure Donald Trump is the pro-life president he said he would be.

—Excerpted from a fundraising letter of LifeNews.com, November 9, 2016

In vicious attack on pregnant woman, unborn child is a second victim, Michigan Court of Appeals unanimously rules

By Dave Andrusko

In a case so vicious the presiding judge said, “I can’t remember when I’ve been so appalled at a defendant’s behavior of what—what cruelty, what total disregard for human life and decency there was in this particular incident,” the Michigan Court of Appeals unanimously rejected the plaintiff’s assertion an unborn child could not be considered a second victim.

In 2014, Samuel Demetrios Ambrose punched his disabled, pregnant girlfriend and “held her head underwater after dumping her out of a wheelchair and into a ditch in southern Allegan County,” according to WZZM-13.

“Allegan County Circuit Court Judge Kevin W. Cronin sentenced Ambrose to a minimum of four years in prison for the May 2014 assault and witness intimidation. His sentence was lengthened because the judge counted the woman’s unborn child as a second victim,” reported John Hogan.

Ambrose appealed, arguing the unborn child should not be counted as a second victim because the child is not a “person.”

The Court of Appeals disagreed in a decision released Wednesday. Hogan wrote,

“We conclude the trial court did not err in counting the fetus as a ‘victim’ when fashioning a sentence,” justices wrote.

The appeals court noted there are already laws making it a felony to cause a miscarriage or stillbirth through criminal conduct.

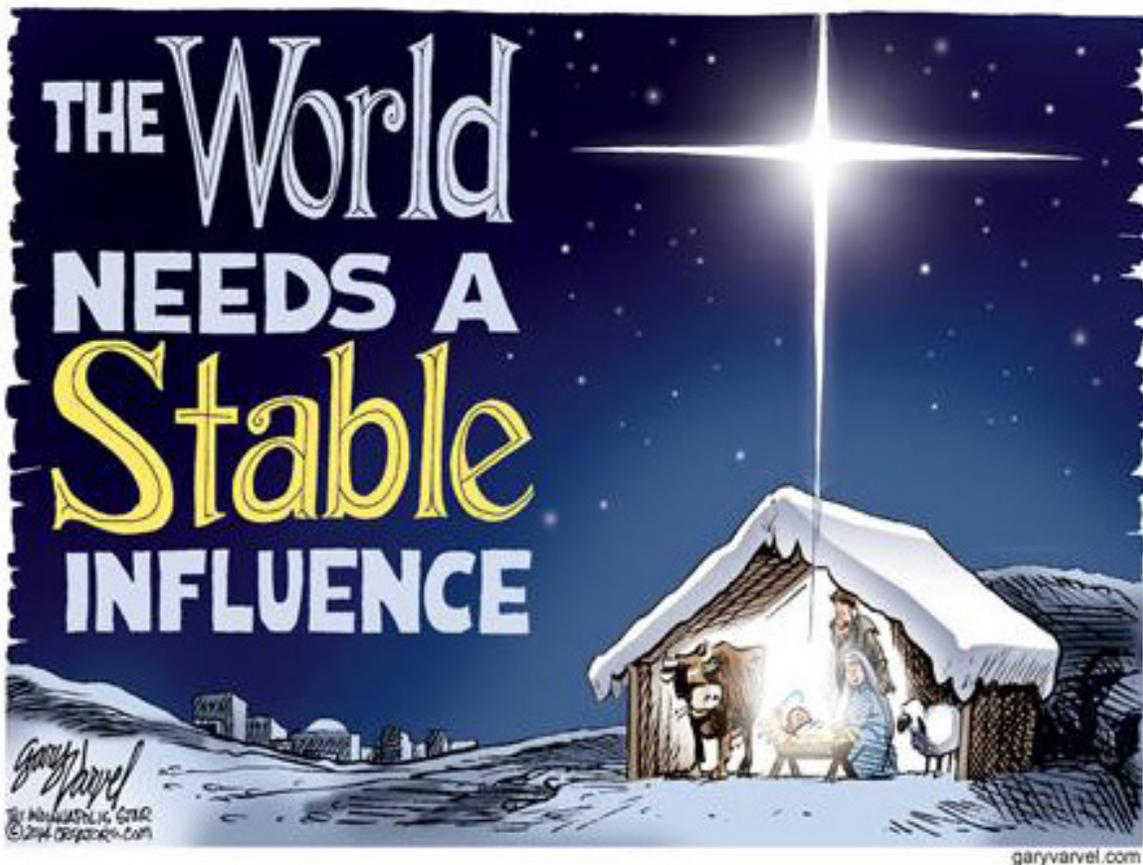
“The facts of this case are reprehensible, leaving no doubt that (Ambrose) placed the mother and her fetus in both danger of death and physical injury,” Appeals Court Judge Peter D. O’Connell wrote. “The trial court’s departure was minimal and its reason for departure were extensive.”

Right to Life of Michigan lauded the decision and pointed out the significance of a change in state law:

Michigan updated protections for unborn children by passing the Prenatal Protection Act in 1999. Previously, the child had to be born alive and then die in order to be counted as a victim of a crime committed while the child was in the womb. The born-alive rule was necessary as a matter of evidence before the advent of ultrasound, because the only way to know a child in the womb was alive at any point (and harmed by the criminal action) was the mother reporting her experience of the baby moving.

Thanks to modern medicine, documenting the life of the child in the womb is easy and undeniable.

—National Right to Life News Today, October 27, 2016



18,000 Babies Die in 3rd-Trimester Abortions Every Year in the United States

By Micaiah Bilger

Abortion activists say late-term abortions are rare in the United States and only performed in serious medical circumstances. But in doing so, they are denying data and personal accounts from their own sources.

Former Planned Parenthood director-turned pro-life advocate Abby Johnson confirmed that late-term abortions “happen regularly” in the U.S.

“Do elective abortions take place through the 9th month of pregnancy? The unfortunate and horrifying answer is yes. We must work to end these barbaric practices and truly care for mothers and their children,” Johnson wrote in a column for the *Independent Journal Review*.

She continued:

These abortions can be performed for the “life or health” of the mother. What this means is that a late-term abortion can be provided for any reason, as long as the abortionist checks a box on her chart stating it was affecting her “life or health.” No documentation of proof is required.

According to several former late-term abortion clinic workers who have come through my organization, *And Then There Were None*, approximately 50% of 3rd trimester abortions are performed on healthy babies. In my own personal experience, we often referred women to late-term abortion providers who were pregnant with healthy babies, but they wanted the abortion because they had either just broken up with the baby’s father, lost their job, or something similar.

The Guttmacher Institute, a pro-abortion research group formerly affiliated with Planned Parenthood, reported 1.3 percent of abortions in 2012 were performed at 21 weeks or later. The percentage may seem small, but, with an estimate 1 million-plus abortions performed that year, 1.3 percent represents thousands of unborn babies’ lives.

Many estimate the number of late-term abortions a year is about 18,000. Research from the CDC corroborates those numbers. According to the Centers for Disease Control, which has a long-standing history of under-reporting the total number of abortions in the United States because it doesn’t get numbers from every state (including the largest state, California), 9,709 abortions were done at 18-20 weeks and 7,325 abortions were done on babies older than 21 weeks.

In New York alone, more than 2,600 abortions were done in one year on babies older than 21 weeks and more than 1,000 late-term abortions were done on babies in Georgia. Hundreds of abortions are done on unborn ba-



abies older than 21 weeks in Colorado, Ohio, Washington, New Jersey and Texas, according to the CDC data.

National Right to Life Legislative Director Douglas Johnson has more information on how many abortion clinics do these kinds of abortions:

A 2008 study, “Abortion in the United States: Incidence and Access to Services, 2005,” released by the Guttmacher Institute (which was originally founded as a special affiliate of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, currently the nation’s largest abortion provider) found that, in 2005, there were at least 1,787 abortion providers in the United States. Of the 1,787 providers, the study found that “[t]wenty percent of providers offered abortions after 20 weeks [LMP], and only 8% at 24 weeks [LMP]...” This translates to at least 300 abortion providers who will perform abortions after 20 weeks LMP and around 140 willing to perform abortions at 24 weeks LMP.

Abortion activists and practitioners also have admitted that a majority of late-term abortions are not performed for medical reasons.

Abortion practitioner Martin Haskell, who is credited with inventing the partial-birth abortion method, admitted that most of his patients had late-term abortions for “purely elective” reasons.

In a 1993 interview with *American Medical News*, Haskell said: “I’ll be quite frank: most of my abortions are elective in that 20-24 week range...In my particular case, probably 20% are for genetic reasons. And the other 80% are purely elective...”

And back in 1997, Ron Fitzsimmons, the executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, admitted that he once lied about late-term, partial-birth abortions being rare, according to the *New York Times*. Fitzsimmons said late-term abortions were performed far more often than his colleagues acknowledged and on healthy women and healthy babies.

—LifeNews.com, October 25, 2016

Think Before You...Shop for the Holidays

As you shop this holiday season, we ask that you be aware of those companies that support abortion. It is important that you not only cease from buying from these companies, but you should also send them a letter or email explaining why you are no longer able to shop at their business. Your remarks should be short and civil.

Here is an example. Please feel free to use this mock letter as you wish.

Dear _____,

It has been brought to my attention that you support Planned Parenthood. Are you aware that they undertake the killing of pre-born children to solve social problems?

I cannot support any organization that uses their money and influence to promote the death of another human person.

Please reconsider your donation to Planned Parenthood and use that money for work that promotes the worth of every human life. I would be more than happy to speak to your representative about this matter.

If you choose to continue to support Planned Parenthood, I will have to continue to shop elsewhere and encourage my friends and family to do that same.

Looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Name, Address, Email

Below are listed a few companies that are on the current Life Decisions International Boycott List that you might want to think twice about before shopping for the holidays.

Chanel

Operations: apparel, eyewear, footwear, fragrances, personal skin care

Contact: Mr. Alain Wertheimer, CEO, Chanel S.A., 135 Avenue Charles de Gaulle, 92521 Neuilly sur Seine cedex, Paris, FR, 800-550-0005, chanel.com.

Estée Lauder

Operations: cosmetics (American Beauty, Aveda, Bobbi Brown, Clinique, Coach, Flirt!, M*A*C), fragrances (Aerin, American Beauty, Aramis, Aveda, Bobby Brown, Coach, Daisy Fuentes, DKNY, Intuition, Jo Malone, Kiton, Michael Kors, Sean John, Tom Ford, Tommy Hilfiger), home, personal care & retail outlets.

Contact: Mr. Fabrizio Freda, Pres. & CEO, The Estée Lauder Companies Inc., 767 5th Ave., New York, NY 10153, 800-308-2334, elcompanies.com.

Levi Strauss

Operations: apparel (Boyfriend, Capital E, dENiZEN, Dockers, Limited Edition, Signature, StaPrest) & retail outlets.

Contact: Mr. Charles V. Bergh, Pres & CEO, Levi Strauss & Co., 1155 Battery St., San Francisco, CA, 94111, 877- 524-7386, levistrauss.com.

Nike

Operations: apparel (Cole Haan, Hurley, Jordan, Livestrong, Umbro), eyewear, footwear (Air Jordan, Cole Haan, Converse, Hurley, Jordan, Umbro), leisure / travel, recreation / sports, retail outlets & timepieces.

Contact: Mr. Mark G. Parker, Pres. & CEO, Nike Inc., One Bowerman Dr., Beaverton, OR 97005, 800-344-6453, nike.com.

Ralph Lauren

Operations: apparel (American Living, Black Label, Blue Label, Chaps, Club Monaco, Lauren, Pink Pony, Purple Label, RRL, Rugby), eateries (Polo, Ralph's, RL), eyewear, footwear, fragrances (Big Pony Blue #1, Black, Chaps, Collection, Double Black, Glamorous, Glamorous Daylight, Lauren Style, Love, Modern Reserve, Notorious, Pure Turquoise, Purple Label RLX, Ralph, Red White & Blue, Romance, Safari, Tuxedo), home, personal care, retail outlets (Ralph Lauren Boutiques, Rugby) & timepieces.

Contact: Mr. Ralph Lauren, Chm. & CEO, Ralph Lauren Corp., 650 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022, 888-475-7674, ralphlauren.com.

Walt Disney

Operations: apparel, broadcasting (cable: A&E, Bio, Crime & Investigation, ESPN Networks, Freeform, FYI, History, Hungama, Lifetime Networks; radio: ESPN; television: ABC), communications, electronics, entertainment (CD / music: Hollywood Records, LucasArts, Lyric Street Records; motion picture productions: Hollywood, Lucasfilm, Pixar, Touchstone), financial, home, leisure / travel (cruise lines and theme parks), lodging, publishing, retail outlets & timepieces.

Contact: Mr. Robert A. Iger, Chm. & CEO, The Walt Disney Co., 500 S. Buena Vista St., Burbank, CA 91521, 818- 560-1000, disney.com.

Remember: It is important that you stop doing business with boycott targets. This is the first step. The second step is to contact these organizations and tell them why you are no longer supporting them. We have included the contact person for each company.

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From the President's Desk

What just happened? A miracle!! We still have a chance to bring a Respect for Human Life back to our country thanks to all those who chose life issues over feelings. Justice and truth do eventually win out over oppression and lies. It is not always an easy road to victory nor is it a speedy endeavor. If we persevere we can and will bring back the "right to life," as promised by the Declaration of Independence, for every American citizen, preborn, born, young or old.

So, now what do we have to do? We must get back to basics. We need to talk about abortion and euthanasia, educating as to what these terms actually mean.

Maybe we are no longer invited into our schools and into classrooms to bring the truth about abortion and euthanasia, but that doesn't mean we stop trying. Unfortunately, open discussion involving all opinions, and not just progressive thought, is taboo in our schools of higher education. We need not be afraid to show what happens to a human being when they are torn from their mother's womb, or at the other end of life, dies a horrendous death by dehydration when food and water is withdrawn for the sole purpose of hastening death.

We have a lot of work ahead of us, so let us begin today with our circle of family and friends. If you have not renewed your membership, please renew. Consider signing up members of your family as LIFESPAN members so they too may become educated. Our newsletter will keep them informed about what young people are doing, what Wee Care is doing, as well as events they can attend to support life. We do not know the future, but we have today, so let us get started and re-dedicate ourselves to LIFE. May we all be given strength and courage to continue this most vital work!

It is the time of year that brings hope to the world. So let me take time out of these serious matters and bring all of us back to the joy and love of the season. Over two thousand years ago, a small baby was born—to this day we celebrate the wonderful and mysterious gift of His Birth and Life. I wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a hopeful and Happy New Year.

—Diane Fagelman, President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, Inc.

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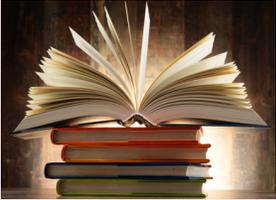
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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, 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.



Book Lovers: Adopt a Shelf!

Volunteers needed to help organize
LIFESPAN'S Book Depot; call Diane, 734-524-0162.

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 \$ 30.00 Other
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Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Email address _____

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

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2016 LIFESPAN Christmas Cards



A Child is Born

There is nothing more perfect than that of the love of a Mother for Her Son. This full color image depicts Mary cradling the Infant Jesus in a captivating image of pure love.

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

Inside Verse:

*The Lord and Giver of Life
Cradled in Love
Wrapped in Peace
Born to bring Hope*

May His love surround you this Christmas and always

Actual size: 4.84" x 6.75"

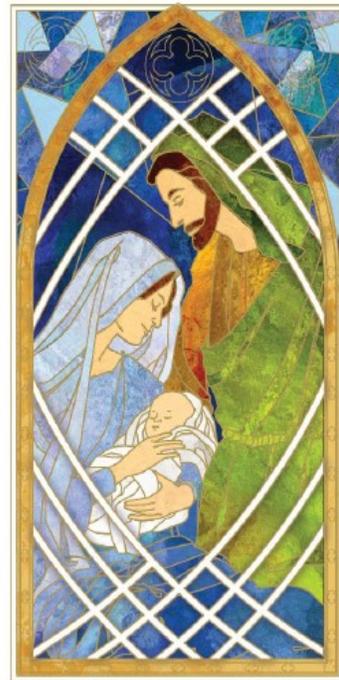
\$7 per pkg. of 10

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

A limited number of cards from previous years may be available at your local chapter.

To place an order, arrange for pickup at a location near you and/or for more information, call one of our chapter locations:

**Oakland/Macomb
County:
248.816.1546
or
Wayne County:
734.422.6230**



Holy Family depicted in Stained Glass

This beautiful card depicts the Holy Family in stunning detail and bright tones with embossed and gold foil detail. A green box and gold foil-lined envelope complete this elegant Christmas greeting.

Inside Verse:

*As we celebrate the miracle
of one small Baby's Birth,
we are reminded that every child
is a miracle and a special gift
from the Creator of all Life*

Merry Christmas

Actual size: 5.63" x 7.88"

\$17 per box of 20

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