

The
story of
**Right
to Life**

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[CLICK] This is a story about relationships. And, as such,

[CLICK] it's a story about us all. It's as broad as the human journey, for it is woven into the fabric of our deepest issues. Human rights, preventing violence, child abuse and caring for the terminally ill are all spokes of the same wheel. And at the center of this wheel is the respect for human life.



[CLICK] Respect for life is defined by how the strong treat the weak.



[CLICK] In truth, we were all weak once,

[CLICK] and we will all be weak again.



[CLICK] Unfortunately, many in our society have accepted the idea that some human beings are burdens and that other human beings are disposable.

The Need for Right to Life



[CLICK] On January 22, 1973, seven of the nine justices on the United States Supreme Court disregarded prior legal traditions, overwhelming biological evidence and ethical tradition to strike down the abortion laws in all 50 states. Their action made abortion on demand, at every stage of pregnancy, legal throughout our country.



[CLICK] The consequences to Roe v. Wade are many.

[CLICK] More than 1 million unborn children are killed every year by abortion.

[CLICK] Thousands of women are wounded physically, spiritually and/or emotionally.

[CLICK] Abortion becomes society's solution to unplanned pregnancies.



[CLICK] But killing innocent human beings can never be a proper solution to our problems.

[CLICK] **Precious and Irreplaceable**



[CLICK] Beating. The heart of an unborn child starts beating 22 days after conception.

[CLICK] Seeing. The eyes begin to develop in the 4th week after conception.

[CLICK] Feeling. Only six weeks after conception, the child begins to hiccup and move spontaneously.

[CLICK] From the moment of conception, a new human life has begun, growing in the way that each of us grew, appearing as each one of us appeared. The story of life is an exceptional tale which is too often ended far too early.

[CLICK] **Right to Life of Michigan: Who We Are**



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.

[CLICK] We are a volunteer, non-profit organization composed of grassroots people of different political persuasions,



[CLICK] various faiths and diverse economic, social and ethnic backgrounds.

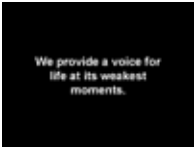


[CLICK] Right to Life of Michigan is made up of everyday people from all walks of life.





[CLICK] We come together to restore legal protection to those members of our human family who are threatened by abortion, infanticide or assisted suicide. Though we are diverse, we hold one common belief: that every human being has an inalienable right to life.



[CLICK] We provide a voice for life at its weakest moments: when we are getting ready to be born and when we are getting ready to die.



[CLICK] Each human life deserves absolute protection under the laws that govern our society. No one can place a dollar value on an individual life, much less estimate the effects of the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives each year.

The Purpose of Right to Life of Michigan

Right to Life of Michigan’s efforts to be the voice, hands and feet of defenseless human beings take many forms.



[CLICK] Educating about the value of every human life is our greatest challenge. By impacting public opinion we can help restore protection for all human life. From county to county, town to town and person to person, we work to educate others about the value of life before, during and after pregnancy.



[CLICK] 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.

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.



[CLICK] We stopped the state from using your hard-earned dollars to pay for someone else’s “choice,” banning tax-funded abortions in Michigan in 1988 by state-wide referendum. The next year, the number of annual abortions performed in Michigan dropped by more than 10,000.



[CLICK] We protected your little girl and at the same time restored your rights as a parent. Educational efforts along with additional legislation restricting abortion (including parental consent, informed consent, abortion clinic regulations, ultrasound viewing option, etc.) have helped to lower the number of abortions performed in Michigan by about 50 percent from the peak year in 1987.



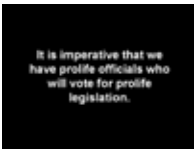
[CLICK] We make Michigan a safer place for babies being born and also for those facing the end of life.



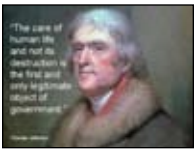
[CLICK] We were all weak once, and we will all be weak again. At these times we learn to rely on others to help us see our value.



[CLICK] Right to Life of Michigan takes a stand for compassionate care. Prolife people worked to outlaw assisted suicide first by legislation and then by soundly defeating Proposal B in 1998. Proposal B would have legalized assisted suicide in Michigan.



[CLICK] Involvement in the political arena, through Right to Life of Michigan Federal and State Political Action Committees, is imperative in electing prolife officials who will vote for prolife legislation.



[CLICK] “The care of human life and not its destruction is the first and only legitimate object of government,” said Thomas Jefferson.

The path we have chosen is not an easy one. We are funded solely by private donations. We are not affiliated with any church or political party.



[CLICK] Nearly four decades of abortion on demand have allowed our government and society to fail in their duty to provide life-affirming alternatives to mothers in crisis. We have failed by not providing hope. Women do not desire abortion; yet every year more than a million women put themselves through this procedure because no other options seemed viable. Abortion can only seem plausible when giving birth seems impossible. Abortion relies on a lack of hope for the future.



[CLICK] Abortion is a bankrupt choice. The worth of a woman cannot be characterized by choice, freedom or privacy when in reality abortion offends each woman.

Our work continues, each day.



[CLICK] At each point in history when mass groups of the vulnerable were threatened, someone finally stood up and stood firm against it. Please stand with us.

Be Part of the Right to Life Story

Join your local Right to Life of Michigan prolife group.



[CLICK] The strength of Right to Life of Michigan lies in our ability to change hearts and minds in local communities. Local prolife groups do a variety of work to raise awareness about prolife issues in their community. We view the circumstance of a difficult pregnancy as the opportunity to share our financial resources, our concern and our companionship with the mother in need.



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