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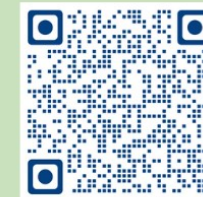
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Life Links Save the Date! Wednesday, July 24th

Be sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 24th, 2024 for the 27th Annual Life Links Golf Benefit! The day includes lunch, drinks, dinner, a bucket of range balls, 2 for 1 golf certificate for the Wolverine or Spruce and 18 holes of golf on the Wolverine at the Grand Traverse Resort! And don't forget about the door prizes, cash prizes, and a chance to win a new car with a Hole in One!
 We **SOLD OUT** last year and had teams on a wait list! So don't delay in getting your team together and signing up! Sponsorships of many different amounts are also available. **Cost is \$175 per golfer.**

Scan the code for registration and sponsorships or call 231-946-9469!

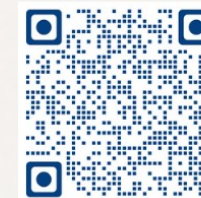


COMING OCTOBER 7TH, 2024! FOCUS ON LIFE DINNER WITH GUEST SPEAKER, SETH DILLON, CEO OF THE BABYLON BEE

We are excited to announce our Focus on Life Dinner speaker and date for 2024! Join us at the Grand Traverse Resort on Monday, October 7th for our benefit dinner featuring keynote speaker Seth Dillon of "The Babylon Bee". Not only will he have us rolling with laughter, but he is an out-spoken prolife warrior in the media and on social media in particular. If you aren't familiar with the satirical news piece, "The Babylon Bee" check it out today!

Social Hour 5 pm
 Dinner & Program 6 pm
 Grand Traverse Resort
 Adult \$85; Table of 10 \$850
 Student \$65

Scan the Code!



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Upcoming

May 1st- Legislative Day
 May 12th- Mother's Day Flower Sales at Churches
 June- Membership Drive Month!
 July 24th- Life Links Golf Outing

If you are looking for pro-life items for a fair booth or church booth - we are happy to lend you our "real feel" baby models ranging in ages of 7 weeks to 26 weeks (a hit with the children!) and any brochures, handouts, stickers, pins, etc. you'd like to give away! Just contact our office at 231-946-9469 to inquire!

Legislative Updates

On February 13, 2024 the "Reproductive Health Act" went into effect. Almost a dozen longstanding laws that were included in the package last fall, are now officially *repealed*. Those laws include, clinic licensing, humane disposal of fetal remains, priority funding for family planning money away from abortion providers, abortion reporting, abortion complication reporting, the abortion insurance opt-out law, the prohibition on partial birth abortion, the "quick child" law (enhanced penalties for late-term abortions), the prohibition on abortion referrals from the college parenting offices and the Abortion Insurance Opt-Out Law.

We were able to protect: Informed Consent and the 24 hour waiting period, protections for taxpayers so their dollars are not used to fund other people's abortions, and parental consent.

Also, on February 13, the repeal of the State School Aid Act of 1979 went into effect. The State School Aid Act of 1979 prohibited school personnel from aiding or assisting a student with an abortion. This will open the door for school personnel to circumvent parents by aiding and assisting students with abortions.

The Physician Assisted Suicide bills are up for a vote in the Michigan Senate Health Policy Committee, passage in this committee would send the bills to the floor for a full vote. Surrogacy Contract bills were brought up in the Senate Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety for testimony.

As you can see it is so important to bring our Michigan House (and Senate) back to a prolife majority to stop these types of legislation from being passed. **In 2022, there were about 400,000 prolife voters that didn't show up to vote** and 5 Michigan House seats were determined by less than 1,000 votes each! One of those seats was the 103rd

District, covering Traverse City and Leelanau. We need prolife voter turnout in our area if we want to help stop these pro-death laws from being passed, so whomever you meet and speak with who thinks it doesn't matter- it does matter to vote and to vote prolife! **If we got just 1% of those 400,000 voters to vote, we can flip these seats.**

This is a presidential election year, but also a US Senate seat is open in MI and MI House of Representatives and US Representatives will be up for election and re-election.

Endorsements for candidates will be released in June. Also, there are many new laws with voting, absentee voting and early voting this year- make sure you are up to date by visiting: rtl.org/elections/ VOTE PROLIFE- IT DOES MATTER!



Miley's Story

I was a sophomore in high school and just started a relationship with my boyfriend. We were 3 months into our relationship when I found out I was pregnant. In that moment, just being a 15 year old girl, I was terrified what his reaction would be because we were so young. He was happy when I told him and it was like that for the first few weeks. Eventually some of his family found out and were extremely angry, begging me to get an abortion or put my daughter up for adoption and soon enough it got to him as well, and he started saying the same thing to me. I refused no matter what and it started driving us apart. I knew from the moment I saw the pregnancy test, that I loved my daughter and she was what saved me from myself, my angel in disguise. It was the best decision I've ever made in my life, even though it was scary and hurtful in the process. But I got my life long best friend out of all of it, I wouldn't change that for the world. There's always hardships with becoming and being a parent no matter how young or old you are. As a parent, I learn something new everyday. I chose my daughter and never regret the decision.



Witness & Wine Event 2024

We had a very special evening for our first ever "Witness and Wine" event on April 11th. The weather was rainy, but didn't hold us back from enjoying everything at Brengman Brother's Winery. We are so grateful for their hospitality. We began the evening with wine and appetizers and lots of fun socializing and networking with some great prolife friends. Two talks followed, that left us in tears and grateful that we are part of such an inspiring organization and community. Wayne Mueller told us the story of his son born with Down Syndrome, which was an unexpected blessing, and about another son, Elijah, who was born with Trisomy 18 who they were so fortunate to spend a few months with here on earth. Whitney Wheeler then told us her incredible story of survival- "Mistaken Identity", where she was a survivor in a horrific crash and in a mistaken identity coma for 5 weeks. Two inspiring stories of life and the end of life. We are so grateful to them both for sharing. Be sure to keep an eye out for our next event like this!



Grand Traverse Area Teens for Life

Our 2024 Oratory Contest winners!

- 1st place: Kendra Couturier
- 2nd place: Cecilia Balog
- 3rd place: Grace Robinson



On March 18th at St. Mary's Church in Lake Leelanau, three contestants spoke on a variety of prolife subjects- Planned Parenthood deceiving women into thinking Pregnancy Care Centers are "fake clinics"; the humanity and personhood of the unborn and; IVF and the risks of the loss of human embryonic life. We are so proud of them for their hard work and witness! Kendra will travel to the State Competition on Saturday, May 25th in East Lansing and we wish her all the BEST!



Billboard Drive Update!

THANK YOU ALL! We did phenomenal this year with your **generous** donations- over \$9,600! This means we will be able to pay for our contracted monthly designs and also purchase Election/Voting billboards for this year!

Surrendering the Secret

A ministry dedicated to healing the heartbreak of abortion. Find peace this year with an 8-week bible study at Creekside Community Church. If interested contact Mary Jackowski at 231-633-9994 or surrenderingthesecrettc@gmail.com