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# LAKESHORE LIFE NEWS

## Tri-Cities RTL Members Raise Money for LPC



*Left to Right:* Laura Alexandria, Peggy Boismier, Nancy Carter, Dave Carlson, Nellie Kuzma, Nikki Severance, and Ken Kuzma participated in the 16th Annual LifeWalk fundraiser.

On the beautiful morning of June 19, hundreds turned out in Grand Haven's Central Park for Lakeshore Pregnancy Center's annual LifeWalk.

Tri-Cities Right to Life was well represented, and the event raised almost \$15,000 to support the wonderful work of this local pregnancy resource center.

The route included a tour of the center, which offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and material support to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies. These services empower expectant parents to choose life for their unborn children.

Lakeshore Pregnancy Center upholds life as precious and honors each client as valuable, created in the image of God, and worthy of support. Visit [www.lpccenters.com](http://www.lpccenters.com).

## You're Invited to the Focus on Life Dinner

Tri-Cities Right to Life's annual Focus on Life dinner will be held on Monday, November 8, at the Grand Haven Community Center.

This year, to save on postage, your invitation is enclosed with this newsletter. **Please RSVP** using the form at the bottom of the flyer.

The guest speaker, Eileen Smith, is a crusader for life, with a compelling

story of love and loss.

We are also excited to showcase Grand Haven's own Casey Miller, who won the Right to Life of Michigan statewide pro-life oratory contest.

Don't miss this inspiring evening of good food and fellowship, beautiful music by local high school musicians, and a powerful pro-life message. We hope to see you there!

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## The President's Prayer

Sometimes we wonder if the little things we do to advance the pro-life cause really make a difference ...

I don't know what it was that you did last year — maybe you prayed for a woman in a crisis pregnancy and for her unborn child, or attended a Right to Life dinner, or spoke up for life in a group of your friends or family members, or made a donation to a pro-life effort, or contacted your legislator about this issue, or participated in the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, or commemorated the January 22 anniversary of Roe v. Wade — but whatever you did, and all that each of us did, made a substantial impact.

Abortions fell in Michigan in 2009 by 14% over the prior year to 22,357, the lowest total number of abortions since the Michigan Department of Community Health began keeping statistics in 1979. (The west Michigan counties of Ottawa, Kent, and Muskegon accounted for 2,340

of the total.) So, all of our efforts did bear fruit! But, of course, much remains to be done.

### SAVE THE DATE

*Saturday, January 22, 2011, marks the 38th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, and the companion case, Doe v. Bolton, which together made abortion legal for any reason during all nine months of pregnancy. Tri-Cities Right to Life will hold a memorial service beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please join with us to remember the more than 50 million babies sacrificed as a result of these rulings.*

May each of us respond to the Lord's call to continue and to expand our personal pro-life efforts; He will honor our faithfulness on behalf of His precious unborn children.

Lisa Peters, President

## Shout Out to . . . Diapers for Life



Diapers for Life is dedicated to defending life.

Just as her two-year old was getting *out* of diapers, Theresa Miller was getting *into* diapers! As the director of Diapers for Life, and as a child of an unplanned pregnancy, Miller is passionate about her life's purpose to

help fund organizations that defend human dignity.

Those who purchase diapers or adult incontinence products from Diapers for Life can redirect a portion of the revenues to worthy causes, including pro-life organizations.

Enrollee charities affiliated with Diapers for Life include Lakeshore Pregnancy Center, National Right to Life, and Priests for Life.

Miller is dedicated to "making every little diaper change count."

For more information visit [www.diapers4life.com](http://www.diapers4life.com).

## Upcoming Events

### ♥ 40 Days for Life

September 22 — October 31  
Heritage Abortion Clinic  
310 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids  
[www.40daysforlife.com/grandrapids](http://www.40daysforlife.com/grandrapids)

This prayer vigil to end abortion is held for 40 days in front of West Michigan's busiest abortion clinic.

### ♥ Right to Life of MI Conference

Saturday, September 25, 8:30 a.m.  
The Lansing Center  
333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing  
\$55 Registration Fee  
Register at [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org)

Featured speakers include Mark and Laree Pickup, who speak on the sanctity of all human life, and Clarke Forsythe, Senior Counsel for Americans United for Life.

### ♥ Election Day 2010

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

For a personalized, pro-life ballot, visit [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org).

### ♥ Pro-Life Oratory Contest

Spring 2011  
[www.lakeshoreprolife.org](http://www.lakeshoreprolife.org)

High school students are encouraged to enter the pro-life Oratory Contest.

### ♥ 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 this abortion clinic. Pray for the end of abortion and for the conversion of all clinic workers.

### ♥ 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.

## The Aftermath of Abortion

You know someone who's had an abortion — you just don't know it. Abortion is pervasive in society. The numbers are astounding.

Since 1973, more than 50 million babies have been lost to abortions in the United States. It is estimated that, as of 2008, about 28% of women, ages 15 to 64, and almost 40% of women in the 40 to 55 age group have had abortions.

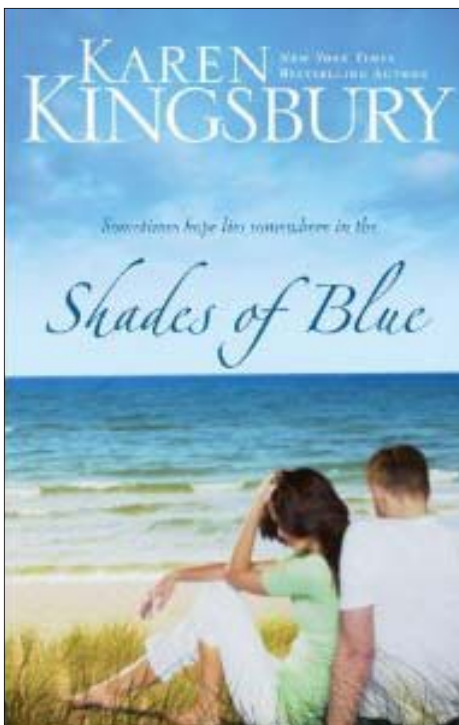
The reason you don't know who has had an abortion is that it is hidden. Post-abortive women often suffer greatly, and for years, as a result of their decision to end a pregnancy, but they suffer in silence. Statistics show that they have a much increased risk of mental health problems, including alcohol and drug dependence, as

well as suicide. Relationships also suffer, and often end, especially with the father of the aborted child.

*"I attended a Rachel's Vineyard retreat this year, and the healing I have experienced as a result has changed me deeply and fundamentally. I not only found God's forgiveness, but He made it possible for me to forgive myself. Healing is possible. There is hope. A part of me died when I had my abortion, and God's healing is restoring me."*

Help and healing is available. Rachel's Vineyard retreats minister to post-abortive women. More information about this program and other post-abortive ministries can be found at [www.lakeshoreprolife.org](http://www.lakeshoreprolife.org).

## The Book Corner



Author Karen Kingsbury's best-selling 2009 book takes a look at the aftermath of abortion.

Author Karen Kingsbury takes her loyal, faith-based fans on an exploration of the emotional and spiritual effects of abortion in the book *Shades of Blue*. Kingsbury frames the story through a young adult male character, Brad Culter, an up-and-coming ad agency executive; he revisits a former relationship in which he encouraged his pregnant girlfriend to have an abortion. Years later, Brad continues to feel guilty, and as he readies to marry his fiancée, a new ad campaign for baby clothes has immobilized him. Emma, the former girlfriend, also cannot move past what happened. As the pressure mounts, Brad travels home and reunites with Emma to find closure, but what he discovers in the encounter is far more different than he hoped or expected.

(Source: *Publishers Weekly*)

## Election Day



Thanks to all who supported pro-life candidates in the August 3 primary; over 87% of the candidates endorsed by the Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee (PAC) won their primary race.

In the upcoming general election, the RLM-PAC has made endorsements which include the following candidates in the tri-cities area: Amanda Price (R) for state representative in the 89th District, Arlan Meekhof (R) for state senator in the 30th District, and Bill Huizenga (R) for U.S. Congress in the 9th Congressional District.

Although he would not meet with Right to Life representatives, Rick Snyder, Republican candidate for governor, has publicly proclaimed that he is pro-life, although with exceptions, which are unacceptable to true pro-lifers.

This is in stark contrast to his opponent, who aligns himself with radical pro-abortion groups and has touted his endorsement by Planned Parenthood.

Many issues are of deep concern to voters in the upcoming election. No issue, however, is of greater importance than the right to life.

The stakes are high, and the choice is in every voter's hands. Talk about these issues. Become informed about pro-life candidates. Support local pro-life organizations.

For more information and to print your personal pro-life ballot, visit [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org).

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**Please renew my membership for 2010 to Tri-Cities Right to Life and Right to Life of Michigan.**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Options:**

\$5 Student / Senior Citizen

\$15 Individual

\$20 Family

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation

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.

**Make Your Check Payable To Tri-Cities Right to Life  
P.O. Box 943, Grand Haven, MI 49417**

*Your contributions to Tri-Cities Right to Life are not tax deductible.*

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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.