

## New York and the Harsh Reality of the Pro-Abortion Mindset

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When New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the abhorrent “Reproductive Health Act” into law last week, he heralded the new mandate as the “most aggressive” abortion law in the country.

“Aggressive” is the right word.

Legalizing abortion for practically any reason up to birth, the law allows 9-month-old babies to be lethally injected in the head or heart and delivered dead days later. Frightful as that is—aggressive as that is—it is exactly how a third-trimester abortion is carried out in modern-day America.

And unfortunately, the law doesn’t stop there. It even removes protections for unborn babies killed in an act of homicide.

This is what the New York Senate applauded on January 22. This is why the spire of the One World Trade Center was emblazoned pink.

Try as they might to defend this new law under the mantle of “choice,” this celebratory mindset is unmistakably

“pro-abortion,” a label many abortion defenders shirk from because its cold truth doesn’t resonate with middle America.

Although many will insist that no one is pro-abortion, the euphemism “pro-choice” won’t fly here.

**Tweet This:** “Although many will insist that no one is pro-abortion, the euphemism #prochoice won’t fly here.”

Cuomo and abortion advocates in the state legislature forfeited that

on social media. He even received death threats. His simple, articulate assessment of the immoral law went like this:

*I want to clear something up so that there is absolutely no doubt.*

*I’m a Board-Certified OB/GYN who has delivered over 2,500 babies.*

*There’s not a single fetal or maternal condition that requires third trimester abortion. Not one. Delivery, yes. Abortion, no.*



by the self-proclaimed defenders of women’s choice.

The vilification of Dr. Hamada and other pro-life care providers shows just how extreme abortion advocates have become. They won’t even entertain a medical expert’s well-reasoned opinion if it preserves or honors life in any way.

It’s no wonder that the New York law allows non-physicians to perform abortions. With brave critics like Hamada shredding their horrid justifications for late-term abortions, the abortion lobby needs as many co-conspirators as they can get.

But even as activists hound Hamada, women themselves are speaking up. Countless pictures of courageous mothers and tiny babies have proliferated online as women tell their stories of preterm delivery and harrowing battles with maternal conditions such as cancer. These stories are stories of empowerment. Stories of hope. Stories of compassion for the smallest and weakest among us. And that’s why they’ve been shared tens of thousands of times over the last week.

As states like Rhode Island, Vermont, and New make moves to copy New York’s nightmarish new policy, stories like these and opinions like Hamada’s should remind us all of how terribly regressive this aggressively pro-abortion agenda truly is.

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moniker long ago. Just last summer, he and his allies went so far as to malign the state’s 100-plus pro-life pregnancy help centers—life-affirming, charitable alternatives that offer women other choices than the brutality and heartbreak of abortion.

At the behest of the abortion lobby, assembly members introduced a bill targeting these centers with bogus investigations, and Cuomo launched a public awareness campaign specifically designed to undermine these centers’ life-saving efforts.

These actions are undeniably, aggressively pro-abortion, and as the news of this most recent, odious law spreads, the world is bearing witness to that truth.

Physicians are speaking out, and abortion activists are turning to their same angry, deceitful tactics to silence them.

One OB-GYN, Omar Hamada, received hysterical backlash from abortion activists after he deconstructed the supposed “necessity” of late-term abortion

There is absolutely no medical reason to kill a near term or term infant. For any reason.

Since then, his post has been shared nearly 40,000 times on Facebook and 92,000 times on Twitter. Now, the attack dogs are trying to decimate his career, posting fake reviews online, just as they’ve done to pro-life pregnancy centers across the country over the last few years.

Notice that like pro-life pregnancy centers, Hamada offered a compassionate, moral alternative to killing an innocent child: Delivery. And yet that alternative—that choice—wasn’t good enough for the pro-abortion mob.

It never is.

Consider Abortion Pill Reversal, a safe and effective treatment that hundreds of women have used to stop their in-progress chemical abortions. Over 500 babies have been born thanks to this life-saving choice, but the abortion lobby has smeared it as “junk science.” Imagine that: Yet another option derided and dismissed

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## From the President



### *The Will to Live at the End of Life*

Dear Friends,

In West Virginia, the law contains an extensive section describing your ability to sign documents that direct health care personnel on what kind of treatment you want at the end of your life. When you enter a hospital, you are asked to provide such documents. You need to understand what these documents will do; and you need to protect yourself from signing away your actual intentions for your end of life care.

There are two general categories of documents. A medical power of attorney is a document that gives legal power to a person of your choice to make medical decisions for you if you should become incapacitated at the end of life. It is important that you make this choice for yourself, otherwise a judge may end up choosing someone to fill that role.

A second type of document is what is referred to as a Living Will. It poses a problem because this type of document uses terms which the ordinary, untrained person will interpret differently than the way the same term is used in technical, legal language.

For instance, a Living Will generally recommends against providing “extraordinary treatment.” Most people are inclined to say that they wouldn’t want to receive “extraordinary treatment” if they were in a terminal condition. The problem is that what might appear to be ordinary care to most people might come under the category of “extraordinary care” when used by the hospital system. Most people, for example, assume that provision of food and fluids is virtually always considered ordinary care. However, if your illness makes it difficult for you to feed yourself in the ordinary way, and you require a feeding tube, your provision of food and fluids suddenly becomes “extraordinary care” under legal policies governing hospital regulations with living wills in place. Specifying that you do not want to receive “extraordinary treatment” in a Living Will document *will most likely be interpreted as a demand from you not to be given food and fluids through a feeding tube when you have trouble feeding yourself.* The average American would never expect food and fluids to be considered “extraordinary.”

However, this is not the only way in which language is misused in the Living Will context. Another example has to do with the use of the term “terminal” when discussing the terminal state of an illness. Most Americans assume that “terminal” means that a person is immanently dying, having exhausted all options for medical intervention. But “terminal” is increasingly equated with “irreversible,” meaning that a condition cannot be cured or reversed. But when a condition cannot be cured, it does not mean that you will die soon. There are millions of people suffering from chronic diseases that cannot be cured, but because of modern medicines, they might nevertheless live on for many more decades.

Now, because “irreversible” has been broadened

to include “irreversible *conditions*,” it is a euphemism for anything that can be considered a “permanent disability.” A paraplegic in a wheelchair, a blind person requiring special lenses, a diabetic on insulin—these are all examples of the many individuals who fall under the category of having irreversible conditions. Indeed, strictly speaking, being alive is a terminal condition; because eventually we will all die.

The Robert Powell Center for Medical Ethics at the National Right to Life Committee opposes the so-called Living Wills because of the vagueness of the language in these documents, and the way in which their seemingly harmless terms are open to a variety of interpretations—interpretations that could cause denial of treatment far beyond the intent of those who sign them. It seems more rational to sign documents that say you want to be treated and then specify those items that you don’t want. Rather than a Living Will, most of us who value life would rather sign a Will to Live. The Robert Powell Center for Medical Ethics has prepared Will-to-Live documents tailored to each state’s laws, and these documents include the provision for your medical power of attorney.

It is important to understand that there is a difference between a statement of principle and a legal document. A legal document provides specific directions, as defined by law that can guide specific actions. It helps to look at this from a more ordinary perspective. We can agree on the principle that an employee should receive a “just wage.” We can agree with our employer that we ought to be paid a “just wage.” However, none of us would agree to an employment contract that simply stated we would receive a “just wage.” We expect the contract to provide a specific amount.

Similarly, with an advanced directive, it is not enough to say that we do want to receive “ordinary medical care.” We need to specify exactly what we want in terms that have specific legal power to protect us. The Will to Live (in contrast to run-of-the-mill “Living Wills”) is a document that begins with the presumption for life. It calls on the medical establishment to provide medical care, unless the patient requests special conditions related to individual medical needs, which are outlined in the document.

The bottom line is this: If you are someone who doesn’t want medical technology to prolong your last hours, but who also doesn’t want to be starved to death like Terri Schiavo or allowed to die just because you have a disability, your wishes will be far more likely to be respected if you sign a properly prepared Will to Live than if you sign a so-called Living Will. **You** can obtain a copy of West Virginia’s *Will to Live* by going to our website at [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org) and clicking on “End of Life Issues.”

*Wanda Franz, Ph.D.*

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# Current Legislation in the 2019 Session

by Wanda Franz, Ph.D,  
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SB 642 – A Bill to Provide Options in Living Wills and Combined Power of Attorney Living Wills.

This legislation tackles the specific issue of the provision of nutrition and hydration to patients who have been judged by one physician to be in a terminal condition or in a persistent vegetative state. West Virginia law a present includes model language for Living Wills that are generally used by most medical facilities in the state. These current Living Wills do not make clear that, when signers of these documents ask that medical treatment be removed, it includes the removal of food and water provided intravenously or by feeding tube.

Our legislation corrects this dangerous possibility of confusion. It will provide clear choices on the Living Will form for the patient to indicate whether artificially-provided food and fluids are desired or noted, unless the body is unable to assimilate them or the provision of the food and fluids becomes excessively burdensome to the patient. The removal of these basic necessities of life will hasten or even cause the death of the patient.

- SB 642 will improve the language in the Living Will.
- SB 642 will prevent the inadvertent starvation and dehydration of patients.
- SB 642 will promote patient autonomy and ensure informed consent.

Please contact your legislators to ask them to vote for SB 642. Use the listing of State Senators and Delegates online at <https://www2.wvforlife.org/legislation-political/>.



*Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is on board with SB 642. He is seen here with WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. and Legislative Coordinator Mary Tillman, J.D. after discussing the fact sheet in foreground.*

## For Next Year in the 2020 Legislative Session: The Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act.

West Virginians for Life will work to develop a bill for introduction in the 2020 legislature. We want to put a non-discrimination clause in our state law to protect the elderly, disabled and sick West Virginians from receiving treatment that would not otherwise be given to younger, healthier individuals.

Please sign our petition online at <https://www2.wvforlife.org/call-to-action/> so we can let your legislators know that you support this bill. Petitions will be presented at the Rally for Life in Charleston during the 2020 Legislative Session.

*Thanks to these Legislators  
for sponsoring the Rally  
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*200 lanyards were given away to the first attendees to register at annual Pro-Life Rally Day on February 18. At press time, it was too late to get photos submitted from the Rally. Those will appear in the next issue of Life Matters.*

# Anti-Euthanasia Activist Alex Schadenberg to Keynote 21st Annual Rose Dinner

Alex Schadenberg will keynote the 21st Annual Rose Dinner on Thursday, April 4, at the Holiday Inn, Pineview Drive, in Morgantown.

Schadenberg has been the Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) since July 1999 and became the International Chairperson in 2007. EPC's goal is to build a well-informed, broadly based membership of groups and individuals in order to establish an effective social barrier to euthanasia and assisted suicide. EPC is based in Canada, and is working to launch EPC-USA in May in Washington, DC. EPC-International, which has standing at the UN, has member groups in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Ireland. EPC has organized numerous international symposiums on euthanasia and assisted suicide, drawing attention to this world-wide epidemic.

Alex has had articles published in newspapers world-wide and has the world's most widely read blog on issues related to euthanasia and assisted suicide ([www.alexschadenberg.blogspot.com](http://www.alexschadenberg.blogspot.com)). Alex has become known as the definitive source of information on issues related to euthanasia and assisted suicide as seen in his book entitled, *Exposing Vulnerable People to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide*. He is currently working on a book featuring the best articles on euthanasia and assisted suicide. EPC's video entitled, "Turning the Tide," sold more than 1800 copies since 2007.

Alex is also a world renowned speaker and has spoken throughout Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Scotland, Switzerland, Belgium, and Italy. Alex has debated euthanasia enthusiasts Jan



Bernheim, Wanda Morris, and Udo Schuklenk.

Alex works with many other groups to establish an effective world-wide opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide, such as: HOPE Australia, TAS, Choice is an Illusion, and the Care Not Killing Alliance.

EPC released *The Euthanasia Deception* in September 2016, a documentary containing stories of people with personal experiences with euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Most recently release in May of 2018 was *Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death*, a film that reveals the flaws in

assisted death laws around the world.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition currently has more than 4700 members, almost 13,000 followers on Facebook and 23,000 email contacts.

Alex is married to Susan and they have six children.

## FATAL FLAWS TO BE SHOWN THE NEXT EVENING

An added bonus this year is the showing of the 80 minute documentary *Fatal Flaws* on Friday, April 5. Schadenberg is co-Executive Producer of the movie. It will be shown in its entirety at Covenant Evangelical Methodist Church, 802 Green Bag Road, Morgantown at 6:30 p.m.

No admission will be charged, but a freewill offering will be collected to be split between Schadenberg and West Virginians for Life. Because of limited seating, please let WVFL know if you plan to attend the showing of *Fatal Flaws* by either emailing [info@wvforlife.org](mailto:info@wvforlife.org) or calling 304-594-9845.



Use the clipout below to register for the April 4 dinner.

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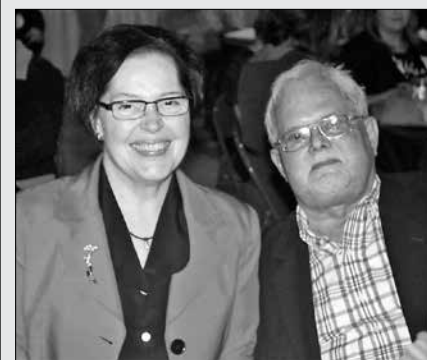


Photo from the 2013  
State Pro-Life Convention

Gunter was a beloved  
figure by the WVFL Staff  
and all who knew him.

His numerous  
contributions to the  
pro-life movement  
will be very much missed.



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# MARCH for LIFE

## 2019

by Dana Leech

The theme of the march this year was “Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science.” Jeanne Mancini, President of The March for Life organization, explained the reasoning behind this year’s theme like this, “Science is behind the pro-life movement. We see that medical and technological advancements always affirm the pro-life movement, for example. DNA is present at fertilization and no fingerprint on earth, past, present or future, is the same. We know, too, a baby’s heart beats at just six weeks and we can distinctly observe it ourselves with ultrasound technology. As science progresses, we see clearly that every life is unique from day one in the womb.”

On Friday, January 18, our able and experienced bus captains, Donna and Chris Kolanko, graced our 45-member group with a prayer and we were off at 4:00 a.m. sharp.

By 9:30 a.m., we were parked in Washington D.C. and heading to the Rayburn Building for a meeting with representatives from the offices of Senators Shelly Capito and Joe

***“An estimated 600,000 people attended this year, including a large number of pro-life youth.”***

Manchin, as well as Congresspeople David McKinley, Alex Mooney and Carol Miller. Our congressional representatives were not available in person due to the government shutdown. National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross led the meeting. Ms. Cross discussed the passage of Amendment 1 and proposed West Virginia legislation, the Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act. Attendees, including Louise Deal, Mary Tillman, Pam Iaquina and Pastor Sean Wightman, had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments following each representative’s presentation.

Our group then proceeded to the National Mall for the Rally which featured a variety of speakers including Ben Shapiro, editor-in-chief of The Daily Wire, Abby Johnson, founder of And Then There Were None and Dr.



*Mon County Chapter Secretary Dana Leech “facetime” her mother from the March for Life. Raised in a pro-life household, this had to make Dana’s mother happy.*

Alveda King, director of Civil Rights for the Unborn. Attendees were also honored with a surprise appearance by Vice President and Mrs. Pence who spoke to the crowd and introduced a video message from President Trump. The President, in his video message, promised to veto any legislation reaching his desk “that weakens the protection of human life.”

The actual march down Constitution Avenue commenced a bit late due to the large turnout. An estimated 600,000 people attended this year, including a large number of pro-life youth. While

waiting for the march to begin, we met some people from Syracuse, NY and a group of students from Biloxi, MS.

Our group left the march at 2:30 p.m. to return to the bus so that we could get on the road ahead of traffic. We stopped briefly on the ride home and were safely back in Morgantown by 8:30 p.m.

The trip was perfectly timed. Donna Kolanko updated our group during the bus ride on key legislation and related activities that West Virginians for Life is planning. We were blessed with mild, dry weather and a safe journey. It was a beautiful day to bond with a wonderful group of people. We especially enjoyed having some of the most seasoned marchers in our bus group: Bill Heffern (84 years of age and his 45th March for Life!), and J.W. Boyle (94 years of age). Many thanks to those who attended and financially supported our trip! (see photos on pages 6-7)

## Hope Springs from March for Life

by Dana Leech

On January 18, as our chartered bus rolled out of the Morgantown Sears parking lot at 4:00 a.m., it occurred to me that this was my first March for Life in over 35 years. Growing up in Greensburg, PA, I had the blessing of having a pro-life mother who taught me the truth about Roe v. Wade and gave me a nudge every January to attend the March. Memories of previous marches with Catholic high school friends flooded my mind: singing spiritual songs, shouting pro-life chants, cheering at the rallies, consuming vast amounts of junk food on the bus... feeling confident that our efforts would be rewarded eventually with the repeal of Roe v. Wade.

Now, years later, I was back on that bus as a wife, a mother of six, and a recent grandmother. Those years have been busy for the Pro-Life Movement as well. There have been pro-life victories, particularly at the state level, as well as defeats.

A victory will sometimes be answered with a disappointment, as the enemy struggles to claim more victims for abortion. Roe v. Wade remains the law of the land, the holocaust of little souls continues, but the pro-life movement pushes on.

Having rejoined the cause of life a few years ago as a chapter member of West Virginians for Life, I admit it can sometimes be discouraging. Victories, such as the passage of Amendment 1 in West Virginia (Yay!), come with plenty of explicative-laced phone messages at our chapter office, challenging fund-raising efforts for our politically incorrect cause, and lackluster support from many religious leaders, including some Catholic priests.

But there is hope for the weary. The 2019 March for Life in Washington D.C. provided plenty of opportunities for pro-life sisters and brothers to be heard, energized and inspired. The crowds numbered close to 600,000, according to some reports. Speakers Ben Shapiro, Abby Johnson and Vice-President Mike Pence lifted spirits with messages of truth, support and encouragement. Attendees came from all over the country and were truly some of the kindest and most respectful people one could hope to meet. What really provided so many of us hope for the future of this movement, though, was the overwhelming participation of youth in the march.

There were high school and college students everywhere, and they were vocal. Some were even wearing matching knit caps (not shaped like body parts) in various school colors and they were fired up. Their energy was palpable and infectious. What is causing this surge in youthful support isn’t “rocket science,” it’s simply science and education.

Ben Shapiro, speaking to the theme of the March for Life 2019, “Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science,” told Shannon Bream in an interview with Fox News, “The truth is, the real momentum in the pro-life movement is about young people who have seen 3D and 4D ultrasounds and who have actually seen the pictures.” Science is proving to the young that unborn babies aren’t just a blob of tissue. The sonogram pictures are getting better and they tell a much different story.

In addition, pro-life organizations like Students for Life of America are having a tremendous impact on youth. SFLA is a national organization that focuses on educating and organizing school students from middle school to graduate school on life issues. According to their website, they have trained 44,223 students, created 1,031 groups, and operate in 49 states. Thanks to SFLA, pro-life organizations are popping up in schools and on campuses everywhere and they are active.

So, seasoned pro-life warriors, help is coming. The fact that so many victims have been claimed by abortion, both mentally and physically, since Roe v. Wade, has challenged our mission. However, as proclaimed in this year’s March for Life, scientific and technological advances are helping to create a new breed of youth that are armed with the truth and willing to do battle from their schools to their state capitols, all the way to Washington D.C. They are The Pro-Life Generation and they are on fire!



*These Mason County teens rode the Morgantown bus to D.C. Pictured are Trenton Wamsley, Jonny Porter, Cassie Adkins, Teshia Porter and Alex Hill.*





January 18, 2019



National Right to Life Political Director and WVFL Political Liaison Karen Cross led the congressional meeting in the Rayburn Building prior to the March for Life Rally.



Seven staffers, left and below, from the offices of Senators Shelley Capito and Joe Manchin as well as aides from Representatives David McKinley, Alex Mooney and Carol Miller addressed the crowd and entertained questions.



Bus co-captain Chris Kolanko conversed with one of the Manchin aides.



Gilda Williamson and husband Rev. Dr. Ed Williamson get a quick photo with NRL Political Director Karen Cross who led them on a tour at National Right to Life headquarters following the meeting.



Pastor Sean Wightman made comment during that portion of the meeting.



WVFL Vice-President Mary Tillman directed comments at the Manchin aides in an attempt to educate them on the dangers of Planned Parenthood.



Ready to get on the way to the big rally are L to R: Robert Pauley, J. W. Boyle, Chris Kolanko, Andy Nowak and Mike Burkitt.



Crowd shot looking toward the Washington Monument. Estimates of 600,000 marchers were reported.



The signs are always the best at the March for Life.





Another example of awesome signage



Though muddy, this group enjoyed the mild January temperatures that the day provided.



Millennials (and others) hung on every word uttered by The Daily Wire's Ben Shapiro.



Age knows no boundaries in the pro-life movement. 84-year old Bill Heffern (left) has only missed 1 March out of 46 and J. W. Boyle (right) is age 94 today.



Vice President Mike Pence and wife Karen spoke at the Rally and introduced a President Trump video.

## Legislative Session 2019



Lead Sponsor of SB 307 Greg Boso with WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D.



WVFL's Vice-President and Legislative Coordinator Mary Tillman, J.D. and President Wanda Franz met with Sen. Tom Takubo, M.D., to discuss the Non-Discrimination bill. Takubo is Senate Majority Leader.



WVFL's Wanda Franz and Mary Tillman met with Del. Matthew Rohrbach, M.D., staunch supporter of the Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act.



## Pro-Life Profile

Ed Davy is father of three children and has been married to his wife, Teresa, for 26 years. They are blessed with a 2-year old granddaughter. Ed is an ordained minister with Christian Ministerial Association out of Hagerstown, MD. His family has a singing ministry called The Davy Family. They bless others by performing at local nursing homes and various charity events throughout the year. Ed also teaches Sunday School at Piney Valley Nursing Home once per month. He attends Safe Haven Tabernacle Church in Romney, WV. Ed is employed as a foreman for C.W. Wright Construction Company, for whom he is currently working in Manassas, VA.



**Ed Davy**

*Mineral County Chapter Leader*

Ed became involved in the pro-life movement over 27 years ago when he was dating his future wife, Teresa, who was a volunteer for the local Pregnancy Care Center. Like the rest of us, Ed has a desire to see that all babies have a chance to live. Understanding the importance of fighting against the cunning wiles of the devil in the promotion of evil has kept him involved in the pro-life movement. Successor to his wife, who did a tremendous job, Ed currently serves as Chapter Leader for the Mineral County Chapter of West Virginians for Life.

*Ed feels that there is a lack of general knowledge being given to the public regarding the important issue of the right to life. He sees that this is due partly to what is being taught in the public schools and portrayed throughout Hollywood, where the left wing's view is being promoted over the truth about human dignity.*

West Virginians for Life shares Ed's passion that *Roe v Wade* be overturned so that ALL human life is protected from the moment of conception. WVFL thanks Ed for his dedication to serving God's precious children!

## WVFL Treasurer's Article The Evil We're Facing Demands Full Engagement

*Dear West Virginia Pro-Lifers:*

We've been warning all who will listen for some time now that pro-abortion "ethicists" (so-called) have been openly teaching that morally there's no difference between killing a baby in the womb and killing one that's already born. (Some are even arguing for killing babies as old as 24 months!) The preborn baby has the same potential as the post-born baby, and the newborn on the knee has practically the same vulnerabilities as the baby in the womb. We know it's morally wrong to murder either one. They claim it's ethically "acceptable" to kill either one. Their lunatic lie will be shocking to the gullible public *for a while*, yet not a few pro-aborts are already fully numbed to the insanity of senselessly killing a baby who is *born and breathing*. Simpler pro-abort talking heads may have not yet mastered the talking points of the "ethicists." I just watched national news video of one mindless pro-abort "robot" using the tired trope of "you-can't-control-women's-bodies" to justify Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's recent sickening suggestion that a baby with a deformity, *once already born*, could be made "comfortable" while a "discussion" should be held [about whether to let the baby die as opposed to feeding and caring for her]. We know that a *preborn* baby's body is *not* her mother's body. Yet how mindless does an abortion supporter need to be to pretend that a baby *already born* is somehow to be seen as the mother's "body"? This is the evil we are facing. Battle lines are forming. Join us in bringing facts to light, and the truth of what's right to a society being manipulated by absolute evil. Your pro-life *actions, words, and donations* are needed now more than ever.

Join us here: [wvforlife.org/membership](http://wvforlife.org/membership)

Already a member? Give here: [wvforlife.org/donate](http://wvforlife.org/donate)

*With determination, Pastor Doug Joseph, WVFL Treasurer*



**WVFL Treasurer**

*Pastor Doug Joseph*

## West Virginia

### Teens For Life



**WV Teens for Life President**  
Margaret Deely

*Dear Teens for Life,*

The 6th annual Teen Essay Contest, which occurred the entire month of October, has produced six winners, two of which will share their winning essays at the microphone at the February 18 Rally at noon in Charleston. All the more reason to attend! I plan on introducing them at the Rally and would love to see you there! All six of the winning essays are posted on the website at [wvforlife.org/resources/teen-resources](http://wvforlife.org/resources/teen-resources).

And the winners are....(drumroll)...

#### **Senior Contest**

*1st Place (\$200)...***Ava Anderson** of Charleston, 11th Grade attends Cross Lanes Christian School

*2nd Place (\$150)...***Savannah Fout** of Morgantown, 12th Grade attends Morgantown Christian Academy

*3rd Place (\$100)...***Summer Barker** of Fairmont, 11th Grade attends Morgantown Christian Academy

#### **Junior Contest**

*1st Place (\$200)...***Abigail Roberts** of Culloden, 9th Grade attends Teays Valley Christian School

*2nd Place (\$150)...***Haley Morris** of Scott Depot, 9th Grade attends Teays Valley Christian School

*3rd Place (\$100)...***Elizabeth Roy** of Scott Depot, 8th Grade attends Teays Valley Christian School

If you can get away from classes on Monday, February 18, you definitely should come to Pro-Life Rally Day. It's as good as it gets for a school field trip because not only are you speaking up for the voiceless just by being there, but you are educating yourself as to how the legislative process works.

The rally will be outside on the north steps this year due to construction in the rotunda area. Sounds like an adventure to me. Let's hope and pray it's warm though.

It will be spring before you know it, so hang in there!

*Your president for life, Margaret Deely*



## 2019 Calendar of Events

March 9 (Sat.)	WV Legislative Session ends
March 16 (Sat.)	Board Meeting, Clarksburg
April 4 (Thurs.)	21st Annual Rose Dinner, Holiday Inn, Morgantown
April 5 (Fri.) - 6:30 p.m.	FREE showing of anti-euthanasia movie Fatal Flaws Covenant Evangelical Methodist Church, Morgantown
June 1 (Sat.)	Board Meeting, Clarksburg
June 9, 2019 (Sunday)	7th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament, Preston County Country Club, Morgantown (see registraton top of page)
August 24 (Sat.)	Board Meeting, Clarksburg

*In loving memory of  
faithful pro-life advocate*

**Josephine Weidman**  
3/21/1925 - 1/18/2019



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**I wish to support the educational work of WVFL with an additional tax-deductible contribution of:**

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Because in addition to educating, we are involved in trying to change the law, contributions to West Virginians for Life, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. "West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement."

\*A maximum donation of \$1,000 per person per election cycle is allowed to the PAC. Please include occupation and employer when donating to the PAC. Corporate and church contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are prohibited by law. Contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are voluntary. Please disregard if you are a public employee or not a WVFL member.

## 7th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE TOURNAMENT

**Sunday, June 9th**

Registration & Lunch at Noon

Putting Contest 1:00 pm • Tee Time 1:30 pm

MT State BBQ/Informal Awards Ceremony 5:30 pm

Preston Country Club, Kingwood, WV

*There are several ways to participate in the Golf FORE Life Tournament, including playing in the tournament, sponsoring a hole, donating tournament prizes or gifts, or doing all of the above! Please complete this form and send back to us. Please contact us with any questions.*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to appear on signage if sponsoring a hole)

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* = Required, if available

☐ **Individual Golfer** - Quantity: # \_\_\_\_\_ \$95 each (Golf registration includes lunch, beverages, one dinner ticket and one gift bag per team player.)

☐ **Team Registration** - \$380 each (Golf registration includes lunch, beverages, one dinner ticket and one gift bag per team player.)

☐ **Platinum Sponsorship** - \$2,000 each (includes 1 foursome, 8 dinner tickets, a plaque, name on Banner and T-box)

☐ **Gold Sponsorship** - \$1,500 each (includes 1 foursome, 4 dinner tickets, name on Banner and T-box)

☐ **Silver Sponsorship** - \$1,000 each (includes 1 foursome, lunch for 4 and name on Banner)

☐ **Hole Sponsorship** - \$200 each (includes a sign on a hole - does not include golf registration)

*Proper golf attire required - No sleeveless shirts or jeans permitted - Soft spikes mandatory*

**My foursome includes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

If using check, please make payable to WVFL Ed Trust Fund. Mail, with this form, to WVFL, 25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508. If by credit card, please complete the following:

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**Donations for tournament prize items and players' gifts are also needed - contact us for more details.**

*All proceeds benefit the WVFL Educational Trust Fund,  
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*Amounts are tax deductible less goods and services received.*

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*Registration forms are downloadable at [www.wvforlife.org/events](http://www.wvforlife.org/events)*



## Cabell



Cabell County Chapter Leader George Wallace was invited by Mason County Chapter member Connie Gibbs to speak at her church (Fairview Bible Church) on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS).



First bake sale of the year, January 6th, was at the Piggly Wiggly in Milton. Pictured are Gayle Berry and George



Meanwhile, the display above was set up at George's home church, Fellowship Baptist, in Cabell County for SOHLS.



Chapter member Michelle Plumley set up a Sanctity of Life display in her home church of Madison Baptist for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which was January 20. Christie Barnhart loved the 7, 8, 9 and 10 week-old fetal models as you can tell. There are descriptions inside the case of what the unborn baby can do at those stages.

## Monongalia



Also attending the meeting/march for the first time was Emma Williamson with her grandfather Dr. Ed Williamson (visiting from Indiana) and father Nathan Williamson who pastors Covenant Evangelical Methodist Church in Morgantown.



Monongalia County residents at the March for Life congressional meeting included Louise Deal, Donna Kolanko and Dana Leech.

## Mason



Teens in Mason County got to attend the March for Life on January 18 for the 4th consecutive time and, as always, enjoyed being there to represent their generation.

Teshia Porter (lower left) got to speak at Point of Faith Church in Point Pleasant for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Look how beautifully the church was decorated. An educational display table was set up as well.







### Cabell County:

The chapter has been very active as the photos at left would indicate with chapter leader George Wallace speaking at a church in Mason County on January 20, which was Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS). In addition, other chapter members provided a display on that same day at their home churches. Bake sales continue to be a way for the chapter to not only make money to keep going, but to gain exposure in the community and spread the pro-life message that ALL life is sacred and deserves protection.

### Fayette County:

For meeting times, dates and location, email Teresa Pack at [tdpack4yeshua@gmail.com](mailto:tdpack4yeshua@gmail.com) or call her at 304-222-0644.

### Harrison County:

The Harrison County Chapter collected names from area churches and ran a full-page signature ad in the *Clarksburg Exponent Telegram*. The ad encouraged the public to support the Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act by contacting their legislators and participating in the Charleston Rally on February 18.

Mary Tillman attended the Washington D.C. March for Life and also participated in meetings in Charleston concerning this year's pro-life legislation. State Vice President Mary Tillman was also made the Legislative Coordinator because of her expertise in end of life issues.

The chapter is pleased that members John Jenks and Pastor Doug Joseph are conscientious about frequently sharing pro-life social media.

### Kanawha County:

To show your interest and to get involved in a chapter in Kanawha County, email Kelly Pritt at [kellycpritt@yahoo.com](mailto:kellycpritt@yahoo.com) or phone her at 304-419-4381 or Missy Ciccarello at 304-989-0889.

### Marion County:

Several new local people have started coming to meetings and the chapter hopes to have them along when they carpool to Pro-Life Rally Day at the legislature.

The chapter has a pretty good-size lending library of pro-life materials (books, CDs, DVDs including pro-life movies) that they are making available to all who wish to learn more. Consisting of materials gathered over the years, they were organized by chapter activist Sandra Costello, and are hosted at the chapter president's office where meetings are held every month.

### Marshall County:

If there are interested parties in Marshall County who would like to help with the chapter, please email Karen Ali at [klee1105@yahoo.com](mailto:klee1105@yahoo.com).

### Mason County:

On January 18th teens including Teshia Porter, Cassie Adkins, Trenton Wamsley, Alex Hill, and Jonny Porter were able to attend the 46th annual March for Life in Washington DC for their 4th year!

A few members from the Mason County Right to Life group were able to attend and speak at a few pro-life events over the last few weeks. On Sunday January 27th, Teshia Porter was given the privilege of speaking at Point of Faith Church in Point Pleasant for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday with other members of the Mason County RTL group in attendance!!

### McDowell County:

Herman and Renee Bolden are interested in starting a chapter in the county. If you live in McDowell and want to join them, please contact the Boldens at 304-320-5340.

### Mineral County:

The chapter elected a new president in January. Ed Davy took over the reins from his wife, Teresa. To get involved contact him at 304-813-0818.

### Monongalia County:

The Mon County Chapter prepared the annual signature ad in the *Dominion Post* newspaper on January 22, 2019 to commemorate the legalization of abortion in America by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton*. The ad discussed the Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act and encouraged readers to contact their legislative representatives.

The chapter also arranged for the annual bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, scheduled on January 18, 2019. Thanks to Chris and Donna Kolanko for acting as bus captains and keeping everything running smoothly. There were 45 people, who made the trip and visited with representatives of our members of Congress. It was one of the largest marches in recent years. Appreciation is also extended to thank the churches who donated to the cost of the bus.

The chapter is preparing for the annual Walk for Life, which is scheduled for April 27 at 10:00 a.m. (registration at 9:30) at St. Mary's Pavilion in Star City. For more info regarding the Walk, call 304-599-0768.

### Morgan County:

Members of WVFL of Morgan County and others provide sidewalk counseling two days a week in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, Maryland. Since they began in October 2006, they convinced 495 women not to abort their babies. It is estimated that at least an equal number of women have changed their minds about abortion after viewing their large signs and witnessing the people praying.

Several members of WVFL attended the March for Life in Washington DC on January 18th. Those who attended included Father Jack Lombardi from Hancock, Brian Fitzgerald, Missy Kopper, Zack Bowen and Silas Wolfe.

The Spiritual Adoption display at St. Vincent De Paul Church is in the 8th month. The chapter plans a baby shower in February. All donations will be made to the Nazareth House Pregnancy Center in Berkeley Springs.

WDTF broadcasts several pro-life messages a day including a five-minute National Right to Life program called Pro-Life Perspective. The Knights of Columbus originate and record another set of pro-life messages created by Dick Byrne. Another Knight, Patrick Crosby is the pro-life station engineer.

The chapter continued its 8' X 12' pro-life billboard outside of Berkeley Springs on Route 522. Thanks to all who support this, especially the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.

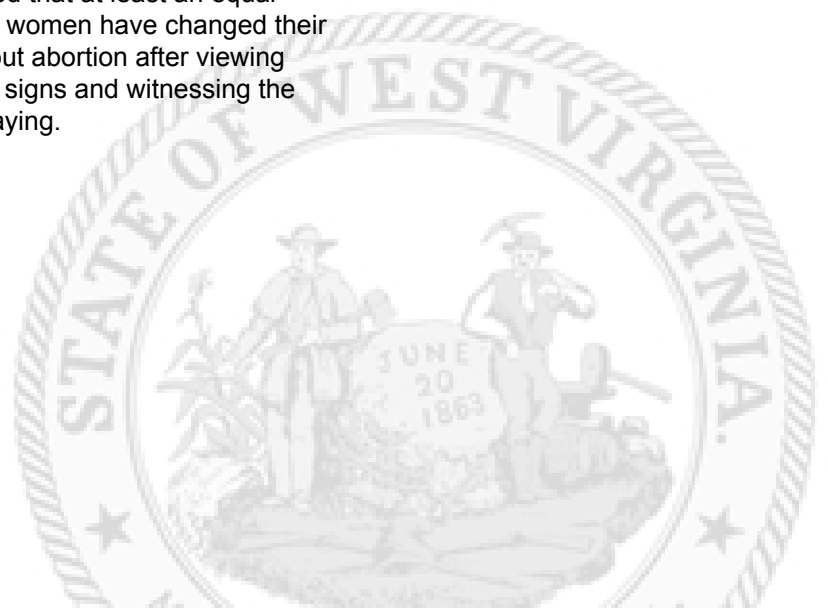
Be sure to visit the chapter website credited to Barbara Carr: [www.wvfl-mcc.com](http://www.wvfl-mcc.com)

### Randolph County:

Chapter Leader Mary English would welcome help with the chapter. To contact her, email [sterwolf30499@yahoo.com](mailto:sterwolf30499@yahoo.com) or call 304-516-3121.

### WV Teens for Life:

President Margaret Deely invites you to contact her at [deelyma@aol.com](mailto:deelyma@aol.com).





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