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Respect the Sanctity of All Human Life

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April 2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS

If you would like the file emailed to you, please contact us at info@ClarkCountyRightToLife.com.

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| 3rd Monday | Monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Right to Life Office |
| Thursday | Office hours from 2 to 4 p.m. |
| April 14, 2024 | Pro-Life Education Fair at St. Joseph Activity Center; Springfield |
| May 12, 2024 | Mother's Day—Bookmark Distribution |
| May 27, 2024 | Memorial Day Parade, Springfield |
| June 15, 2024 | Ride, Walk or Run for Life |
| July 19-26, 2024 | Clark County Fair Baby Photo Contest and Facebook Contest |
| September 7, 2024 | Latino Festival at St. Teresa Church, Springfield |
| September 14, 2024 | Memorial Prayer Service at St. Bernard's Cemetery Infant
Memorial Bench at 10am |
| September 28, 2024 | Culture Fest in downtown Springfield |
| October 6, 2024 | National Life Chain Witness 2-3:30 PM |

"Life is too precious. Do not destroy it." Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Clark County Right to Life Baby Photo Contest

During the Clark County Fair July 19 to July 26, 2024.



Main Rule: Baby must be less than 2 years old on July 1, 2024:

Information required:

1. A photo no larger than 5x7 inches.
2. For the back of the photo we need:
 - Baby's Full Name and Birthday:
 - Name of parent or person submitting photo:
 - Relationship of submitter to baby:
 - Address of person submitting photo including zip:
 - Phone number of person submitting photo
3. Submit the photo to:
 - Mail: Baby Contest, 616 N. Limestone St., Suite 1, Springfield, OH 45503
 - Email: info@ClarkCountyRightToLife.com
 - or CCRTLbabycontest@gmail.com after June 1 2024.
 - Deliver to Fair Booth
 - Limited capability will be at Fair to take photos

Call Pat (937-849-9140) or our Office (937-521-2401) if you have questions.

Winners selected by voting and random draw:

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| 1 st Place by Vote: \$75 check | 1 st Place by Draw: \$75 check |
| 2 nd Place by Vote: \$50 check | 2 nd Place by Draw: \$50 check |
| 3 rd Place by Vote: \$25 check | 3 rd Place by Draw: \$25 check |

ADOPTION

Monday January 15, 2023, Gov. Mike DeWine signed House Bill 45, which includes language that creates three tiers of new adoption grants. They are:

- A \$10,000 grant to families that adopt a child after Jan. 1, 2023, replacing an existing \$10,000 state adoption tax credit.
- A \$15,000 grant to families that adopt a child after Jan. 1, 2023, after fostering the child as a certified caregiver.

A \$20,000 grant to families that adopt a child with special needs after Jan. 1, 2023. The new law specifies what conditions qualify as “special needs,” and includes developmental disabilities, “any mental or psychological disorder” or a medical condition that causes “distress, pain, dysfunction, or social problems” and requires ongoing medical care.

The bill also creates a new \$2,500 grant to pay for college expenses for Ohioans who were adopted after Jan. 1, 2023.

PRO-LIFE PATRIOT

Do you regard yourself as a courageous defender of human life? The November 7, 2023 Ohio ballot included Issue 1 which proposed constitutional destruction of the right to life for the unborn and false respect for family values. The slaughter of fetal life must cease! What are you doing to stop the slaughter? Communicate with our current United States President since taxpayer \$\$\$\$ have funded this terrible evil. He has supported mailing abortion pills



to pregnant women for self-administration. Citizens must also contact their legislators and senators to inform them of their pro-life values so that this horrendous scandal ceases!

COMPASSIONATE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Clark County Right to Life sponsors an annual prayer service for the beloved unborn at the Infant Bench Section of St. Bernard Cemetery located at 27 West Home Road in Springfield, Ohio.

The service will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 10 a.m. If the weather is inclement, the cemetery's chapel will be used. The cemetery's custodian is usually at the entrance to provide directions to the Infant Bench Section. It is our hope that you will be able to attend this memorable service and invite others to attend it. Since our newsletter is published twice per calendar year, this advanced notification will hopefully assist you in planning that morning. A limited number of chairs are also provided by the cemetery's custodian at the Infant Bench section.

IMPORTANCE OF TRUST

This quality is fundamental for a successful life. Often one does not understand the reason for an occurrence. The following explanation of the word TRUST may provide illumination for you.

T= TRUE: The actual cause rather than an excuse for an experience

R= RESOLVE: Prudent decision making

U= UNDER: The reason which is not obvious on' the surface.'

S= SEVERE: Grave or serious issue

T= TESTING: Evaluation of one's examination standards

PRO-LIFE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Trustworthy resources are essential for understanding the value of human life. Secular media is notorious for bias, superficiality and intentional omissions. This creates confusion. The following pro-life websites are very useful to consult so that worldly deception and traps are avoided.

- 1) lifenews.com
- 2) silentnomoreawareness.org
- 3) stopp.org
- 4) patientsrightscouncil.org
- 5) thomasmoresociety.org
- 6) lldf.org
- 7) americanlifeleague.org
- 8) studentsforlife.org



Ride, Walk, or Run for Life Event

June 15, 2024 9:00-Noon

Old Reid Park (near the dam)

Support Human Life

Get good exercise, have fun!

Hot dogs and snacks

T-shirts available

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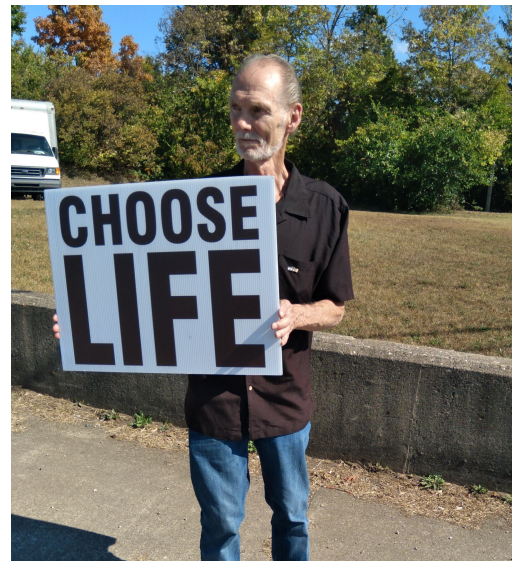
937-521-2401

**Office location: 616 N. Limestone St.
Suite 1
Springfield, OH 45503
Open 2-4 pm Thursdays**

We will join the city in bagging trash in the area

LIFE CHAIN

This is a national event that reminds the public that human life is precious, very valuable! It is held the first Sunday afternoon of the month of October from 2:00-3:30 PM. Clark County Right to Life holds this event in a very public place where people can easily read our signs and see pictures of beautiful babies. For the last few years we have been blessed to use the parking lot of James Flooring on N. Bechtle Ave. in Springfield. The street is very well traveled giving us opportunity to share the message of life with passer-bys. As we give our smiles to the people, we also are encouraged to pray for the people to love God and live out His plan for their lives. This event is open to people of all ages. We provide the signs on site. October 6 will be the date for 2024! Please plan to join us!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Do you have a few minutes to spare once a week? Or, maybe a few hours a month to come and help plan our scheduled events? We need help with computer work, our web site updating, promotion and mailings.

We annually share the pro-life message with our community via The Life Speech Contest, The Education Fair-Memorial to the Unborn, The Memorial Day Parade, Mothers' Day bookmark distribution, Ride-Walk-Run for families, Clark Co. Fair booth with the Baby Photo Contest, National Day of Remembrance at St. Bernard Cemetery, the National Life Chain, and more.

All of these events require people-power but not too much work. We have a good time working together to help spread the pro-life message here in Clark County. Our office hours are Thursdays 2-4pm, 616 N. Limestone St., Suite 1, Springfield, OH 45503. We would like to expand those office hours if we receive enough volunteers. Our phone is 937-521-2401. You can leave a message and we will return your call.

Respectfully, Lois Bravard, Secretary

Written and Submitted by Linda Ervin

In Jeremiah 29:11 we read “For I know the plans I have for you, to prosper you and give you peace.”

In a country that is so divided and a world that is so fallen, it is easy to become disillusioned and depressed. Circumstances that were once simple and uncomplicated are very often worse now because some people have helped to make them even more horrible. This can make things much more difficult for people.

I am thinking particularly of women who find themselves in an unwanted pregnancy.

Having said this I quote Eleanor Roosevelt who said, “Women are like teabags, you never know how strong they can be until you put them into hot water”. Most women have their own kind of “hot water” with which to deal. An unneeded pregnancy is just one of those. In that instance, an abortion is a decision made for two, not just one. It is a decision that is made not only for now but for ever and eternity is a very long time.

God has given all of us strength, wisdom and courage to make good decisions. We need to commit to His purpose and pray for our little unborns. Even though they may inherit a fallen world with a grim future, they have a right to live and help make it a better place as per God’s plan for them. In Jer. 29:11, we are promised God’s commitment to our lives, peace and prosperity. Please pray that our little unborns can have a future because of the courageous decision made by their mothers, as they sought God’s wisdom and strength for their baby’s life.

CCRTL DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF RUTH FOLZ

Clark County Right to Life recently made donations of baby items to the Parent Infant Center in memory of Ruth Folz. Ruth Folz founded the Parent Infant Center in the 1970’s. Ruth Folz passed away on November 23, 2023 at the age of 96. Ruth was an advocate for young mothers and young children



Clark County Right to Life Pro-Life Educational Fair and Memorial for the Unborn

**Sunday, April 14, 2024 2-4:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church Gym
(819 Kenton St, Springfield, OH)**



- Meet elected officials
- Enjoy inspirational music
- Review literature, materials and presentations from life-affirming organizations and sponsors
- Light refreshments available
- Remember the Unborn Killed by Abortion

CLARK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ORATORY CONTEST

The Clark County Right to Life Oratory Contest was held March 16, 2024 at the Clark County Public Library in the Gaier room from 2-4pm.

The winner of the contest was Matthew Wardle. The title of his speech was “All They Need Is Love” CCRTL wishes to thank Matthew for his participation and the effort he put into the preparations. CCRTL wishes to acknowledge the judges of the contest, they are as follows:

- Melissa Tuttle
- Darryl Bauer
- Robin Bauer
- Linda Ervin
- Steve Cornett

In addition, CCRTL wishes to thank the Springfield News Sun and the Clark County Public Library for helping in this effort.

This is a yearly event and CCRTL welcomes any and all who would like to participate in the contest next year.



Clark County Right to Life Officers

Elected on 9-17-22

President: Steve Cornett

Vice President: Shelby Lindner

Secretary: Lois Bravard

Treasurer: Ed Russ

Clark County Right to Life Committees

Finance: Ed Russ

Education: Pam Juergens/Dave Banaszak

Legislative: Lois Bravard

Youth Membership: Shelby Lindner

Office Manager: Dave Banaszak

Volunteer Coordinator: Ruth Eblin

Newsletter Editor: Chelsea Martinez

SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR RTL NEWSLETTER

Submit an article by email to

info@ClarkCountyRightToLife.com

by the following dates: April due by March 15,

October due by Sept. 15

BE SURE TO CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Clark County Representatives

State Rep. District 71:

Bill Dean (614) 466-1470

State Rep. District 74:

Bernard Willis (614) 466-2038

State Senator District 10:

Robert Hackett (614) 466-3780

Clark County Commissioners:

(937) 521-2055

Sasha Rittenhouse

Lowell McGlothin

Melanie Flax-Wilt

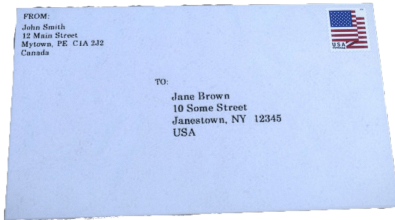
US Congressmen:

Mike Turner District 10

(202) 225-6465

Mike Carey District 15

(202) 225-2015



NOTIFICATION OF ADDRESS CHANGE

If you have changed your residential address and receive the Right to Life newsletter by conventional mail, please telephone or email the Right to Life office of your current address. That information is on the front page of the newsletter. In this way, the postal carrier will not be returning them to our office. It will eliminate mailing expense for us. Thank you.

I want to begin or continue membership in Clark County Right to Life!

Name _____

Address _____ City and Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Check to receive Newsletter by email Check to continue or not continue to receive newsletter by mail

Donation enclosed (\$20 Membership or More) _____ (THANK YOU!)

Participate in Ride Run or Walk for Life, (June) (No Entry Fee) _____

I can volunteer to help Right-to-Life with (circle as many as you like):

Fundraising Contacting officials Fair/Baby Photo contest Speaking Office work Web Site Ads/
Marketing Newsletter Ads/petitions Membership Legislative Education Maintenance

Other ways I want to help _____

We are a 501-c (4) organization and we do not have the same tax deductibility as a 501-c (3) organization.