



# News for LIFE!

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## LET LIFE AND JUSTICE PREVAIL!!

The Supreme Court of the United States has just heard oral arguments in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. In taking up the case, The Supreme Court indicated the major legal question they would address is whether or not a state can ban any abortions before the point of viability. The case will decide not only the fate of Mississippi's ban on abortion after 15 weeks, but also the fate of Roe v Wade itself, which has not been revisited since 1992. We likely won't hear a formal decision on the case until spring, but NOW is the time to make our voices heard. We must help the justices have the courage to shrug off the media, threats and criticism and do the right thing! Make the voice of the unborn heard everywhere and in every way possible in the next few months. Talk about it, write about it - and pray! Right to Life of Michigan has asked us to join them in praying every Friday for each Supreme Court justice by name, asking for wisdom, courage & faith. The justices are Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Stephen Breyer, Neil Gorsuch, Elena Kagan, Brett Kavanaugh, John Roberts, Sonia Sotomayor, and Clarence Thomas. Thank you for standing with us in this battle against evil.



### Focus on Life 2021 Benefit Dinner

To say that our 2021 Focus on Life Dinner was a success would be a huge understatement! The event was one of the largest ever sponsored by Grand Traverse Area Right to Life and, in many ways, it was far and away the most successful. Over 1,100 people gathered at the Grand Traverse Resort on October 4, 2021 to celebrate life, enjoy fellowship, see and hear Gov. Mike Huckabee, and contribute to continuing the work of our local organization and Right to Life of Michigan. Mistress of Ceremonies Connie Deneweth kept everything running along smoothly. Mr. Huckabee was outstanding both on and off the speaking platform. His friendly interactions with guests before dinner was very special. His address was personal, human, and compelling, as he encouraged guests to DO something. People responded, and the contribution goal for the evening was exceeded by over 40%! The atmosphere was charged with positive feeling and the crowd lingered long after the formalities were over. It was surely a night to remember! A hearty "Thank you" to the many people who gave of time and resources to make this night a beautiful success. It was a huge effort and we are grateful for all of you.

### Teens at the Focus on Life Dinner

Grand Traverse Area Right To Life has long held the belief that protecting life is not just our fight, but the fight of future generations as well. Thanks to several generous donors, our Focus Dinner was able to host over 60 teens from St. Mary School, St. Francis School, TC Christian School, New Covenant Christian Academy, the TEACH Homeschool group, and Eden Bible Church. The generosity of the night continued with our Baby Of The Year Contest, which helped raise \$8700 (our best year ever!) Thank you for continued support of our Grand Traverse Area Teens For Life. God Bless You!



2021 Baby of the Year  
Saoirse Ambrosius

## Most Successful Life Links - EVER!

It's becoming a GTARTL tradition. For the second year in a row, our Life Links Golf Outing was completely SOLD OUT!! On July 29, 2021, 144 golfers converged on the Wolverine for a wonderful day (beautiful weather!) of golf and fellowship while supporting the cause of life. The day ended with a great dinner and prize awards. Over 100 generous sponsors and donors supported the event. Thanks to the tireless work of the Life Links Committee chaired by Mark Salgat, all the many details came together to create a great day. A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped in any way!



Mark Salgat - the smile of success!



**Life Links 2022**  
**July 27, 2022.**  
**Save the date!**

## Pro-Life at the Fair

We were so glad to be at the Northwest Michigan Fair again this year. We had literature on topics from conception to end-of-life for people to pick up. Teens for Life offered free face painting, which was very popular. Models of babies at every stage of development stimulated conversation with fair goers of all ages, and children especially loved the babies. Over 70 volunteers manned our booth for 10 hours every day from Sunday, Aug. 8 - Saturday, Aug. 14. We had over 25 new volunteers come out to witness our prolife message! Thank you to all you beautiful people who helped!



## What a Blessing!



On October 27, 2021, The Knights of Columbus of St. Francis Parish presented a check for \$10,000 to GTARTL. Pictured here left to right are Knights Skip DeMarsh, Brian Gerberding and Ken Brzozowski with GTARTL Director Jeff Bergman and Board President Patrick McIntyre. We are so grateful for their dedication to life, and their generosity to our work in the cause of life.

**Sanctity**  
**of**  
**Human Life**  
**Sunday**  
**is**  
**January 23**

## A Message From Our President

On behalf of the board of Grand Traverse Area Right To Life (GTARTL), I'd like to personally extend my gratitude to Jeff Bergman for his time, efforts, and commitment to life during his time as Director of Operations of GTARTL. His service was very much appreciated and his passion to fight for and respect life from conception to natural death is undeniable and admirable. We, as the GTARTL board, would like to thank Jeff for everything he did for this organization and for the most vulnerable members of our society. Best of luck to you, Jeff, in all of your future endeavors.

Warm Regards, Patrick McIntyre

## Saving Babies? Oh, YES!

Do you think that praying in front of an abortion clinic doesn't really DO anything? Then listen up! This spring, a young woman stopped to talk with two ladies who were praying for life in front of Planned Parenthood. She said that last fall, she had an appointment that was to end in an abortion. She saw people praying outside the building and she cancelled her appointment! The baby was saved! And she wanted the prayer warriors to know about it! Praise God for His goodness! A scared young woman saw people praying for life and it gave her courage to do the right thing! How many others had the same experience, but didn't come back to say so? Some local people have committed to praying on the sidewalk once a week, including a couple of ladies who go there together, a group of teens from St. Francis High School, and a group of people from Christ the King church. There are others and God knows who they are. This is not the time to back down. Planned Parenthood is feeling so threatened that they put up signs which read "Do not stop for protestors"! They know that the truth is their biggest enemy. Please come out and pray when you can. Don't wait for the next 40 Days campaign. Your prayers DO matter!



Praying in front of PP.  
Notice the sign

### 40 Days for Life

Spring 2022 Campaign

Wednesday March 2  
thru Sunday, April 17

Contact Jeff  
for 40 Days gear  
231-342-7028

## PRO-LIFE:

(adj.) The Radical  
notion that  
**Babies are People.**



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A very popular 2021 billboard

## Coming in January

January brings certain things, and the Grand Traverse Area Right to Life Billboard Project Drive is one you can count on! It's more important than it has ever been to keep the issue of life in the public eye, and the billboards are our main way of accomplishing this. We will soon be sending information and sign-up sheets to your place of worship. Donations from unaffiliated individuals are also welcome. Help us keep people thinking about LIFE!

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:30 pm St. Francis Church Parish Center, 1025 S. Union St

This serves as official notice to all GTARTL Members of this Annual Meeting at which board members will be elected.

All Members are invited to participate.



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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!



HEALING THE HEARTBREAK OF ABORTION

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

Contact Mary Jackowski  
MOHLOM@hotmail.com  
231.633.9994

More information and Private Confidential  
sign-up also available at GTARTL.com

### Local Friends of Life

Single MOMM is a Traverse City non-profit that believes that God is the author of life and human beings have dignity and worth because they are made in God's image. They believe women are strong, capable, and can rise above hard situations. They believe in women choosing life to raise their children, and that the world is better when children have vibrant, healthy lives and bright futures. To connect with Single MOMM visit [SingleMOMM.org](http://SingleMOMM.org)

### Mark Your Calendar

- Dec 25 - Christmas
- January - Billboard Drive (all month)
- Jan 1 - New Year's Day
- Jan 21 - March for Life - DC & Local
- Jan 22 - Roe V Wade Anniversary 49 years
- Jan 23 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- Feb 21 - Board & Members Annual Meeting
- March - Oratory Contest (TBA)
- Mar 2 - 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign begins

### Local Contacts

#### GTARTL Board of Directors

Patrick McIntyre, *President*; Jozell Rexroat, *Vice President*;  
Mary Lingaur, *Secretary*; Neil Witkowski, *Treasurer*; Don-  
na Daciuk, Lisa Miller, Pete Miller, Dana Olm, Mary Jo  
Piché, Kammie Richardson and Deacon Tim Webb

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Bonnie Comfort - Administrative Assistant  
Mary Ann Korson - Bookkeeper

#### Michigan Representative:

Barbi Aumiller (989) 731-4756

**Open Doors Dedications: May - December 2021**

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1-May Sandy Wilson                  | Mothers Day Month - Bless Each One  |
| 25-May Daniel & Janelle Schillinger | Happy Birthday Janice Cherry  |
| 6-Jun John Hartl                    | In Memory of Kathryn (Kay) Hartl's Birthday June 6, 1935  |
| 11-Jun Dave & Bernadette Dzwik      | Happy Anniversary, Andrew & Casey   |
| 12-Jun Rev. & Mrs. Kimberland Hough | Happy Birthday Patricia & Esther Hough  |
| 28-Jun Pat Roebke                   | Happy Birthday Paul!  |
| 30-Jun Rose Reinbold                | Kerstin Marie Colmus... you are forever in my heart, my sweet precious little Kersey. A glorious Birthday it will be, when we all can celebrate it with you and Jesus one day. We love and miss you each and every day! My beautiful granddaughter. |
| 30-Jun Carli Anderson & Family      | Kerstin Marie Colmus - Our hearts are endlessly breaking. Missing you terribly on your birthday and every other day of the year. Until we see you again, we love you! Aunt Carli and Family   |
| 30-Jun Joe & Ann Colmus             | Kerstin Colmus - On this day in 1997, God gave us you! He only allowed us to have you for much too short a time. Parents could not have a more wonderful daughter. We send our deep love to you in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ. - Mom & Dad   |
| 30-Jun Katelynn Colmus Lane         | We are always missing you Kerstin Marie Colmus. You are loved beyond measure.   |
| 4-Jul Katelynn Colmus Lane          | Grandpa Bill LeRoux, I'll always remember our walks down the boulevard. You're forever in our hearts.   |
| 15-Jul Camille A. Parker            | In Memory of Ron Parker   |
| 23-Jul Margaret (Peggy) Benson      | In Memory of Grandparents William & Margaret Benson   |
| 26-Jul Sandy Wilson                 | For Grandchildren - Thankful and Blessed  |
| 28-Jul Steve & Lou Laske            | For Our Children & Grandchildren  |
| 4-Aug Daniel & Janelle Schillinger  | In Memory of Grace Petz   |
| 10-Aug Margaret (Peggy) Benson      | In Memory of Grandparents William & Margaret Benson   |
| 16-Aug Sen. George McManus          | In Memory of Clara McManus  |

♥ ♥ ♥ Please see next page for more dedications ♥ ♥ ♥

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!!

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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!



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16-Aug Hilda Maslowski	In Memory of My Parents
19-Aug Lin Emmert	Happy Birthday Lisa!
23-Aug John & Michelle McManus	For Our Grandchildren
1-Sep Phyllis L Babel	In Loving Memory of Larry Babel
4-Sep Dave & Bernadette Dzwik	Our 45th Anniversary
12-Sep Steve & Lou Laske	For Our Children & Grandchildren
14-Sep Lin Emmert	In Memory of Bill Emmert
5-Oct Jerry & Robbie Kolak	In Honor of our Grandchildren: Alex, David, Haven, Jacob & Rowan
15-Oct Margaret Sophiea	Robert M. Sophiea - Birthday
15-Oct Hilda Maslowski	In Memory of Joseph & Mary Maslowski
15-Oct Hilda Maslowski	For All Deceased Sisters & Spouses
18-Oct Patricia Alpers	In Memory of Jim Alpers
9-Nov Bill & Connie Biggar	In Memory of Matthew
9-Nov Bill & Connie Biggar	Happy Birthday Matthew
25-Nov Rose Reinbold	Kerstin Marie Colmus...You are forever in my heart, my sweet precious little Kersey. We love you so very much & miss you each & every day! My Beau- tiful Granddaughter. Waiting to see you again.
13-Dec Lin Emmert	In Memory of Scott Flahive
25-Dec Rose Reinbold	Kerstin Marie Colmus...You are forever in my heart, my sweet precious little Kersey. We love you so very much & miss you each & every day! My Beau- tiful Granddaughter. Waiting to see you again.
28-Dec Margaret Sophiea	Joey & Anne Sophiea - Birthdays
31-Dec Bill & Connie Biggar	In Memory of Tina
31-Dec Bill & Connie Biggar	Happy Birthday Tina

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

Marc McKellar – In Memory of Marge Moeggenberg  
Dennis & Audrey Ritter – In Memory of Diane Hardwick  
David & Diane Taghon – In Memory of Camille Parker  
America’s Carpet Barn – In Memory of Camille Parker

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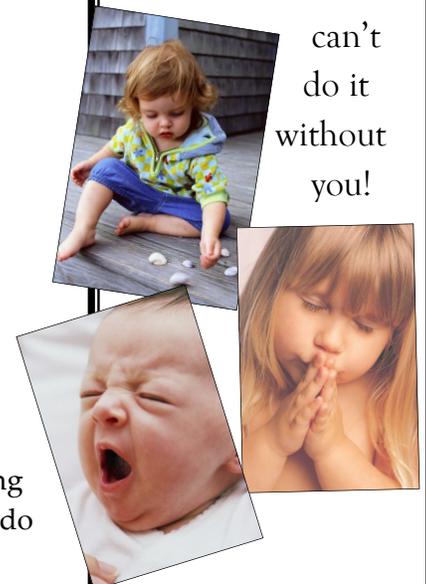
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## OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

### 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dedication Reads:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dedication Reads:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dedication Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dedication Reads:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Membership Matters!

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.

#### 1 Year Membership July 1st-June 30th (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!

Help Teens for Life Groups \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surrendering the Secret: Post-abortive Bible Study  
 Help buy course books for hurting women \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pro-Life Library \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Help buy a Billboard \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Send your Pastor to the Focus Dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wherever needed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other - (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please **circle** method of payment:

CHECK (enclosed)      CREDIT CARD

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



**Total Sponsorship:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Membership:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **EVERYONE please complete:** (regardless of payment type)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_