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Special Interest Articles:

- Michigan abortions are down in 2007.
- Michigan State Medical Society goes neutral on killing human embryos for research.
- Right to Life of Michigan 35th Annual Conference, **September 27.**

Michigan Abortions Down in 2007

Statistics recently released by the Michigan Department of Community Health show abortions decreasing from 25,636 in 2006 to 24,683 in 2007 for a drop of 3.7%. Abortions in Michigan have dropped 49.7% since 1987. The number of abortions reported in 2007 is the lowest since Michigan reporting began in 1979.

Thank you for supporting Right to Life of Greater Lansing and Right to Life of Michigan!

Without your generous giving, the educational and legislative efforts that contribute to these lower numbers of abortions would not be possible.



Love life.

MiCAUSE.com Provides Accurate Information

MiCAUSE, Michigan Citizens Against Unrestricted Science and Experimentation, is a growing coalition of citizens who are against unrestricted experimentation on live human embryos. MiCAUSE is in place to provide accurate information so citizens can be informed about the upcoming November state-wide ballot proposal. To learn more, visit www.micause.com.

Pregnancy Services & Adoption Referral in Michigan

If you or someone you know is experiencing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy or would like information about adoption or post abortion assistance, please call 1-800-57WOMAN any time, day or night, to be connected to one of the many caring, confidential help agencies listed below.

About Right to Life of Greater Lansing

Right to Life of Greater Lansing is an affiliate of Right to Life of Michigan, which is a non-sectarian, non-partisan organization of pro-life groups. Together, our goal is to preserve life at all stages - from conception to natural death. Locally, we support efforts to increase awareness of pregnancy services, attend legislative functions to familiarize legislators with our purpose, and provide information to anyone who is interested.

The Board of Directors meets at 6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the office of Right to Life of Greater Lansing, 233 North Walnut, Lansing, MI 48933. Members are strongly encouraged to attend. It is the sincere wish of all present board members that you will take a step in our direction. There is so much to do and so little time.

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Michigan House Passes Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

On the evening of May 27, 2008, the Michigan House of Representatives voted 74-32 to pass S.B. 776, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. This legislation is modeled after the federal ban on partial-birth abortion and would make it a felony to perform a partial-birth abortion in Michigan. S.B. 776 was passed in the Michigan Senate by a vote of 24-13 in January 2008.

Unfortunately, S.B. 776 was vetoed on June 13, 2008 by Governor Granholm. Right to Life of Michigan is continuing to pursue this effort and will keep the people of Michigan informed throughout the process.

Michigan State Medical Society goes neutral on killing human embryos for research

Thanks to the work of pro-life physicians and pro-life legislators, the Michigan State Medical Society has changed their position on embryonic stem cell research. Since 2003, the MSMS, which represents more than 14,000 physicians in Michigan, has had an official position which favored embryonic stem cell research. During a recent gathering, the members of MSMS adopted a neutral position on human embryonic stem cell research and will provide its membership with more information on the issue over the next year.



"Concentrate all your thoughts on the task at hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus."

~Alexander Graham Bell"

Teen Life Night 2008

Save Saturday, October 11, for Teen Life Night 2008. Teen Life Night takes place from 7 p.m. through 9 p.m. in Holt, MI. Featured guest speaker Lydia Clarke, founder of Go Free Ministries, will speak about her personal experiences with abortion and healing. Echo After, a Christian alternative rock band from Grand Rapids, will be performing.

Interested? Register online at www.rtl.org. Tickets are \$10, or \$8 for groups of four or more.

Focus on Life Banquet 2008

Please join us on Monday, October 20, 2008 at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel Ballroom. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Barb Listing, President of Right to Life of Michigan, will be our guest speaker.



As President for Right to Life of Michigan, Mrs. Listing is responsible for the management of all of the entities under RLM which include the Educational Fund, the Legal Defense Fund, the Endowment Fund and the Political Action Committee.

Mrs. Listing has managed three successful statewide legislative initiative drives and two successful statewide referenda votes. These statewide efforts involved the ending of Michigan taxes for Medicaid abortions, the enactment of legislation to restore parental involvement in minors' abortions, the defeat of the legalization of assisted suicide and enactment of the Legal Birth Definition Act.

Call 517 485-6443 to place your reservation.

Volunteer at Right to Life of Greater Lansing

By donating your time or money to Right to Life of Greater Lansing, you help to educate the public and help protect the lives of the defenseless. Your contribution brings you the Lansing newsletter plus the Right to Life of Michigan News. Membership is good for one year.

Please make checks payable to Right to Life of Greater Lansing and mail to:

233 North Walnut, Lansing, MI 48933

Better yet, get set up for an automatic monthly contribution! Now it's even easier to support life.

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Unborn child at 20 weeks

"Past the beggar and the suffering walked he who asks, 'Why, oh God, do you not do something for these people?' To which God replied, 'I did do something - I made you.'"
~old Sufi saying