

Summer 2020
NEWSLETTER

Lifespan

We pray you and your loved ones are well during this unprecedented time of isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Even with the pandemic paramount on all our minds, our mission becomes especially significant and poignant due to so many elderly individuals being afflicted. Please continue to join us in this God-led mission of ensuring everyone has the right to life, especially our senior loved ones.

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Please find **enclosed a poster** used in our Media Campaign. We encourage you to show your support by proudly displaying this at your home, on a front window or door. Thank you for standing with us!

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President's Remarks BY HARVEY BAILEY, PRESIDENT

Is our mission related to beginning-of-life issues? Yes, it is. As well, we can see an increasing need to focus on end-of-life matters, too. We can and do encounter concepts such as in vitro fertilization, a process called “selective reduction”. In reality, what does that mean? We know that many promote the concept of choice, in support of their agenda. We can see and hear a term such as medical assistance in dying (MAID). These terms, used by those with life perspectives other than ours, can be understood to be attempts to soften the impact, or even to deflect from the reality that lies behind these words. Part of our task is to explain and to help with understanding what is involved. Nevertheless, we continue with our programme of education and the recent showing of the movie Unplanned was an occasion designed to assist with explanations and understanding.



Our activities are not just conceptual, or related to reading a book or seeing a film. There are real, actual, in-person situations that do occur and which illustrate what we are striving to do – to promote the inherent dignity of each human being. What do we say, or not say, do, or not do, when we encounter a beginning of life, or an end of life situation? Sometimes, we may be in a situation whereby we encourage someone to change his or her mind, and to act in support of life. Another time, someone may have already made a positive life decision and we look for a way to support or encourage.

How do we educate? Usually, this takes the form of billboards in public places, as well as the publication of ads in various media. Such promotion campaigns extend throughout the year. We are again planning the Life Chain, and our annual fundraising dinner. We develop communications with other life organizations, which are local, provincial and national in scope, and find ways to combine our efforts.

HRTL appreciates and encourages the support of so many in the community and we urge each of you to continue to find ways to enact your well-considered pro-life motivation. What works for you? Works best for you? Maybe it is prayer, or time and work. Possibly financial, or political. Maybe it is hands-on participation, or attendance at a life event. What about casual conversation, when a life topic comes up and is pursued?

My term as President has come to an end and I extend sincere appreciation to all who are supporters of our organization. You work so diligently, in so many ways. You are greatly to be praised and thanked.

Summer is upon us and all of us at Right to Life extend to you our best wishes as we continue on the journey of advocating for those vulnerable persons who cannot.

Welcome to our New Staff Member

HRTL is pleased to introduce and welcome Janet Mulder McKenzie, our new part-time Administrative Assistant, as of January 2020. Janet has worked in the non-profit sector for 30+ years in various administrative and fundraising roles within Hamilton, including a social service agency funder, Christian university, and hospital foundation. Janet has been a longtime pro-life supporter and looks forward to working with Verna, our Office Manager, to enhance our ability to increase donor relations, event planning and share our mission effectively, while engaging with our Board of Directors, volunteers and donors.



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Money Matters (but LOVE matters a lot more!)

BY (REV.) TED SLAMAN, TREASURER (RETIRING JULY 2020)

Friends, your membership gift and donations are really appreciated. Due to the COVID-19 crisis we had to put aside the Baby Bottle campaign, which usually brings in close to \$30,000. Since we have been in good financial shape because of your generosity and because of a legacy gift we received last year, we are still doing fine financially. We have been able to continue the Spring Campaign of advertising (billboards, KLite FM, Spectator), costing thousands of dollars.

We need to continue this advertising/promoting work. So, if you are able, mail us a donation. If you have not yet sent your membership donation this year, please do so now.

We are all in this together! The culture of death is still rampant, and we need to bring forward the culture of the dignity of **ALL HUMAN LIFE**, from conception to natural death.

Recent Events Report

► Unplanned

February 19th - over 65 people attended the screening, seeing firsthand the impact of recognizing abortion for the reality it is. A very powerful message of change and hope.

► 23rd Annual National March for Life

VIRTUAL, MAY 10th – 15th, THEME: BE NOT AFRAID.

Due to COVID-19, this year's March was a unique virtual experience, and included a movie presentation, candlelight vigil, virtual Rally & March, and Youth webinar. Hope you were able to participate and be a light in this world.

► "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign

With churches closed due to the pandemic, our Board of Directors made the difficult decision to cancel our Annual Spring Baby Bottle Campaign, our major fundraiser. Last year you joined others in raising close to \$30,000, helping to shed light on the blessings and potential of the unborn child. This campaign promotes the sanctity of life and raises funds to continue our efforts in educating the community on life issues. Please consider making a donation using the enclosed donation form and reply envelope. Help us be the voice of the preborn silenced through abortion.



Future Events

Please note that events may be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, depending on Government regulations on gatherings. For more information, please email or call our office at hamiltonrighttolife@outlook.com or 905.528.3065.

► Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Postponed to a later date, still to be decided.

► Ancaster Fair Booth

Event cancelled for 2020. Please mark your calendar for next year, Thursday – Sunday, September 23rd – 26th, 2021.

► Life Chain SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th; 2:30PM – 3:30PM.

Please join us in our stand against abortion!

► Respect Life Fundraiser Dinner & Raffle

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th; DOORS OPEN 5:30PM; DINNER 6:30PM;

MICHELANGELO BANQUET CENTRE, 1555 UPPER OTTAWA ST., HAMILTON.

Come join us for an enjoyable and enlightening evening of food, music, informative Guest Speaker and raffles!

Promotion

We have two advertising "blitzes" - in the Spring and the Fall - in which we have billboards, ads in the Hamilton Spectator and commercials on the radio, promoting the dignity of all human life. We appreciate your support in helping to promote in the community, our vision for life.

Thank you!

To you, our donors, supporters and prayer partners, thank you for joining us in protecting so many vulnerable and unborn persons who are depending on our voice to be heard. Together we are changing hearts and minds in a powerful way to enhance the sanctity of life.



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.

- Imagine life without abortion or euthanasia.



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