



2015 Golf Outing Sets Records

The 5th Annual Scramble-4-Life was held Saturday, May 9, and set new records for both fundraising and team participation! Many thanks to the Dietz family for their tremendous work in organizing this event. The weather was perfect for the 26 teams that teed off for the 8:30am shotgun start. Congratulations to the winning teams who tied for first place: Matt Eley, Zach Allison, Todd Stump, and Ron Cooper; and Bob Reisinger, Dan Swiger, Mike New, and Barry Godown.

A big thank you also goes to our sponsors (listed below), to Rob Fridley and Shelby Oaks Golf Course, and to all of this year's golfers. We look forward to seeing you back on the course on May 14, 2016.

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New Brochure Affirms Life in Cases of Fetal Anomaly

We are excited to announce that Shelby County RTL has contributed to the pro-life movement by creating a resource that fills a gap in the previously available pro-life literature.

In recent years, pro-lifers have become more conscious of some inconsistencies in otherwise "pro-life" positions that permit exceptions for "hard cases" such as rape. Because a living human being is present from the moment of conception, it cannot ever be permissible to take that life, no matter the circumstances of its beginning. The same principle applies to unborn children who suffer from disabilities. Even though their prognosis is negative, they should be treated with dignity for the duration of their God-given lives.

With advances in prenatal testing for congenital abnormalities, it has become very common for children diagnosed with any range of abnormalities, to be discarded through abortion. Continued on page 4

Clothing center report

In April, 201 clients purchased items, 8 used gift certificates from classes, 3 received free items, and 2 were referred to the women's center.

In May, 155 clients purchased items, 15 used certificates, and 16 received free items.

We continue to donate excess clothing to Dayton Right to Life, which is grateful to receive it. Thank you for your generous donations, which are helping people in need throughout the Miami Valley!

Great Opportunity to Support Moms, Dads, and Babies!

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Elizabeth's New Life Center's annual Fall Partnership Banquet to support Women's Center Sidney will be on Thursday, October 15, at A Learning Place in Piqua. The featured speaker will be Sol Pitchon, whose story includes his mother's survival of the Nazi Holocaust and his working against the Holocaust of abortion today. A moving testimony from one of the women's center's clients will also be shared. It will be a great event to help support a local organization!

The banquet will offer both a luncheon session and an evening session. The luncheon session will open with registration at 11am, with the program starting at 11:30. Evening session registration will open at 6pm, with the program starting at 6:30. Mrs. B.'s catering will provide a homemade buffet meal and there will be wine and beer furnished by local vendors.

Please consider joining ENLC this year as a guest or a table host. For more information about ENLC or this event, contact Ashley Schroeder at 937-498-4426 or aschroeder@elizabethnewlife.org.

Family Remembers Baby Walter, Who Miscarried but Changed the Abortion Debate

Two years ago the Fretz family's world was forever changed when their baby boy was born too soon. At just 19 weeks and 6 days gestation, Lexi Fretz rushed to the ER in labor. Due to an incompetent cervix, she gave birth to Walter Joshua Fretz five hours later.

I was crying so hard, she writes. He was fully formed and everything was there. I could see his heart beating in his tiny chest. Walter's father, Joshua Fretz, quickly went to get his camera. He took photographs of his wife, Walter, and his daughters. Although Walter lived for only a few moments, the photographs are now eternally famous.

After Walter passed away and the Lexi was discharged from the hospital, she shared the photos and the story of their loss on Facebook. That's when Walter's short life was given a lifetime of purpose. His photos and story went viral. E-mails and comments poured in, saying:

I have always thought it was a woman's choice to abort a pregnancy! [] How wrong!!! I'm glad you chose to share your story and beautiful photos of such a sad time in your life as you've educated me!

I used to believe that there were reasons to justify some abortions. [] And now seeing Walter there lying on your chest brings me to shame for my former opinions.

[] you have put my life into perspective. [] I'm keeping this baby. I'm carrying and I'm going to treasure him/her for eternity.

One woman, using her smartphone while in an abortion clinic, saw Walter's pictures. She got up and left, canceling her abortion appointment and choosing life for her child.

In all our hurt, said Lexi Fretz, I am glad that some good can come out of this. I pray that the Lord will continue to use Walter's photos to impact many.

Since losing Walter, the family has welcomed daughter number three to the family. Mia joined big sisters, Michayla and Emma, in the fall of 2014. A surgery at 13 weeks gestation allowed Lexi Fretz to carry Mia to term. Her sisters, devastated by the loss of their brother, were ecstatic to have a new baby to love.

While they still talk about Walter and miss him deeply, the family is humbled by the impact Walter has had on the world, and how he is showing everyone that preborn humans are not just clumps of cells. On the two-year anniversary of his birth and death, his mother wrote on Facebook:

Happy Birthday to my sweet Walter. Our time with you was incredibly short, our memories are few, but your impact on this world has been nothing short of amazing. I thank God for you every day and look forward to when I can hold you in my arms again!

By Nancy Flanders, LifeNews.com, June 19, 2015. Originally published at LiveActionNews. (Visit one of those websites to see photos.)



In thanksgiving for a successful golf outing. We pray for greater respect for the true nature of marriage, the loving union at the heart of the family.

Abortions Drop 12% in the United States as More Babies Saved From Abortion

A new national report from the Associated Press indicates that abortions have dropped 12 percent nationwide and are down in almost every state in the country as more babies are being saved from abortions than ever before.

The survey found abortions are dropping the most in states that have passed the most pro-life laws, but abortions are down even in pro-abortion states that haven't passed as many pro-life laws. Those figures make it clear that national pro-life educational efforts, pregnancy support services and pro-life prayer and educational campaigns at abortion clinics nationwide are making a difference in providing women with abortion alternatives.

North Carolina had the second largest decrease in abortions at 26.3 percent followed by New Mexico with a 23.9 percent drop.

From the report:

Abortions have declined in states where new laws make it harder to have them but they've also waned in states where abortion rights are protected, an Associated Press survey finds. Nearly everywhere, in red states and blue, abortions are down since 2010.

Several of the states that have been most aggressive in passing anti-abortion laws including Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, and Oklahoma have seen their abortion numbers drop by more than 15 percent since 2010. But more liberal states such as New York, Washington and Oregon also had declines of that magnitude, even as they maintained unrestricted access to abortion.

The AP obtained the most recent abortion numbers from the health departments of all 45 states that compile such data on a comprehensive basis. (States not compiling such data are California, Maryland, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Wyoming.) With one exception, the data was from either 2013 or 2014 providing a unique nationwide gauge of abortion trends during a wave of anti-abortion laws that gathered strength starting in 2011.

The pro-life movement has been increasingly focused in recent years on closing down abortion clinics especially those that fail to comply with basic health and safety laws to protect women that legitimate medical centers routinely follow. The high number of abortion clinics closed in recent years is partly to credit for the reduction in abortions, the AP survey indicates.

While some of the new laws have been blocked by lawsuits, most have taken effect, contributing to closure of about 70 abortion clinics in a dozen states since 2010. States with the most closures, according to state officials and advocacy groups, include Texas with 27, Michigan and Arizona with about 12, and Ohio with at least four. Two clinics closed in Virginia, including one that was the state's busiest.

The states where we see large decreases in abortion numbers are generally states that experienced abortion clinic closures and in states with very active pro-life opposition, said Troy Newman, President of Operation Rescue and co-author of the book *Abortion Free*. Of course other factors contributed to the decrease, but these numbers confirm that when abortion clinics close, abortion numbers drop and lives are saved.

The Associated Press report is great news. It proves that Americans are rejecting abortions in favor of life in unprecedented numbers, said Newman. There's no doubt that we are winning and the abortion cartel is waning.

The numbers show that even in political climates where abortion is unrestricted, large pro-life gains can still be made, said Newman. This validates the hard work of pro-life groups and supporters who have labored tirelessly for decades in a number of venues to turn the rudder of the ship way from the abortion cartel and toward a culture of life.

By Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com, June 8, 2015

New Brochure on Fetal Anomalies Continued from page 1

While there are a few pro-life resources addressing this issue in general, Shelby County RTL speakers bureau chairperson, Anne Schmiesing, was unable to find any literature that dealt specifically with life-limiting prenatal diagnosis (which means that the condition is so serious that the child is expected to live, at most, for a few hours after birth). In light of the impact of this type of situation on so many parents and the lack of information and support they often experience, RTL decided to produce a brochure on the topic. Anne collaborated with other local pro-lifers to collect information and draft and design the flyer.

Its centerpiece is three accounts of local families who experienced pregnancies with severely disabled babies; these families generously agreed to share their stories so as to bring light and hope to anyone facing similar situations.

Copies of the pamphlet, *Life-Limiting Prenatal Diagnosis: Hard Cases Close to Home*, are available at the Right to Life office or can be ordered through the publisher, the Dayton-based pro-life organization One More Soul (<http://onemoresoul.com/catalog/life-limiting-prenatal-diagnosis-hard-cases-close-to-home-p1230.html>). The text, along with additional information and a section of the brochure omitted due to space limitations, can be found on our website (see lefthand sidebar).

Although the phrase *Hard Cases* is used in the title, it's really not so hard to see the terrible wrong done through intentionally ending a human life, even when that person is not expected to live much longer. The brochure highlights the blessing and peace that come with life-affirming choices.

In memory of Mike Barhorst, in whose name RTL received memorial donations.
Mike was a longtime member and the son of former office volunteer Bernice Barhorst.
+May he rest in peace.+