

## New Resources Available at RTL Office

**Election yard signs** with a pro-life message - available at the RTL office and at the Life Chain (Oct 4). We cannot carry candidate signs or brochures, however.

**The Boycott Handbook from Life Decisions International** will be available at the RTL office in Sidney. Visit or call the office to view the list or ask about specific corporations. The handbook includes a carefully compiled list of corporations and organizations that financially support Planned Parenthood's abortion practices. LDI recommends boycotting those organizations and contacting corporations to encourage them to cease support of the abortion giant.

**Fatal Flaws film** – “A thought-provoking journey through Europe and North America to ask one of the most fundamental philosophical questions of our time: should we be giving doctors the right in law to end the life of others by euthanasia or assisted suicide? Filmmaker Kevin Dunn uses powerful testimonies and expert opinion from both sides of the issue to uncover how these highly disputed laws affect society over time.” (See <https://fatalflawsfilm.com>.)

**Unraveled Roots: Exposing the Hidden Causes of Damaging Behaviors** – A recently released book by the professional women who fielded hundreds of calls from post-abortive men and women following the movie *UnPlanned*. The book is available on loan from the RTL lending library or from [Amazon where the book's purpose is described](#):

“Today's damaging behaviors and choices are often tied to yesterday's childhood pain and other traumas that lie beneath the surface. Until we recognize this, we will continue to make the same poor choices. We need intervention to begin to forge a new, more positive path. Karin, Melinda, and Lisa are living proof that change and freedom is possible.”

**Election Information Pages** included in this newsletter. SCRTL does not endorse candidates but can recommend helpful voter resources.

**Life Chain SAVE THE DATE: OCT 4 Sidney Court Square 2:30pm-3:30pm.**  
Hear from our pro-life speech contest winner, followed by prayer and witness for life.

## Wright State Physicians Back Late Term Abortions Again

Late term abortionist Martin Haskell has had numerous legal bouts with the Ohio Department of Health over continuous licensing violations over the past decade, but usually comes out on top.

Dayton Right to Life reports: “*For the second time in a little over a year, Wright State Physicians has come to the rescue of abortionist Martin Haskell and prevented Women's Med Dayton from losing its license. In June of 2019, Dr. Margaret Dunn, who is the Dean of the Boonshoft School of Medicine, joined her three Wright State colleagues (Drs. Barha, Duke, and Yaklic) as a back-up doctor, thus allowing ODH to grant a variance to Haskell's abortion clinic for the first time since 2011.*”

After Dr. Yaklic transferred out of state, Women's Med Dayton was once again short of their licensing requirements, but a new Wright State Physician, David Dhanraj, stepped in as a back-up physician to keep the abortion clinic open. For a history of Haskell's clinic violations or to petition Wright State to end their collaboration with Haskell's abortion practice, go to [wrightstateabortion.com](http://wrightstateabortion.com).

### Thrift Shop Report

Month of June

250 Customers

134 Units, assistance program

Month of July

237 Customers

136 Units, assistance program

3 Work-to-Earn shifts worked

9 Work-to-Earn clients added

## Chipping Away at the Abortion Leviathan, Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion chain, has been mired in scandal after scandal, from allegations that it sold aborted baby body parts and covered up sex trafficking to accusations of "systemic racism" and pregnancy discrimination by its own employees. Yet, the billion-dollar abortion chain receives more than \$500 million tax dollars annually. President Donald Trump and his administration have been working to block that funding, beginning his first week in office. Some efforts have been successful, while others have been thwarted by the abortion industry and activist judges. But here are numerous ways Trump and his administration have tried to defund Planned Parenthood:

**Defunding International Planned Parenthood** - Trump signed the Mexico City policy in one of his first acts as president. The pro-life policy prohibits international aid funds from going to groups that promote or provide abortions. The Mexico City policy, which began with President Ronald Reagan, historically has been supported by pro-life presidents and rescinded by pro-abortion presidents. Trump went further, though. He not only reinstated the policy but also expanded it [with the "Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance" plan.]

**Defunding Planned Parenthood Ally UNFPA** - The Trump administration stopped funding a United Nations agency linked to forced and coerced abortions. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) "partners on family planning activities with the Chinese government agency responsible for these coercive policies," the administration said in defense of its decision. China's oppressive one child policy, recently changed to a two-child limit, has led to forced and coerced abortions up through nine months of pregnancy, as well as forced and coerced sterilizations. The UNFPA has worked hand-in-hand with Planned Parenthood to promote abortion worldwide. The Trump administration redirected the funds to the U.S. Agency for International Development, which provides medical care to families across the world.

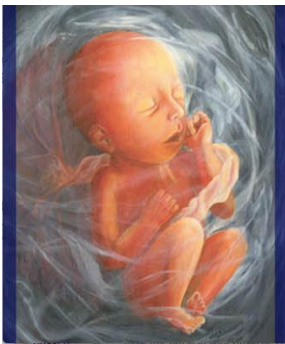
**Cutting Planned Parenthood Funding \$60 Million** - In 2019, President Donald Trump enacted a new Title X rule to ensure that the program does not indirectly fund abortions. Title X provides family planning and other health services for low-income individuals. Planned Parenthood could have complied with the rule by stopping abortions or completely separating its abortion business from its actual health services, but it refused. Instead, it prioritized abortions over women's health.

**Helping States Defund Planned Parenthood** - In 2018, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that the administration was rescinding Obama-era Medicaid guideline that limited the way states could take action against Planned Parenthood. After Planned Parenthood was exposed for allegedly selling the body parts of aborted babies, many states wanted to revoke taxpayer funding for the abortion company. However the Obama administration made it difficult for states to do that by claiming federal control over Medicaid dollars even though states participate with their own taxpayer funds and the federal program. Trump changed that, and a number of states have since taken action to defund Planned Parenthood.

**Stopping Planned Parenthood Funding in Coronavirus Relief Bill** - This spring, the Trump administration tried to stop Planned Parenthood from getting coronavirus relief funds meant to help struggling small businesses. A Trump administration official told the Daily Caller that the Paycheck Protection Program included language making it "clear that the abortion industry shouldn't be able to qualify for those funds, which are desperately needed by small businesses." However, the abortion chain found a loophole in the aid program, and many of its affiliates applied for and received funding. In total, Planned Parenthood received approximately \$80 million. Now, the administration is demanding a return of funds, and may file criminal charges if PP employees lied on the applications. Some affiliates have returned the funds, while others have refused. *Continued on pg. 5*

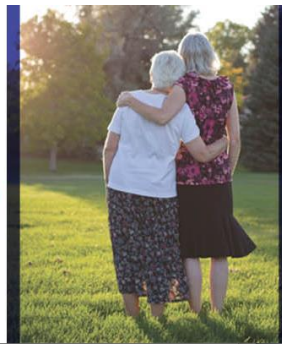
In memorial of recently deceased Right to Life members: Mary Luthman, Marilyn Borchers, Mary (Pleiman) Schmiesing of Minster, (not to be confused with the founding RTL member from Sidney) and long-time RTL volunteer Beatrice Seaman.

May they rest in peace.



**Elections matter!**  
**Protect all human life**  
**Vote November 2020**

Right to Life  
of Shelby County



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## Voter Registration Info For November General Election

Voter registration deadline is October 5. **Minors turning 18 between October 6 and November 3** can register in advance by October 5, but must *activate* their registration after their birthday. If your soon-to-be 18-year-old would like to vote in the **general election**, please inquire at your board of elections office: Shelby County BOE 230 E. Court St. Sidney (937) 498-7207 Mon - Fri 8:30am-4:00pm, [shelby@ohiosos.gov](mailto:shelby@ohiosos.gov) or Ohio Elections <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>. **If you've moved**, you must update your voter registration. Forms are available at <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>.

Absentee ballot **application forms** can be submitted now through October, but we recommend having the **application turned in by October 16** to allow time for mailed ballots to be received and completed ballots returned by the deadline. (Officially, however, absentee applications must be received at the board of elections by noon on Saturday October 31.)

**Completed ballots** should be returned to the board of elections by the close of polls on election day (November 3) or postmarked "no later than Nov. 2." Do not procrastinate. This is an important election. Don't assume others will be determining the results; your vote counts!

Registered voters in Ohio also have an early voting option, in person, at the Board of Elections.

Each of the 6 contested races on the Shelby County ballots include an incumbent. Voters should research the positions of candidates in the contested races for: US President, two Ohio Supreme Court Justice seats, one State Senator (12<sup>th</sup> District), Ohio House of Representatives (84<sup>th</sup> District/western Shelby County and the 85<sup>th</sup> District/eastern Shelby County) and one US Rep. Each contested incumbent is Republican.

[Ohio Right to Life](#) and [Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio](#) have issued endorsements.

Please vote, but do not vote blindly. Do your research early and well. Discuss the issues and candidates with others; vote and encourage others to vote; pray and pray some more with hope!

## A Prayer for National Elections

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, not only of individuals, but of nations and governments. We thank you for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically, and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to you.



We thank you for your law, which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law. We thank you for the opportunity that this election year puts before us, to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but to influence countless others to vote, and to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to you requires that they be politically active.

Awaken your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world, but rather a community of faith renewing the world. Awaken your people to know that the same hands lifted up to you in prayer are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth; that the same eyes that read your Word are the eyes that read the names on the ballot, and that they do not cease to be Christians when they enter the voting booth. Awaken your people to a commitment to justice; to the sanctity of marriage and the family, to the dignity of each individual human life, and to the truth that human rights begin when human lives begin, and not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your kingdom. May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pro-life attitudes benefit everyone!** That's the undeniable message of Shelby County Right to Life which serves Ohio communities in many ways, accepting that we're mortal, but insisting that no human person should be intentionally killed by abortion, infanticide, homicide or suicide – doctor-prescribed or otherwise. RTL runs recovery programs for those suffering from previous abortions and serves needy families with free or low cost support through the downtown Sidney Thrift Shop. Donations to Shelby County Right to Life are always welcome. (SCRTL ad on TAM Radio in June.)

## To Be Pro-Life, What it Means

Increasingly, there is misinformation about what being pro-life means. These ill-informed notions are spread on college campuses, social media and mainstream media. However, there are clear reasons abortion is the predominant focus of the pro-life movement.

The direct effect of an action, along with the intention of the doer, is the primary consideration of the morality of an action.<sup>1</sup> Abortion is a clear-cut case, where the direct effect is the killing of an innocent human being and the death of the pre-born child is always the intended result of an abortion, even if those involved do not acknowledge or consider the innocence or the factual presence of human life.

Any deliberate taking of innocent human life is reprehensible, but it is even more alarming when the practice is actually legal and widely practiced, as is the case with abortion. Doctor-prescribed suicide and euthanasia are also practices directly resulting in the destruction of human life and the legality of such practices is spreading in individual states, the nation, and worldwide, making doctor-prescribed suicide another weighty issue.

Any public figure, medical professional or anyone else who promotes abortion or the assisted-killing of a patient as acceptable gravely calls into question their own integrity and capability for right judgment. It matters not whether they promote abortion out of political expediency or a personal advocacy of abortion. Those who confuse and repeat the notion of ever-so-many “pro-life issues” stand in confusion or rejection of the moral principles found in natural law, and they undermine efforts to abolish gravely unjust practices such as the type of infanticide we call abortion and the type of homicide some call assisted-suicide.

Policy issues such as housing, immigration laws and welfare programs are important matters to address, but they are not life-and-death matters that directly result in a human person's life being deliberately terminated. There are varying approaches to such policy issues that are complex and seek a balance between personal responsibility and outside assistance, effectiveness and available resources. No serious proposals regarding how to manage immigration, for example, aim to jeopardize the safety or wellbeing of any individual or group of people. So claims that issues like immigration are “life issues” are contrived, yet many writers and reporters deviously categorize those issues as “life-issues,” pretending they have the same weight and clarity as efforts to abolish abortion. The same is true of claims that wearing or not wearing a mask is a “life-issue” where, in either instance, there is no direct impact on the continuation of anyone's life (and arguably a low probability of even an indirect impact, as there are too many other factors involved.)

As noted on SCRTL's abortion recovery page, the pro-life community is above all a loving community. Many—or dare we say most—people involved in the pro-life movement are also actively involved in other ministries for the needs of others. They are wide-awake to human suffering and



are willing to make significant sacrifices to alleviate that suffering and assist those in need; however, they recognize that an issue which directly imposes death upon millions of boys and girls worldwide each year needs to be a very high priority.

<sup>1</sup> A structured study of established Christian Moral Principles helps clarify whether any given action is right or wrong.

### Sep/Oct Prayer Intentions

For the lives of many unborn children and their mothers to be spared through the witness of prayer and sidewalk counseling at abortion clinics, especially during the next **40 Days For Life campaign Sept 23 – Nov 1**. For many abortion clinic workers to find new life by leaving current employment. For safety for all.



## Death of COVID-19 Patient May Be Due to Euthanasia

[This article highlights the need, once again, for Protective Medical Decisions Documents \(forms designating one's durable power of attorney for health care, but avoiding the pitfalls of "Living Will" documents\) for anyone over age 18. Available at the RTL office or Patient's Rights Council.](#)

Michael Hickson, a 46-year-old COVID-19 patient, was starved and left without adequate treatment for his illnesses at St. David's South Austin Medical Center. His wife, Melissa, says the hospital refused to treat his illnesses because of his disability.

Michael Hickson became quadriplegic due to receiving CPR after he went into sudden cardiac arrest while driving Melissa to work in May 2017. Melissa and their five children stayed by Michael's side throughout his recovery. He landed back in the hospital in 2020 after contracting COVID-19 and pneumonia from a staff member at his nursing home.

Michael was conscious and alert but could not communicate verbally. He responded to jokes, shook his head, and puckered his lips on a FaceTime call when Melissa requested a kiss. Melissa asked if she could pray with her husband and their children, to which he nodded "yes." But the doctor soon told Melissa her husband would be placed in hospice against her will. In a recorded conversation, the St. David's doctor told Melissa her husband would not receive treatment because of his disability, despite her wishes.

St. David's doctor: "So as of right now, his quality of life – he doesn't have much of one."

Melissa: "What do you mean? Because he's paralyzed with a brain injury he doesn't have quality of life?"

St. David's doctor: "Correct."

While Michael's wife and another family member were litigating in court who would be Michael's permanent guardian, a judge named an Austin-area organization called Family Eldercare as temporary guardian over Michael. Family Eldercare granted the doctor's orders to not treat Michael and instead place him in hospice. Alarmingly, the doctor reiterated the scary reality that she had zero say in whether her husband lived or died. The doctor told Melissa, "but at this point, we are going to do what we feel is best for him along with the state and this is what we decided... this is the decision between the medical community and the state."

Michael was left without food or treatment for six days despite Melissa's will to save her husband. He passed away from the untreated illnesses on June 11, 2020.

Now, Melissa and her children grieve their beloved husband and dad. Melissa stated, "I was stripped of my rights as a wife, and left helplessly watching my husband be executed. I now have no husband, a widow at 47. My children left with no father to celebrate Father's Day. All taken away from us. I have no other words to express how I feel today except hurt, angry, and frustrated."

*Article reprinted from Texas Right to Life via LifeNews.com, June 26, 2020. Edited for space.*

## Abortion Leviathan *Continued from page 2*

**Helping Texas Defund Planned Parenthood** - In January, the Trump administration granted Texas a waiver in its long-fought battle to defund Planned Parenthood and use tax dollars to support real women's health care from its Healthy Texas Women Program. State lawmakers defunded abortion groups from the program in 2011, but the pro-abortion Obama administration retaliated by revoking federal funding. For years, Texas gave up federal funding for the program and used only state tax dollars to support Healthy Texas Women. The HHS waiver reversed the Obama-era decision and restored federal funding to the program for low-income women.

*By Micaiah Bilger LifeNews.com Aug 5, 2020. Edited for space.*

## Local Organization, Rustic Hope, Featured in Video Series



We are proud to have many outreach organizations in Shelby County including various church ministries and two other pro-life organizations.

Many of our members are also strong supporters of Rustic Hope, based in Russia.

Please check out this [new video featuring Rustic Hope](#) and it's founder, Connie McEldowney, as well as many Rustic Hope volunteers and beneficiaries. Great work!

## Friends in High Places

As previously reported and as noted in his online bio, “**Ambassador Andrew Bremberg** was nominated by President Donald J. Trump on January 16, 2019 to serve as the Representative of the United States to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva. He was confirmed in that position by the U.S. Senate on October 22, 2019.” Bremberg is the son-in-law of Henry and Ann Cordonnier who have been very active and engaged members of our pro-life community. Likewise, Bremberg has been a strong pro-life influence in our executive branch, our nation and now extending that positive influence to other nations.

Recently, another friend of Ohio’s pro-life cause received an executive appointment to a national ethics board. Dayton-area doctor, **Ashley Fernandes MD**, is the brother of Rev. Earl Fernandez, who is a friend to many in Shelby County from his time as pastor at a local church.

Ohio Right to Life reported, in August: *the [National Institute of Health’s] [Human Fetal Tissue Research Ethics Advisory Board](#) released their first report, recommending that the federal government reject funding for 13 of the 14 studies they reviewed which involved the use of human fetal tissue. The Board, which was assembled by President Trump earlier this year to make ethics recommendations on the usage of aborted fetal tissue in taxpayer-funded research, includes an array of scientists and ethicists, including Dr. Ashley Fernandes, an Ohio Right to Life Board Member. President Trump’s assembly of the Fetal Tissue Ethics Board is a massive win for the cause of life, and a vital protection for taxpayer conscious rights.*

Another recent Trump appointee, **Patrina Mosley**, doesn’t likely have connections to Shelby County, but “served as a pro-life leader at the **Family Research Council** before beginning in the new role on June 8. She now is an advisor to the director of the Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Foreign Policy reports. In the position, Mosley will be able to help influence international health and development policies and push back against pro-abortion Democrats’ continued insistence on promoting abortion on demand and forcing taxpayers to fund it,” according to [LifeNews.com, July 14, 2020](#).



Pictured: Patrina Mosley