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DRTL Participates in National Pro-Life Bridges Day



On July 16, Dayton Right to Life joined 64 other pro-life groups in cities around the United States by participating in the National Pro-Life Bridges Day, sponsored by the **Pro-Life Action** League. This annual event focuses on displaying pro-life banners on busy highway

overpasses across the country. Our local team, consisting of nine volunteers, manned a pedestrian bridge above I-675 just north of the intersection with SR 35. The team displayed two banners—the standard "Abortion Takes a Human Life" sign, as well as "WrightStateAbortion.com." The second sign promotes our local campaign against the Wright State doctors who enable Dayton's one remaining abortion clinic to remain open. During the two-hour vigil, the team estimated its signs were viewed by just over 10,000 vehicles in both directions along I-675. Our Wright State Physician campaign remains active in the summer months, with picketing normally occurring three times weekly, currently in Oakwood and Kettering. If you would like to join our Life Squad to participate in picketing and other pro-life activities, contact our office at (937) 461-3625.

Dewine Still Silent on Cuyahoga Falls Tragedy

Ohio conducts an average of 55 abortions every day of the year, each one an unnecessary tragedy. But none in recent memory has been more appalling than that of the butchered baby whose remains were found in the dumpster of an abortion clinic in Cuyahoga Falls in June. The discovery of the dismembered body, an infant of about 16 to 18 weeks' gestation, was made by a pro-life Red Rose Rescuer as he searched the trash containers outside the Northeast Ohio Women's Center (NEOWC) abortion clinic. The infant, who had been killed by the gruesome dilation and evacuation method, was hidden and wrapped in a blood-stained blue surgical pad used during the abortion procedure. Also found were multiple biohazard waste items and patient records of more than 30 women, an apparent violation of Ohio's HIPAA law, which protects medical privacy. Even before this incident, the NEOWC had a checkered history, with one of its abortionists cited for dealing in dangerous narcotics and a female patient evacuated by ambulance with "uncontrolled bleeding" from abortion complications just last year. Although state inspectors have since visited NEOWC, the abortion mill continues its daily business as usual. Neither Governor DeWine nor the Ohio Department of Health, which has the authority to close the clinic, has made any public statement or taken any public action in the roughly eight weeks since this tragedy was announced in early July. Many Ohioans note the hypocrisy of the governor, who reminds us almost daily to be vaccinated "for the health of all Ohioans" while saying not a word about the butchered infant in Cuyahoga Falls. If you would like to join almost a thousand other voices in encouraging the governor to take action, go to https://daytonlife.org/Advocacy/advocacy-in-action.php.

Pro-life activist Monica Miller, who over a 30-year period retrieved thousands of aborted babies from trash receptacles, stated,

"This baby found in the NEOWC trash has suffered the greatest injustice that can be inflicted upon any human being. The child is a rejected human person, rejected by his or her own mother, sliced apart in an unspeakable act of violence, and then literally treated as trash! In this unborn child's dismembered body is incarnated the injustice of abortion. We must expose this atrocity.

"It is so painfully obvious that such killing should be a crime and made illegal. Little did the clinic's neighboring private residents and businesses know the secret buried at the bottom of the abortion center's trash container. Furthermore, what was discovered in the NEOWC demonstrates the abortion industry's disregarded for the rights and dignity of women—as the clinic did little to protect their patients' identity."

DeWine's silence is in stark contrast to his position in 2015 when, as Ohio's Attorney General, he openly criticizedPlannedParenthoodforviolatingastaterule requiring fetal tissue to be disposed of in a "humane manner." Subsequently, pro-life Republicans in the state legislature vowed to tighten and clarify Ohio law concerning the disposal of fetal tissue. After five years, the end result was SB 27, signed last December by now Governor DeWine. The so-called "fetal remains" law requires that an embryo or fetus from a surgical abortion be either buried or cremated. The law, scheduled to go into effect on April 6, was challenged in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court by Planned Parenthood and the ACLU, among others, who were granted a preliminary injunction on April 5, thus stopping Ohio from enforcing the new law at the last minute. Meanwhile, the Ohio Department of Health had apparently overlooked the very obvious requirement to create the necessary rules to enforce the law, to include the forms which must be signed by the female patients. In a last-minute effort to correct the negligence of ODH, DeWine signed an executive order on April 5, declaring an emergency, thus allowing rules to go into effect the following day. However, Judge Alison Hatheway did not agree with the state and proceeded to issue her injunction. Thus, because of aggressive use of the judicial system by the pro-abortion forces and the inept approach to enforcement by the DeWine Administration, Ohio's long-awaited fetal remains act will have to wait even longer for implementation.

Separately, on July 16, the Cleveland abortion clinic Preterm had to medically evacuate a 24-year-old woman who was suffering from "extreme hyperemesis," a condition where pregnant women vomit to the point of weight loss and/or dehydration. This marked the twentieth time in the past ten years in which Preterm transported an abortion patient to a hospital emergency room. Among the previous patients was 22-year-old Lakisha Wilson, who died of complications from her second-trimester abortion.

Mason May Join Lebanon as an Ohio Sanctuary City



On August 10, the city of Mason in Warren County opened city council debate on an ordinance that, if adopted, would outlaw all abortions, thereby making Mason Ohio's second Sanctuary City for the Unborn. The

contentious session was attended by some 150 persons, of whom more than 60 signed up to speak. The issue will continue to be addressed, with a first formal reading of the motion not expected before September 13, possibly as late as October. In May, the city council of nearby Lebanon voted unanimously to outlaw abortion within city limits, a decision that went into effect immediately. The newly passed law forbids providing an abortion, aiding in an abortion, providing money or transportation for an abortion, or offering instructions to procure an abortion. Violations are punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. However, pregnant women

are exempt from prosecution. In taking this step, Lebanon became the first Ohio city to become a Sanctuary City for the Unborn, joining over 30 other cities in Texas and Nebraska. While neither Lebanon nor Mason currently has an abortion clinic within city limits, the passing of a Sanctuary City ordinance provides a significant symbolic step in defense of life. If there is interest in your municipality joining the ranks of sanctuary cities, please contact Dayton Right to Life at (937) 461-3625.

Tom Pfahler is Retiring!



After many years of faithful service to Dayton Right to Life in our fight to protect life, Tom Pfahler, our Project Manager and all around "Mr. Fix It", is retiring! As Tom playfully puts it, he is moving "under

new management" of his lovely wife, Mary.

Thank you, Tom, for your devotion and hard work for Dayton Right to Life and may God continue to bless you and use you as you step into this next phase of your life!

Thank You to Our Notre Dame Summer Intern

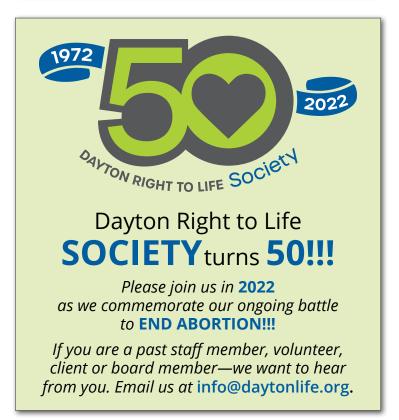
Dayton Right to Life was able to provide valuable handson experience to a student intern this summer. Nina, who is a student at Notre Dame, spent about 6 weeks (40 hrs per week) at Dayton Right to Life and worked with clients in our Baby Pantry, as well as



at our community events. Nina also helped out at our Tee Up Fore Life golf outing and our Touchdown for Life event featuring Matt Birk.

Thank you, Nina, for your diligent work and valuable hours of office and client support! May the Lord bless and keep you in your studies and in your future career.





Victory in Texas: Heartbeat Law Effective Immediately!

In a late decision on Wednesday, September 1st, the United States Supreme Court, declined to block the Texas Heartbeat law. In a 5-4 decision, they denied the emergency request by abortion providers to block the implantation of the law.

The majority justices did state in their decision that the denial was based on "procedural grounds" and was not any statement on the "constitutionality" of the law. Effective immediately, the law bars most abortions as early as six weeks if a heartbeat can be detected by ultrasound. What is interesting about the law, is that it is not enforced by the government. Therefore, the abortion providers cannot sue the state. Rather, it allows private citizens to sue providers who assist someone to get an abortion after a "fetal" heartbeat is detected. Additionally, the person would not have to be connected to someone who had an abortion in order to sue.

Texas Governor Abbott signed the bill into law in May of 2021 and it was immediately appealed in the courts. Planned Parenthood and other providers have called this one of the most extreme bans on womens' reproductive rights in the country. President Joe Biden denounced the implementation of SB 8:

"My administration is deeply committed to the constitutional right established in Roe v. Wade nearly five decades ago and will protect and defend that right," Biden said, but did not clarify any course of action.

—Texas Tribune

The Biden Budget Goes "Woke"



If you thought that hard-core leftists did not permeate every federal agency in the Biden administration, think again. Even the bean

counters in the Office of Management and **Budget (OMB)** are woke. In unveiling the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, OMB Deputy Director Shalanda Young recently noted in a Congressional hearing that the budget now includes a program to provide federal assistance to "birthing people," rather than to mothers. Young was questioned by a Republican house member about some \$200 million for efforts "to reduce maternal mortality and eliminate race-based disparities in outcomes among 'birthing people." Young responded, "There are certain people who do not have gender identities that apply to female and male, so we think our language needs to be more inclusive on how we deal with complex issues." Progressive Democrats have increasingly begun using the term "birthing people" in lieu of "mother" or "pregnant woman" so as not to exclude "transgender men"—who are biological women and thus could carry a baby. The \$200 million program also includes investments to "implement implicit bias training for healthcare providers."

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