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# West Virginians for Life Convention



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# A Message from the President

Dear Friends,

We are so thankful that you are joining us at our annual convention. Your continued support of West Virginians for Life and the pro-life cause is invaluable, and we appreciate your willingness to further your knowledge of the issues by actively participating in our events. We have seen many victories within our state, which is arguably the most pro-life state in the country, but the work is not over. The greatest threat that unborn children now face comes from abortion pills. While illegal, they remain readily available by mail or from neighboring states, difficult to regulate, and dangerous to women.

It is for this reason that we have initiated our “Don’t Swallow the Lie” Campaign to educate West Virginians on the dangers of the abortion pill. The mifepristone drug which induces abortion is often touted as a safe and simple means of terminating a pregnancy – “two pills and a heavy period” – but for many women, the experience is much more painful and traumatic. A study conducted in the United States by the Ethics and Public Policy Center using data from insurance claims showed that 10.93% of women experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging and other serious events within 45 days following a mifepristone abortion. This means that 1 in 10 women who have a chemical abortion in the United States will have serious complications. The FDA even went so far as to remove protective protocols such as in person office visits and adherence to original gestational limitations. The women of West Virginia deserve to know the truth, and they deserve better than abortion! Our “Don’t Swallow the Lie” billboards, which direct viewers to DontSwallowTheLie.com, are already in place in four locations in Morgantown, and one in Fairmont. We hope to continue putting up more billboards to spread this education even further as additional donations and funding come in.

Our convention theme, Every Voice Matters, highlights the critical importance of this information, as even the smallest of humans, who are the victims of chemical abortions, hold value. This is why the abortion pill will be the focus of this year’s convention. Our keynote speaker, Stephen Sammut, Ph.D., will explain what science tells us about mifepristone, the consequences that come from using it, and if its effects can be reversed.

We will also hear timely information from Mary Tillman, Legislative Coordinator for the WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, a subcommittee of WVFL which seeks to change laws and policies to protect the lives of elderly and disabled persons. Mary will be explaining how West Virginia can further improve protections for our vulnerable populations by updating documents and making sure that you are equipped with the knowledge that you need to make sure that your rights are not being violated!

Political Liaison Karen Cross is going to keep us up to date on the Big Beautiful Bill, as well as what else is happening across the country in regards to pro-life legislation.

And we can’t forget our young people! We are once again pleased to provide a teen day camp alongside our regular convention, lead by WVFL Vice President Riley Keaton, and his wife Sadie, our Legislative Director. This day camp will provide training to help build up the future of the pro-life movement with the tools that they will need to continue the fight for life.

We hope that our convention provides you with valuable resources and knowledge, and that you will walk away with a reenergized and renewed passion for protecting life at all stages. Once again, we offer our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your attendance and support.

Sincerely,



Lacey Evans, President



Lacey Evans

WVFL President



# CONVENTION SPEAKERS



**STEPHEN SAMMUT, Ph.D.**, is a behavioral neuroscientist whose primary interest and expertise lie in investigating brain function in psychopathology, including depression, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease and drug abuse, at the preclinical level. He has authored and co-authored several papers in leading scientific journals, including his groundbreaking studies describing an animal model addressing the behavioral and physiological impact of drug-induced abortion and abortion-pill reversal. Dr. Sammut is currently a Full Professor of Psychology at Franciscan University.



**MARY HENCKE TILLMAN, J.D.**, is a 1976 graduate of University of Maryland, College Park in Speech Pathology and a 1981 graduate of University of Maryland School of Law. She practiced law until the birth of her third child, when she elected to stay home with her children, eventually homeschooling six. She has been active in the right to life movement for over three decades, first becoming involved in testifying against a liberal pro-abortion bill in Maryland. She has served on the board of Life Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Clarksburg, WV; as the Secretary for the Harrison County Chapter of WVFL; and as Vice President for WVFL. Mary is currently the Legislative Coordinator for the WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, a subcommittee of WVFL which seeks to change laws and policies to protect the lives of elderly and disabled persons. Mary sings in the choir of her parish, St. Patrick Catholic Church in Weston, WV; teaches piano lessons; and enjoys community theater. She resides in Lost Creek with Mike, her husband of 44 years, who retired from being CEO of United Hospital Center in 2022. They are blessed with five grandchildren, and another on the way.



**KAREN CROSS** became involved in the pro-life movement in 1984, after suffering from her own two abortions, which changed her life forever. Her story has been featured in USA Today, in the video "Aching Heart, Too," on NPR's On Point program, and numerous other publications and broadcasts. She and her mother have spoken together about the devastating effects that her abortions had on their family. Before becoming the longest-serving political director for National Right to Life, Karen helped build the grassroots pro-life base in West Virginia, where she successfully lobbied to pass several pro-life laws and to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot in West Virginia. Following the Dobbs decision, she helped pass West Virginia's Unborn Child Protection Act. Karen serves on the National Right to Life board as an at-large member and serves on the West Virginians for Life executive board as their political liaison. She is married to Jerry Stanphill, and together they have five children and three grandchildren.



**RILEY KEATON** was an Assistant Majority Whip in the West Virginia House of Delegates (serving the newly redistricted District 15 - Roane and Wirt Counties), and served West Virginia in other capacities, before joining the staff of Congressman Riley Moore. He studied Economics at WVU and has been an Assistant Faith Formation Teacher at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, a Board Member of the Youth Leadership Association, Chair of the YLA Advancement Committee, and Youth Camp Director at Camp Carlo in Huttonsville. He is a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and Chairman Emeritus of the WVU College Republicans. He and his wife, Sadie (read right), lead the Teen Track at the WVFL State Convention. Riley and Sadie have two young children.

**SADIE KEATON** has served West Virginians for Life in several capacities, including as the Legislative and Communications Director. Sadie grew up on a farm in Doddridge County, West Virginia before attending college at Davis & Elkins College. After transferring to West Virginia University, she led the Mountaineers for Life Club and played an active role in Students for Life, and has been employed by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Sadie comes from a family of Marchers for Life, and is a practicing Catholic. Along with her husband, Riley, she helps lead the Teen Track at the WVFL State Convention. Sadie and Riley are the seventh generation of Keatons to call West Virginia home, along with their two children (the eighth generation).

# Programs and Services

*Through education, legislation and political action, West Virginians for Life, Inc. works to return legal protection to defenseless human beings. WVFL seeks to protect the unborn child from abortion, the disabled newborn from infanticide, and the medically disabled and the elderly from euthanasia and doctor prescribed suicide. Following are brief descriptions of some of WVFL's programs and services.*

## Life Matters

West Virginians for Life produces and mails a quarterly pro-life publication, *Life Matters*, to paid members and members of the legislature. *Life Matters* provides accurate local, state, national and international pro-life news.

## Media Relations

WVFL actively seeks out media coverage by distributing press releases on all pro-life issues and by holding press conferences and other media events. WVFL staff are frequently interviewed on television and radio programs throughout the state and are also frequently quoted in many statewide and local newspapers.

## Advertising

WVFL produces powerful radio, TV and print advertisements as well as brochures and flyers that promote respect for life. WVFL promotes NRLC's *Pro-Life Perspective*, a daily five minute radio broadcast. It airs on WDTF 107.9 FM in Berkeley Springs and WDTF 96.3 FM in Hancock, MD.

## Development

WVFL starts and organizes new local chapters and provides assistance, resources and ideas to existing chapters. WVFL gives educational presentations at churches, civic groups and schools across the state.

## State Legislation

WVFL works with legislators to pass pro-life legislation and to defeat pro-abortion legislation. WVFL coordinates grassroots lobbying efforts through dissemination of legislative alerts, compilation and distribution of legislative voting records and email blasts. WVFL coordinates Pro-life Rally Day at the state capitol in February, sometimes March.

In recent years WVFL has worked with legislators to successfully pass the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, the Women's Right to Know Act, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, an Ultrasound Option Requirement

Act, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act, improved the Parent's Right to Know Act, and amended a Telemedicine Bill to prevent web-cam abortions in the Mountain State. The most historical legislation to ever come out of the state of WV, was Amendment 1 on the November 2018 ballot. Passing by a 52-48% margin, taxpayer dollars no longer fund elective abortions. In 2020, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act was enacted and an Abortion Pill Reversal bill passed in 2021. In 2022, the Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection and Education Act became reality. The same year saw passage of the Unborn Child Protection Act, which protects most WV women and babies from abortion. In 2024, a state constitutional amendment - the first of its kind - proactively created protection for WV residents against assisted suicide and euthanasia.

## Conventions

WVFL holds an annual pro-life convention every fall. The convention provides pro-life West Virginians the opportunity to learn, to be motivated and to network with other pro-lifers. Presentations offer a deeper analysis of pro-life topics ranging from abortion and euthanasia to the legislative agenda and personal testimonies. Some past convention keynote speakers include Kristan Hawkins, Dr. Alveda King and Wesley Smith, J.D.

## Educational Trust Fund

The Educational Trust Fund provides educational materials to individuals and chapters across West Virginia. Because of this fund, billboards have been placed across the state and pro-life television, radio and newspaper advertisements have been broadcast. Life Touch Fetal Models are available for use in fairs, booths and in schools.

An annual Rose Dinner sponsored by the Educational Trust Fund raises pro-life awareness as well as income to fund the activities of the Trust Fund. The 28th Annual Rose Dinner will be held in April of 2026, with Keynote speaker Seth Dillion. Previous speakers have

included Tim Tebow, Jay Sekulow, Cal Thomas, Alan Keyes, Fr. Pavone, Abby Johnson, Bobby Schindler, Melissa Ohden, and many more.

A summer annual Golf FORE Life Tournament (July 11 in 2026) helps in keeping the Educational Trust Fund functioning.

## Religious Outreach

WVFL produces and mails Life Letters, a bi-annual pro-life bulletin insert to thousands of churches. One is for Respect Life Sunday (1st Sunday in October); the other is for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS), which is January 25 in 2026. WVFL also provides churches with educational and organizational material and suggested projects that aid pro-life work.

## Political Action Committee

To ensure elected officials are in place who will support pro-life legislation, WVFL-PAC was formed. WVFL has a state PAC that helps elect state candidates and a federal PAC that helps elect federal candidates. WVFL-PAC is one of the most effective political action committees in the state.

In every major election since 1980, pro-life candidates have fared better than pro-abortion candidates among voters who base their vote on a candidate's position on abortion.

## Teens for Life

WVFL hosts an annual Pro-Life Leadership Weekend Retreat for teens in July.

At the annual state convention in October, the teens have their own day camp apart from the adults.

Teens from around the state attend the annual pro-life rally at the State Capitol. It provides an opportunity to see how state government functions and gives them an opportunity to meet their legislators.

## Web Page/Social Networking

Visit [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org) to stay on top of pro-life issues and events

For Facebook, X, Instagram and other social networking info, see page 12.

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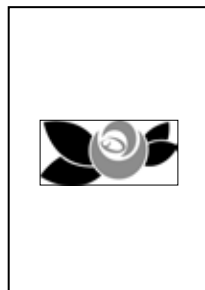
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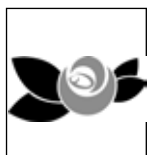
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The Northern Panhandle Chapter is actively engaging the community with regular events.



Harrison County invited Mary Tillman to present on end of life issues.



Monongalia County Walk for Life

## Heartbeats Lynda's Story

Lynda's story started when I found out that I was pregnant. At five months into the pregnancy, an ultrasound revealed that our baby was a girl. During this appointment, we found out that she had fluid on the brain and other problems. An appointment was set up in Roanoke where we were to see a specialist. During this visit, more ultrasounds and testing were done. Steve saw his daughter for the first time and it seemed as if she was waving and blowing kisses at him. After these tests, the doctor suggested that we abort the pregnancy. We were in shock!!! At the same time, Steve and I said "NO"!!! At each visit, we were told we should abort our baby, but we stood firm in our discussion. We knew God had a plan for her. Due to my diabetes, the pregnancy was rough, but so worth it. Lynda continued to develop and the doctors told us that she would have to have brain surgery after birth, that she would never focus on anything or recognize us, would never sit up, crawl or walk; that she would be deaf, would never talk. I refused to believe them: I knew with my faith and belief in my Savior Jesus Christ all things are possible through Him!!! Lynda was born on March 16, 2016. She was in NICU in Roanoke for 6 weeks. I was there with her every day. She didn't have to have the brain surgery that the doctors predicted and progressed daily. After discharge, she was put in a program called Birth to Three, which helped with her progress. Today, Lynda knows over 20 words in sign language and has said Mama, Dada, hi, bye and hey. She has done everything the doctors said she wouldn't and then some. Praise the Lord, every time she sees the Neurosurgeon, it's been great news! I thank God daily that we made the right decision. If I had aborted her, she wouldn't be here blessing my life daily. I am here to tell Lynda's story. It hasn't been easy, but it has been worth it! In situations like this, you have to have faith in the Lord and His healing hands and CHOOSE LIFE!



Lynda will be going into Kindergarten this fall at Mountain View Elementary School.

Lynda is the daughter of Steve and Regina Vance  
Submitted by West Virginians for Life, Monroe County Chapter

"Heartbeats" is a monthly feature in *The Monroe Watchman* newspaper submitted by the Monroe County Chapter. What a great way to communicate the pro-life message!

To assist or start a chapter in your county, call West Virginians for Life at 304-594-9845.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."  
- Edmund Burke

Any chapter may borrow the Memorial Cross Project. Pictured is the display near West Union as erected by the Doddridge County Chapter in 2021. L to R: Miriam Lopez, Marge Northrop, and Chapter Leader Charles Northrop. Oscar Lopez also helped. He is taking the picture,



# West Virginians for Life

## SPEAKERS BUREAU



**Mary Anne Buchanan,** West Virginians for Life (WVFL) Office Manager and Political Action Committee (PAC) Treasurer, graduated from Penn State University with a B.A. in Speech Communications. After an 8-year career as a radio announcer in the 1980's for WPQR in Uniontown, PA and then WVAQ and WAJR in Morgantown, she opted to be a full-time mother and homemaker until 2005 when she rejoined the workforce. She is currently enjoying semi-retirement and less stress at the WVFL as she transitions out of the program director role. Mary Anne has been involved with her local Monongalia County Chapter of West Virginians for Life since 1985 and held every office at various times since then. She was named WVFL's Angel of the Year in 2009. She resides in Morgantown with her husband, retired attorney and former pro-life Delegate Mike Buchanan. Together they dote on their two grandsons (ages 4 and 2 1/2).

**Topics:**

- Personal testimony about her own abortion and how to be an overcomer
- How to Save Babies with Social Media



**Wanda Franz, Ph.D.,** has been involved in the right-to-life movement since joining the West Virginia University Right to Life Club in 1971. Dr. Franz served as President of WVFL for 15 years and as President of National Right to Life for 20 years. Dr. Franz also served as President of the Association for Interdisciplinary Research in Values and Social Change and has represented the Association at congressional hearings on post-abortion syndrome. Dr. Franz is a developmental psychologist and professor emerita of child development at West Virginia University. Dr. Franz has served as a consultant to the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs. She has co-authored a textbook on early child development. Dr. Franz has written chapters on adolescents, and the cognitive implications of arguments regarding abortion. Dr. Franz has spoken on abortion and euthanasia across the United States and internationally. She also made presentations at the United Nations NGO (non-governmental organizations) conferences. She has been awarded an honorary doctor of law degree from the University of Scranton and an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. She received the Defense of Life Award given by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation and a lifetime achievement award from West Virginians for Life. She is married to Gunter Franz (deceased); they have three children, twelve grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Topics:**

- Legal and legislative issues relating to abortion and euthanasia
- Fetal development and fetal pain
- Adolescent abortion and parents' right to know
- Damage caused to women, men and families following abortion



**Lacey Evans** is president of West Virginians for Life (WVFL). She is a 2010 graduate of Marshall University with a degree in Secondary Education. She attended the National Right to Life Academy in the summer of 2009 along with nine other college-age students. At the Academy, she received in-depth training on the issues and strategy of the pro-life movement. She has given pro-life presentations at West Virginians for Life Conventions and at youth events. She is currently the president of Tucker County Right to Life. She serves on the Board of West Virginians for Life, and is employed as a business education teacher in Tucker.

**Topics:**

- Legal and legislative issues relating to abortion and euthanasia
- Planned Parenthood
- The Living Will
- Damage caused to women, men and families following abortion

All of these speakers are prepared to speak without any speaker's fee. However, they must be reimbursed for all of the expenses of traveling to give a speech. Be sure to discuss these arrangements with any potential speaker.



**Deborah Sturm, RN, MA**, was born in Wheeling, WV and grew up in New Martinsville, WV. She has an extensive background in healthcare—eighteen years of experience in the field of radiologic technology, and nine years of hospital experience in the field of nursing. She is also a veteran of the United States Army Reserves. Her nursing background includes long-term care, adult behavioral medicine, and geriatric psychiatry. She holds a master's degree in counseling from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. She has published articles—mostly in the area of bioethics—in the *Journal of Christian Nursing*, *Crisis Magazine*, *Lay Witness*, the *Catholic Social Science Review*, and in *PulseLine*, the official newsletter of the National Association of Pro-Life Nurses. Her bioethical articles can also be found on the website, Children of God for Life ([www.cogforlife.org](http://www.cogforlife.org)) and LifeIssues.net ([www.lifeissues.net](http://www.lifeissues.net)). She has written about futile care policies, living wills, abortion, the nursing profession from a Catholic perspective, the dilemmas and rights of pro-life healthcare providers, and ethical problems of organ donation. She served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Pro-Life Nurses from 2006 to 2013. She lost her husband Michael in 2012 after an extensive battle with cancer and, as a result, gained an understanding and appreciation of hospice care. She currently resides in Friendly, West Virginia.

**Topics:**

- Living wills and advance directives
- Ethical problems of organ donation
- Futile care policies in healthcare
- Dilemmas and rights of pro-life healthcare providers
- End of life issues
- Physician-assisted suicide

**Lorrie Mullins** was placed for adoption at five days old. Her testimony is the value of life. From being adopted, to becoming a pregnant teen who had a God encounter while laying on an abortion clinic table, her life goal is to be the person she needed when she walked alone into the clinic. Not aborting her baby, she shares her miracle moment and her determination to not become a statistic. Her story tells of how one decision for life can change the world. Lorrie is the proud mother of two sons (who are a Police Officer and a retired NFL player) and her daughter who is a military wife and stay at home mother of three. Lorrie is also grandmother to seven.

**Topic:**

- Personal testimony which supports adoption and the need to help those contemplating abortion to choose a better option

**Mary Hencke Tillman, J.D.**, is a 1976 graduate of University of Maryland, College Park in Speech Pathology and a 1981 graduate of University of Maryland School of Law. She practiced law until the birth of her third child when she elected to stay home with her children, eventually homeschooling six. She has been active in the right to life movement for nearly three decades, first becoming involved in testifying against a liberal pro-abortion bill in Maryland. She has served on the board of Life Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Clarksburg, WV; as the Secretary for the Harrison County Chapter of WVFL; and as Vice President for WVFL. Mary is currently the Legislative Coordinator for the WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, a subcommittee of WVFL which seeks to change laws and policies to protect the lives of elderly and disabled persons. Mary sings in the choir of her parish, St. Patrick Catholic Church in Weston, teaches piano lessons, and enjoys community theater. She resides in Lost Creek with Mike, her husband of 44 years, who retired from being CEO of United Hospital Center in 2022. They are blessed with five grandchildren, and another on the way.

**Topics:**

- End of Life Issues
- Living Will

# Information Technology

To meet the ever-changing, ever-expanding challenges presented by the world of online communication, West Virginians for Life, the state's only single-issue pro-life organization, depends on information technology.

The medium of the message constantly changes from a past priority of snail mail, telephone and faxes to today's priority of email, texts, tweets and social media. WVFL must constantly assess the emerging technological trends in information dissemination and then exploit these trends to most effectively communicate the pro-life message in a timely and accurate fashion.

In addition to the website at [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org), West Virginians for Life also utilizes such communication staples



as X, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and *Weekly Updates* every Friday. To join the Weekly Update email list, go to <http://wvforlife.org/about-us/join-us/> and click on the graphic.

*National Right to Life News Today*, a daily blog commentary on the pro-life news of the moment, is a running news feed at WVFL's website.

West Virginians for Life county chapter affiliates may also have their very own websites linked to that of the state organization. For more information in that regard, call the state office at 304-594-9845.

Advances in technology are helping WVFL to get its message out to a much wider and diverse audience than has ever been reached before and much more quickly.



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# The Leadership for Life Weekend Retreat

Sadie Keaton  
West Virginians for Life Legislative Director

“What strengths did God give you, and how can you use them in the pro-life movement?” This question kicked off the 2nd Annual Leadership for Life Weekend Retreat. Throughout the event, students were presented opportunities to discover their strengths – through team building exercises, group discussions, and more. They were also introduced to ways they can help, after hearing from pro-life leaders like Mary Tillman and Sadie Keaton of West Virginians for Life, Kayla Kessinger of Her PLAN, Natalee Wilson of Students for Life, and Riley Keaton, youth director for West Virginians for Life.

Campers had a three-part objective for the event: 1) educate yourself and one another on timely pro-life issues, 2) develop leadership skills and plans to take action on behalf of the pro-life movement, and 3) build community and fellowship among one another so no one feels like they are taking on the abortion industry alone.

When asked why the issue of abortion was important to them, every camper volunteered that they had grown up in Christian homes, but each had their own moment in their lives in which the abortion issue became real. For some, it was the birth of a younger sibling. For others, it was a gruesome realization after encountering footage of a dismemberment abortion. Apart from sharing their stories, campers were prepared to share these reasons with their peers in order to truly build a pro-life generation.

In between rock climbing, glow in the dark gaga-ball, creek stomping and more, students dove headfirst into learning about the biggest challenges we face against the pro-abortion industry today. They discovered exactly what overturning Roe vs. Wade did, how that affects our state, an introduction to end-of-life issues, and the West Virginians for Life legislative agenda.

Camp Horseshoe staff volunteered their time to operate the property’s Incredible Journey Challenge Course for campers. Through a series of low-ropes initiatives, campers developed leadership, communication, and group skills that can be difficult to acquire in day-to-day life.

The final stretch of the program focused on “taking it home.” Each camper left with the tools they need, resources they can use, and people they can contact to develop school- or community-based West Virginians for Life Teen Chapters across the state. Follow up by WVFL staff and volunteers in the days and weeks after the Leadership for Life Weekend Retreat will focus on mobilizing and engaging young people in the work of the pro-life movement.



# The Basics

A compilation of recent and noteworthy information on the abortion issue.

“Probably nothing has been as damaging to our cause as the advances in technology which have allowed pictures of the developing fetus, because people now talk about the fetus in much different terms than they did 15 years ago. They talk about it as a human being, which is not something that I have an easy answer on how to cure.”

-- Harrison Hickman, pollster for the National Abortion Rights Action League

## Diary of an Unborn Baby

### Day 1

\* fertilization: all human chromosomes present; unique human life begins

### Day 6

\*embryo begins implanting in the uterus

### Day 22

\* heart begins to beat with the child's own blood, often a different type than the mother's



### Week 5

\* eyes, legs, hands begin to develop

### Week 6

\*brain waves detectable<sup>1</sup> ; mouth lips present; fingers forming<sup>2</sup>

### Week 7

\* eyelids, toes form; nose distinct, baby kicking and swimming<sup>3</sup>

### Week 8

\* every organ in place<sup>4</sup> ; bones<sup>5</sup>, fingerprints<sup>2</sup> begin to form



### Weeks 9 and 10

\* teeth begin to form, fingernails develop ; baby can turn head, frown<sup>2</sup>

### Week 11

\*baby can grasp objects placed in hand<sup>3</sup>

### Week 17

\*baby can have dream (REM) sleep<sup>7</sup>



Unless otherwise noted, information on fetal development taken from Keith L. Moore and T.V.N. Persaud, *The Developing Human*, 5th ed. (Philadelphia: W.B Saunders Co., 1993).

1. Hamlin, *JAMA*, 10/12/64. 2. Flanagan, *The First Nine Months*, 1965. 3. Valman & Pearsson, *BMJ*, 1/26/80. 4. Nilsson, *A Child is Born*, 1990. 5. Rugh & Shettles, *From Conception to Birth*, 1971. 6. P.E. Rockwell, *Markle v. Abele*, U.S. Supreme Court, 1971. 7. *AMA News*, 2/1/83. Full citations available upon request.

## Not Just Numbers

### In the United States...

As a result of the National Right to Life Committee's analysis of data from both Guttmacher and the CDC through 2020, and estimating figures for subsequent years (2020-2023), NRLC estimates that more than 65,480,118 abortions have been performed in the United States since 1973. After reaching a high of over 1.6 million in 1990, the number of abortions annually performed in the U.S. is steadily dropping back to levels not seen since the 1970's.

In the ten years between 2007 and 2017, the number of U.S. abortions dropped approximately 25%. Then, according to Guttmacher, it began to rise again. (The Guttmacher numbers are more accurate; since 1998, the CDC totals exclude CA, NH, and often at least one other state.)

According to the 2025 edition of *The State of Abortion in the United States* by National Right to Life, the number of chemical abortions is increasing, and now accounts for more than half of all abortions.

After dropping to a level not seen since the 1970's, the number of hospitals, abortion clinics, and private physician's offices performing abortion rose from 1,587 in 2017 to 1,603 in 2020. Although this is far below the high of 2,918 in 1982, the new vector is disturbing – especially in light of the increased number of facilities performing 1,000-4,999 abortions a year.

## Abortion Myths

**Myth:** Women obtain abortions only in rare cases.

**Fact:** There were over 862,00 abortions in 2017 according to the Guttmacher Institute. Rape and incest are cited as reasons for only 1 percent of all abortions. Three in four women say they had abortions for reasons of inconvenience.

**Myth:** Legalized abortion reduces child abuse.

**Fact:** 91% of battered children were from planned and wanted pregnancies. There has been a growth of 331% in child abuse cases in the U.S. since 1976.

**Myth:** Most abortive women are poor, minority teens.

**Fact:** Four out of five abortions are obtained by women 20 years of age and older. Two-thirds of abortions are performed on white women.



# ABORTION IS NOT HEALTHCARE

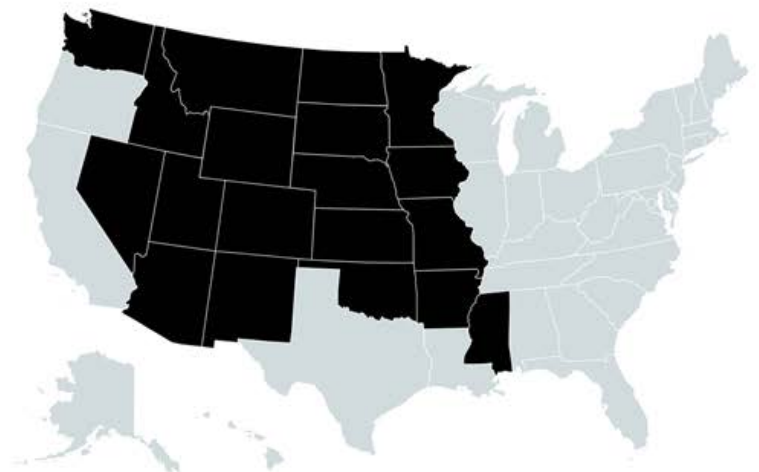
West Virginians for Life has developed a website that responds to the lies of the pro-abortion opposition regarding their claim that abortion is “reproductive healthcare.” Our educational campaign is Abortion is NOT...Healthcare and the website is [AbortionIsNot.com](http://AbortionIsNot.com).

Pro-abortion advocates claim that abortions are done for ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage and stillbirth, but no one goes to abortion clinics for such medical needs. Instead, they go to their doctors for such care. Our website quotes from the American Association for Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, where practicing physicians explain the standard medical practice for caring for patients with these medical needs.

“Reproductive healthcare” is a cover for the word “abortion,” because our opposition can’t face the truth that “**abortion is not healthcare,**” even though it is done by doctors. It is, instead, the direct killing of innocent, very young human beings — their babies.

[AbortionIsNot.com](http://AbortionIsNot.com)

To give you an idea of how many lives have been lost since *Roe v. Wade*, the blacked out states on this map represent a population of 64,323,828—less than the number of babies who died due to *Roe v. Wade*.



# Abortion Alternatives & Community Services in WV & Surrounding Areas

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Huntington, WV 25701  
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newbeginningcpc@gmail.com  
www.newbeginningcpc.com

**AbbaCare**  
1789 Delmar Orchard Rd  
Martinsburg, WV 25403  
304-726-6582  
\*  
200 Weems Lane  
Winchester, VA 22601  
540-722-4844  
540-665-9660 (Help Line)  
www.abbacare.org  
www.abbacarepartners.org

**Abel Pregnancy Resource  
Center**  
PO Box 1164  
201 Sylvia Lane  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
304-325-8694  
info@abelcenter.org  
www.abelcenter.org

**Aim Women's Center**  
PO Box 4365  
248 N 5th Street  
Steubenville, OH 43952  
740-346-6705  
www.aimwomenscenter.com

**Birthright of Beckley**  
PO Box 1942  
400 N Vance Drive  
Beckley, WV 25802  
304-253-7656  
800-550-4900  
www.birthright.org

**Birthright of Morgantown**  
364 High Street  
Suite 205  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
304-296-0277  
800-550-4900  
www.birthright.org

**Birthright of Jefferson County**  
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Ranson, WV 25438  
304-724-7015  
www.birthright@frontier.com

**Burlington UM Family Service**  
PO Box 69  
120 Hope Lane  
Burlington, WV 26710-0069  
304-289-6010  
www.bumfs.org

**Burlington UM Family Service**  
105 Beech Street  
Grafton, WV 26354  
877-23-CHILD  
304-265-1338  
www.bumfs.org

**Burlington UM Family Service**  
593 New Creek Highway  
Keyser, WV 26726  
800-296-2342  
304-788-2342  
www.bumfs.org

**Central WV Center for  
Pregnancy Care**  
8 Meadow Street  
Buckhannon, WV 26201  
304-473-1122/877-472-1122  
cwvcpc@frontier.com  
www.cwvcpc.org

**Choices Women's Ctr**  
117 South 4th Street  
Clarksburg, WV 26301  
304-622-1953  
assist.choices@gmail.com  
ChoicesWomensCenter.org

**Compass Women's Center**  
283 Don Knotts Blvd.  
Morgantown, WV 26501  
304-212-2131 (Hotline)  
moreinfo@compass4women.org  
www.support4women.org

**Cross Roads Pregnancy Care  
Center**  
1598 Washington Street  
Charleston, WV 25311  
304-344-4511  
Text us at: 304-508-2911  
contactus@crossroadspcc.com  
www.crossroadspcc.com

**Fayette Center of Hope**  
338 West Main Street  
Uniontown, PA 15401  
724-438-6070  
1.800.395.HELP (after hours)  
CenterOfHopeUniontown@  
gmail.com  
www.CenterOfHope.life

**1st Way Pregnancy Support  
Center of Cumberland, MD**  
310 Race Street  
Cumberland, MD 21501  
https://www.facebook.com/  
firstway.pregnancy

**Gabriel Project**  
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1207 Jefferson Road  
South Charleston, WV 25364  
304-205-5865  
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Hagerstown, MD 21740  
301-739-8717  
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Oakland, MD 21550  
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www.tjhouse.org  
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marysrefuge.com

**Pathways PRC**  
142 Quality Drive, Suite B  
Summersville, WV 26651  
M&F 10-5: (681) 355-0419

**Pregnancy Resource Center  
of Marion County**  
36 Mountain Park Drive  
Fairmont, WV 26554  
304-363-0003  
marioncountypcr@yahoo.com  
www.prcmc.org

**Summers Baby Life Pantry**  
505 Stokes Dr  
Hinton, WV 25951  
W 12-4, 2nd Sat 11-1  
By Apt: 304-962-4208

**TLC Pregnancy Center  
of Ritchie County**  
PO Box 7  
Ellenboro, WV 26346  
866-616-8228/304-643-2171  
tlcpcc@gmail.com

**Union Mission**  
PO Box 112  
Charleston, WV 25321  
304-925-0366  
www.wefeedpeople.com

**Wellspring Pregnancy Center**  
P.O. Box 1015  
1315 Center Street  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
304-810-0292  
Toll Free 877-942-9735  
\*  
P.O. Box 311  
621 E. Market Street  
Cadiz, OH 43907  
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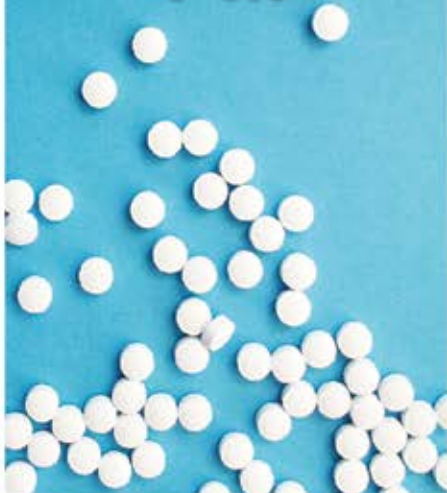
**Woman's Choice, Inc**  
504 Washington Street West  
Charleston, WV 25339  
304-346-9779  
womchc4life@aol.com  
www.choicesmakeyou.com

**Women's Care Center**  
3007 Dudley Avenue (physical  
address)  
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Parkersburg, WV 26104  
800-595-7113/304-485-7113  
info@wccmov.org  
www.yourpregnancychoices.com

Call (304) 594-9845 to keep our list of alternative centers updated.

# The Facts on the Abortion Pill

# The Numbers on the Abortion Pill



## Is it really “safer than Tylenol?”

Clearly not for the babies.

And their mothers face many serious risks, too.

Studies tracking visits of chemical abortion patients to emergency rooms find complication and failure rates much higher than is commonly reported. Women taking the abortion pills have actually perished from **dangerous infections**, **uncontrolled hemorrhages**, and from **ruptured ectopic pregnancies** that doctors missed because of the pain and bleeding they expected from chemical abortions.

## How does the abortion pill work?

Chemical abortion is a multi-step process that involves two drugs. **Mifepristone** blocks progesterone's effects, which prevents nutrients from being provided to the baby. **Misoprostol** is taken a day or so later to expel the baby from the woman's body and complete the abortion.

## Can it really be reversed?

As soon as possible after taking the first drug, Mifepristone, a woman can possibly reverse the intended effects before taking the second drug. The Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) hotline has received calls from thousands of women who changed their minds after taking the first drug.

APR is scientific with a proven tracked record: using the natural hormone progesterone, medical professionals have been able to save 64-68% of babies through the reversal process when their mothers acted quickly enough.

53%

More than half of all abortions are now chemical abortions.

10%

One large Canadian study showed that 10.26% of women taking the abortion pill ended up visiting the emergency room.

28

At least 28 women have **died** after using abortion pills.

10

Current FDA regulations allow babies up to 10 weeks LMP to be killed with the abortion pill—the *age of the baby* pictured here.



4,000+

Over 4,000 babies have been saved by the abortion pill reversal protocol.

Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline: 1-877-558-0333  
For the most up-to-date numbers & information, visit [lifeatrisk.org](http://lifeatrisk.org)



### ***Can the abortion pill be reversed?***

The simple answer is yes! If done in time.

There is an effective process called abortion pill reversal\* (APR) that can reverse the effects of the abortion pill and allow you to continue your pregnancy, but time is of the essence.

The abortion pill is the common name for a chemical abortion process that combines two medications. It is also referred to as medical abortion, self-managed abortion, or DIY abortion. After taking the first pill, some women regret their choice and want to reverse it. That's where abortion pill reversal comes in.

Using the natural hormone progesterone, medical professionals have been able to save 64-68% of pregnancies through abortion pill reversal.



### ***How do I start the abortion pill reversal process?***

- Call the APR hotline **(877) 558-0333** or connect with us via the chat feature at the bottom of **[www.AbortionPillReversal.com](http://www.AbortionPillReversal.com)**.
- An on-call Healthcare Professional will ask you some basic questions to see if a reversal is possible.
- The Healthcare Professional will then connect you with a doctor or medical provider in your area to start treatment if that is your choice.

An unplanned pregnancy can be scary, and many women make decisions to abort when they are terrified and stressed. However, many women change their minds about their abortions.

If you have taken the first dose of the abortion pill and regret it, you are not alone. APR staff can help you! Contact them, and they will help you every step of the way.

*Disclaimer: \*APR has been shown to increase the chances of allowing the pregnancy to continue. However, the outcome of your particular reversal attempt cannot be guaranteed.*

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# WVFL's Powerful Educational Campaign



**Don't Swallow the Lie!** is a life-saving educational campaign designed to teach the truth about the dangers of abortion pills (a.k.a. chemical abortion). Most mothers and babies are protected from all methods of abortion in West Virginia. In WV, it is always illegal to prescribe abortion pills over the phone – whether the doctor is within or outside of the state. But WV women are being lured into obtaining pills from out-of-state – which adds more risk to an already-dangerous drug.

Inadequate studies are used to claim that major complications are rare. But well-documented evidence – from both inside and outside the U.S. – shows otherwise. Recent research by the Ethics and Public Policy Center using data from U.S. insurance claims showed that more than 1 in 10 women experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging or other serious events within 45 days following a mifepristone abortion.

## LIE

Abortion pills are safe.

Bleeding caused by the abortion pill protocol is simply like a heavy period.

There is no need to see a doctor or have an ultrasound before a chemical abortion.

Medication abortions are safer than medicines like penicillin, Tylenol, and Viagra.

Abortion pills do not cause trauma.

Chemical Abortions can not be reversed.

## TRUTH

1 in 10 women experience serious complications after taking the abortion pill.

Bleeding lasts, on average, nine to 16 days. 8% of women bleed more than 30 days, and 1% require hospitalization because of heavy bleeding.

Maternal deaths have occurred, most frequently due to infection and undiagnosed ectopic pregnancy

Abortion pills aren't medicine. They kill unborn human beings. They are especially dangerous to the mother when sent through the mail and ingested at home without supervision or in-person evaluation.

Identification of the embryo or fetus is one of the ways a woman is able to confirm the abortion pill has done its job. But it can prove traumatic when women see their child's eyes, fists, or other body parts.

It is possible -- and safe! -- for a woman to change her mind after taking the abortion pill.



*The WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, a subcommittee of West Virginians for Life, deals specifically with issues at the other end of the spectrum of life, i.e. hastened death at the end of life due to a “poor quality of life” perception, discrimination in access to medical care, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia.*

## Amendment 1 Passes: West Virginia Lives are Protected!

Mary H. Tillman, JD

ELECTION DAY, 2024, WEST VIRGINIA

For the first time ever, a state in the United States of America has passed a proactive measure to prevent Compassion & Choices, “Right to Die” organizations, or so-called “Death with Dignity” from threatening the lives of vulnerable persons with the practice of physician-assisted suicide. West Virginia drew a line in the sand with the passage of Amendment 1 on November 5, 2024. All citizens in our beautiful state, old or young, healthy or ill, living with or without “disabilities” (and who among us does not have some lack of ability?) will not be coerced into discouragement and despair enough to take one’s own life with the apparent approval of our health care providers or institutions.

This is a statement about the seriousness of our commitment to suicide prevention.

This is a statement about our rejection of ageism and ableism.

This is a reminder that health care providers and institutions exist to cure, and when that becomes no longer possible, to CARE FOR, persons with serious illness.

This is a statement about the family values, friendliness, and respect for all life of the people of West Virginia.

I couldn’t be prouder of, or more thankful for, the privilege and blessing of living in this state. Thanks to all who voted FOR Amendment 1 to enshrine protection from assisted suicide in our state Constitution. We no longer need worry about legislation or judicial activism imposing the sad, deadly practice of medically assisted suicide or euthanasia on us. Let us hope this marks a turning of the tide —toward hope — for other states facing this challenge.

## Legal Status of Assisted Suicide in the U.S.

*August 2025*

Eleven States, plus the District of Columbia, currently allow Assisted Suicide:

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California

Maine

Vermont

Colorado

Montana

Washington

Delaware

New Jersey

District of

Hawaii

New Mexico

Columbia

Oregon

# West Virginia Law Now Contains Excellent Protections -- But Patients Must Still Pay Close Attention

## **Be Careful About Those Advance Directives**

By Mary H. Tillman, J.D.

One might think that the concern over dangerous or simply confusing advance directives had been solved by WVFL's success in 2022, when (after four years of effort!) the Legislature agreed to update language in the Living Will found within the WV Code. Unfortunately, a few recent experiences illustrate that caution and vigilance are still necessary.

Within the past year, I have twice personally been asked at two different doctor appointments "if I had a Living Will or Medical Power of Attorney." Although I already *do* have a MPOA (and do NOT have a Living Will), I asked to see the forms the health care provider had on hand, and was routinely offering to patients. THE FORMS WERE OUTDATED, AND DID NOT REFLECT THE CHANGES WE HAD MADE THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE. They *still* included "persistent vegetative state" patients as persons who would have their life-prolonging interventions withdrawn, and they *still* did not clarify that by signing a Living Will, you will NOT be able to get medically assisted food and hydration. Of course, I politely but firmly informed both health care providers that the law had changed, and they needed to remedy this immediately!

Another incident that just this past week came to my attention involved a friend who, having learned of the dangers of Living Wills (they are all about *denial* of care), knew that she would no longer present to health care providers the Living Will she had signed some years ago. What my friend did *not* think of was: *had she properly revoked it?* You see, there is something in our state called the "WV E-Directive Registry." This Registry is a national electronic registry which stores medical advance care planning forms that can be accessed by health care professionals. My friend did not know *whether or not* her old Living Will had been entered into the registry. I instructed her to call the WV Center for End-of-Life Care at 304-293-0695, or by completing the e-Directive Registry Advance Directive Revocation form and submitting that to the WV Center.

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The other two incidents that have occurred recently involved the issue of “futile” care. Typically, arguments can occur between health care providers, who say a patient is too sick or injured to get better and should only receive “comfort care,” and the families, who have not given up on the possibility of their loved one getting better. In these cases, the families want their loved one to *continue* receiving treatment and don't consider that care to be "futile." In both of these real-life cases, the family contacted the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network through their awesome, free, 24/7 Crisis Lifeline (1-855-300-HOPE (4673)) or emailing [lifeline@lifeandhope.com](mailto:lifeline@lifeandhope.com). In both cases, my friend quickly received medical and legal advice which resulted in the threat of a denial of care being dropped, and the loved one being treated as was desired. Other pro-life organizations that have a similar mission to help persons whose continued health care and treatments are being threatened, with a hotline and medical and legal advice are (1) HALO Voice (Healthcare Advocacy and Leadership Organization, at 1-888-221-HALO (4256), [feedback@halovoice.org](mailto:feedback@halovoice.org); and, (2) National Catholic Bioethics Center, at 215-877-2660, or online at [info@ncbcenter.org](mailto:info@ncbcenter.org).

Keep these phone numbers on your refrigerator. Revoke any Living Will you may have signed by the process listed above. Check to see if you have a life-affirming **medical power of attorney**, naming a trusted person and an alternate to make medical decisions for you if you become unable to do so yourself. Give an original, signed copy to each of your named, trusted representatives, and keep another original for yourself. To obtain a life-affirming medical power of attorney form, contact one of the following trusted organizations:

- (1) National Right to Life Committee, at <https://nrlc.org/medethics/willtolive/states/>
- (2) HALO Voice (Health Advocacy and Leadership Organization): call 1-888-221-HALO (4256), and request their Life-Affirming Medical Proxy (“LAMP”). Sign the document and have your two witnesses sign the document, in the presence of a notary.

# West Virginians for Life Legislative History

Studies have shown that pro-life legislation saves lives. Hundreds of thousands of children are alive today because of the numerous pro-life laws passed by state legislatures across the country. In addition, this is the most effective way to educate the public about the abortion issue.

West Virginians for Life (WVFL) has been instrumental in passing a Partial-Birth Abortion Ban (1997), Women’s Right to Know Act (2003), Unborn Victims of Violence Act (2005), an Ultrasound Option Requirement (2010), Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (2015), Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act (2016), Parent’s Right to Know Act (2017), Ban on Using Telemedicine for Abortion (2017), Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (2019), Second Chances at Life Act --an abortion pill reversal bill (2021), and Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act (2022).

On June 24, 2022, nearly 50 years after *Roe v. Wade* made abortion a Constitutional right, it was reversed. Justice Alito did a beautiful job of making the case that the Constitution should never have included such a ludicrous proposition. The right to life of each of us has been validated, because, when the right to life of any human person is threatened, we are all threatened.

The debate about abortion has been returned to the voters through their elected representatives, and the work of the pro-life movement has been changed. For 50 years, we have been unable to actually ban abortions, so we have worked to protect women, families and children to the best of our ability. Now we have the opportunity to stop the killing in the State.

West Virginia has had a law in the State Code outlawing abortion, with up to 10 years in prison, if the law were violated. This law specifically exempts women from liability. It was originally put into effect in 1848 when West Virginia was part of the Virginia Commonwealth. It was moved into the West Virginia code during the Civil War when West Virginia seceded from Virginia. After 1973, there were efforts made to eliminate the law from the Code. Every effort failed because the legislators were unwilling to put their names on a pro-abortion piece of legislation. However, due to Court action in 1975, the law was declared unconstitutional.

After the United States Supreme Court’s reversal in *Dobbs*, the Attorney General of West Virginia wrote an opinion declaring that the law was free to spring back into effect. The abortion clinic in Charleston closed temporarily and abortion advocates immediately filed a suit on behalf of the Women’s Health Center of West Virginia. The Office of the Attorney General sought to ensure that the law would remain in effect while the case was adjudicated. But, on July 18, Kanawha County Circuit Court Judge Salango granted an injunction to the abortion-minded plaintiffs in the Women’s Health Center case. The result was that the state’s single abortion clinic in Charleston reopened.

In the days that followed, Governor Justice added abortion to a special session he had called to consider elimination of the state’s income tax. HB 302 began a rapid progression through committees and onto the House Floor for a vote on July 27. The WV House of Delegates voted to protect babies and their mothers in West Virginia with limited exceptions. The vote on HB 302 in the House was 69-23. HB 302 then went to the Senate where an entirely new bill replaced the House bill using the “strike and insert” method. The final vote on July 29 was 22 to 9.

Karen Cross, WVFL Political Liaison, was present in Charleston during the entire Special Session, which lasted a week. With assistance from the lawyers at National Right to Life Committee, she worked to include language

in the bill that would save as many lives as possible.

The final version of the bill, which came to be entitled The Unborn Child Protection Act, outlawed most abortions from implantation. It includes exceptions for rape and incest (which account for 1-2% of abortions) -- but only when reported to public authorities. The reporting requirement is crucial, because it helps ensure that the victims of these crimes will not be harmed by the criminals’ ability to cover up their repeated abuse of women and girls. Even so, WVFL’s position holds that these exceptions do not help the victims in the best way possible. Robin Atkins, a certified Mental Health Specialist who has spent her nearly 20-year career helping the victims of rape and incest, explains: “Abortion is not a treatment for trauma, including rape and incest.” “Abortion is another form of violence that may also create trauma,” writes developmental psychologist Dr. Wanda Franz.

In September of 2022, Governor Justice signed The Unborn Child Protection Act into law.

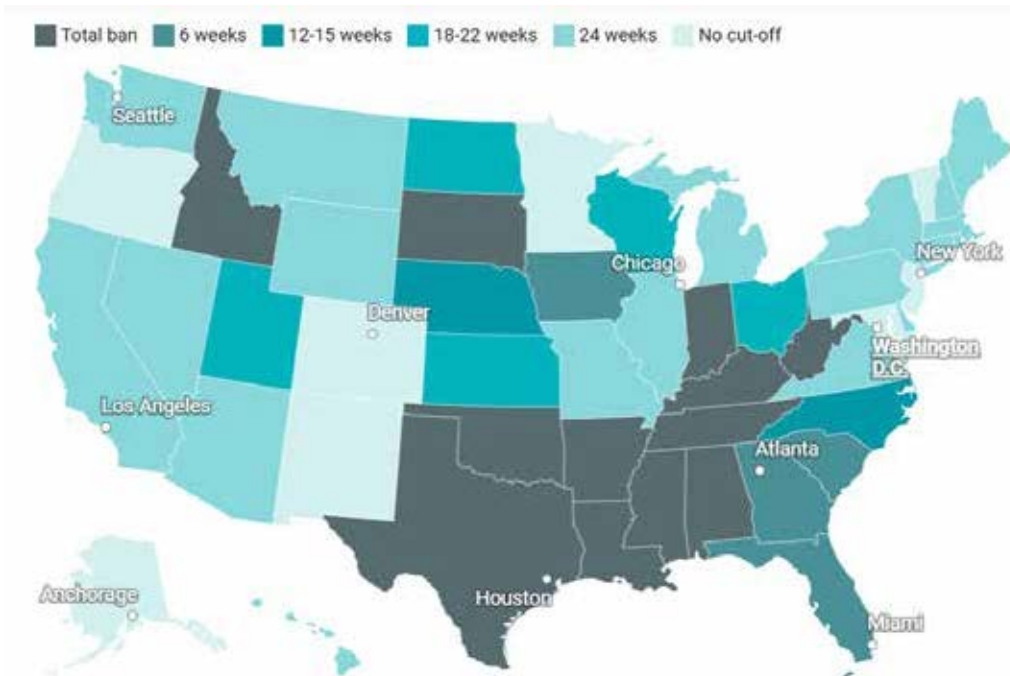
In 2023, The Support for Mothers and Babies Act (HB 2002) became a reality.

In 2024, West Virginia voters passed Amendment 1. The first of its kind in the nation, this amendment *proactively* added language to the State Constitution to protect all West Virginians from assisted suicide and euthanasia. It is especially important for the elderly and disabled, who sometimes struggle to get access to health care, and often feel that their lives are not respected and valued.



*SB 357 was signed into law by Gov. Patrick Morrisey (far left) in May of 2025. It improves upon the Support for Mothers & Babies Act of 2023. Present at the bill signing were (left to right) Morrisey, Margie Smith, Del. Eric Brooks, Raleigh County Chapter Leader Hilda Shorter holding the signed bill along with Lead Sponsor Sen. Brian Helton. Jenny Entsminger and Kristen Frye represented the Pregnancy Center Coalition and they are in charge of the Mothers and Babies Program.*

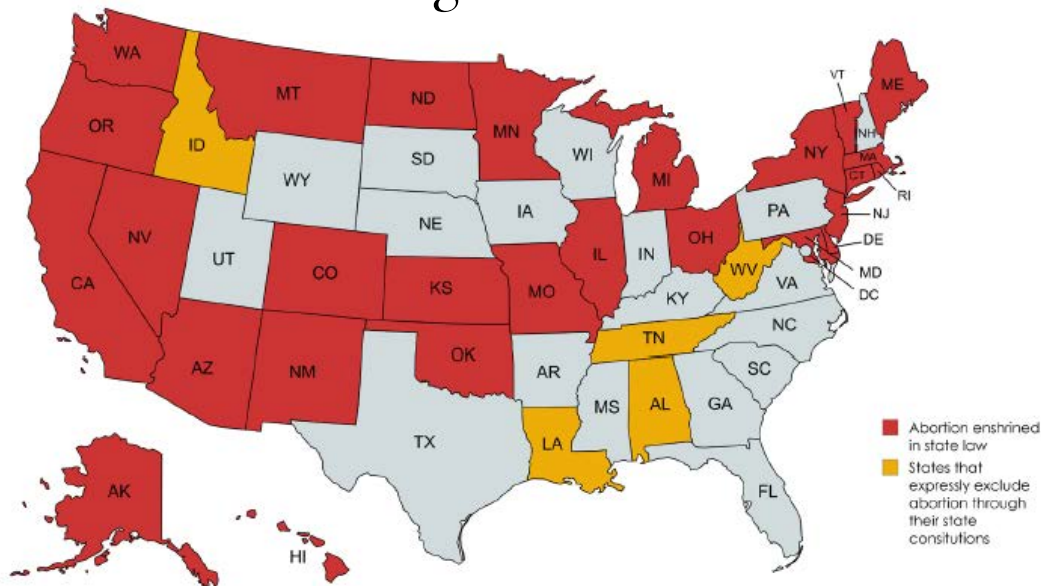
# Availability of Abortion State-by-State



Most states have restricted abortion based on gestational age (map, left). Some states have also implemented restrictions with regard to waiting periods and telemedicine (see original online source map).

Source: <https://fullerproject.org/story/how-major-abortion-laws-compare-state-by-state-map/> Updated August, 2025

## Abortion Enshrined in State Laws by Interpretation of State Constitution, State Constitutional Amendment or State Legislative Statute



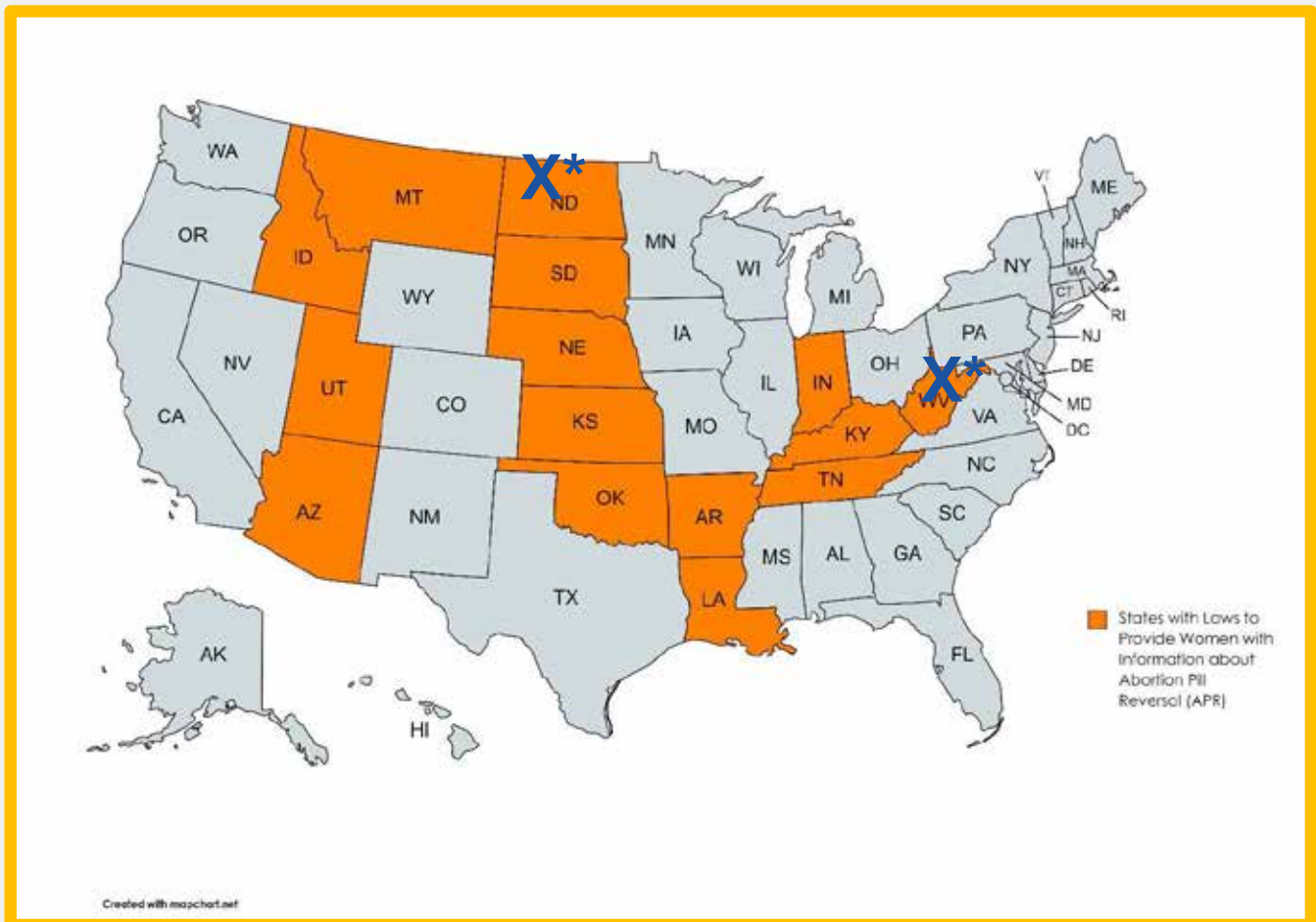
Abortion has been enshrined in the constitution of 27 states.

The state constitutions in 5 (five) states do not enshrine abortion in state law. Four of these specifically excluded abortion and abortion funding through state constitutional amendments (Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, and West Virginia). The constitution in one state (Idaho) was interpreted by a court decision to exclude a so-called right to abortion.

# Please Speak to Your Legislators: A good law was lost, and we need it back!

(See footnote beneath map)

## A Woman's Right to Know: Abortion Pill Reversal Laws



**X\*** When the map above was created, 15 states -- including WV -- had enacted a form of informed consent law regarding abortion pill reversal (APR). Meaning: abortion facilities must inform a woman prior to or soon after the first step of a chemical abortion that, if she changes her mind, it may be possible to reverse the intended effects of a chemical abortion -- but that time is of the essence.

However, now only 13 of the states have and are enforcing their APR laws; ND and WV should no longer be highlighted. **Tragically, the West Virginia law was rendered ineffective** by the WV Legislature with the passage of the Unborn Child Protection Act. This means that if a woman qualifies for one of the rare exceptions that allow her to obtain a chemical abortion in WV, there is no law requiring that she be told about APR.

As of 2025, APR has saved over 6,000 babies. For more information about APR, visit [AbortionPillReversal.com](http://AbortionPillReversal.com).

# Communicating With Your Legislators

## New Methods of Communication

Many legislators are urging new methods of communication. Most of us have access to email and fax machines. In addition, we can phone or meet with our representatives. Effective communication campaigns are essential to successful pro-life legislation in Congress and in the West Virginia state legislature. To be most effective, remember the following guidelines:

### Be Timely

Communications are of little value if they arrive after an issue has been decided. To maximize your effectiveness, communicate with your legislators before they have committed themselves on an issue.

At any given time, on a national level there are dozens of abortion-related bills and amendments that have been introduced in Congress. Many of these may be publicized in various pro-life publications, but relatively few will actually come to a vote during any given year.

The National Right to Life Legislative Office monitors all of these measures and posts the most current information on their website: [nrlc.org](http://nrlc.org). The Legislative Action Center on the NRLC website includes features that will help you to:

- MONITOR how your elected representatives voted on a specific piece of legislation and if he/she sponsored a bill.
- COMMUNICATE with them about current pro-life issues with a few simple clicks via ready-made web forms.
- CHECK relevant voting records for both U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

**Legislative alerts are sent out to pro-life chapters and individuals when communication is really necessary. Local pro-lifers should regard such alerts as a priority and should distribute them as widely as possible, as quickly as possible.** (To receive email alerts from WVFL, send an email to: [wvforlife.org](mailto:wvforlife.org) marked "subscription" or simply visit the website [wvforlife.org/about-us/join-us](http://wvforlife.org/about-us/join-us) and click the obvious graphic.)

**If you write or fax a letter on the letterhead of an organization, or identify yourself as a chapter leader, be sure that the opinions you express reflect official policy of the organization.** You may submit your communications to the state office for review before transmitting them if you have any questions.

Since West Virginians for Life is an NRLC affiliate, our communications should also conform to NRLC policy. For example, you may not advocate unlawful activities under NRLC auspices.

## Letters Must Be Personal

Letters to legislators can be typed or neatly handwritten, and/or sent by email or fax. You may use information and arguments from legislative alerts, *NRL News*, *Life Matters*, etc., but the letter should be in your own words. A legislator pays more attention to one personal letter than to a dozen form letters or pre-printed post cards.

### Give Reasons for Your Position

Refer to your own observations and experiences and to any special expertise you may have on a specific subject. Discuss the effect that a measure would have in the legislator's own district. If you are aware of the legislator's past votes or statements on the issue, refer to them in your letter.

### Be Concise

Generally, your letter should be short and to the point – one page is usually sufficient. Make your point in the first paragraph. Mention the name (and number, if applicable) of the bill or amendment you are writing about, if you have it. Avoid discussing two unrelated issues in one letter. It is sometimes helpful to include supportive material with your letter. Be sure that it comes from a reliable source. Do not send the legislative alert you received.

### Be Respectful

State your views in a firm but courteous tone. Abusive language or threats ("I will vote against you") will not convert an unsympathetic legislator, but may motivate him to work against pro-life interests.

### Follow Through

Expect a response to your letter. The initial response will often be a vague form letter. Often, such letters merely explain what a bill does, without expressing the congressman's position on the measure. If so, write again, referring to the earlier correspondence and asking specific questions (e.g., "Will you vote for the pro-life amendment?").

### Pay Attention to Your Representative

Federal roll calls on important pro-life issues are posted within days in the congressional scorecards at the Legislative Action Center, which can be reached through [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org) and published in the online version of *NRL News*. The quarterly statewide newspaper *Life Matters* and the emailed Weekly Updates are your best bet for staying on top of pro-life legislation in West Virginia. Pay close attention to how your legislators vote. When they vote pro-life, thank them. When they vote pro-abortion, write letters/send emails criticizing specific votes.

It is also helpful to send letters-to-the-editor to local newspapers, commenting positively or negatively on a legislator's recent vote.



# The Role of the Federal Government in the Protection of Preborn Children

On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that *Roe v Wade* was incorrectly decided, that there is no right to abortion in the U.S. Constitution. They also determined, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, that abortion-related policies (including protections for preborn children and their mothers) should be enacted by elected representatives, not dictated by the courts.

Most pro-life laws and policies are being enacted at the state level. **However, the federal government, from the executive branch to the U.S. Congress, is uniquely positioned, and has both the opportunity and the responsibility, to protect the most vulnerable members of the human family.**

Given the current composition of Congress, a national law protecting preborn children and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion is not likely to happen in the foreseeable future. But there are still many life-affirming policies that can be enacted at the federal level that will reduce the number of abortions, help mothers, and save lives.

**Therefore, we urge all lawmakers, as well as candidates for U.S. House, Senate, and President, to embrace the unique and transformative role the federal government has in advancing life-affirming policies in the United States.** This includes:

- Ensuring that no taxpayer dollars are used to pay for abortion or subsidize health plans that cover or promote abortion, either in the U.S. or in other countries, and eliminating, to the extent possible, taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
- Recognizing the role of parents to be involved before their minor daughter could get an abortion.
- Connecting mothers of newborn and preborn children to resources.
- Protecting the lives of babies born alive following an attempted abortion.
- Seeking protective protocols on chemical abortions to reduce the risk of death and injury to the mother.
- Promoting educational initiatives (and existing right-to-know laws) to provide vital information about fetal development and the physical, mental, and emotional dangers of elective abortion.
- Requiring the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to collect meaningful data and publish reports on abortion in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, (e.g., the number of abortions performed, the age of the mother and preborn child, complications and deaths arising from such procedures.)
- Protecting the conscience rights of health care personnel and entities who do not wish to perform or participate in any part of the abortion process.
- Nominating/confirming only federal judges and justices who will interpret the Constitution fairly and honestly according to its text and history.

Presidential candidates should also recognize the ability and responsibility of the chief executive to institute a whole-of-government approach (through the use of life-affirming executive orders and statements of administration policy, as well as personnel appointments, among other tools) to ensure that all Executive Branch departments promote the intrinsic value and dignity of innocent human life.

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# U.S. Senate Voting Records: 119th Congress

Result	Description	Shelley Capito		Jim Justice	
		Supports	Score	Supports	Score
Failed	H.R. 1 includes key pro-life provisions that would significantly reduce federal support for abortion providers. The One Big Beautiful Bill redefines "prohibited entities" to include agencies that perform abortions, effectively cutting off federal funding to organizations like Planned Parenthood.	Y	✓	Y	✓
Failed	Murray Amendment (6/27/2025)	Against	✓	Against	✓



## Senator Shelley Capito (R-WV)

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100%

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Religion : Presbyterian; Family : Husband, Charles L. Capito Jr.; three children; Date of Birth : 11/26/1953; Birthplace : Glen Dale, WV; Home : Charleston, WV; Education : B.S., Zoology, Duke University; M.Ed., University of Virginia; Occupation : Career Counselor, West Virginia State College (1976-1978); Assumed Office : 1/3/2015



## Senator Jim Justice (D-WV)

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100%

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### District Address:

### Biography:

Family : Wife, Cathy Justice; two children; Date of Birth : 4/27/1951; Birthplace : Charleston, WV; Home : Lewisburg; Education : B.A., M.B.A., Marshall University; Occupation : Entrepreneur; Assumed Office : 1/14/2025

For additional documentation or information on national legislation, call (202) 626-8820 or go to <https://www.votervoice.net/NRLC/Campaigns/97970/Respond>

# U.S. House Voting Records: 119th Congress

Result	Description	Carol Miller		Riley Moore	
		Supports	Score	Supports	Score
Passed	H.R. 21 ensures that infants who survive an attempted abortion are given the same legal protections and standard of medical care as any other newborn. This bill requires healthcare practitioners to provide life-saving care to babies born alive after a failed abortion and mandates that they be transported to a hospital for further treatment. Failure to comply can result in criminal penalties. The bill reinforces that every newborn, regardless of the circumstances of birth, deserves equal protection under the law.	Y	✓	Y	✓
Passed	H.R. 1 includes key pro-life provisions that would significantly reduce federal support for abortion providers. Section 44126 redefines "prohibited entities" to include agencies that perform abortions, effectively cutting off federal funding to organizations like Planned Parenthood. Additionally, Section 44202 amends the Affordable Care Act to eliminate coverage for abortion services, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are not used to subsidize elective abortions through federal health programs.	Y	✓	Y	✓
Passed	H.R. 3944 strengthens pro-life protections within the Department of Veterans Affairs by prohibiting VA facilities from performing elective abortions. Section 255 reverses the Biden administration's unlawful mandate, ensuring that taxpayer-funded VA resources are not used to provide or promote elective abortion procedures.	Y	✓	Y	✓
Passed	H.R. 1 includes key pro-life provisions that would significantly reduce federal support for abortion providers.	Y	✓	Y	✓



## Representative Carol Miller (R-WV-001)

<https://miller.house.gov>

100%

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(304) 250-6179 (fax)

### Biography:

Religion : Baptist; Family : Husband, Matt Miller; two children; Date of Birth : 11/4/1950; Birthplace : Columbus, OH; Home : Huntington, WV; Education : Bachelor of Science, Columbia College (SC); Occupation : Owner, Swann Ridge Bison Farmer (1994-CURR); Self-Employed, Real Estate Manager (1985-CURR); Assumed Office : 1/3/2023



## Representative Riley Moore (R-WV-002)

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### Biography:

Family : Wife, Guillermina Garcia Moore; three children; Birthplace : Morgantown, WV; Date of Birth: 7/1/80  
Assumed Office : 1/3/2025

# Tim Armstead Will Be Missed by Pro-Life West Virginians



**Timothy Paul Armstead**

February 26, 1965 – August 26, 2025

*By Mary Anne Buchanan*

West Virginia Supreme Court Justice Tim Armstead passed away on Tuesday, August 26, at the age of 60.

In all his years serving as a Delegate in the State House, and as the first Republican House Speaker in 83 years, and in his service on the West Virginia Supreme Court (some of those years as Chief Justice), Armstead never wavered from his pro-life convictions.

Founder of West Virginians for Life and current Acting Executive Director Wanda Franz, Ph.D., commented, “When we began working with Tim Armstead, he was the Minority Leader of the House of Delegates. It was a difficult time for the pro-life cause, but Armstead always remained calm and worked with respect for the dignity of all those who opposed him. Once he was Majority Leader, he was diligent and hard-working. We will miss him very much, but the significant body of pro-life legislation he helped produce is his legacy, and it speaks to the integrity of the man we miss.”

Armstead’s 100% pro-life voting record on 35 bills spanned from 2001 – 2018. That voting record included a pro-life license plate (2001). His last vote, before becoming a Justice in 2018, was to put the No Constitutional Right to Abortion Amendment on the November ballot that year. The pro-life license plate was never enacted, but the Constitutional Amendment was voted on by the citizenry and became law. He worked with several West Virginians for Life lobbyists over the years, including Becky Romero, Karen Cross, Melissa Adkins, Brian Louk, and Vicky Covert.



*Then-WV House Speaker Tim Armstead with then-WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz, then-WV Senate President Mitch Carmichael, and then-WVFL Legislative Director Karen Cross.*

Long-time West Virginians for Life Executive Director, and later National Right to Life Political Director, Karen Cross had this to say of Armstead, “When I met then Delegate Tim Armstead in the late 90s, I was impressed with his passion for protecting unborn babies and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion. An honorable man, Justice Armstead’s faith guided him through all he did. His dedication to Life was unmatched. He was truly an honest man who could be trusted to do the right thing. Because of his leadership and dedication, many lives have been saved.”

# Save the Dates

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2025

**November 8**

WVFL Board Meeting, Clarksburg

### 2026

**January 14**

WV Legislative Session Begins

**January 23**

March for Life, Washington, D.C.

**January 25**

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)

**February 12**

Pro-Life Rally Day

State Capitol, lower rotunda, Charleston

**March**

WVFL Board Meeting, Clarksburg

**March 14**

WV Legislative Session Ends

**April 17**

28th Annual Rose Dinner

**May 12**

Primary Election

**May - June**

Annual Mother's and Father's Day  
Walks-for-Life

**June**

WVFL Board Meeting, Clarksburg

**June 12-13**

NRL Convention, Arlington, VA

**July 11**

14th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament  
Preston Country Club, Kingwood

**September**

WVFL Board Meeting, Clarksburg

**October 4**

Respect Life Sunday

**November 3**

General Election

**November**

WVFL Board Meeting, Clarksburg

*Visit the events section of [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org) to stay abreast of the details for specific events.*



# 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROSE DINNER

**Save the Date: April 17th, 2026** – when Seth Dillon will keynote this gala event. For those unfamiliar with Dillon and the Babylon Bee, Seth has a passion for the Truth, and has earned international renown with his clean, witty humor. Rose Dinner attendees will have both the opportunity to support a passionately pro-life cause, and enjoy an evening of laughter.

*Here's a sample from the Bee's website:*

Christians, you might have noticed, have their own unique way of talking that can seem like a completely different language. To help you translate, the **Babylon Bee** has compiled this handy updated guide to Christian phrases:

*"Let's take some time to posture our hearts before we start worship":* The media guy can't find the lyrics slide.

*"Please consider if the Lord might be leading you to volunteer in the nursery":* There's literally no one watching your children right now; it's Lord of the Flies back there.

*"Quiet time":* Nap time.

*"Lord, I just want to echo Bob's prayer":* I forgot it was my turn to pray.

*"We don't have small groups here, we have Gospel-centered missional families":* We have small groups and a thesaurus.

*"I'm working to keep pursuing my wife's heart":* I'm rinsing the dishes.



Keynote Speaker  
**Seth Dillon**

CEO of The Babylon Bee

*Speaks on college campuses and at conferences across the country about the effectiveness of humor, the moral imperative of mockery, and the dangers of censorship.*

**April 17, 2026**

5:30 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. Dinner

**Marriott Waterfront**

Two Waterfront Place,  
Morgantown, WV 26501

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# Pro-Life Rally Day

Capitol Lower Rotunda, Charleston

February 12, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Noon Rally)

## Highlights:

**Meet with Legislators in the morning**

(by appointments you are responsible for making)

**Rally at Noon in the lower rotunda followed by Cross Processional\***

\*The crosses represent unborn babies aborted in the United States.

*The day will be filled with fellowship, music, exciting speakers, and a special prayer walk through the Capitol on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.*

## National Right to Life Convention

June 12-13, 2026

Arlington, VA

**Make plans to join National Right to Life in June!**

For more information go to [nrlconvention.com](http://nrlconvention.com)



## The National Right to Life Oratory Contest



(Left to right): The 2024 tied 1st place winners Gabriella B. (RI) and Zoe W. (TN) 2nd place: Madeline (PA) 3rd place: Noah H. (IN) 4th place: Mila N. (MI) (Above right) All 2024 Contestants.  
The Contest is open to high school students.

**Contact your National Right to Life state affiliate for information on your state oratory contest.**



For the first time ever, the National Right to Life Oratory Contest ended in a tie for first place. The two incredible winners, [Zoe W. \(TN\)](#) (left) and [Gabriella B. \(RI\)](#), with National Right to Life President Carol Tobias.

National First Place Prize:  
\$1,000  
Second Place: \$750 Third Place: \$500  
Fourth Place: \$250



## National Right to Life Pro-Life Essay Contest

By Mia B.

*... The remedy of tragedy is not more tragedy; it is love and support, which the pro-life community readily provides. We are not just concerned with the baby's life in the womb, but throughout its entire life. ...*

Senior Division

grades 10-12

[Mia B. \(RI\)](#)

1st Place

[Therese L. \(KS\)](#) - 2nd

[Emma F. \(VA\)](#) - 3rd

Junior Division

grades 7-9

[Kateri B. \(MI\)](#).

1st Place

[Avery G. \(MN\)](#) - 2nd

[Harleen S. \(RI\)](#) - 3rd Tie

[Brayden M. \(MN\)](#) 3rd Tie

By Kateri B.

*... To see the hope that these women have after they receive assistance to find solutions to their challenges that move them from fear to joy makes me excited to be pro-life! ...*

National Right to Life Essay Contest  
First Place Prize: \$400 • Second Place Prize: \$300 • Third Place Prize: \$200

To read all of the winning essays, visit [NRL News Today](#) and search for Essay Contest.

For more information, visit [nrlc.org/Get Involved/Student Center](http://nrlc.org/Get Involved/Student Center)

 National RIGHT TO LIFE ACADEMY



Prepare yourself to be the future of the pro-life movement by attending this intensive one-week training from the foremost leaders in the pro-life movement on topics including abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, legislative strategy, lobbying, politics, communications, grassroots organizing, and much more.

The 2025 One-Week Academy runs from Monday, July 28, to Sunday, August 3. The Academy is held at National Right to Life's headquarters in Alexandria, VA. For more information & to apply, go to [nrlc.org/Academy](https://nrlc.org/Academy)

 National RIGHT TO LIFE INTERNSHIPS

National Right to Life is recognized as the hub of the pro-life movement. Internships at our Alexandria, Virginia, office give college students from around the country the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in the pro-life movement at the national level.



Sophie M.

*“This internship with National Right to Life has been invaluable in teaching me how a non-profit interacts with government functions and providing insight into how to better support the Pro-Life movement on a state and federal level.”*  
~2025 Intern Sophie M.



Madison L.



Jacob C.



William H.



Barbara W.



Liza K.

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# Thanks, Mom, for Giving Me Life!

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Oliver Fuller

Silas Fuller

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Benjamin Fuller

Future Grandchild of Fuller

Amarius Acord

Jason Acord

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Matthew Jeffery

William Linkous III

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Lyrical Alvarado

Star Alvarado

Anakin Alvarado

Johnny Alvarado

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Cassie Alvarado

Josey Alvarado

Rose Alvarado

Nevaeh Alvarado

Violet Alvarado

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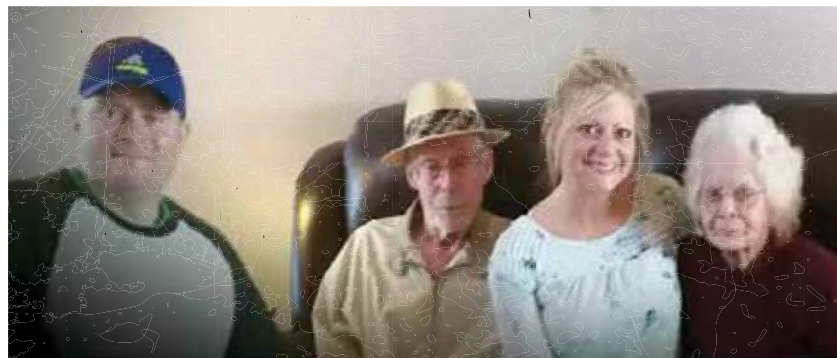
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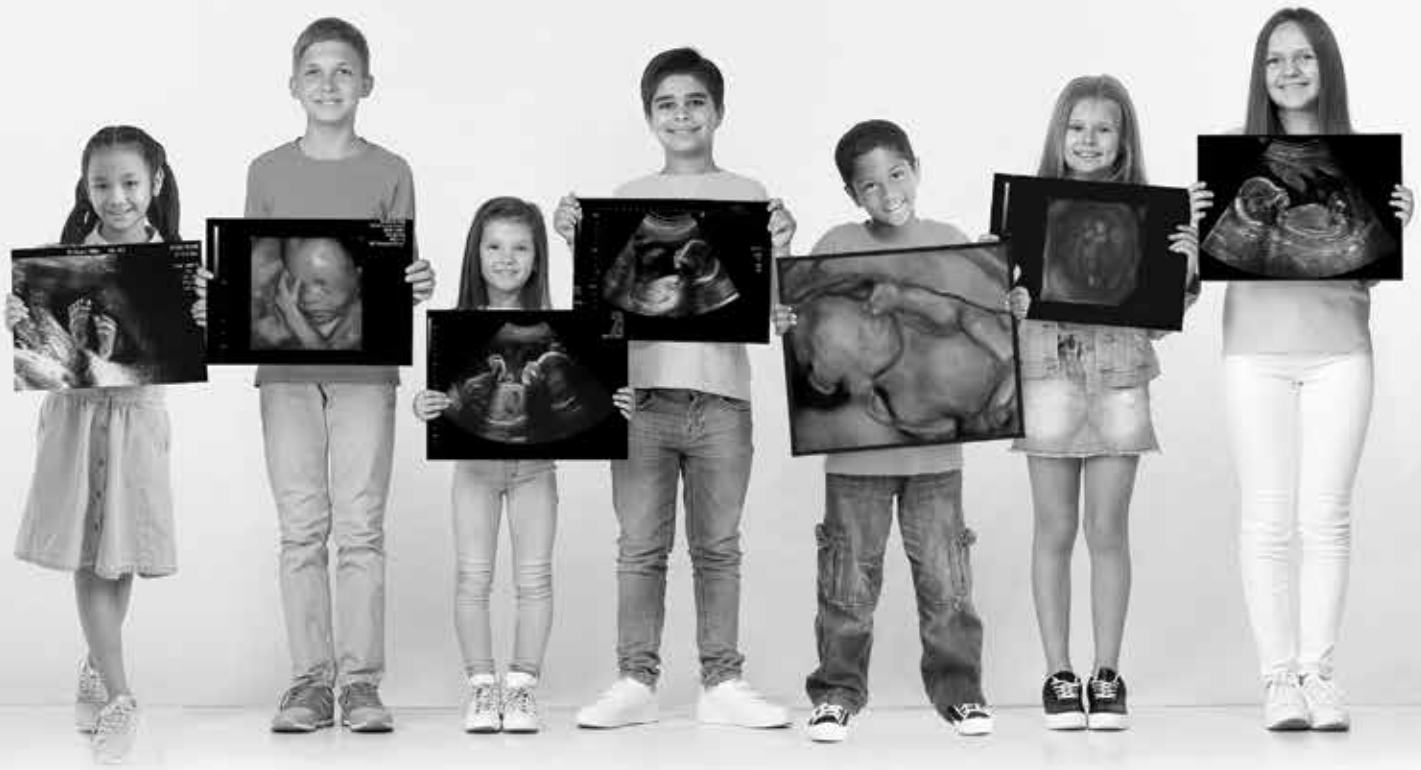


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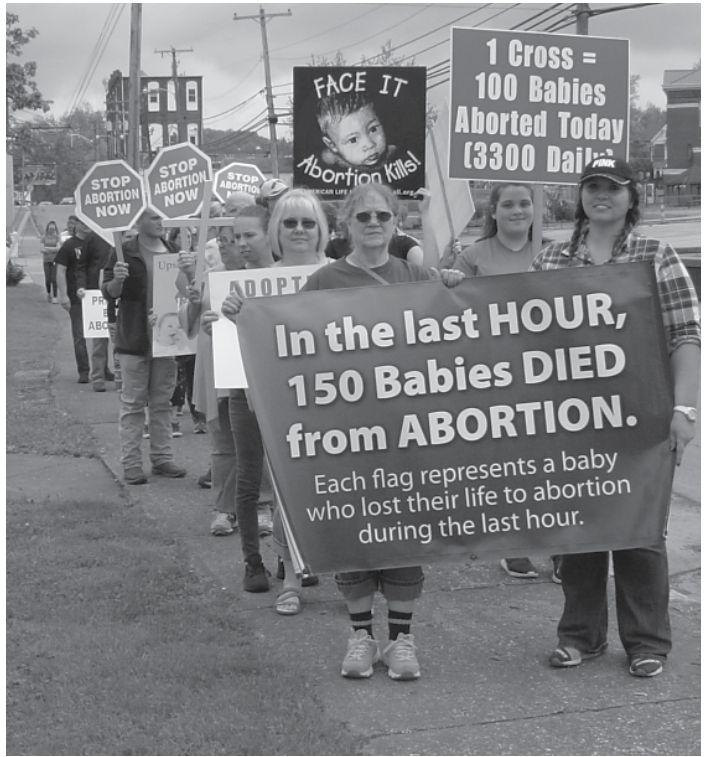
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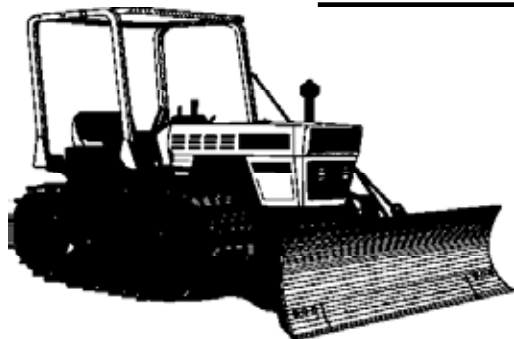
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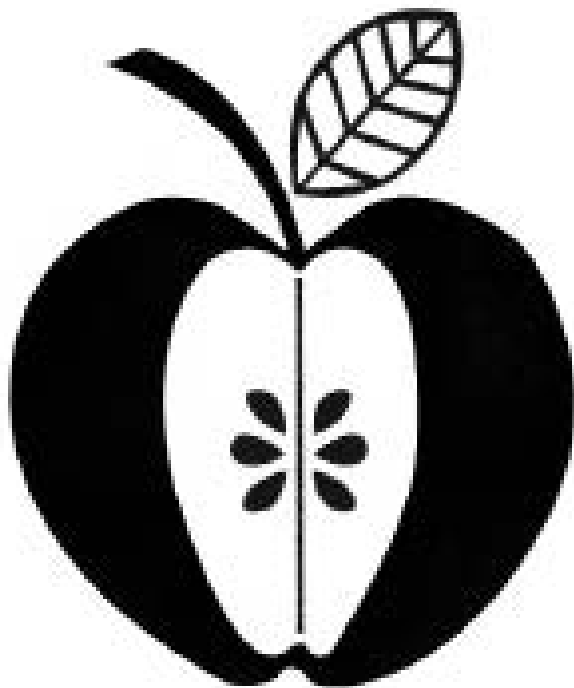


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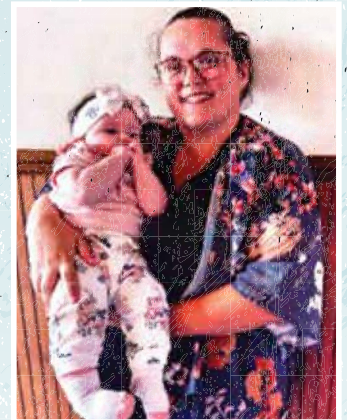
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GREENBRIER  
COUNTY  
CHAPTER

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# History

Across our country, just under a million unborn children are killed by abortion. In 1975, concerned citizens of West Virginia banded together to find ways to counter this appalling situation. West Virginians for Life (WVFL) was formed and became an affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee.

WVFL, a non-profit, public-service organization, is a statewide network of county chapters and the voice for the unborn in West Virginia. Our goal is the preservation of human life from conception to natural death. Consequently, we oppose the practices of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. However, in order to maintain our pro-life focus, we take no positions on such peripheral issues as the death penalty, true contraception and war; nor are we affiliated with any particular religious group. Finally, we do not participate in, nor support, any illegal activities.

WVFL's primary purpose is to educate through the presentation of detailed and factual information about fetal development, alternatives to abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and related issues, upon which individuals and the general public may make informed decisions.

The legal protection of the right to life of innocent human beings is the basic issue upon which all other issues of human rights and justice depend. It is the pivotal human rights issue today, because once we abandon the basic democratic principle of equality – that ALL human beings deserve the protection of the law no matter what their size, their age or their degree of dependency – then the rights of all of us are less secure.

Members of WVFL come from many different social, economic, racial, religious, and political backgrounds, and are bound together by a common dedication to the protection of all human life. Our cause is to foster and protect society's traditional respect for life supporting the right to life of all human beings, including the unborn, the aged, and the disabled.

# Position Statements

## Life

WVFL believes that all human life, from conception to natural death, has value and is entitled to protection under the law. Therefore WVFL opposes infanticide, euthanasia, and abortion (unless the mother's life is immediately threatened by the pregnancy).

## Single Issue

WVFL wishes to remain open to all people, regardless of their position on other issues. Therefore WVFL is a single-issue pro-life organization. It takes no position on such issues as contraception, the death penalty or war.

## Religion

WVFL is not affiliated with any religious organization and takes no position in the field of religion. Members of all faiths (or none) are encouraged to join and take an active part in WVFL.

## Illegal Activities

WVFL has as its policy that its "directors, officers, employees, agents or any person or entity acting in its name or in concert with it, shall not encourage, promote or engage in any unlawful activities related to the purposes of West Virginians for Life."

## Fetal Experimentation

In accordance with its stand against abortion, WVFL opposes the use of fetal material which has been procured through abortions.

## Cloning

In accordance with its pro-life stand, WVFL believes that no human being who is created through cloning should be subject to harmful or lethal experiments; that any human being created through cloning should be protected. WVFL supports a ban on all human cloning.

# Chapter Branding

Branding is important for any organization. West Virginians for Life is made up of several county chapters. If all chapters in the state are using the same logo, fonts, colors and layout, then they are easily and quickly identified as being part of the state organization. This also promotes unity.

Below are branding specs and layout examples.

If there are questions, contact Graphic Designer Cheryl Carr at 304-376-3440 or [cheryl@chixdesigns.com](mailto:cheryl@chixdesigns.com) so she can provide digital files as needed.

For free images visit [pixabay.com](http://pixabay.com) and [unsplash.com](http://unsplash.com)

## COLOR:

- 1 - Three color version
  - Red - flower and word "Life"
    - Spot color: pms 185
    - Process color : C-.91 M-100 Y-92.14 K-0.02
    - RGB: R-235 G-28 B-45
  - Green - leaves
    - Spot color: pms 7479
    - Process color : C-70 M-0 Y-72.33 K-0
    - RGB: R-70 G-185 B-120
  - Black - type except the word "Life"
- 2 - Black (grayscale)
  - 80% black - flower and word "Life"
  - 40% black - leaves
  - 100% black - type except the word "Life"

## FONTS:

Adobe Devanagiri regular  
Arial regular for body copy (or similar)

## LAYOUT:

- 1 - WVFL logo top centered
- 2 - Line - approx. 1 point centered
- 3 - Chapter name centered and all caps



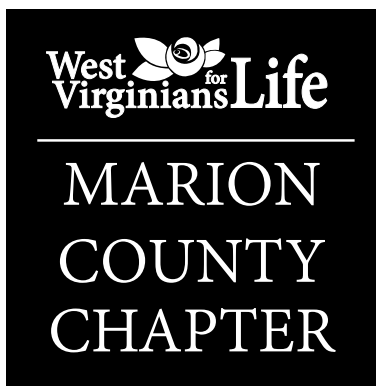
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# Many Ways You Can Help

- **BECOME A MEMBER**

- \$35 Basic or a \$50 Gold membership contribution

- **JOIN WVFL SOCIAL MEDIA**

- Facebook (West Virginians for Life fan page)
- Twitter (wv4life)
- YouTube (WVforLife)
- Instagram (wvforlife2018)
- Truth Social (WV4Life23)

- **SIGN UP TO SHOP ONLINE** and a percentage of your purchases is donated to WVFL

- GOODSEARCH.COM designate West Virginians for Life

- **VOLUNTEER**

- At your WVFL local chapter's office
- Fund raising events
- Help pro-life candidates
- Become your church's pro-life liaison

- **ATTEND ANNUAL PRO-LIFE RALLY DAY**

- **ATTEND ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION**

- **ATTEND THE ANNUAL ROSE DINNER**

- **JOIN THE ROSE SOCIETY** to make monthly contributions, our most stable source of funding

- **SHOP AT KROGER** and a percentage of your purchases is donated to WVFL

Register your Kroger Reward Card with West Virginians for Life Educational Trust Fund or use the code LU569. You can register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)

- **ATTEND THE ANNUAL GOLF FORE LIFE TOURNAMENT**

- **RECEIVE WEEKLY UPDATES** of important and timely information

- **SPEAK OUT**

- Defend the unborn - They don't have a voice.
- Contact your legislative representatives (recommend you be informed by WVFL first)
- Write letters-to-the-editor
- Speak out on talk radio
- Vote for pro-life candidates



One WVFL tote bag is an optional gift to those who pay the **GOLD membership**.



## MEMBERSHIP

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 WVFL tote bag at no additional cost is an optional gift to those who pay the **GOLD membership**.

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:

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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.)*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/Employer\* \_\_\_\_\_

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 WVL State PAC or \$5,000 per person per year to the WVL 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.

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## WEST VIRGINIANS FOR LIFE TOTE BAGS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE

You may place your orders by emailing info@wvforlife.org, calling the state office at 304-594-9845, or by sending the order form with your payment to West Virginians for Life, 25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of totes \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost per tote: \$15.00 includes shipping (\$5.00 discount per shirt for WVFL chapters\*) Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_**

*\*Chapters will pay shipping on orders or option of FREE pickup.*

**\$15 per tote includes shipping**

(\$5.00 discount per tote for WVFL chapters plus shipping)



# DONATIONS

*Complete this coupon and send with donation or donate online at [wvforlife.org/donate](http://wvforlife.org/donate).*

YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my BASIC state membership contribution of \$35 ( ) or a GOLD membership contribution of \$50 ( ). GOLD membership includes one free t-shirt (see page 96).

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*“Best wishes to West Virginians for Life for a successful 2025 State Convention. Thank you for your tireless efforts protecting life and strengthening families. I’m honored to stand with you in upholding our conservative values.”*

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