

# Livingston County Life-Line



## TEAMWORK PAYS OFF— BUREAU OF ELECTIONS RESUMES PROCESS TO FINISH CHECKING OUR PETITIONS

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The Michigan Bureau of Elections resumed the vetting process for the petition drive to end dismemberment abortions. The Bureau set June 1 as the deadline for challenges to the signatures.

It's been nearly a year since we began collecting signatures to end the violent late-term dismemberment abortion procedure. As many of you know, the petition drive has overcome an exhaustive list of challenges, now including a global pandemic. We are excited to finally see the finish line in the distance.

A sample of 500 signatures was pulled by the Bureau, which will determine the overall validity rate of the submitted signatures. The Michigan Values Life coalition submitted 379,419 signatures on December 23, 2019. 340,047 signatures are needed to initiate the ban on dismemberment abortions in the Michigan Legislature.

Planned Parenthood said they will consider challenging our signatures. They want to continue profiting off this heinous procedure. We went above and beyond our normal process for checking our signatures because of

the uncertain 2018 change in the petition drive law. We hope to exceed our previous record of a 97 percent validity rate during our 2004 petition drive to ban partial-birth abortions.

If enough valid signatures remain following the challenge period, the petition will be certified by the Board of State Canvassers and the dismemberment ban will be sent to the Legislature for consideration with a 40-day time limit. Majority votes in the House and Senate will pass the dismemberment ban into law without Governor Gretchen Whitmer's signature. Initiated legislation that isn't passed into law is placed on the general election ballot for a public vote.

We're confident our prolife elected majorities in the Legislature will do the right thing and vote for this ban again, just like they did in May of 2019. This time, it will become law.

June 1, 2020

Dear All,

As expected, Planned Parenthood has notified the media they will be filing a challenge to our signatures. The fact that it took so long for us to gather signatures for a variety of reasons, the chances for duplicates increases. In addition, our "cushion" was not as large as in past petition drives.

Once the challenge is actually filed and we are notified by the Bureau of Elections, we will begin the steps to counter any challenge. I'll keep you updated as to the process.

Please continue prayers for our success.

**Barb Listing, President Right to Life—Michigan**

**\*\*For updates on this process go to  
<https://rtl.org/Michigan-value-life-challenge/>**



**FROM THE PRESIDENT:** Oh my, what a spring we have had! Being unable to do all of the things that we usually do at this time of year is hard. But we were able to rise above it! When we could not offer carnations to honor mothers at our churches as a fundraiser we offered the “**Mom’s Hall of Fame**” and virtual Mother’s Day cards. When people went back outside we were still here to mail them **coupons for local nurseries** (page 3). When summer community events were cancelled and we are not able to have our information booths featuring the **Precious Baby Contest** we rely on Facebook, the website, the Marketeer and your help to continue to share the LIFE message.

When **prolife organizations** could not hold their fundraisers they turned to new methods of reaching out with their messages (See page 5 for how you can still be a part). When **Right to Life of Michigan** faced delays in the Petition Drive processing, cancellations of events (like Legislative Day) and office shut-down they continued from home to keep informing the public about the issues. You can always go to [rtl.org](http://rtl.org) for up-to-date information on what’s happening.

As we move out of this please continue to keep the prolife organizations in your prayers. Help them meet their financial needs if you are able.

With the upcoming election there will be challenges to us all. Please let us know how you can help get prolife candidates elected. The **RLM Conference** is on September 24, please join us for prelection encouragement. Send in your reservations for October 6th’s **Focus on Life Dinner**, it will be a great evening with wonderful people.

We are looking forward to being able to go back to our usual activities. Blessings to all!



*Kathy Ogorek*, President—Right to Life Livingston

# MOM HALL OF FAME

THESE MOMS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY  
INDUCTED INTO THE 2020—

**Virginia "Ginny" Dysinger**



Ginny Dysinger loves the Lord & prays for her family

**Laverna Ogorek**



A mother who always put family first

**Doris Mephram**



A great Mom & strong woman that I admire & look up to

**Rosemarie Petitpren**



Mom was always there with advice & encouragement when I became a mother

## MOM HALL OF FAME



FROM MY MOTHER I LEARNED THE VALUE OF PRAYER, HOW TO HAVE DREAMS, & BELIEVE I COULD MAKE THEM COME TRUE.

—RONALD REAGAN—

DEAR MOM,

I GET IT NOW. . .

— UNKNOWN —

MY MOM  
SMILED AT ME.  
HER SMILE  
KIND OF  
HUGGED ME.

—Wonder  
Author R.J. Palacio

ALL THAT I AM,  
—OR—  
HOPE  
TO BE,  
I OWE TO MY ANGEL  
*mother.*  
— ABRAHAM LINCOLN



I think I need  
flowers!



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### EDITORIAL COMMENTS—WINTER 2020



Winter 2020 issue just arrived. I felt a sick stomach come over me with the lead story. **PRESIDENT TRUMP ATTENDS 2020 MARCH FOR LIFE!** I threw the issue in the trash. I do not even know how to put into words my disgust at this support of such an A-MORAL MAN. I WILL REFRAIN FROM NAME CALLING ANY FURTHER. Take my name OFF ALL YOUR MAILING LISTS IMMEDIATELY.

I was a part of a prolife organization for many years. My husband never felt the need to donate to any of the numerous life institutes. When he read the Winter 2020 newsletter and saw what our governor was doing he decided that we needed to step up and contribute to Right to Life Livingston to help in the fight. Thank you for opening his eyes after all of this time.



—Anonymous



Well done, Jay. Just read your article in our Winter 2020 newsletter. It is clearly written, not often heard, little known legal facts supporting life. I wish we could shout it from the house tops, from cars with megaphones on warm summer days cruising our neighborhood streets, hear gossip in restaurants and on street corners, "these babies have rights. These are their right"... people to people communication. May God give us the voice we need to end this atrocious slaughter! THANK YOU for your article.

Joy Applin, a supporter of LIFE

### Pro-Life HEROS: Jay & Sharon Gross

Jay & Sharon are generous with their time & volunteer for everything Pro-Life. They both have a passion to stand for Life & to pray & witness their respect for God's Gift of Life. As a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 3285 of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Jay organizes the installation of 1200 crosses for *RESPECT LIFE MONTH*. They help raise funds with the *LIVINGSTON COUNTY ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE* to provide up-to-date ultrasound machines for Crisis Pregnancy Centers around the state, including *PREGNANCY HELP* Clinic here at home. Jay & Sharon help their Respect Life group organize *OCTOBER'S LIFE CHAIN* & distribute carnations & coins for Mother's/Father's Day. They are always a big presence at our *ANNUAL FOCUS ON LIFE DINNER* & volunteer at our community outreach events. Jay & Sharon are not shy about standing for LIFE during *40 DAYS FOR LIFE* at Ann Arbor's Planned Parenthood & circulated the *DISMEMBERMENT PETITION* at the Ann Arbor Art Fair. On April 22, Jay was appointed by a unanimous vote of the Livingston County Commissioners, as District 5 Commissioner. We appreciate their strong prolife presence in our community. Thank you for your dedication.



1200 crosses—  
remembering  
those lost to  
abortion



Jay & Sharon after he  
is sworn in as County  
Commissioner



Praying at  
Planned  
Parenthood  
—even  
during the  
quarantine



Manning the booth at the  
Brighton Art Fair

# RIGHT TO LIFE LIVINGSTON COUNTY, INC

## 30TH ANNUAL FOCUS ON LIFE DINNER



Christian Apologist, Radio Host & Author

**Guest Speaker Bob Dutko**

**Emcee Mrs. Donna Alberta**  
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church



**October 6, 2020 ◀ ▶ 6:30—9:30 pm**  
**Crystal Gardens—Howell, MI**



\_\_\_\_\_ Individual reservation \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Students \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Table of 10 for \$450  
\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend but would support the FOL Dinner with a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner reservations are not tax-deductible — Register & pay at [www.righttolifelivingston.org](http://www.righttolifelivingston.org)  
Or mail to: Right to Life - Livingston County, Inc. — P. O. Box 934 — Brighton, MI 48116-0934

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— 810.227.5788 — or — email [rtlcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rtlcc@sbcglobal.net) —



Donations received by  
Right to LIFE - Livingston County, Inc.

**IN HONOR OF IRENE CASSAR**  
90th Birthday  
by Wally & Kathy Ogorek

**IN MEMORY OF PAUL W. DUKE**  
by M/M Charles  
The Duke Family  
Kimberly Marker  
Mary Kay & Eric Sprague

**IN HONOR OF ROSE & JIM PETITPREN**  
73rd Wedding Anniversary  
by Peggy & Jerry Martin

**IN MEMORY OF CHERI SHAW**  
by Robert & Barbara Judge

**IN MEMORY OF ALLEN DAVID THOMAS**  
by Bill and Christine Chauvin

**IN MEMORY OF NATALIE "MICKEY" WILLIAMS**  
by Alicia Farnsworth  
Fred & Joyce Johnson  
Bob & Kamille Karlson



### IN HONOR OF OUR MOMS

**VIRGINIA "GINNY" DYSINGER**  
by Jill & Gerry Jenkins

**DORIS MEPHAM**  
by Annette & Dave Longtine

**LAVERNA OGOREK**  
by Kathy & Wally Ogorek

**ROSEMARIE PETITPREN**  
by Peggy & Jerry Martin  
Kathy & Wally Ogorek

**Annual Meeting**  
**Right to Life - Livingston County, Inc.**

**Meeting postponed until September**

Active members are eligible to vote for nominated  
Board Members at this meeting.

Are you or someone you know interested in serving on the  
board? Call the office **810-227-5788** for more information.  
We meet approximately 10 times a year at our office





# PROLIFE ACTIVITIES



## PROLIFE EVENTS THAT WE MISSED DUE TO THE QUARANTINE

Show your support—Visit their link, website, attend virtual events and/or donate. Abortion clinics were still open, but we all have to go virtual. We will not be silenced!

### Tuesday June 9

## Legislative Day

RIGHT TO LIFE OF MICHIGAN

SPECIAL  
In appreciation  
Special Rate: \$7  
when re  
RIGHT TO LIFE STUDENTS  
office  
Right to Life of Michigan, Inc.  
Call our office for additional information

**2020 CANCELLED due to  
Corona Virus Restrictions  
by our Governor**

### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

**Alex Schadenberg**

has been the executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition for over 20 years. EPC's goal is to build a well-informed, broadly based membership of groups and individuals in order to establish an effective social barrier to euthanasia and doctor-prescribed suicide.

## Celebration of Life

AT  
HOME

### SHINE BRIGHT

Pregnancy Help Clinic's Annual Fundraiser was held virtually on April 23. You can view it on YouTube and still donate.

Hosted on  
**YouTube**

Pregnancy Help Clinic received a new ultrasound machine from the efforts of the Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative for their expanding Crisis Pregnancy Center. Support them both, **SAVE LIVES!!**



The 5th Annual Protect Life Michigan

## Fundraising Dinner

Go to [protectlifemi.org](http://protectlifemi.org) to donate

Tuesday, April 28th at 7:30 pm

HELD A VIRTUAL EVENT



—SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Mark your calendar & plan on attending:

Right to Life of Michigan's  
49th Annual Conference

Lansing, MI

More details to come



Livingston County  
Ultrasound Initiative



## Time To Save Lives

### Annual Spring Raffle

Benefits Pro-Life Pregnancy Crisis Centers

DRAWING was held on May 11

Go to [www.lcultrasound.org](http://www.lcultrasound.org) to donate

DONATIONS  
ALWAYS  
WELCOME!

## Precious Baby Contest

### Vote now through October 6

(Winner announced at Focus on Life Dinner)



THE EIGHT BABIES WITH  
THE MOST VOTES WIN!!

## GREAT PRIZES!

ENTRANTS MUST BE  
2 YEARS OR YOUNGER

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE

Call: 810.227.5788

E-mail: [rtlcl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rtlcl@sbcglobal.net)

See website for entry forms and rules  
[www.righttolifelivingston.org](http://www.righttolifelivingston.org)



## ELECTIONS - 2020

Primary August 4, General November 3



We all know how important this election year is for the cause of LIFE and for our nation. The action by the Secretary of State to send absentee voter applications to every registered voter in Michigan emphasizes how vital this election is and how important your work in local communities is. Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said she will make sure every voter in Michigan gets an absentee ballot application to vote this year. This makes it vital that we work harder than ever to get the prolife vote out. We must start now!!

- ♦ Are you and your prolife family and friends registered to vote? If not you can now register online—go to [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos) to apply.
- ♦ Are you able to make “Get Out the Vote” calls, we must start early?
- ♦ Support your prolife candidates. The list of Right to Life of Michigan endorsed candidates will be posted at [election.rtl.org/endorsements](http://election.rtl.org/endorsements) on June 17th.
- ♦ You can get your personalized ballot at [election.rtl.org/ballot](http://election.rtl.org/ballot) before filling out your ballot.
- ♦ Remind people that “Elections Have Consequences” (See article below)

### GRETCHEN WHITMER’S LOCKDOWN— ABORTION CLINICS CAN STILL KILL BABIES



Order your “Make America ProLife Again” hat at:  
[righttolifelivingston.org](http://righttolifelivingston.org)

Amid all her restrictions, the Democrat governor allowed an exemption for a favorite ally of hers: the abortion industry. In April, Whitmer tried to defend her decision to allow elective abortions while restricting other necessary medical procedures.

“A woman’s healthcare, her whole future, her ability to decide if and when she starts a family is not an election, it is fundamental to her life,” Whitmer said, “It is life sustaining & it’s something that government should not be getting in the middle of.”

Meanwhile, a pro-life sidewalk counselor recently received a citation for standing alone outside a Detroit abortion facility, supposedly in violation of Whitmer’s order. (The citation later was dropped after he filed a lawsuit.)

However, abortion facilities continue to abort unborn babies unhindered – destroying lives when so many others are losing their jobs and businesses, suffering in pain because of postponed medical care and more, all supposedly in the name of saving lives.

- LIFE NEWS: MICAIAH BILGER MAY 15, 2020 | 3:42PM LANSING, MICHIGAN

## CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS - BE THE VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS!



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# Membership 2020 Drive

## RIGHT TO LIFE - LIVINGSTON MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

A Special THANKS to all of those who continue to send in their yearly membership donations.

THE DATE ON YOUR MAILING LABEL is the EXPIRATION DATE of your last paid membership.

If there is no date, you have been receiving COMPLIMENTARY mailings of "LIFE LINE" from Right to Life - Livingston because of your interest in our prolife work.

Please use the form below to become a member or to renew your membership.

## 2020 Membership Drive & Donation Form

The abortion rate in our state for teens has DECREASED, saving lives. Education about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia & assisted suicide works to change the minds and hearts of many about life issues. In addition to education, the election of prolife candidates has enabled our legislature to pass laws protecting the innocent unborn and elderly frail. This is possible because of your efforts, prayers and financial support. **WE NEED YOU!** It's never too late to join. With your membership you will receive quarterly copies of our newsletter, *Livingston County Lifeline* as well as the *Right to Life of Michigan Newsletter*. Thank you for your support. **Together we are making a difference!**

Platinum - \$200    Gold - \$100    Silver-\$50    Family-\$25    Seniors/Students-\$12    Other-\$\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to: Right to Life - Livingston County, Inc.  
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*You may honor a deceased loved one by making a memorial contribution to Right to Life-Livingston County. This memorial gift is a fitting way to remember a lifetime of love for the unborn. Your contribution can also be made to commemorate birthdays, new arrivals, graduations, Mother's Day, Father's Day or any other special occasion. An acknowledgment card will be sent to the family or person you designate. The contribution amount will be kept confidential.*

Enclosed is my (our) gift of  
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My (our) name is \_\_\_\_\_

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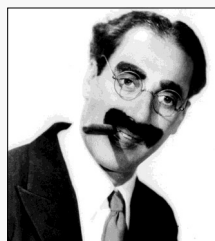
### Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc.

#### —Mission Statement—

Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc. is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization of diverse and caring people united to protect the precious gift of human life from fertilization to natural death.

We strive to achieve the passage and ratification of a Human Life Amendment, to educate people on identified Right to Life issues, to motivate them to action, to encourage community support for and participation in programs and legislation that foster respect and protection for human life.

We work on behalf of defenseless or vulnerable human beings, born and unborn, within our identified issues of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and assisted suicide.



POLITICS IS THE ART OF  
LOOKING FOR TROUBLE,  
FINDING IT EVERYWHERE,  
LOCATING THE PROBLEM,  
SOLVING IT INCORRECTLY.

—GROUCHO MARX

*How wonderful it is  
that nobody need  
wait a single  
moment before  
starting to improve  
the world.*

—Anne Frank

YOU HAVE  
BEEN  
ASSIGNED  
THIS  
MOUNTAIN  
TO SHOW  
OTHERS IT  
CAN BE  
MOVED

**LIFE HAS NO REMOTE, GET UP & CHANGE IT YOURSELF**



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*Pray to End Abortion*



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Contest

IN TIME OF DECEIT  
TELLING  
THE TRUTH  
IS A REVOLUTIONARY ACT  
—GEORGE ORWELL

Focus on Life



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THIS PETITION DRIVE HAS  
OVERCOME AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST  
OF CHALLENGES, PLEASE CONTINUE  
PRAYERS FOR OUR SUCCESS.

—RIGHT TO LIFE OF MICHIGAN



Upcoming Elections

**Register**

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**VOTE**

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Get  
Your  
Flowers  
Now!

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