

NEWSLETTER Fall 2023

Battle for LIFE Coming to Ohio!

This November, Ohioans will be faced with one of the most monumental votes in our state's history. Ohio must decide if it wants to be on the side of the pro-death business lobby or on the side of women, parents, and the preborn. Make no mistake, Ohio is being targeted by the abortion lobby as a test ground for the rest of the nation. Should they prevail in Ohio, they will have the perfect roadmap to bring full term abortion to the rest of the country.

What a "YES" vote means for Ohio:

- ALL health and safety standards regarding abortions and reproductive issues will be nullified: no waiting periods, no parental consent, no physician or clinic regulations, etc. All these protections would have to be resubmitted under the new guidelines that they do not "burden, penalize, or prohibit" this newly created "abortion right." (Reminder—in law, the Constitution trumps everything, so undoubtedly, all such protections could be found "unconstitutional" by our judicial system.)
- Abortions would be allowed through all 9 months, as long as the woman's physician (the abortionist) deems it necessary.
- Abortion on demand would be established as a "right" for Ohioans. Therefore, in the future, public funds and institutions (and perhaps even private ones) will have to protect and support this evil, just as they would the other rights included in our Bill of Rights such as right to bear arms and the right to assemble.

in November—
PROTECT
our WOMEN,
PARENTS, and
PREBORN.



Lessons Learned from the August Election

Issue 1 unfortunately failed with Ohio voters for a variety of reasons, as noted by numerous national and local media sources after the August 8th election. Certainly, the linkage to the pending November election was a factor, but onlyoneofseveral. First, the messaging of the "Vote Yes" side was not always clear and consistent. From one viewpoint, Issue I stood by itself as a legitimate attempt to safeguard our Constitution, while from another, it was closely linked to the coming "reproductive freedom" amendment. This resulted in confusion for voters, which was exacerbated by deliberate false advertising from the other side (e.g., we plan to take away majority rule). Likewise, voters had an understandable reluctance to change the Constitution, even though the purpose of this specific change was to strengthen our relatively vulnerable Constitution from the radical changes which are clearly on the horizon. In short, the message of Protect Women Ohio, focusing on abortion and parents' rights, conflicted with the theme of "Protect Our Constitution," sponsored largely by the business community, the Republican Party, and the gun lobby.

A second major factor was the disparity in funding. Although both sides received considerable funds from out-of-state, the "Vote Yes" side was outspent at least three-to-one by its opponents (roughly \$15 million to \$5 million). Out of the top ten groups contributing to the "Vote No" effort, eight were from outside of Ohio (specifically California, New York, and the D.C. area). In fact, about 85% of the total donations to "Vote No" were from out-of-state sources.

While other factors were also at play, the strategy of the pro-abortion forces is now patently obvious. Theirs is a nationwide game to isolate and attack vulnerable states such as Ohio one state at a time in the coming years. The overwhelming resources and influence of Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, and their leftwing allies, have already orchestrated election victories in six other states last year. We MUST thwart their efforts for a nationwide sweep of their radical pro-death agenda.

Our Life Squad in Action

Despite our loss in the August election, we want to acknowledge and applaud the heroic efforts of our "life squad," the 50-some local volunteers who have publicly advocated for the passage of Issue 1. Although our life squad has waxed and waned over the years depending on the public issue, this issue has brought a renewed enthusiasm and increased participation.

Our efforts to defeat the pending abortion amendment, as well as promote Issue 1, began in mid March. By May and June, we were working over twenty events per month. These included in-person town hall presentations, flyer distribution at festivals/fairs, and neighborhood door-to-door campaigns with many of our local partners such as Greene County and Miami County Right to Life. Many of these events were on weekends when our volunteers were sacrificing their family time. Here is a short list of just some of our many activities:

- √ 4th of July parade in Liberty Township, Centerville and other areas.
- ✓ Fairs and events in Auglaize and Darke Counties.
- ✓ Greene County family walked and messaged several homes in 3 precincts in Greene County.
- ✓ Our "bridge team" displayed Issue 1 banners on eleven occasions over local pedestrian bridges for approximately 24 hours, reaching nearly 150,000 motorists (see pic).
- ✓ Other volunteers enabled us to utilize local Christian radio (93.7 The Light), both with ad spots and interviews.

✓ Election day presence at ten key polling locations in Montgomery County.

All six of Ohio's largest counties (see table) performed below our state average of 43%, however we note that Montgomery County's results were considerably better than the other five, by an average of 9 percent. No doubt many factors contributed to this result, but we are confident that the hard work of our life squad was a prime reason for our relatively good showing. We hope to continue this momentum thru November—if you wish to join our life squad in any capacity, please contact <code>garytaphorn@gmail.com</code> or <code>rbtuttle56@gmail.com</code>.

Our **Bridge Team** displaying an Issue 1 banner



County* (County Seat)	Percent YES Vote
Cuyahoga (Cleveland)	24%
Franklin (Columbus)	25%
Hamilton (Cincinnati)	33%
Lucas (Toledo)	33%
Montgomery (Dayton)	39%
Summit (Akron)	34%

*Unofficial results









The Stork's Nest is Open!

Our renovated Stork's Nest Baby Pantry is up and running and busier than ever! In August, we served *over 200 families with over 4,600 diapers and other necessities*. We are so grateful for the generosity of our donors—and so are the families! 40% of the families we serve come from countries other than the United States. Here are just some of the countries our families originate from: Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Sudan, Turkey, Russia, and Eritrea. Thank you again for your support of these families in need. If you would like a tour or more information on our pantry, contact our Baby Pantry Coordinator Madeline at (937) 461-3625.

If you would like to support our pantry services, here are our most needed items:

- 2T-5T Boy and Girl Clothing
- Socks
- Underwear
- Toiletry Items
- Sippy Cups
- Newborn-5T Pajamas
- Meijer and Walmart Gift Cards

You Could Be a Winner!



Time is running out! Don't forget to purchase your **2023** *raffle tickets*. The drawing will take place on October 31st in honor of Respect Life Month. You do not have to be present to win. Call the DRTL office at (937) 461-3625 for more information. *Proceeds benefit our 501(c)(4) Society organization*.

DAYTON RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY DAYTON RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY Drawing will be held on October 31, 2023 Name: for Respect Life Month* Phone: 2nd prize 1st prize 3rd prize S250 S100 **S50** E-mail: DAYTON RIGHT TO LIFE *Do not have to be present to win Return to: 425 N Findlay St, Suite 2 \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20 Dayton, OH 45404



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\$1,000	Provides educational materials and supplies for our parenting resource classes
\$500	Provides formula for the pantry for a month
\$250	Supports gas and supplies for our mobile unit and offsite pantries
\$150	Provides baby wash, wipes, clothes, and diapers for a new mom for a month



