



# LAKESHORE LIFE NEWS

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## Tri-Cities Pro-Lifers Raise Money for LPC



*Left to Right:* Lisa and Rich Peters, Fr. Bill Langlois with Nellie Kuzma and her friend, Marian DeGram, Cheri and Curt TerHaar, and Rebecca, Micah, and Julissa TerHaar gathered before the walk began.



*Left to Right:* Meredith Skorupski and State Representative Amanda Price shared a moment at Grand Haven Central Park where the annual LifeWalk fundraiser was held.

Imagine this: 125 people walking the streets of Grand Haven, including children with colorful windsocks flying behind them, babies riding happily in strollers, and adults enjoying the camaraderie that comes with spending a morning raising funds and awareness to help save lives in the Tri-Cities.

Despite the threat of rain hanging heavy in the air, musicians from Harvest Bible Church youth band played praise music and nearly 35 smiling volunteers worked to register walkers, hand out T-shirts, serve food, and organize games. Michigan State Representative Amanda Price and State Senator Arlan Meekhof

joined the festivities that raised more than \$15,000 for the Grand Haven Lakeshore Pregnancy Center.

Many thanks to those who walked and sponsored walkers. If you were unable to join us this year, consider joining us for another memorable LifeWalk next June.

## Don't Miss the Annual "Focus on Life" Dinner



The special guest speaker at this year's "Focus on Life" Dinner will be Mary VerWys, Director of Garden of Hope Ministry and sidewalk counselor at abortion clinics in Grand Rapids for over 20 years. Casey Miller, winner of this year's Tri-Cities Right to Life Oratory Contest, will also give her presentation.

The benefit dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 25, at Spring Lake Country Club. The reception starts at 6:00 p.m. and the program begins at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each or a table may be sponsored for \$280.

Proceeds support statewide and local Right to Life efforts.

Please see the enclosed ticket form and flyer for more information.

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## The President's Prayer

The first time I heard Mary VerWys speak, about ten years ago, I was deeply moved by her courage and faithfulness. And I was in good company. Mary was giving a workshop at a Right to Life of Michigan conference. In the audience was Professor Robert P. George, a nationally respected Princeton professor of constitutional law and moral philosophy who was to give the keynote address later that day.

George sat in the last row and quietly listened to Mary describe her unforgettable encounters on the sidewalk outside of a Grand Rapids abortion clinic, where she stood to counsel for hours every week without fail. When she finished, George stood up and said, "You are a modern day hero."

Those were my sentiments exactly. They still are.

We are very blessed to have Mary as our speaker at this year's annual Focus on Life dinner on October 25.

### THANK YOU

*A special thanks to all who sent in membership renewals last quarter.*

*Your support makes our pro-life activities and educational efforts possible!*

Don't miss this opportunity to hear firsthand about the miracles that happen on the sidewalk, the last opportunity to protect a mother and child from the tragedy of abortion. Please make your reservations today. You'll be glad you did!

God bless you for your commitment to life!

Lisa Peters, President

## Local Campaign for "40 Days for Life"

On September 28, a campaign will begin that is part of the largest pro-life mobilization in history, one that will include 297 locations in 48 states, seven Canadian provinces, Australia, England, Spain, Germany, and Argentina. What's it all about? Prayer! Specifically, 40 days and nights of praying, fasting, and keeping vigil outside of an abortion clinic. This movement is "40 Days for Life." Since 2007, this will be the eighth campaign nationwide and the fifth in Grand Rapids.

Over 400,000 individuals and 13,000 church congregations have joined together to pray, 53 abortion workers have quit their jobs, 14 abortion facilities have closed, and at least 4,313 lives (that we know of!) have been spared from abortion as a direct



David Bereit, founder of "40 Days for Life," and Abby Johnson visit and pray in Grand Rapids during the 2010 campaign.

result of this grassroots effort. The Grand Rapids vigil is held at Heritage Clinic for Women, 320 East Fulton Street. More than 40 West Michigan churches and the Knights of Columbus Councils participate.

Learn how you can participate from home or on the sidewalk by visiting [www.40daysforlife.com/grandrapids](http://www.40daysforlife.com/grandrapids).

## Upcoming Events

### ♥ RTL of MI Annual Conference

Saturday, September 24, 8:30 a.m.  
Causeway Bay Hotel & Conf. Center  
6820 S. Cedar Street, Lansing  
Register at [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org)

Attend the 38th annual conference with keynote speaker Phill Kline, former Kansas Attorney General. Cost: \$65.

### ♥ 40 Days for Life

September 28 - November 6  
Heritage (Abortion) Clinic for Women  
320 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids  
[www.40daysforlife.com/grandrapids](http://www.40daysforlife.com/grandrapids)

Join this peaceful vigil and pray to end abortion in front of West Michigan's busiest abortion clinic.

### ♥ Focus on Life Dinner

Tuesday, October 25, 6:00 p.m.  
Spring Lake Country Club  
17496 N. Fruitport Road, Spring Lake  
Mingle with local pro-life people at this annual fundraiser. Cost: \$35.

### ♥ Memorial Walk for the Unborn

Saturday, January 21, 10:00 a.m.  
Grand Haven

Save the date for the annual Memorial Walk to observe the 39th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.

### ♥ March for Life in Washington, DC

Monday, January 23  
Bus Trip from Grand Rapids  
Grand Rapids Right to Life will sponsor several bus trips to the March for Life. Visit [www.grrtl.org](http://www.grrtl.org).

### ♥ Pray to End Abortion

Saturdays, 8:45 a.m.  
Women's Medical Services  
863 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon  
Pray the rosary together in front of Muskegon's abortion clinic.

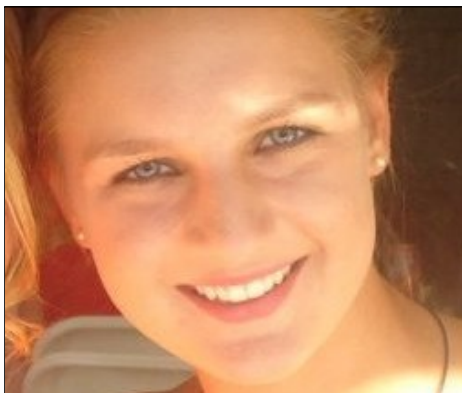
### ♥ Tri-Cities Right to Life Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Patrick's Family Center  
920 Fulton Street, Grand Haven  
Meetings are open to the public.

## Lakeshore Life Salutes ... Ryan and Meredith



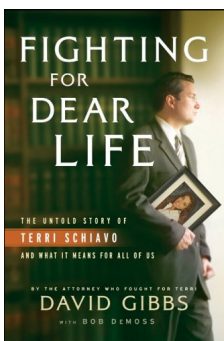
Ryan Richert placed third in the statewide Pro-life Youth Award competition, a scholarship program sponsored by Right to Life of Michigan for high school seniors. Ryan submitted an essay and the record of his pro-life activities, which included attending Right to Life Legislative Days as well as providing music for Tri-Cities Right to Life events. Ryan is a proficient classical pianist and organist and has completed high school as a homeschooler in Spring Lake. He is entering Hillsdale College this fall and is hoping to accompany the large contingent of Hillsdale students who attend the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., next January.



Meredith Skorupski, a 10th grade student at Grand Haven High School, was the youth group liaison for this year's LifeWalk to benefit Lakeshore Pregnancy Center (*see story page one*).

Meredith recruited walkers from area youth groups, contacted church representatives offering to help with their youth outreach efforts for this fundraiser, and helped direct various children's activities at the walk itself. In addition, she spoke at her church's three weekend services, describing the important work of this local pregnancy resource center. Her passionate efforts helped make her church one of the largest donors to LifeWalk.

## The Book Corner



In 2003, Bob and Mary Schindler, Terri Schiavo's parents, asked David Gibbs to represent them in their desperate battle to save their daughter's life.

Taking the case, Gibbs watched Terri fade away in her final days. He witnessed what the media did not see or report: that Terri was not a vegetable; that she laughed, cried, and responded to verbal commands;

and that her life was very much worth saving. Written with a lawyer's attention to detail, Gibbs lets the testimony speak for itself with the inclusion of newspaper and magazine articles, legal statements, and actual observations from eyewitnesses. Gibbs leads readers to understand the significance of this life issue and encourages everyone to be aware of the legal ramifications of this case.

For information on advanced directives, visit [www.rtl.org/aboutus/advanceddirectives.html](http://www.rtl.org/aboutus/advanceddirectives.html).

## Five Truths About PP

Anyone who believes that Planned Parenthood (PP) is primarily concerned with the health of women needs to look at the record.

1. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider, performing one out of every four abortions in the U.S. In 2009, PP provided abortions to 97.6% of patients who reported themselves pregnant for a total of 332,278 abortions with an estimated income of \$150 million. This is based on an average abortion cost of \$451, which is probably low for PP.

2. Planned Parenthood increases its abortion numbers each year, despite a nearly 20-year national trend of abortion rates decreasing. Today PP performs nearly twice as many abortions as it did in 1999 while dramatically reducing the other pregnancy services it provides.

3. Planned Parenthood affiliates have failed to be good stewards of taxpayer funds. PP receives more than \$360 million in taxpayer funds annually, and in 2009 reported an "Excess of Revenue over Expenses" of \$63.4 million.

4. Planned Parenthood fights reasonable laws to protect women and girls because such laws might undermine its ability to make money. This past spring, a PP affiliate in Illinois fought a bill to make reporting of sex abuse mandatory.

5. Planned Parenthood defends and abets those who sexually abuse and exploit women. In examples too numerous to recount, it deliberately hid suspected child sexual abuse and willfully circumvented parental notification laws for minors seeking abortions.

(Source: "Five Truths about Planned Parenthood" by Charmaine Yoest from [www.nationalreview.com](http://www.nationalreview.com))

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\$10 Student / Senior Citizen

\$15 Individual

\$20 Family

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As a member, you will receive Tri-Cities Right to Life and Right to Life of Michigan newsletters.  
Your membership also ensures that Tri-Cities Right to Life remains a visible presence in our area.

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## Our Mission

- To raise public awareness about the issues of abortion, embryo destructive research, euthanasia, and assisted suicide.
- To be a community resource for area churches, schools, and individuals about pro-life issues.
- To educate legislators and to promote pro-life legislation at the state and federal levels by grassroots lobbying.
- To support pro-life candidates for public office as endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan's political action committee.