

## Unplanned Screening!

HRTL is working towards screening the eye-opening film, Unplanned, in the Hamilton area! Stay tuned for more details to be announced on our website, or call our office!



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## President's Remarks

BY HARVEY BAILEY, PRESIDENT

### ► Where does the light shine?

While many in the community are focused on the darkness of life issues and choose associated behaviour, others choose to focus on shining the light of the message of life, which we emphasize in several ways. More and more, HRTL shines the light of our message of life with words and images; in print, in digital media, on billboards, or on radio. This light also shines through events. Many went to Ottawa for the March for Life in May and brought the message of light in person. Recently, the message of life was seen and heard, despite many challenges, by audiences across Canada when the movie "Unplanned" was shown.



The choice to support life isn't something that can be heard or seen only in public gatherings or media, but is also the task of individuals. When the encounter occurs, and it surely does, when those who choose darkness encounter those of us who bring the message of light, what happens? What do I say? What do I do to help overcome the darkness?

Hamilton Right to Life remains committed to gathering your valued support and, with it, to illuminate the message of life in our community. In turn, we urge our supporters to act in support of life at every opportunity, to bring the light of life to those who need it.

## Unplanned

BY JERRY BEKENDAM

At the March for Life in Ottawa this spring, we heard Abby Johnson speak for pro-life. She did not mince her words and encouraged us to be brave, and not fear in speaking up for the life of the unborn. She told us a little about her life, and her experience, while working for Planned Parenthood which changed her life. And so it was with eager expectation that my wife and I went to see the movie Unplanned, based on her true story about abortion. This movie is very educational and very moving. It opened our eyes to what transpires during an abortion, seeing how a tiny child was fighting in the womb for their life. In the USA, the movie Unplanned was played in many major theatres, where it was widely received. It was a major struggle to have it brought to Canada. Thankfully, some of the smaller theatres agreed to show it. Canada is much less pro-life than the USA. We have no abortion laws, and a woman can terminate a baby, even up to full term. The film, Unplanned, is a good step towards waking people up to the abortion debate and what really goes on in these clinics. Many lives will still be lost before society and abortion laws will change. But change it will! I urge everyone to see this movie, or buy the DVD, and to keep on fighting the battle to save the lives of these innocent little ones. I also like to thank Cineplex Movie theatres for allowing this movie to be shown. Many have tried to stop it being screened, but free speech is still alive and well in Canada. We must protect our right to free speech so that we can continue to speak for the rights of the unborn.

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# Promotion Report

Our last fiscal year, running May 1st to April 30th, has closed on two successful promotion campaigns. We have chosen to promote our message in two campaigns, one in the spring and one in the fall, to have a greater impact around the city during the campaigns. Last year we were able to run 24 pro-life billboards, 30 transit shelter ads, 16 Hamilton Spectator ads, and 16 weeks of K-Lite radio ads between those campaigns. We also advertised in the Mountain News, as well as the SWEAT magazine which goes out to Redeemer University and Mohawk College. This year is proving to be even greater. We have launched a year-round online advertising campaign; this will reach out to women who are looking for an abortion to be directed to pro-life organizations that will help her choose life and provide the necessary resources for that choice. This will run alongside our regular campaigns, which we have also increased. This past spring campaign we ran 20 billboards (up from 12 per campaign) as well as the K-Lite and Spectator ads. We have received a lot of positive feedback from our supporters on our messages, but have also been targeted by pro-choice advocates. Even then, we are encouraged that our message is being noticed and may influence some who see or hear them. Our fall campaign begins in September, so remember to look out for our various pro-life messages!

## Featured Events

### Ancaster Fair Booth

THURSDAY TO SUNDAY ▶ Sept 19 -22, 2019

Hamilton Right to Life will have its annual booth at the Ancaster Fairgrounds. This booth is a great occasion to show the truth of life through our fetal models, brochures, videos, and free handouts. If you are able to volunteer 2-4 hours to man the booth, it would be most appreciated. You will receive a complimentary pass into the fair. Please email or call Verna at the Hamilton Right to Life office at [hamiltonrighttolife@outlook.com](mailto:hamiltonrighttolife@outlook.com) or 905-528-3065. ▶ **Thank you.**

### Life Chain

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 ▶ 2:30pm - 3:30pm

PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR STAND AGAINST ABORTION!

Four Locations, so find one near you!!

- McMaster University Medical Centre with parking at Canadian Martyrs Parish
- Upper James & Mohawk Road, Hamilton with parking at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church (please meet at the corner by Canadian Tire)
- Hwy 20 & Hwy 8, Stoney Creek with parking at Eastgate Square
- Hwy 8 & Grays Rd, Stoney Creek with parking at Stoney Creek Shopping Plaza

**We ask that everyone arrive 10 minutes early to meet and receive signs and instructions before the event.**

### Respect Life Fundraiser Dinner & Raffle

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019 ▶ Doors open 5:30pm • Dinner: 6:30pm

Tickets: \$40

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Associate Professor of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary

**Topic:** Pro-Life is Pro-Hope

**Location:** Michelangelo's Banquet Centre 1555 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton

Come join us for an enjoyable and enlightening evening of food, music, speeches, and raffles! For more information or to purchase your tickets please contact our office at 905-528-3065 or email [hamiltonrighttolife@outlook.com](mailto:hamiltonrighttolife@outlook.com)



▶ The Spring Baby Bottle Campaign has finished and the final counts are coming together!

The Spring Baby Bottle Campaign has wrapped up. We would like to thank everyone who participated and supported our fundraiser. The campaign has raised over \$29,000! These funds allow us to continue our work toward promoting and educating our community on the sanctity of life. We would like to send out a heartfelt thank-you to all the churches and supporters who participated over Mother's day to Father's day, making this one of our largest fundraisers yet! The Fall Baby Bottle campaign will begin soon – running from Labour Day to Thanksgiving – for the churches who prefer this time. If you would like to involve your church in our next campaign, please let us know!



## Mission Statement

Hamilton Right to Life (HRTL) is a not-for-profit organization committed to the principle that God is the author of life, and that each human life has intrinsic value and should be revered and protected from conception to natural death. The HRTL mission is to educate and promote these positions while encouraging people to recognize and affirm the sanctity of human life.

▶ Life without abortion.



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