



Pro-life? Get Involved!



Seeking the protection of all human life,
from conception until natural death, and
to end the practices of abortion, infanticide,
euthanasia and doctor-prescribed suicide.

Type of Organization

West Virginians for Life is a non-profit, public service organization with a statewide network of county chapters. It is governed by a board of directors, who are elected by, and answerable to, the local chapters which comprise the corporation. The WVFL Board elects a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer to oversee the work of the corporation.

WVFL maintains an office in Morgantown where staff handles day-to-day operations, legislative, lobbying and political activities in addition to traveling throughout the state organizing and assisting county chapters.

West Virginians for Life is classified by the IRS as a 501(c)4 organization meaning the primary functions are education and lobbying, and that the organization is exempt from paying income taxes. Local chapters of WVFL fall into the 501(c)4 category.

We operate an Educational Trust Fund, which is classified as 501(c)3. It is limited to educational activities and all donations to this fund, and only to this fund, are tax-deductible.

WVFL has an internal Political Action Committee (PAC). WVFL PAC can legally be involved in various political activities, such as endorsing candidates, which neither a 501(c)3 nor a 501(c)4 organization can do. The WVFL PAC is limited in that it may solicit funding only from West Virginians for Life members.

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A Voice

The U.S. Supreme Court declared in its 1973 *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton* decisions that it is legal to abort an unborn child for any reason throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy.

Alarmed at this occurrence, concerned citizens of West Virginia banded together to counter these appalling decisions. West Virginians for Life developed out of that small group in 1975.

WVFL presents detailed and factual information about fetal development, abortion, abortion alternatives, infanticide, euthanasia, and related issues, upon which individuals may make informed decisions.

WVFL maintains an updated list of abortion alternative programs in West Virginia.

Through its internal Political Action Committee, WVFL seeks to elect pro-life candidates to public office. We work in Congress and the WV legislature to enact legislation protecting the unborn and support activities which help women choose alternatives to abortion.

We oppose public funding of abortion and any attempt to liberalize laws promoting abortion, as well as any attempt to legalize or liberalize euthanasia, assisted suicide, or infanticide.

We provide legislative information and voting records, publish candidate surveys and provide lobbyist training.

In order to remain open to as many persons as possible, we take no positions on other issues such as the death penalty, true contraception, and war; nor are we affiliated with any particular religious group. *WVFL does not participate in, nor support, any illegal activities.*

WVFL publishes the quarterly newspaper, *Life Matters*, to inform members of current pro-life developments. We provide fetal models, informational literature, speakers and presentations for interested individuals and organizations.

For more information, visit
wvforlife.org



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YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my **Basic membership** contribution of \$35 () or a **GOLD membership** contribution of \$50 (). One statewide pro-life t-shirt at no additional cost is an optional gift to those who pay the **GOLD membership**.

Adult sizes are: S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL. Indicate size here: _____
(Visit wvforlife.org/t-shirt if additional shirts are requested)

YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion with this donation. \$ _____

I wish to support the work of the Political Action Committee* with a contribution of:

() \$10 () \$25 () \$50 () \$100 () \$500 () \$1,000 () \$ _____

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

() \$10 () \$25 () \$50 () \$100 () \$500 () \$1,000 () \$ _____

I wish to join the Rose Society with a monthly pledge of:

() \$10 () \$25 () \$50 () \$100 () \$500 () \$1,000 () \$ _____

(Rose Society members receive a monthly update from the President and do not receive other fundraising mailings or calls other than fundraising for the political action committee.)

* See reverse side

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Signature _____
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The Mission Statement of West Virginians for Life states that: “Our goal is the preservation of human life from conception to natural death.” In our legislation, we work to save as many lives as possible.

The 1973 Supreme Court decisions, *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, established abortion as a constitutional right, thus preventing the legislatures from passing laws to protect human life in the womb throughout pregnancy. On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court decision *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, reversed *Roe* and *Doe*, ruling that the “Constitution does not confer a right to an abortion.”

After nearly 50 years, there was no longer a constitutional right to kill innocent human beings in the womb; and the legislatures could, once again, pass legislation that protects human life from conception. On September 13, 2022, the West Virginia legislature passed HB 302, the Unborn Child Protection Act, which protects life in the womb with exceptions only for medical emergencies, fetal incompatibility with life, and in the cases of rape and incest when the crime has been reported to state authorities.

SUCCESSSES

The following protective laws have passed in West Virginia as a direct result of the lobbying efforts of WVFL and have saved hundreds of lives:

- * Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act - 1997
- * Women’s Right to Know Act - 2003
- * Unborn Victims of Violence Act - 2005
- * Ultrasound Option Requirement Act - 2010
- * Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act - 2015
- * Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act - 2016
- * Parent’s Right to Know Act - 2017
- * Telemedicine Exemption for Abortion - 2017
- * West Virginia Constitutional Amendment (No right to abortion or the funding thereof) - 2018
- * Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act - 2020
- * Second Chances at Life Act (Abortion Pill Reversal) - 2021
- * Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection and Education Act - 2022
- * Health Care Decisions Act - 2022
- * Support for Mothers and Babies Act - 2023

What You Can Do To Support Life

BECOME A MEMBER

BASIC annual membership is \$35, while an annual GOLD membership is \$50. See attached coupon or visit wvforlife.org.

JOIN WVFL SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook.com/WestVirginiansForLife
Twitter/wv4life
YouTube/user/WVforLife
Instagram/wvforlife2018
TruthSocial.com/@WV4Life23

SIGN UP TO SHOP ONLINE

If you shop at any of the following you can register and the WVFL Educational Trust Fund will receive a percentage of your purchase:

- Kroger using code LU569. Register online or in the store.
- GoodSearch.com using “West Virginians for Life.”

VOLUNTEER BY

- Becoming a member
- Joining your local WVFL chapter
- Helping with fund-raising events
- Supporting pro-life candidates
- Attending WVFL events
- Becoming your church’s pro-life liaison
- Contributing your special educational skills

ATTEND EVENTS

- National March for Life in Washington, D.C.
- Pro-Life Rally Day during the legislative session at the West Virginia Capitol Building in Charleston to support our legislative agenda
- Annual Rose Dinner in Morgantown to welcome nationally-recognized speakers to the state and to raise money for the Educational Trust Fund
- Walks for Life occurring in chapters around the state
- Golf FORE Life Tournament to help raise money for our educational efforts
- Annual State Convention with a separate Teen Convention running parallel to the regular Convention

JOIN THE ROSE SOCIETY

Donate a regular, monthly financial gift for life. Automated online giving can be Monthly, Quarterly, or Yearly. Or, pledge to give by mail, and each month you will receive a letter and coupon for your monthly pledge. You would not receive other fund-raising letters from WVFL, except for the Membership Mailing in January and any fund-raising letters for the Political Action Committee.

RECEIVE WEEKLY UPDATES

To subscribe go to wvforlife.org — Every Friday, receive the Weekly Update conveying important and timely information in your email inbox.

SPEAK OUT

- Contact your legislative representatives when pro-life bills are before them.
- Write letters-to-the-editor
- Speak out on talk radio
- Vote for pro-life candidates



**Abortion has killed
an estimated
64,443,118
children between
1973 - 2022.**

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*Occupation/Employer _____

For online giving instead,
visit <https://www.wvforlife.org/donate/> and click the **WVFL Membership** option.

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 \$5,000 per Primary or General Election from an individual to the WVFL State PAC or \$5,000 per person per year to the WVFL Federal PAC is allowable. 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.