

Bay County Right to Life News

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Statement from a person who prays regularly at the abortion clinic in Saginaw

When I first began going to the abortion clinics, I was angry for a lot of reasons but a major one was toward the men who brought their wives/girlfriends to abort their children. Many men force abortions on the women in their lives but I didn't realize how many women force abortion on the men/fathers.

An older gentleman came to me and told me he pleaded with his daughter all the way to the clinic not to abort her baby but she wouldn't listen to him. He was losing his first grandchild to abortion and he was helpless to stop it. As he stayed outside the clinic he sobbed, absolutely devastated, almost in shock.

It's not just women and unborn babies who suffer at the abortion clinics.

Health Care, 2010 Elections Mr. Kildee & Mr. Stupak

All four issues and people listed above are intrinsically interwoven in Bay County politics. For the majority of their careers, Rep. Dale Kildee (who represents the southern portion of Bay Co) and Rep. Bart Stupak (who represents the northern portion of Bay Co) were considered by the electorate to be prolife legislators and many of us have voted for them time and time again – that is until March 21, 2010 when they ignored the legal, moral and ethical ramifications of supporting the National Health Care Plan which allows for federal funding (your tax dollars) of abortion and serious concerns regarding rationing. It's all in the numbers. In 1987, Michigan stopped tax funding of abortions and since then abortions in Michigan have decreased by nearly 50%. Now that Mr. Kildee & Mr. Stupak have indicated their support of federal funding of abortions by virtue of their yes votes on national health care, the numbers of abortions are expected to increase dramatically. This is simply unacceptable to prolife people. To say we are disappointed in these two legislators would be an understatement. The book is now closed on both of these legislators. Their long

careers are forever blemished. When we cast our votes in August and November, we will cast them for people who have strong spines and enduring characters. We need candidates who will not walk away from the babies that are being aborted and their mothers who often times suffer for the rest of their lives. We will vote for candidates from either party and pray that they do not waver, cower nor abandon principle in serving life.

Cherish Life Project

Once again we are working with area prolife churches (this seems like an oxymoron) to coordinate the fundraiser of their choice as a way to honor mothers and support our prolife efforts in Bay County. Some churches kickoff the fundraiser on Mother's Day and end it on Father's Day as a way of remembering and honoring families. We have lots of ideas. Please let us share them with you and consider helping us by honoring mothers in a positive, life affirming way.

Mother's Love Essay Contest

Nothing is quite so special as a mother's love. What does being a mother mean to you? What does motherhood mean to you? How has motherhood changed your life? How does your wife personify motherhood? Why is your mother special? All Bay County residents are invited to put their thoughts into an essay and email or mail it to us by 5 pm on Monday, May 3rd. Three independent judges will judge each essay on sincerity, clarity, grammar and overall message. Their decision is final. The winner will receive a salon package from Running with Scissors Salon, (www.rws-salon.com) including: a 30 minute massage, hair make-over, manicure, and a special hair product package. Submit your article today!

Memorials and Donations

We would like to thank the family and friends of Walter C Glaza for donating to BCRTL in his memory. We extend our most sincere sympathies. Honor donations were received from Don and Mary Ann Couture and sent to Gene Forester for Christmas.

Stitches of Love

This fun and unique way of supporting life is off to a great start. Since the project's inception in the Fall 2009, Stitches of Love has donated 127 items (newborn hats, booties, blankets and sweaters) to Bay Regional Medical Center's birthing center. We know that our little "With Love from Bay County Right to Life" tags are remaining on the items as we have heard from several people who have received our donations. Special thanks to Pat Gyurich, Mary Ann Zawacki, Wyn Deska, Bernice Sutkowi and newcomer Barb Forsyth. If you would like to be involved in this project or have any questions please call Denise at (989)450.3366.

Oratorical Contest

On Monday, February 15th Bay County Right to Life sponsored its second annual Oratory Contest for high school students. The adults in attendance were inspired by the sincere messages that all the contestants shared. Each participant was congratulated for a job well done. The third place winner was John Glenn Senior Lauren Moore. Second place winner was also from John Glenn High School, Joe Martin. The first place winner who will represent us at the state competition on May 8th is All Saints Sophomore Kylie Wojciechowski! Kylie's presentation was entitled "It Makes Perfect Sense". "Fetuses are undeveloped infants, which are undeveloped children, which are undeveloped adults, which are undeveloped elders. Each life is purposed towards preparing us for the next state of life....." Congratulations Kylie and good luck at the state competition! A HUGE thank you to Maribeth Hopps for organizing this event..

This N That

- OUTREACH - Our booth at the Women's Expo on March 6th reached many, many area residents. We distributed 1000's of pieces of prolife material to women of all ages hoping to remind everyone of the value of life. Thanks to Lisa & April Goss, Denise & Elizabeth Davidson, Migali Wooley, Darlene Anderson, her daughter, and Kathy Ratajczak for volunteering to work at our booth.
- Denise Davidson has secured permission to erect our annual cross display at Hope Baptist Church on Midland Street this fall.
- Conference book ads are still available for purchase. All monies raised are used locally for our educational efforts as well as to support Right to Life of Michigan's Annual State Conference. Please contact the office for details.
- Mark your calendars! Focus On Life Dinner will be October 5th, 2010 with special guests Mary & John Lockwood who will address the issue of post abortion trauma. The Dinner Committee will soon begin meeting to plan for this years exciting event. If you would like to join us or have any suggestions for the committee please feel free to contact the office via telephone or email. Your input would very much appreciated.
- Keep informed...stay involved. Sign up for Bay County Right to Life's email network at baycountyrighttolife@gmail.com and Right to Life of Michigan's LifeLink at www.rtl.org. Become a "fan" of BCRTL on Facebook. Visit our webpage at <http://www.baycountyrighttolife.org> regularly. There are many opportunities to stay informed and connected.
- Special thanks to Pat Pajot for sharing her proofreading skills with the editor. Thanks Pat!

Different Parties One Issue – LIFE!

Bay County Right to Life will again this year be heavily involved in supporting Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee (RLM-PAC) and their endorsed candidates in an effort to elect prolife individuals from both parties on the local, state and national level. Space does not permit us to explain the intricacies of the decision making process but it is important to know that RLM-PAC policies and criteria for endorsement are reviewed each year by the affiliates and are a result of more than 30 years of experience. Please visit the Right to Life of Michigan webpage (www.rtl.org) for a complete explanation. If you do not have the internet please call our office and we will see you that you receive a thorough explanation. Watch for mailings, visit our website or call our office for more information. Register to vote in the primary if you aren't currently registered. Realize the IMPORTANCE of voting in the primary when the majority of legislators are selected – especially here in Bay County. This is our opportunity to REALLY make a difference in the prolife movement. If you are interested in getting involved please contact us. Together we CAN and MUST make a difference.

Membership Drive

Chances are you have already received a call from our Membership Chairman, Dave Studniarz, (or one of his mighty volunteers) inviting you to become a member of our local affiliate. Hopefully you have already responded - THANK YOU! Memberships from folks like you are a critical component in our ability to function and promote the message of life here in Bay County. In tough economic times the message of life is needed in our community perhaps more critically than in other times as women struggle to deal with difficult circumstances. If you have not yet sent in your dues please do so today. We NEED your support. Also, our gratitude to Dave and his helpers for their dedication to this project.

BAY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP FORM 2010

___ \$100 (gold) ___ \$50 (silver) ___ \$25 (bronze) ___ \$18 (family) ___ \$12 (individual)

___ \$8 (senior citizen) ___ \$15 (senior couple) ___ \$ (other gift)

___ I want to help. Please contact me. ___ Please remove me from your list.

Name _____ Spouse _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Email _____

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Calendar of Events

**April & May – Cherish Life Project including
Mother’s Love Contest**

**April 13 – BCRTL Meeting
7:00 p.m., Harvest Baptist Church
710 Salzburg in Bay City**

April 14 – Teen Rally in Caro

April 28 – Legislative Day in Lansing

**May 11 – BCRTL Meeting
7:00 p.m., Harvest Baptist Church**

May 13– Pastor’s Luncheon

**June 9 – BCRTL Meeting
7:00 p.m., Harvest Baptist Church**

October 5 – Focus on Life Dinner