

## NOT ON OUR WATCH!

Pro-abortion forces are trying to get an **amendment to the Michigan Constitution** on the November ballot. The "Reproductive Freedom for All" petitions will be circulated until July. But this amendment is not about reproductive freedom at all. That already exists. This Planned Parenthood and ACLU backed amendment would radically distort Michigan's Constitution to create a new unlimited right to abortion, spilling over and affecting many other issues. It would repeal dozens of state laws and **undo most of what we've accomplished** since 1973!

Space doesn't allow for much detail, but here are a few things you can expect if this becomes law: Unlimited (including partial-birth and late-term) abortions done in unregulated "clinics" by non-doctors; forced taxpayer funding; school-provided and secret "gender" counseling, birth control and help in getting abortions, sterilization of minors without parental consent; removal of born-alive survivor protection & re-definition of "fetal viability" which allows infanticide by allowing denial of medical help to disabled/sick already born children, human cloning and commercial surrogacy.

Please get informed and spread the word about this. Go to [supportmiwomenandchildren.org](http://supportmiwomenandchildren.org) and sign up to get the latest information and resources. Contact the office for help. Let's get the truth out about what they are actually attempting to do. **Warn people not to sign. This can NOT happen on our watch.**

### Decline to Sign!

Signing the abortion petition means unlimited and unregulated abortions.

Learn more at [supportmiwomenandchildren.org](http://supportmiwomenandchildren.org)



## 25th Annual Life Links Golf Outing - Wednesday, July 27!

### Save the date! It's not too early to make a plan!

Support life while you enjoy a day of golf! Your registration includes lunch, snacks, dinner, a bucket of range balls, a 2 for 1 golf certificate for the Wolverine or Spruce, and of course, 18 holes of golf on the beautiful Wolverine. There are door prizes, cash prizes, and even a chance at winning a new car! You can also help sponsor this "culture of life" event, and we welcome your inquiries and support. This golf outing is always a hit, so you're going to want to register early - we've sold out the last two years! Call the office at 946-9469 for more information.

## Congratulations, 2022 Oratory Contest Winners!



Left to right: 3rd Place - Cecilia Balog  
 2nd Place - Lauren VanderWulp  
 1st Place - Rachel Dunphey

We had a very successful Oratory Contest on March 21st at St. Mary Church in Lake Leelanau. All seven contestants did an outstanding job being a voice for the unborn and most vulnerable. Topics ranged from Euthanasia and Infanticide to Abortion. We are so thankful for the dedication and hard work of these young champions for life. First place winner, Rachel Dunphey, will compete in state finals on May 21st - congratulations Rachel!



## 2022 BILLBOARD PROJECT

### CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR 2022 BILLBOARD PROJECT

- Bible Baptist Church
- Carmelite Monastery
- Christ Church
- Christ the King Church
- Cornerstone Assembly of God
- East Bay Calvary Church
- Faith Reformed
- Fellowship Church
- Garfield Country Church
- Grace Community Church
- Holy Rosary Church
- Honor Congregational Church
- Immaculate Conception Church
- Immanuel Lutheran Leland
- Mt. Zion Family Worship Center
- Redeemer Lutheran
- Sacred Heart Church
- St. Francis Church
- St. Joseph Church
- St. Mary Church Lake Leelanau
- St. Michael/St. Gertrude Church
- St. Philip Neri Church



We are so grateful for the HUGE response to this year's billboard funding drive. It's so encouraging to know that you all see the value in getting our message out to the public.

We are happy to tell you that our entire year of 2022 is funded and we will even be able to add some billboards to our usual one-a-month schedule! Thanks to you all! We have the best pro-life community ever!

## THRIVE OPEN HOUSE

Some of our board members and staff enjoyed attending the Open House for Thrive Medical Clinic in February. We are so grateful for the important work they do in our community! Please check out their website at [friendsoftmc.org](http://friendsoftmc.org) or [thrive-medicalclinic.org](http://thrive-medicalclinic.org) for more information!



## RACHEL'S STORY

My prayers were answered the day I heard about Surrendering the Secret Bible Study! I heard on the radio a group was starting soon and there was still time to sign up! The Bible study was for women who had an abortion in the past. I had been praying daily to find a local Bible study or group. This was a God moment for sure!

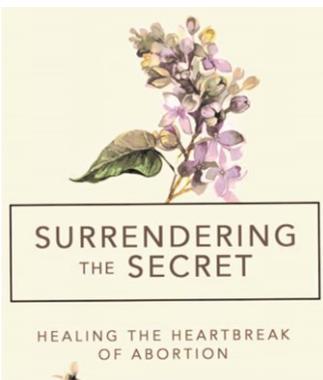
My abortion was over 25 years ago. Recently, all the memories of that day, the shame, regret and much sadness had come flooding back over me. I knew I needed support group where I could share and hopefully find people I could trust with this secret.

I was nervous to go to the first meeting, but I knew God had led me there. After meeting the dear sweet ladies there, I knew this is exactly what I needed to heal and I felt so comfortable in that group! What a blessing! I was still praying daily that maybe now I could start to heal and forgive myself too.

Every week I learned so much. I shared, cried, learned I wasn't alone, and made beautiful friendships. But most of all, I learned I am forgiven!! I will meet my beautiful baby one day in Heaven!

God knew my prayers and He answered with Surrendering the Secret! God is good!!!

Rachel  
Saved by HIS Grace!!



If you (or someone you know) are hurting, please don't hesitate.

Contact Mary Jackowski  
[MOHLOM@hotmail.com](mailto:MOHLOM@hotmail.com)  
231.633.9994

More information and Private Confidential sign-up available at [GTARTL.com](http://GTARTL.com)

## Meet Our New Director of Operations Emily Hollabaugh!

My name is Emily Hollabaugh and I am the new Director of Operations at the Grand Traverse Area Right to Life. I am so honored to hold this position and to continue the mission to help protect the most vulnerable lives- from the unborn to the elderly.

I am originally from Rogers City, MI and moved to the Traverse City area in 2005. When this position at GTA Right to Life arose, I was very excited at the opportunity to be able to work for a cause that I have held dear to my heart since my youth. I have an adopted niece and nephew and I thank God that their birth mothers chose life for them. I've experienced firsthand the delicate care that is needed for the elderly who are no longer able to care for themselves, and how their lives are somehow the most beautiful at that stage.

I am looking forward to so many aspects of this position, planning and coordinating our annual events, education through our various media outlets, collaboration with other prolife groups in our area, and one of my main passions in this organization is the advocating we provide to the election of political candidates who not only value life, but fight to protect it. I look forward to meeting many of you in the upcoming months. Please feel free to reach out to me with anything at [director@gtartl.com](mailto:director@gtartl.com) or 231-946-9469.



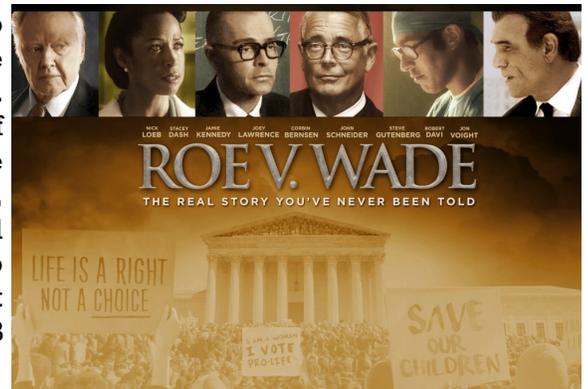
## FOCUS ON LIFE DINNER: October 10, 2022 SAVE THE DATE!



We are excited to announce that Rachel Campos-Duffy will be our featured speaker! Rachel is a published author, communications consultant and television personality specializing in political analysis, culture and parenting. She is the host of America's #1 rated cable news morning show, FOX & Friends, on the FOX News network. Rachel's debut children's book, *Paloma Wants to be Lady Freedom*, released in September 2019 by Regnery Kids, is a story about a little girl's adventure inside the U.S. Capitol, inspired by real life events, where she learns about patriotism, courage and her immigrant father's journey to citizenship. Rachel lives in Wisconsin with her husband, former Congressman Sean Duffy [R-WI], and her nine awesome kids!

## Pro-Life Movie Available to Show at Your Church

We showed this movie at St. Francis church on January 30 to commemorate the horrendous 1973 Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision. We had a nice turn-out of folks of all ages. This truly is the untold story of how the original decision of Roe v Wade came about and background and fallout since then. It's important in understanding what actually occurred, especially now, as the Supreme Court will soon make its final decision in the Dobbs v Jackson case. If you would like to show the movie at your church or youth group, please contact us at 231-946-9469 or [director@gtartl.com](mailto:director@gtartl.com) Rated PG-13 (Mature Thematic Content | Some Bloody/Disturbing Images)





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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Your membership in GTARTL gives you a dual membership with Right to Life of Michigan (RLM) and contributes to statewide efforts in legislative, election and education efforts. June is Membership Matters Month! **Let your voice be heard!**

## Mark Your Calendar

May 5      **National Day of Prayer**  
May 8      **Mother's Day**  
May 21     **State Oratory Contest Finals**  
May 31     **Memorial Day**  
June 1-30 **Membership Drive**  
June 19    **Father's Day**  
July 4      **Independence Day**  
July 27    **Life Links Golf Benefit**  
Aug 7-13 **Northwestern Michigan Fair**  
Oct 10     **Focus on Life Dinner**

**Can we email this Newsletter to you?  
Call or email and tell us your email address!**

### ***Did you know?***

The legalization of euthanasia and doctor-prescribed suicide does *not* cause a decline in suicide and "intentional self-initiated death" as euthanasia proponents claim, but is instead related to a "significant increase in total suicide" per a recent peer reviewed article in the Journal of Ethics in Mental Health.

**Open Doors Dedications: January - April, 2022**

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|--------|---------------------------|---|
| 20-Jan | Diane Shelton             | In Memory of Avery Quinn Cooper   |
| 23-Jan | Brian & Marla Certa       | In Honor of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday   |
| 14-Feb | Rose Reinbold             | Kerstin Colmus – (Little Schweetie) – “Love Never Fails” – which you lived your short little life by. Your Love, Beauty, Kindness & Caring will continue to be a brilliant beam in my heart forever. Words can never describe how very much I miss & love you, my precious little “Valentine Angel”! Your “G” |
| 14-Feb | Carli Anderson            | Kerstin Marie Colmus - Forever in our hearts and always on our minds. We miss you dearly! Love Aunt Carli and Family  |
| 20-Feb | Walter Kraimer            | In Memory of Inge Kraimer   |
| 17-Mar | Patricia Alpers           | Happy Birthday Jim!   |
| 28-Mar | Betty Kunkel              | In Memory of Don Kunkel   |
| 4-Apr  | Jerome & Mary Ann Kolarik | For our 52nd Wedding Anniversary  |
| 14-Apr | Jerome & Mary Ann Kolarik | In Memory of Jim Grant  |
| 17-Apr | Rose Reinbold             | Kerstin Colmus – (Little Schweetie) – The kindness & caring love you always showed me will remain in my heart & mind forever. I love & miss you each & every day of my life! Your “G”   |
| 22-Apr | Hilda Maslowski           | In Memory of Louis  |
| 28-Apr | Eugene & Carolyn Lautner  | In Memory of Julius Bugai, Jr.  |

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

Marilyn Alberts – In Memory of Bill Brady  
 Jason & Suzanne Allen – In Memory of Morris Kolarik  
 Michael & Evelyn Richardson – In Memory of Morris Kolarik  
 Deanna Francis – In Memory of Jewell Prince (Joe) Francis  
 J. Greer Johnson – In Memory of Joe Francis  
 Calvary Baptist Church, Canton, MI – In Memory of J.P. Francis  
 Karen Kass – In Memory of J.P. Francis

THANK YOU to all our New & Renewing Members!! And THANK YOU to you whose generous donations are helping us carry on the work of defending life. We would like to acknowledge each one of you, but there isn't space to do it. God bless you all!!

We are so grateful

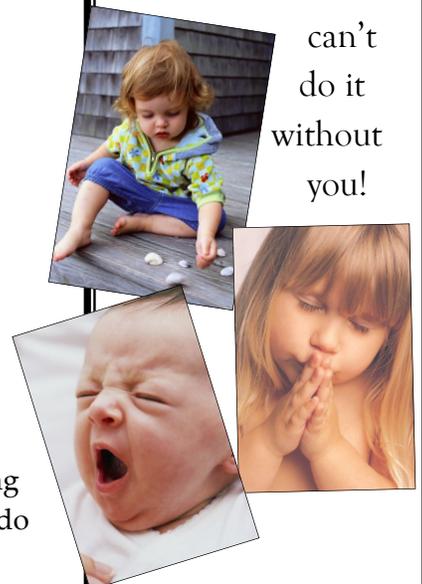
to all of you for your gifts and support in the cause of LIFE!

You are making it possible for us to keep our doors open and to keep fighting the Pro-Life battle.

We know that many have certain areas they would like to help with, so we have added more options to choose where your gift will be used. See “Other Opportunities to Help” on the reverse side of this sheet.

You are a vital part of the team. We

can't do it without you!



## OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### Open Doors Sponsorship

Make a dedication to a loved one, living or deceased, or honor a special occasion and help keep our doors open. Recent sponsor names and dedications are on the reverse of this flyer.

Dedication Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dedication Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dedication Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Dedication Dates \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership

Your membership in GTARTL gives you a dual membership with Right to Life of Michigan and contributes to statewide efforts in legislative, election and education efforts as well as supporting your local office. **Annual membership is from July 1st through June 30th**, but you can join at any time - please contact us with questions about pro-rated memberships.

**One Year Membership July 1- June 30 (Circle Type)**

Business - \$500    Red Rose - \$200    Gold - \$100  
Silver - \$50        Family - \$40        Single - \$20  
Senior- \$15        Student - \$ 5

Membership Total: \_\_\_\_\_

### Other Opportunities to Help

Tell us what you'd like to do to help us support life. We will put your gift to work there!

Teens for Life Groups \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Surrendering the Secret: Post-abortive Bible Study  
Help buy course books for hurting women \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Help buy a Pro-life Billboard \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Education/Outreach \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Where needed most \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other - (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Sponsorship: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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