

Ohio March for Life Upcoming in Early October

RTL of Shelby County will be taking a bus to Columbus on Friday, October 4, to participate in our state's Right to Life March. All RTL members are invited to join us, as well as community members! This year's March is an especially important witness to the state and our lawmakers that the pro-life movement is alive and growing, even after an unfortunate ballot result last November. Spots can be reserved by contacting Shae at comms@shelbycountyrtil.org or 937-451-8284 by September 30. We plan to depart Lehman Catholic High School around 7 am and return around 3 pm. Cost is \$20 per seat and seats are on a first come, first serve basis; please pack your own lunch and prepare appropriately for the weather! Exact details regarding the day-of itinerary will be sent to those who sign up.



Fair Fun!

Many thanks to all those who visited our booth during the Shelby County Fair in late July. We were blessed with many volunteers whose time and efforts made it another successful week. A special thanks goes out to the Bohman family, who continues to organize such an awesome booth. We are continuing to build a culture of life in Shelby County and have been since 1974!

Pictured: a few of our booth visitors from the fair



Volunteer Opportunity

We always welcome new faces as volunteers to help staff our Thrift Store in downtown Sidney. The store is typically open Monday-Saturday throughout the year, and volunteers are tasked with sorting donations, laundering clothes, and assisting customers, amongst other tasks. Serving as a volunteer can make a huge impact for all in our communities.

We also accept donations for the Thrift Store as well! We currently accept baby and children's clothing, maternity clothing, baby gear (bottles, crib bedding, carriers, highchairs, swings, strollers, etc.), diapers/pull-ups, and baby/children's toys and books. We ask all donations are clean and in good, salable shape for the benefit of both our volunteers and customers.

Dates to Remember

- September 30: deadline to sign up for our bus being taken to Ohio's Right to Life March
- October 3: Ohio RTL's "Dinner for Life" (*more info can be found in our last newsletter or at <https://ohiolife.org/dinnerforlife/>*)
- October 4: Ohio's state Right to Life March
- October 7: Deadline to register to vote
- October 8: Early in-person voting begins
- November 5: General Election Day

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September-October Prayer Intentions

For upcoming November elections, that life is protected in all states; for Crisis Pregnancy Centers experiencing persecution; for the generous benefactors of Shelby County Right to Life and other pro-life organizations



Pills that Kill: Medication Abortion and Its Ugly Truths

By: Shae Gaier

In the roughly two years since the Dobbs decision was passed down by the federal Supreme Court, which returned the issue of abortion to the states to decide, the rate of medication abortions (also known as chemical abortions) has increased. Reports now estimate that about 63% of abortions performed in 2023 were medication abortions, according to the Guttmacher Institute. Medication abortions include two steps: first, taking a medication known as mifepristone and then taking a second medication known as misoprostol. The combination of pills stops the creation of progesterone (a hormone vital to baby's growth) and then initiates the uterus to shed its lining. This ultimately results in the end of life for the baby. Women often take these medications at home, alone, without medical care when complications arise; these pills cause grave harm to both baby and mother.

Women are often misled about the dangerous side effects of medication abortions. www.LittlePillsThatKill.com, a website compiled by Abby Johnson's pro-life ministry And Then There Were None, shares stories of former Planned Parenthood employees with a front row seat to the devastation caused by medication abortions. These stories can be read and watched on Little Pills That Kill's website. Complications that arise from medication abortions include painful cramping, intense bleeding leading to unsafe blood loss, back pain, infection, and psychological issues like depression.

The ugly truth surrounding medication abortion, however, is not without a glimmer of hope. There is an effective protocol to reverse medication abortion's outcomes; known as the "Abortion Pill Reversal Process," this protocol gives women and their unborn babies a second chance if implemented quickly after taking the first step of the medication abortion pills (the mifepristone). This protocol uses progesterone, a common hormone used during pregnancy to ensure the growth of healthy babies, to counteract mifepristone's deadly effects. The abortion pill reversal process has a roughly 65% success rate if taken no more than 72 hours after the initial dose of mifepristone, and babies born after using the abortion pill reversal process have no higher rate of birth defects than a typical pregnancy. For more information or to read successful lifesaving stories, please visit abortionpillreversal.com.

2024 Abortion Related Ballot Measures

In addition to the upcoming presidential election in November, there are also numerous states with life-related issues on the ballot. Ballotpedia reported earlier this year that "[s]ince 2022, all abortion-related ballot measures with campaigns that described themselves as pro-life were rejected by voters, while all the abortion-related ballot measures with campaigns that described themselves as pro-choice were approved by voters".

This stark reality shows the deterioration of our culture and the importance of praying for life-affirming measures to succeed nationwide. States with life issues on the ballot include Colorado, Florida, Maryland, New York, Nevada, and South Dakota. Specific information regarding each state's measures can be found on Ballotpedia.

IN MEMORIAM

Right to Life continues its work for the protection of all human life, in honor of those who have offered time, prayer and other resources to this cause during their lifetimes.

In memory of: Tex Schmitmeyer

In whose name memorial donations were made in July.

May he rest in eternal peace.



Downtown Putt Around

We were happy to participate in Sidney Alive's "Downtown Putt Around" on July 20. Being an active part of our community is vital to the success of Shelby County Right to Life. Pictured to the left is our putt-putt green!

A Special Thank You

We would like to recognize Frank Thaman and his family for organizing a generous donation made to Shelby County Right to Life with his passing. The lifesaving work we do is not possible without the benevolence of our members.

Under Walz, Babies Born Alive in Botched Abortions Were Left to Die

Shortly after Tim Walz, the current governor of Minnesota, was announced as Kamala Harris' running mate, Mary Maragaret Olohan of *The Daily Signal* exposed just a few of his deadly policies while leading that state. The following information is taken from her August 6th, 2024 article.

...[D]ata from the Minnesota Department of Health shows that at least eight babies who survived abortions in the state were left to die.

Under a 2015 Minnesota law, the state formerly was required to report whether abortions resulted in the live birth of a baby, what actions were taken to preserve the life of that baby, and whether the baby survived.

Those reporting requirements exposed that between Jan. 1, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2021, physicians performed five abortions that resulted in a baby's live birth.

Previous data from the Minnesota Department of Health reveals that physicians have been leaving babies to die after failed abortions for years. In 2020, no babies were reported born alive through botched abortions, according to the Minnesota Department of Health.

But between Jan. 1, 2019, and Dec. 31, 2019, three abortions resulted in born-alive babies who were then allowed to die.

It does not appear that any of the babies born alive in botched abortions survived.

Due to efforts by the state's Democratic governor, who served from 2019 until the present, Minnesota will no longer even keep track of born-alive babies.

Tim Walz, the new Democratic vice presidential nominee, repealed the bipartisan measure in May 2023, stripping the state's requirement that measure be taken to preserve the baby's "life and health" and merely replacing it with a nebulous requirement for "care."

Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris has refused to specify any limitations on abortion or protections for unborn babies that she would support, indicating that her campaign does not, in fact, support any restrictions on abortion.

We Are Hiring!

We are accepting resumes to fill a part-time Thrift Shop Manager position at Right to Life. We have a strong support staff which is able to keep the shop operating smoothly. Duties include: scheduling staff and volunteers to cover hours of operation, working at the Thrift Shop 1-3 days per week (with some flexibility), providing assistance for our clients, overseeing intake and sorting of items donated to the shop, and handling some organizational tasks using basic computer software (word processing, email, and basic spreadsheets). We are seeking an individual who is a good mission fit with strong pro-life, pro-family values and collaborates well with our team. More detailed job information is available upon request. Please send inquiries and resumes to director@shelbycountyrtil.org. A follow-up questionnaire will be sent to candidates who submit a resume.

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