



Right to Life of Holland

NEWSLETTER

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Season's Greetings,

First, we here in the Right to Life Office of Holland Area want to thank you for your passion and those things you do throughout the year to promote *Life*, THANK YOU! I am writing you a special note at the end of the year to update and better inform you about what we do throughout the year.

We at Right to Life of Holland Area carry out a unique blend of educational and legislative activity (we are not a PAC). Because of that unique combination of service we are classified by the IRS as a 501c4 non-profit. We are an affiliate of Right to Life of Michigan *but we have our own office, staff and budget*. We operate on donations given to us here in Holland. If a donation is not directed to us here in Holland, it is going to someone else. We of course do not oppose giving to other *Pro - Life* organizations, we encourage it. We are all a part of a great and powerful movement to protect *Life* from the womb to natural death. But we do have needs locally; and have been asked by a number of people this year how they can make sure *Right to Life of Holland Area* can receive their gifts.

Our work here at Right to Life of Holland Area originates from our office at 100 S. Waverly in Holland. Our affiliate area takes in the communities of: Holland, Hamilton, Allendale, Hudsonville, Macatawa, Saugatuck, West Olive and Zeeland. That is 8 communities and 10 zip code areas. We also have many wonderful supporters from communities like Jenison as well.

Just a few of the events we sponsor are the annual: March 4 Life and Memorial Service, the High School Oratory Contest, 5K Walk and Fun Run, the Precious Baby Contest at the Hudsonville Community Fair, Life Chain, Fundraising Dinner and Phone/Walk In Auction. We also reach out to church representatives and pastors with monthly updates and hold monthly Church Rep meetings. We host membership drives and promote Life through billboards. We also work with our legislators and support the RTL Michigan Legislative Office in Lansing.

As you give your end of year gifts we hope you will not forget Right to Life of Holland Area. Gifts to Right to Life of Holland Area, a 501c4, are not tax deductible. We know that you give to those you really want to support because you believe in their work. We hope you will think of us in that regard as you give this year.

Our staff and board of directors wish you a most Blessed Christmas and New Year. We always remember that *Life* was embodied powerfully in the Life of Jesus Christ, the One whose birth we are celebrating.

In His Service for *Life*,

Dr. Jim Johnson
Executive Director
Right to Life of Holland Area



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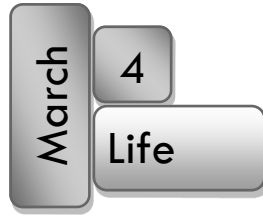
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SUPPORT LIFE on the 42nd Anniversary of legalized abortion in America



**Monday, January 19, 2015
At 7:00 P.M.**

Upcoming Events:

January 13/Tuesday - Pastor's

Breakfast: 8:30am - 9:30am here at RTLHA; Special Guests: Rev. Aaron Greydanus, Drenthe CRC & Donna Bunce, Ex. Director at Compassionate Hearts Ministry.

March 12/Thursday - Oratory

Contest: For High School students grades 9-12. Topics include: abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, human cloning, etc.

April 2015 - Walk/Fun Run at

Lawrence Street Park in Zeeland. More information will come with your next newsletter and check online at www.rtlhofholland.org

Followed by A Memorial Service for Unborn Children at 7:20 P.M. at Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church 259 Central Ave. in Holland/ Corner of 10th & Central

We urge attendance to both events but feel free to attend one or the other.



Memorial Service will feature Ed Rivet, Legislative Director at Right to Life of Michigan.

Attend with Family and Friends

No admission fee - donations will be accepted at the Memorial Service.

All those who bring a hand-made pro-life sign to display while marching will have an opportunity to place their name in a drawing for a \$50 cash prize.

January 22, 2014 marks the 42nd Anniversary of the date of the infamous Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton decisions which legalized the violence of abortion throughout our country during the entire nine months of a woman's pregnancy. Since that date nearly 56 million pre-born lives have been destroyed.

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2014 Phone/Fax Auction

Our annual phone/fax auction was held on November 5 and 6. We were so pleased to be able to offer close to 200 items donated by our supporters. Not only did buyers purchase great items but they also supported our ongoing work in trying to stop abortions and help our daily operations here at RTLHA!

We raised over \$5500!

An added bonus was the opportunity to meet and talk with many of you who brought in auction items; those who stopped in to see, bid and buy from the instant buy table and our food table.

Thank you to those who brought in yummy bake goods, the chocolate goodies/ strawberries, picnic bars, almond cake, cookies, and much more!!



GOD IS SO GOOD!!

◆ **Compassion Project:**
Compassion Project focuses on rape and incest not being used as a reason for abortion. Film makers Jim and Jillian Hanon are creating films featuring women who have come to realize that abortion is not the answer to a crisis pregnancy.

61 of 68 in the state house. Our Attorney General and Secretary of State are pro-life, as is a five-to-two majority on the state Supreme Court.

To learn more about pending legislation coming up in 2015 go to www.rtl.org and click on the Legislation Tab at the top of the page - listed are several pending Federal and Michigan legislations and other legal issues you can read about.

◆ The licensing law of 2012 is being implemented and we have seen a record number of clinics close in the past two years. Soon there will be **less than 20** surgical abortion clinics in our states, **down from 72**.

◆ We look forward to pro-life successes as we work with our legislators. In the last election we won 27 of 27 state senate races where we endorsed and

Join us to hear Ed Rivet, Legislative Director of Right to Life of MI, speak at our Memorial Service for Unborn Children on Monday, January 19th at 7:15pm Central Ave CRC corner of 10th/ Central in Holland, MI

A contribution has been made to Right to Life of Holland so that the work toward Respect for Life may continue!

In Memory Of:

- Carol Burnam - given by Ralph & Sandy Houston
- Roger Lee Meyer - given by Nathan Leach
- Joan Stryker - given by June Knoper
- Joan Stryker - given by Bea Meier
- Julius Nykamp - given by Lyle & Arduus Ahrenholz
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- Julius Nykamp - given by Ronald & Eileen Lenters
- Sr. Mary Phyllis Patin - given by Henry & Margaret Kalman
- Dien Doctor - given by Ella Emmert
- Lee Seinen - given by Paul & Marilyn Schurman (Lisa & Elaine)
- Lee Seinen - given by Larry & Kim Mast
- Lee Seinen - given by Hank & Ruth Telgenhof

In Honor Of:

- Felicity Hope Venema & Elsy June Steenholdt - given by Anonymous
- Arlene Cook - given by Lewis DeWeerd



“Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world. Don’t ever underestimate the beauty and power of the witness you give in your pro-life work.”

~Archbishop Charles Chaput

***Right to Life of
Holland Area
FUNDRAISER***

Tuesday, January 20th
5pm – Closing

Valid at Russ' Eastown ONLY

**Russ' will donate 25% of your total bill to
Right to Life of Holland Area**

Amount of bill: _____

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Holland, MI 49423
616-396-2348
www.RussRestaurants.com

Not valid with any other coupons, discounts or specials. Printed coupon must be presented to the cashier when paying. **DINE-IN ONLY.**

Taxes payable by bearer.

**HELP SUPPORT RIGHT TO LIFE OF HOLLAND AREA ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015 FROM 5PM-9PM**

25% of you bill goes to Right to Life of Holland Area

**Please NOTE that you MUST have this coupon with you
at the restaurant at the time of service (we are NOT
allowed to hand any out that night.) YES, you may
make copies of this coupon to give to your family and
friends.**

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HELP US UPDATE OUR MEMBER DATABASE!

If you have not renewed your membership in the past year, please fill out the membership information below and send it with your membership fee to the address indicated. Your yearly membership will help cover the cost of receiving this local affiliate newsletter of Right to Life of Holland Area, plus the MI Right of Life Newsletter (our parent organization).

Part of the membership fee will be used to insure that the office of Right to Life of Holland Area remains a visible and staffed presence in our area.

We ask you to join us in our concern for life.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

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