



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

We are measured by how we treat others . . .

INTRODUCTION

The primary goal of Right to Life of Michigan is to restore legal protection to the unborn child and maintain protection for those threatened by a quality of life ethic.

Our movement has several components needed to reach our goal including education, legislation and political action. For legal and tax requirements, the organizational structure is divided into separate parts.

Right to Life of Michigan is the parent group. It is the state umbrella organization with which the local, county and city groups affiliate. Together these groups work toward the common goals of education and legislation.

RLM is described as a social action group by the Internal Revenue Service. It is eligible for recognition as a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, but donations to RLM are not tax-deductible. RLM and its affiliates receive membership dues and other donations for which the donor does not receive a tax deduction.

The Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund is the tax-deductible educational component. It is solely educational, and, as a result, the IRS permits a taxpayer to deduct any contribution to the Fund.

The RLM Educational Fund has established seven state resource centers (*see page 19 for a list*) to provide educational materials to the general public.



**Right to Life of Michigan
provides a voice
for life at its
weakest moments.**

RIGHT TO LIFE OF MICHIGAN

Right to Life of Michigan is the coordinating and unifying body for local affiliates throughout our state, allowing members of the prolife movement in Michigan to speak with one voice on abortion and related life issues.

EDUCATION

Right to Life of Michigan's website, www.rtl.org, receives on average more than 125,000 hits each month. The website provides information about every aspect of our work from educational information about abortion, fetal development, assisted suicide and stem cells to prolife laws and legal battles to candidate endorsements, prolife events and merchandise. The site is updated regularly.

RLM also publishes the Right to Life of Michigan News, keeping readers in touch with important state and national issues relevant to the prolife movement.

E-mailed news alerts keep prolife people in Michigan both informed and engaged with Right to Life of Michigan's work.

The Adoption Focus e-newsletter for people interested in the loving option of adoption is e-mailed three times a year. Those wishing

to receive the e-mailed newsletter may sign up at www.rtl.org.

Conferences and seminars featuring noted state and national speakers are held annually, including the Right to Life of Michigan Annual Conference and Teen Life Night which features a live band and speaker. Evening dinners and receptions with prolife personalities are held across the state.

Teleseminars are provided periodically to update affiliates and prolife leaders with important prolife information.

The RLM office provides a steady flow of literature and resource materials to its affiliates and the general public. Careful research and background studies are carried out on life issues such as abortion, adoption, stem cell research and cloning, etc.

LEGISLATION

The RLM state legislative office works actively to coordinate support for legislation to protect the unborn and other threatened members of the human family while monitoring those pieces of legislation that may be in conflict with our goals.

The Lansing legislative office is in the business of educating both the grassroots membership and our lawmakers through an annual Legislative Day in the spring. This event brings hundreds of prolife members to Lansing for educational workshops, tips on lobbying, a featured speaker and a luncheon with legislators. In addition, throughout the year special lobby days are held on specific pieces of legislation for which prolife experts are secured to testify before legislative committees or personally meet with key lawmakers.

A full-time lobbyist works closely with the prolife leadership of the State House and Senate to develop a strategy for success in each legislative session.

The impact of constituent contacts is reinforced by the daily presence in the State Capitol of the Right to Life lobbyist and/or the Legislative Vice-President and President. Our legislative strength rests in the unified effort by the local affiliates and the state coordinating body.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

RLM's officers and public information staff work to create a positive public image for the prolife movement. Monitoring statewide media coverage and timely responses to important developments help to ensure the public receives a balanced perspective.

The RLM state office regularly issues statewide press releases and arranges news conferences featuring state and national prolife spokespersons.

RLM staff also assists local affiliates by meeting their public relations needs, providing sample news releases and media tips.

POLITICAL ACTION

The right to life movement's effectiveness in protecting innocent human life relies heavily on electing lawmakers with a commitment to protecting the sanctity of life through public policy.

Because state and federal laws prohibit RLM and/or local groups from endorsing political candidates or making campaign contributions, the Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee was organized.

RLM-PAC election endorsements are made without consideration of party affiliation and follow carefully established guidelines.

All PAC contributions are kept separate from general gifts to RLM as required by law. Any monies given to local affiliates or to RLM cannot be used for the election of prolife candidates.



SUPPORT SERVICES

RLM provides a number of important support services and statewide projects to aid the local affiliate. It is important for RLM to initiate the growth of new right to life groups in every corner of our state. The unborn will not be effectively protected until a right to life organization is in place in every community in Michigan.

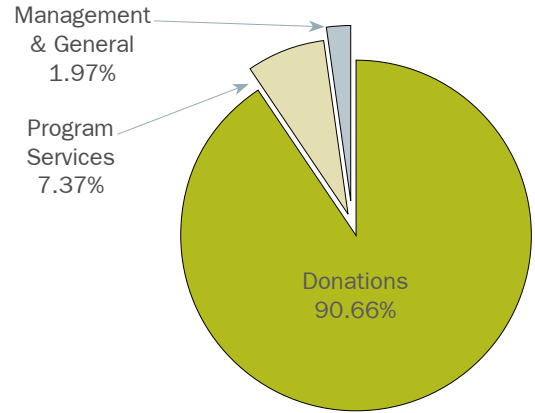
Support Service Programs:

- **Membership Drive Plan**
Designed to recruit new members and revenues for both the state and local organizations.
- **Educational Resources**
RLM provides timely educational and legislative materials.
- **Fundraising Projects**
RLM has initiated a series of seasonal fund raising projects to aid local groups. While raising funds for local activities, the message of life is spread throughout our state.
- **RLM Field Representative**
RLM field staff provide expertise and practical “how-to-do-it” advice to local groups. Field staff aid in the organization of new affiliate groups and are on call to travel to every affiliate to help when needed.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF MICHIGAN - FINANCIALS

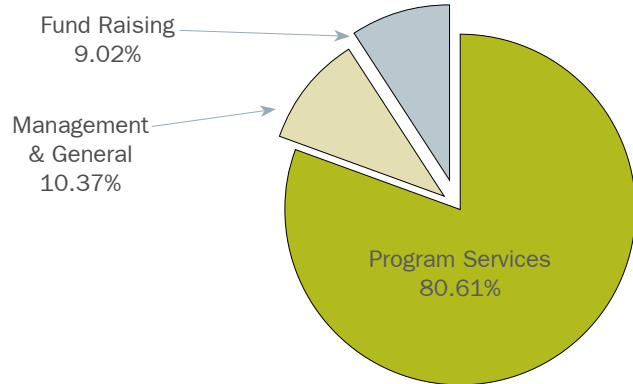
INCOME

Donations	\$1,728,150
Program Services	140,377
Management & General	37,566
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,906,093



EXPENSES

Program Services	\$1,524,375
Management & General	196,112
Fund Raising	170,678
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,891,165



THE EDUCATIONAL FUND

The Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund is the tax-deductible educational component. There are several aspects to Educational Fund activities.

SPEAKERS/ORATORY CONTEST

The Educational Fund provides interesting and informative speakers on life issues and also sponsors an annual statewide oratorical contest to encourage involvement in the prolife movement among high school students.

PROLIFE YOUTH AWARD

The Prolife Youth Award provides the opportunity for high school seniors to submit a prolife essay and highlight their prolife activities. A scholarship is awarded each year.

ADVERTISING

Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund was the first state prolife organization to use major media advertising. Television ads with prolife messages on the topics of abortion, adoption, euthanasia and human embryo research have been aired throughout all major markets in Michigan with proven results.

Along with Yellow Pages advertising allowing us to compete toe-to-toe with abortion providers across the state, the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund also employs a Google AdWords campaign. By using specific key words used for Internet search, RLM Educational Fund directs

young women to pregnancy assistance and those seeking educational information on life issues to the resources they need.

In order to provide competent pregnancy assistance, Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund has a successful relationship with TeenBreaks.com, an on-line resource effectively offering around-the-clock online help to women in crisis.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

The Educational Fund is responsible for the research and creation of educational materials on prolife topics. Educational materials come in the form of brochures, booklets, flyers/handouts, speaker training guides, PowerPoint presentations, posters, bumper stickers, messaging for billboards and other outdoor media and a variety of merchandise.

Lending libraries with books and DVDs are located in all 6 Right to Life of Michigan Educational Resource Centers.

MINORITY OUTREACH

The Educational Fund reaches out to the African-American and Hispanic communities with educational materials and presentations tailored to fit specific needs.

ADVOCATES FOR BETTER CARE

Advocates for Better Care (ABC) is a vital branch of the RLM Ed Fund. ABC seeks to articulate patients' rights by addressing the tough questions about appropriate and ethical care for incapacitated patients who are often unable to express their health care wishes. ABC provides brochures to answer questions about physician-assisted suicide, nutrition and hydration, living wills and durable power of attorneys.

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

The Legal Defense Fund defends legislation that protects those threatened by a quality of life ethic. It has been an advocate for life against lawsuits initiated by those who would place the rights of the unborn and parents of minors in jeopardy. It is a tax-deductible component of the RLM Educational Fund

ENDOWMENT FUND

The RLM Educational Fund has established a special Endowment Fund to help maintain its efforts. The Endowment Fund is governed by trustees approved by the RLM Board of Directors. The Endowment Fund allows the Educational Fund to plan for the future and ensures a strong prolife voice for future generations.

HERITAGE CIRCLE

In 2001, the Right to Life of Michigan Heritage Circle was established. Bestowing membership on donors who make a charitable planned gift to Right to Life of Michigan, the Heritage Circle celebrates gifts given through wills, trusts, insurance policies, retirement plans and other giving opportunities including endowment fund memorial gifts and specially named funds.

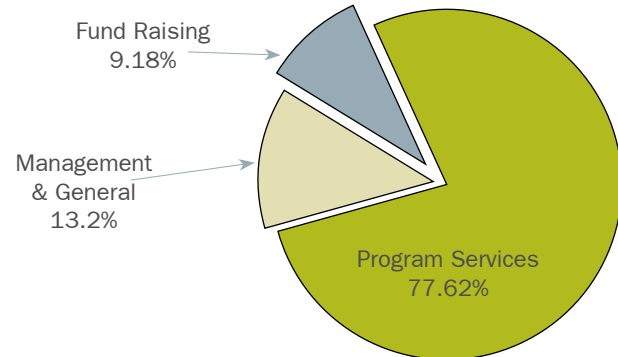
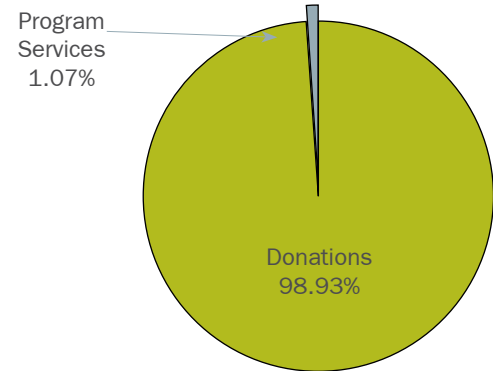
RLM EDUCATIONAL FUND - FINANCIALS

INCOME

Donations	\$1,450,260
Program Services	15,638
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,465,898

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$1,542,647
Management & General	262,414
Fund Raising	182,501
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,987,562





**We were all weak once.
We will all be weak again.
At these times we rely on others
to help us see our value.**

YEAR IN REVIEW

MICHIGAN STATISTICS

According to statistics from the Michigan Department of Community Health, the number of abortions performed in Michigan increased by 5.2% in 2008. According to the report, 25,970 abortions were performed during 2008, up from 24,683 in 2007.

The data from 2007 represents the lowest number of reported abortions in Michigan since reporting began in 1979. While the information for 2008 is disappointing because of the increase in abortions, the news is not surprising. Michigan has been hit hard economically which makes a decision for life more challenging for mothers experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

Right to Life of Michigan actively seeks opportunities to make Michigan a safer place for all human life. Supporting specific legislation is a means by which we can help women, save unborn children and protect innocent human life.

Ban on Research Using Aborted Fetal Tissue S.B. 829 would prohibit a researcher in Michigan from using any organs, tissue or cells taken from an aborted baby (technically, “embryo or fetus”). The ban does not include a baby lost by miscarriage.

Embryo Research & Fertility Clinic Transparency Act The citizens of Michigan voted to amend the state constitution to allow “leftover” embryos in fertility clinics to be donated for destructive research, with their parent’s

consent. The amendment comes with no definitions, no accountability and no penalties for violating the provisions set forth. This package of bills draws clear parameters around the research as promised by the proponents and voted on by the people.

Expand Definition of Individual S.B. 3 is a placeholder bill which will address the scientific and medical aspects of when human life begins. As written, S.B. 3 would amend MCL 8.3, which provides definitions and applications for all the rest of Michigan law, by adding section 3(x) which states, “The word ‘Individual’ shall be construed to mean a natural person and to include a fetus.” This would add an unborn fetus, beginning the eighth week after conception through birth, to the definition of an ‘individual.’

Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act S.B. 147, 148 and H.B. 4212, 4213 make it a felony when a physician or any other individual performs a partial birth abortion, except to save the life of the mother, or if the mother's life is "endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury."

This bill will charge a physician or authorized staff who performs a PBA and kills a human baby while it is being born, with a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two years or a fine of not more than \$50,000 or both.

This bill is to coincide with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling which upheld the Partial Birth Abortion Ban, *Gonzales v. Carhart* on April 18, 2007. Having a state law in place is necessary to provide for responsive enforcement, instead of having to rely on federal enforcement whose resources are overextended.

Adoption Equity H.B. 4470 requires employers who provide leave with pay for an employee after the birth of a child to also provide the same benefit for an employee who adopts a child at birth up to 12 months of age.

Abortion Reporting – Hispanic Ethnicity

H.B. 4406 closes a gap in the current abortion reporting law by adding a check-off box for those with "Hispanic" ethnicity to the report. Hispanics are now the largest minority group but have gone unnoticed on the report, since it is considered an "ethnicity" and not a "race." It is very important to add this demographic in order to acquire accurate data to track Hispanic abortions. This information will be invaluable when discussing how to reduce the rate of abortions in the Latino community.

Coercive Abortion Prevention Act (CAPA)

Research has been compiled documenting that many women feel

forced by others to have an abortion against their will. It stands that 64% of post abortive women felt 'pressured' to abort and 8 out of 10 women would have had their baby if someone had supported them in their decision. The intent of H.B. 4525, 4526, 5411 is to prevent coercion, especially from escalating into physical violence or even murder, which is the leading cause of death among pregnant women. These bills will give women the legal backing they need to stand up to their boyfriends, husbands, parents or someone else in authority who may be coercing them to abort.

Studies reveal that there is a correlation between domestic violence and abortion patients. Studies also show that those women who have a history of sexual or physical abuse also have a higher rate of repeat abortions. The repeat abortion rate in Michigan was 48% in 2007.

Employee Accommodation Act

H.B. 4850 and S.B. 499 require an employer to make work duty accommodations if an employee asserts a conscientious objection to participating in certain medical procedures or research. Currently, the only medical procedure for which a health care worker or health institution may refuse to participate in is abortion. This bill would protect health care providers and institutions with regard to any medical procedure or research that violates their deeply held religious or moral beliefs, including situations involving embryo research, cloning or genetic manipulation, withdrawing medical treatment or nutrition, dispensing abortion pills or morning after pills, etc.

“Choose Life” License Plate H.B. 5135 authorizes the Secretary of State to design and issue a “Choose Life” fund-raising license plate. These plates would be available for purchase along with other specialty plates. Money from the sale of

the plates will be deposited into a fund created within the state treasury. On a quarterly basis, money will be dispersed in equal parts to the Pregnant and Parenting Student Services Fund and the Ultrasound Equipment Fund.

Cord Blood Donation Options - Informed Consent

H.B. 5507 requires the physician or primary care provider to inform a pregnant woman, who is in her second trimester, of the options available to donate the umbilical cord blood after the birth of her child. The woman may choose to have the stem cells discarded, donated to a public donor bank or stored for personal and family use in a private bank. There may be collection, processing and storage costs involved in private banking of the cord blood. There is a provision in the bill for a health professional to opt out for religious beliefs.

Ban on Gender-Based Abortions H.B. 5125, S.B. 799 prohibit a physician

from intentionally performing an abortion, knowing that the pregnant woman is seeking the abortion based on the gender of her unborn baby. The ‘choice’ to abort ought not be made on gender preference.

Physicians would be prohibited from performing an abortion if aware that the woman is being forced by another to seek the abortion against her will. H.B. 5125 is therefore tie-barred to H.B. 4525, the Coercive Abortion Prevention Act, meaning that one bill cannot be enacted without the other.

For more information on Right to Life of Michigan supported pending state legislation, please visit our website at www.rtl.org and click on the legislation links.

YELLOW PAGES OUTREACH

Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund has placed full color ads in AT&T Yellow Pages books in major cities throughout the state. These ads are placed next to the ads of abortion providers.

INTERNET OUTREACH

In January of 2009, Right to Life of Michigan unveiled its newly designed website, www.rtl.org. Complete with an updated look and layout, the new site offers visitors a more in-depth look at the entire site from the links and setup of the front page.

Social Networking

Right to Life of Michigan is active on both MySpace and Facebook offering friends and fans information on prevalent pro-life topics, pro-life events and a place to communicate with other proliferers. More recently, Right to Life of Michigan began using twitter. Tweets include links to important pro-life information, news stories and videos.

INTERNET ADVERTISING

Along with Yellow Pages, Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund competes with abortion providers online as well. Using Google Adwords, top search results are purchased for words we choose like “abortion,” “teen pregnancy,” “fetal development,” “stem cells,” etc. Depending upon the search word, visitors are directed to the appropriate online resource.

Women experiencing an unplanned/untimely pregnancy are directed to a pro-life website called Teenbreaks.com. Key words indicating a search for pro-life educational information or research will yield the Right to Life of Michigan’s website, www.rtl.org, as the result of the search. And those seeking information about human embryo research are directed to stemcellresearchcures.com. This campaign has brought, on average, more than 3,000 Internet users per month to the three websites.

MINORITY OUTREACH

In 2008, African-American women received 45.4% of Michigan’s abortions even though they represented only 16.5% of the state’s female population. Over the past 30 years, abortion has taken more African-American lives than crime, accidents, cancer, heart disease and AIDS put together.

“The Life of a People” educational presentation has been an invaluable tool allowing us to share information one-on-one with small groups or with entire church congregations. We are proud to now have important allies who help us share our life-affirming message, direct us toward educational resource opportunities in the metro Detroit area and help support events in the city to specifically raise money for and awareness of Right to Life of Michigan’s minority outreach work.

On a national level, African-American and Hispanic women account for 52% of all abortions in the United States. Fol-

EMBRYO RESEARCH

Following on the heels of our African-American outreach model, Right to Life of Michigan created “Para Que Sepamos” (So We Can Know), specifically designed for educational presentations within the Hispanic/Latino community in Michigan. RLM now offers several brochures, fliers and posters in both Spanish and English. These materials are also available for free download from the Right to Life of Michigan website, www.rtl.org.

In 2008, Right to Life of Michigan worked tirelessly as part of a coalition of Michigan citizens who joined together against unrestricted experimentation on live human embryos. MiCAUSE, Michigan Citizens Against Unrestricted Science and Experimentation, was put into place to provide accurate information so citizens could be informed about the November 2008 state-wide ballot proposal.

A slim majority of Michigan voters passed Proposal 2 which amended the state constitution to allow “leftover” embryos in fertility clinics to be donated for destructive research, with their parent’s consent. The amendment comes with no definitions, no accountability and no penalties for violating the provisions set forth.

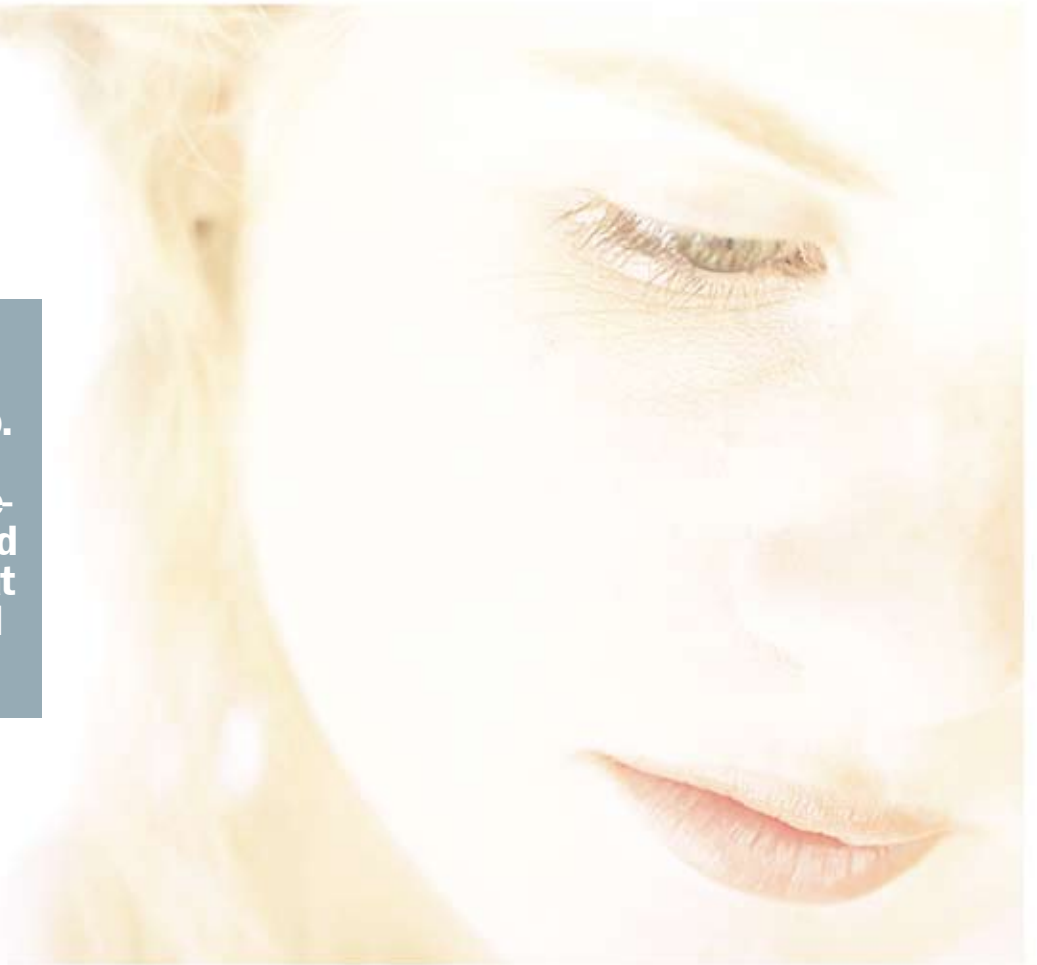
Right to Life of Michigan supports a bipartisan package of bills introduced in June 2009 which draw clear parameters around this research as promised by the proponents and voted on by the people.

Despite the passage of Proposal 2, Right to Life of Michigan will continue to fight any measures to expand further the destruction of human life in the name of research. Right to Life of Michigan continues to support ethical and proven stem cell research that today is benefiting those who are ill and suffering.

Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund also continues updating and publicizing its website, StemCellResearchCures.com to provide educational information about stem cell and human embryo research. This specialty site provides truthful information about this emotional issue and spells out the difference between embryonic and adult stem cells and the potential for cures.

Educational materials have been created and distributed including a booklet providing responses to commonly heard arguments in favor of embryonic stem cell research and a brochure to help general audiences understand the issue.

We are convinced that death is not a solution to suffering or hardship. Instead, we strive for a time when positive life-giving options are found for difficult situations at both the beginning and end of life.



AFFILIATE GROUPS

Albion Right to Life
 Alcona Right to Life
 Alger County Right to Life
 Alpena Right to Life
 Antrim-Charlevoix County
 Right to Life
 Arenac County Right to Life
 Barry County Right to Life
 Battle Creek Right to Life
 Bay County Right to Life
 Berrien County Right to Life
 Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills
 Right to Life
 Branch County Right to Life
 Byron Center Right to Life
 Caledonia/Middleville
 Right to Life
 Carson City Right to Life
 Cass County Right to Life

Central Macomb Right to Life
 Central Michigan Right to Life
 Central Oakland Right to Life
 Cheboygan County Right to Life
 Chippewa County Right to Life
 Clare County Right to Life
 Clinton County Right to Life
 Crawford County Right Life
 Dearborn Area Right to Life
 Delta County Right to Life
 Dickinson County Right to Life
 Eaton County Right to Life
 Emmet County Right to Life
 Flat River Right to Life
 Fowler Right to Life
 Gaylord Right to Life
 Gladwin County Right to Life
 Grand Ledge Right to Life
 Grand Rapids Right to Life

Grand Traverse Area
 Right to Life
 Greater Lansing Right to Life
 Grosse Pte/Harper Woods
 Right to Life
 Hale Area Right to Life
 Hillsdale Right to Life
 Holland Right to Life
 Huron County Right to Life
 Ionia Area Right to Life
 Iosco County Right to Life
 Iron County Right to Life
 Jackson County Right to Life
 Kalamazoo Right to Life
 Kalkaska Right to Life
 Lakes Area Right to Life
 Lapeer County Right to Life
 Lenawee County Right to Life
 Lincoln Park Right to Life

Livingston County Right to Life
 Livonia Area Right to Life
 Manistee County Right to Life
 Marshall Right to Life
 Mason Area Right to Life
 Mason County Right to Life
 Mecosta County Right to Life
 Midland Right to Life
 Monroe County Right to Life
 Montmorency County
 Right to Life
 Muskegon County Right to Life
 Newaygo County Right to Life
 North Allegan Right to Life
 North Kent Right to Life
 North Oakland Right to Life
 North Woodward Right to Life
 Northwest Macomb Right to Life
 Northwest Metro Right to Life

Novi-Northville Right to Life	Spring Arbor Right to Life	Cornerstone University SFL
Oscoda Right to Life	Taylor Right to Life	Ferris State University SFL
Portland Right to Life	Tri-Cities Right to Life (Grand	Grand Valley University SFL
Presque Isle Right to Life	Haven, Spring Lake,	Hillsdale SFL
Right to Life of Michigan Affiliate	Ferrysburg)	Hope College SFL
of Genesee County	Tuscola County Right to Life	Kalamazoo College SFL
Riverview Area Right to Life	VanBuren County Right to Life	Madonna University SFL
Roscommon County Right to Life	Warren/Centerline Right to Life	Michigan State University SFL
Saginaw County Right to Life	Washtenaw County Right to Life	Oakland University SFL
St. Clair County Right to Life	Wexford-Missaukee Right to Life	Saginaw Valley SFL
St. Ignace Right to Life	Wyandotte Right to Life	University of Michigan SFL
St. Joseph County Right to Life		Wayne State University SFL
Sanilac County Right to Life	MICHIGAN PROLIFE	Western Michigan University SFL
Shiawassee County Right to Life	UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGE	
South Allegan County	STUDENT GROUPS	
Right to Life	Adrian College SFL	
South Lyon Right to Life	Aquinas College SFL	
Southeast Macomb Right to Life	Ave Marie School of Law SFL	
Southern Downriver Right to Life	Calvin College SFL	
Southgate Right to Life	Central Michigan SFL	

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**We are the optimists who
face life's difficulties with
positive solutions.**



Consistently, Right to Life of Michigan and its affiliates work peacefully through the democratic process to reach our goal:
The end of violence within abortion clinic walls.

We are a peaceful movement. We have always opposed and continue to oppose actions that are contrary to the law.