

# Words Of Hope

## Protecting Innocent Human Life From Conception To Natural Death

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I pray that during this season of Advent you have grown closer to God and are prepared for Christmas. On behalf of the Board of Right to Life of Stark County, I would like to Wish each of you and your families a Very Happy and Blessed Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year. We are so Blessed to have so many wonderful people who have touched our lives in so many ways. It is truly a pleasure having you work along with us in the Pro-Life Movement.

As we reflect on this past year, we held our 2nd Annual Art & Essay Contest, held our Walk for the Unborn, participated with a booth at the Stark County Fair, held two 40 Days for Life Campaigns; one in the spring and fall, held our Day of Remembrance For Aborted Children, held our annual "Celebrate Life Dinner" where we introduced our new project, "Safe Haven Baby Boxes", attended the Ohio March for Life in Columbus, and held Life Chain at Planned Parenthood.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in these events. Most of these events you have read about in our past newsletters.

In this newsletter you will find articles about our 3rd annual Art & Essay Contest, and an article about the "Safe Haven Baby Boxes". We hope you will enjoy.

I would like to thank all of you who made donations during this past year; many of you donate in memory of loved ones and donate throughout the year in various ways, and now you are supporting our "Safe Haven Baby Box" project. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

I would like also to thank each and everyone of you who made new or

renewed your memberships this past year. If you would like to make a donation, you can make your check payable to Right of Life of Stark County **OR** if you wish your donation to be tax deductible, make your check payable to Stark County for Life Charity, Inc.

In closing, May God Bless each and everyone of you, and bring you comfort, healing, and good health in 2025.

Yours for Life,  
Mary

### "CELEBRATE LIFE DINNER"

Saturday, September 21, 2024 we held our annual "Celebrate Life Dinner". The dinner was held at Divine Mercy Parish Life Center - Saint Barbara Church.

The speaker for the evening was Monica Kelsey, founder of "Safe Haven Baby Boxes" who spoke to an enthusiastic crowd of 175 people in attendance. Monica is founder of "Safe Haven Baby Boxes" and a former firefighter and medic, a US Navy Veteran, and knew she was adopted her entire life and discovered at the age of 37 that she was conceived in rape and abandoned as an infant.

This year our 1st Place Winners from our second Essay contest read their essay or was read by a Board Member. The Art & Essay entries were all displayed. When the Board learned of Monica's story and found her to be the founder of "Safe Haven Baby Boxes", we decided this was a project we wanted to begin here in Stark County. Monica explained how the Safe Haven Baby Boxes are built, the safety of the boxes and the cost involved. She then told the audience that Right to Life of Stark County was making plans to begin securing funds to have a "Safe Haven Baby Box" location in Stark County. It is our goal to purchase not one, but three boxes and have them placed in Stark County. We are for your prayers and support.

### RIGHT TO LIFE OF STARK COUNTY'S 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PRO-LIFE ART & ESSAY CONTEST

We are offering students in grades 4-12 the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents and/or writing skills by participating in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Right to Life Art and Essay Contest.

There will be three grade level entries for Art and three grade level entries for Essays: grades 4-6, grades 7-8, and grades 9-12. A panel of outside judges will choose three students in each grade level. These students will be honored with certificates and monetary awards to be presented at an awards ceremony in the spring. These students and their families will also be our honored guests at our annual "Celebrate Life Dinner" in September.

Do you have a family member or know of a student that would benefit from this learning exercise? Guidelines are available at the Upcoming Events

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### HAVE YOU MOVED

We try to keep our mailing list up to date as best we can. If you have moved, will you please give us your change of address so we can update our records. Also if a loved one has passed away and is on our mailing list, will you please call so we can remove their name. If you are receiving a newsletter and you prefer not to be included on our mailing list, please call also so we can remove your name.



## SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES



**NO SHAME**

**NO BLAME**

**NO NAMES**

A Safe Haven Baby Box (SHBB) is a tested, climate controlled, box that is placed in the outside wall of a fire station, police station or hospital that is equipped with silent alarms when opened and shut. The baby is retrieved inside of the station from the box within 2.5 minutes of the closure of the locked door. Ohio's Safe Haven Law provides protection from prosecution for a parent(s) of a healthy infant under thirty days old to surrender their child at a fire station, police station or hospital. The problem is the parent(s) have to personally surrender their child face to face. This is why the Safe Haven Baby Box is so important since it ensures the parent(s) are able to surrender their baby anonymously and do not have to face the rescuers.

In 2022 -2023 there were four deceased babies found in trash cans, a car trunk and garbage truck in Ohio. A SHBB provides another layer of protection for both the mother/father and infant. For more information about the SHBB you can visit [www.starkrtl.com](http://www.starkrtl.com) or [shbb.org](http://shbb.org).

Right to Life of Stark County is helping end infant abandonments in Ohio by raising funds to place boxes in our county. We are asking you, our members, to pray for us as we tell others and organizations about the SHBB and seek donations. Also prayerfully consider making a donation to Safe Haven Baby Boxes. Please make the check to Safe Haven Baby Boxes, in the memo line write Stark County, Ohio. This will ensure the funds are placed in the Stark County account. Mail your check to SHBB, P.O. Box 185, Woodburn, IN 46797.

We thank you for your prayers and financial support. Have a Blessed New Year.



## HEROIC MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Right to Life of Stark County continues to partner with Right to Life of NE Ohio in the online Heroic Media Campaign. The young people between the ages of 13-29 spend much time on the Internet, and we feel this is a good program to use as they work closely with pregnancy centers to always have the correct information. The videos do not say pro-life and Right to Life's name is not on the site. When the sites are viewed, Heroic Media is able to track how many times the sites have been viewed and how many times by the same person. Right to Life of

## RIGHT TO LIFE OF STARK COUNTY MISSION STATEMENT

We, as defenders of life, establish Stark County Right to Life Inc. as an interdenominational organization dedicated to protecting every person's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We will strive daily through prayer, service, time, and energy to promote to people of every race, gender, and creed, their fundamental right to life. Under the guidance of our Creator we are called to be People of Life!

## FROM PASTOR WALTER MOSS

### *Stop The Planned Parenthood Protection Act!*

HR 12 and S 701, deceptively named the "Women's Health Protection Act," seeks to force states to eliminate all legislation and regulations that would ban or even be perceived to "delay" an abortion.

The bill also overturns regulations on partial birth abortions, which have been federally banned since 1992. And it **even forces states to drop health and safety measures designed to ensure abortion clinics are as sterile as any other surgical center.**

HR 12 and S 701 have nothing to do with protecting women and everything to do with protecting Planned Parenthood's abortion business.

**Already, 213 members of the US House have co-sponsored HR 12. They need just one more vote in the House to make this bill a sickening reality.**

**Below is a sample letter you can email or make that call to your legislators. For legislators contact information please go to [starkrtl.com](https://www.starkrtl.com) <https://www.starkrtl.com>**

Dear Member of Congress, I am adamantly opposed to the US government mandating that states must allow, through the "Women's Health Protection Act," the murder of innocent American children. The Women's Health Protection Act demands abortion at any time, for any reason, up to birth—overriding and overturning the 1992 federal ban on partial birth abortion. Additionally, this bill seeks to override every state-based, abortion-related law, including health and safety inspections.

## A LETTER TO AN UNBORN CHILD

By Paul A. Crowley

I'm here for you! In a time when your mother and father are facing an unplanned pregnancy, and are confused, I promise to be of the upmost assistance to your parents and to you. I promise to help them by offering loving and safe alternatives to abortion. I'm here for you! I am outside the clinic waiting to help your mother and father so that you may have the chance to live and grow and that they too may live. I'm here for you! I'm here to show that regardless of what disabilities or handicaps you may have that your life is worth living and that you can overcome any obstacles whether it be autism or down syndrome or anything else, to love you and cherish your life is my top priority. I look forward to seeing you grow! I'm here for you! I'm here to protect you from those who seek to destroy you. I promise to defend your life and that of your parents when your enemies seek to destroy you. I promise to support candidates for public office who will act in your best interests. I'm here for you! I'm here to pray for you and your parents daily.

I'm here because I'm your friend and I desire to see you grow spiritually and blossom into the child of God he has called you and created you to be. Dear unborn child, I can't wait until the day when you make your grand appearance! I can't wait to celebrate your first birthday! I can't wait to see what your name will be. I'm interested to see what kind of career you will choose or what state of life God will call you to be. I look forward helping you with school work, sports, prayer, and all the activities of daily life. I'm excited for you! I promise to help you and your family regardless of what others may say or think! I'm excited about being your friend and teaching you new and exciting things! Just know that I'm here for you now and when you are born. I look forward to dedicating my life's work to defending and protecting your fragile and

vulnerable life. Please know that you are the top priority in my life and I promise to keep it that way. I give myself and life completely as a part of my ministries and mission to you and your family. Please know that out of all my ministries and mission defending your life and helping your parents is the most important and awesome ministry and mission I will ever do. Yes, at times it will be a challenge and I may have set backs at times, however, please know unborn child that you are worth it all! Be at peace and God bless you and your family unborn child!

*Your friend in Christ, Paul A. Crowley*

## NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

### FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

The tenth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children was held on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at Little Flower Parish Grotto. The event was sponsored by Little Flower Parish Respect Life Ministry, Canton 40 Days for Life and Right to Life of Stark County.

Fr. Thomas Cebula led us in the Stations of the Cross in the Beautiful Grotto. Pastor Walter Moss gave a Scripture Reading and Reflection and Christy Ballor gave a reflection.

The Stark County statistics were read as flowers were placed at the memorial and then a Blessing was given by Father Cebula. The remembrance ended by those in attendance praying the Prayer to End Abortion.

## FALL CANTON 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Canton Fall 40 Days for Life concluded on November 3, 2024. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to cover the hours at Planned Parenthood. We also thank those who prayed from their homes and churches daily and weekly if they were not able to participate on the line.

## STARK COUNTY FOR LIFE CHARITY INC.

If you would like to make a Tax deductible contribution to Right to Life of Stark County, we have a 501c3 that you may donate to. Make your check out to Stark County for Life Charity Inc. and mail to PO Box 8834, Canton, OH 44711. If you wish your donation to be used in a specific way, please note this on the memo section of your check. EX: Dinner/Speaker, Fair, Newsletter Expense, Heroic Media Campaign. Memberships are not tax deductible.

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We are looking forward to seeing what our Stark County Pro-Life Youth share with us.

*Being Pro-Life Means Action On Behalf Of All Human Life*



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### OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, October 4, 2024, Right to Life of Stark County sponsored a bus to Columbus, Ohio for the 3rd Ohio March for Life.

### LIFE CHAIN 2024

The 37th National Life Chain was held on Sunday, October 6, 2024 during Respect Life Month at Planned Parenthood. Life Chain is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian Community that abortion kills children and that the church supports the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

## **51Years of the Curse of Roe V. Wade** **"UNBORN BABIES FEEL PAIN"**

### 2025 Calendar of Events

**Stark County For Life Charity, Inc. (is our 501c3)**  
**and is an affiliate with Right to Life of Stark County**

#### JANUARY

**Jan.** 1 Happy New Year  
 20 Board Meeting, Place TBD - 6:30 PM

#### FEBRUARY

**Feb.** 9 Deadline for 3rd Art & Essay Contest Entries  
 14 Spring 40 Days Begins, Planned Parenthood - 9-5  
 17 Board Meeting, Place TBD - 6:30 PM

#### MARCH

**March** 5 Canton Spring 40 Days Begins - Planned Parenthood  
 17 Saint Patrick's Day  
 17 Board Meeting, Saint Michael's - 6:30 PM



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*