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# **President's Remarks**

BY HARVEY BAILEY, PRESIDENT

When a question is asked, there is usually an answer. At our Respect Life annual fundraising dinner, attended by nearly 200 supporters, an 'ASK' was made and you responded with almost \$13,000 in donations. All of these funds will be directly applied

to our promotional activities. We heard a heartfelt, personal, and relevant presentation from Lorna Dueck who is the CEO of Crossroads Christian Communications. We appreciate Lorna's wonderful contribution to the program.

Are there other contributions? Yes, there are. Many arrive throughout the year and we thank everyone who supports the cause of life – in whatever form or amount. We have recently received an extraordinary gift by way of a significant bequest from an estate. Someone clearly appreciated the pro-life work that Hamilton Right to Life does and made arrangements in his will. We are very thankful for this consideration and for all the work we can do with these extra funds.



Other developments are also on the way. We have just hired a new office manager. We welcome Verna McQueen to our organization! For the past year and a half we have been functioning solely off of volunteers and the board. We apologize for any past tardiness in thank-yous, responses, or other routine office details during that time.

We also encourage your participation in the upcoming prayer vigil at the Canadian Martyrs Parish (across from McMaster Hospital and University) on Friday January 25th, 2019. Looking further ahead, we will once again provide a bus to the March for Life in Ottawa on May 9th. We are pleased to announce that two very helpful donations will make the trip less costly. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The New Year has arrived and all of us at Hamilton Right to Life extend to you our best wishes as we continue on the journey of speaking for those vulnerable persons who cannot.

## Verna McQueen's Biography

As the newest addition to Hamilton Right to Life, I am happy to join as Office Manager. The organization instills hope and care to those it serves, resonating with my own values.

I have had a wide range of opportunities serving those in non-profit and faith-based organizations; including fields of health services, education, and community building. I look forward to being a part of Hamilton Right to Life, and sharing the important work it does as it educates our community in upholding the sanctity of life.



# Promotional Campaign: Year in Review

As we enter the New Year, we look back on the work that we completed this past year. We were able to do significantly more than previous years. This past year we held two major campaign blitzes; one in the spring and one in the fall. We were able to put up 24 billboards (each lasting a month) with 5 different pro-life messages. We ran 16 large Saturday ads in the Hamilton Spectator. We were able to run two months of radio ads on K-Lite FM. We also continued to reach out to people via the mountain news and the College/University SWEAT magazine. We chose positive messages that we hope will start people thinking about the sanctity of life. We have great plans for this New Year as well. We already have 15 billboards booked to start in the spring and hope to add to that number. We hope to reach out to more people in the Hamilton area and to change hearts and lives towards the sanctity of all human life: great and small; young and old; strong and fragile.

## Why **Newsletters?**

Hamilton Right to Life sends out newsletters throughout the year to our members and donors. Some may wonder: what is the point? The purpose of the newsletter is to inform our supporters of what we are currently doing, as well as to remind them of our upcoming events and our membership fee. Many of our events - such as the Prayer Vigil, the March for Life, and the Life Chain - require supporters to come out in numbers to witness to the sanctity of life. Sending out three newsletters a year ensures that members are reminded of events coming up in the near future. Our newsletters also help to keep us as an organization accountable to our donors as to what we are currently doing with the funds we have received. It also includes pictures of the billboards that are put up around the city to show our supporters what to keep an eye out for, as well as to get feedback from you on the content. We are very thankful to all of you for your continued support; both in time and money.

### Featured **Events**

#### ■ Hamilton Right to Life's 10th Annual Prayer and Candlelight Vigil

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019 ► 7:00 pm

Please join us for our annual Prayer and Candlelight Vigil to be held Friday, January 25 at 7:00 pm. We will start with a time of prayer at the Canadian Martyrs Parish, 38 Emerson St, followed by the candlelight vigil in front of McMaster University Hospital. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. January 28th marks the horrendous day 31 years ago when the Supreme Court of Canada took away the precious pre-born child's right-to-life. For more information, call the HRTL-office at 905-528-3065 or email us at hamiltonrightolife@outlook.com. Thank you.

#### ■ Fatal Flaws Screening

MARCH, 2019

Come out and join us as we watch the powerful documentary 'Fatal Flaws'. This insightful documentary delves into the issue of Euthanasia. Kevin Dunn of Dunn Media - together with the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition - interviewed knowledgeable people from both sides of the issue, and from several different countries, to get to the truth about Euthanasia. This documentary is eye-opening and will help to educate you about this very serious matter that is now relevant here in Canada. Kevin Dunn, himself, will be there to answer any questions after the screening. Contact our office for the time, date, location, and any other questions!

# ■ Captions of previous events

1- Ancaster Fair

Winter 2019

2- Life Chain





# Thank you!

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

We would like to send out a hearty thank you to all who participated and supported us in this fundraiser! We raised over \$24,000 this year! With these funds we can continue educating and reaching the hearts of our fellow Hamiltonians. Thank you to all the churches who participated over Mother's day to Father's day. 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 your church to participate in the baby bottle 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 or Euthanasia.



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