

Life Lines

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"To promote respect for the worth and dignity of all human life, including the life of the unborn child from the moment of conception."

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3rd ANNUAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT RALLY

On October 26th, 2018 Right To Life of East Texas held "Unborn Truth: A Gathering To Educate, Equip, & Encourage" at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas. Special speakers included: Kristine Haaroff, Wesley Thomas, Amy Blackwell, and Mark Lee Dickson. Kristine Haaroff spoke about how her and her family got started doing ministry outside of an abortion clinic in Houston, Texas. Wesley Thomas, with Abolish Abortion Texas, spoke about the difference between Pro-Life Regulationism and Abolitionism, and Amy Blackwell shared her story about how she canceled her abortion appointment seven years ago at Hope Medical Group for Women in Shreveport, Louisiana. The event was well attended with about 80 people in attendance!



The next day, about 40 of those that were in attendance showed up on the sidewalk of Hope Medical Group for Women to be a voice for the unborn! It was, most certainly, a great weekend!

CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

The 26th annual Celebrate Life Banquet will be held on Saturday February 23, 2019 at 6:30 p. m. We have a new location this year- The Infinity Event Center at the Longview Holiday Inn North. The speaker will be State Senator Bryan Hughes who will provide his insights of the 2019 legislative session. See the banquet flyer for more details and to register for the banquet.

We will recognize Jonathan Michel and his parents Wren and Karen Michel as the Pro-Life Family of the Year. See their story on page 3.

We will recognize Pro-Life LeTourneau as the 2019 Pro-Life Ministry. This student group is very active on campus with many outreach events and fundraisers. Reservations are required by February 14, 2019. See the enclosed flyer for reservation details.

CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS

The annual Cemetery of the Innocents is a powerful tool to draw attention to the tragedy of abortion in America. We mourn the loss of OVER 60 million babies by abortion since the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision on January 22, 1973. The 2019 event is recommended from January 19 to February 2. Some churches also install a banner with the suggested message: "In Memorial of the **151** Baby Texans Who Die Each Day From Abortion." (55,287 for 2015 from the state website which is the latest data available) www.dshs.state.tx.us/CHS/VSTAT



You can order the crosses from The Good Name Company, www.goodname.com or call 906-428-6363. They are provided as painted yardsticks and the website says they are now available in pink and blue besides the standard white. This year we recommend 151 crosses to represent the number of abortions daily in Texas.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual membership meeting will be Tuesday January 22, 2019. A notice has been mailed to all members. If you need additional information please call the telephone number on the front of this newsletter. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, contact president Tom Mittler prior to the annual meeting.

THE TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE

The Texas Alliance for Life is sponsoring the Texas Rally for Life in Austin at the Texas State Capitol on Saturday January 26, 2019 from 1-4 pm. Consider joining thousands of other pro-lifers in Austin to

publicly show your support for LIFE. You can get more information at www.texasrallyforlife.org or phone 512-477-1244.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Our annual garage sale is scheduled for March 15 and 16, 2019. Please note that we have moved back to the week of spring break for Longview area schools.

The sale will be held at St. Matthew's family center. It is located on Arrow Lane, one block southeast from Pine Tree Road and Dundee Road. Please save your surplus, but usable, items for donation and plan to come and shop for those missing treasures. Donations can be dropped off in Longview at St. Matthew's on Arrow Lane beginning Monday March 11.

Our limited donated storage space (provided by Horaney's) is just about full already so we encourage you to save your donations until March when you can drop them off at the church or we will be able to pick them up.

Help is always needed Monday through Thursday, March 11-14 to set-up and Friday and Saturday during the sale. We need extra help Saturday afternoon for the clean-up.

LIFE SAVED

In June, 2018, 39 year old Jonathan Michel was hospitalized due to a near-fatal brain injury. He was rushed to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, Texas. Jonathan's parents were there by his side when his estranged wife showed up wanting Jonathan's life-sustaining support to be removed. RTLET director Mark Lee Dickson got involved to see what we could do to help the family of Jonathan Michel.

Bobby Schindler, the brother of Terri Schiavo, said: "It's my understanding that Jonathan is neither terminal nor facing any

immediate end-of-life situation. In other words, Jonathan is brain injured, but he's not dying. Anyone favoring "letting him go" should understand that what is at stake here is active euthanasia."

A great multitude of people came together to join Jonathan's parents – Wren and Karen Michel in the fight for the life of their son. Because of their choice to "fight for life" Wren and Karen Michel were able to get temporary guardianship of their son, Jonathan Michel. Jonathan Michel was released from the hospital into the care of his parents, Wren and Karen Michel. They were able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner at his home in Malakoff, Texas.

A special thanks goes out to Emily Cook with Texas Right To Life, Bobby Schindler with the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, Senator Bryan Hughes, attorney Frank Dobrovolsky, Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, East Mountain Baptist Church in East Mountain, Athey Baptist Church in Harleton, Sovereign LOVE Church in Longview and everyone else who helped out in the fight for the life of Jonathan Michel.

SIDEWALK COUNSELING

The closest medical and surgical abortion clinic to East Texas is Hope Medical Group for Women in Shreveport, Louisiana. At this location about 100 abortions happen every week. Director Mark Lee Dickson tries to go as much as he can on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday to try to save women from making a horrible choice and to thereby save the lives of their unborn children. Over the last few months he has seen several women change their minds.

We have taken two of these women for ultrasounds at Early View Ultrasound in Longview, Texas. One is about 19 weeks. We have been encouraging her towards a local maternity home, but at this point she is uncomfortable with that idea due to her

previous experiences in life and where she is at currently in her own life. We are extremely grateful for everyone who has helped contribute towards helping with the hotel stays and various other needs for this woman. A special thanks goes out to Corey & Kaylee Oliver, Michael & Sally Wooddell, Josh & Valerie Lowery, Spencer Pace, Elisha Hollis, Kim Cayla Hall, Edie and David DeLorme, Gayla Morrison, Fresh Dental & Orthodontics of Longview, Pathway Church of Longview, Lifepoint Church of Longview, and SovereignLOVE Church of Longview for everything that they have done to help out with the hotel stays and various other needs for this woman.

The girl who is about 22 weeks at this time already has three girls and is pregnant with her fourth girl. Her major need, at this time, is for a larger vehicle which we are working to help her find. Another woman that we met on the sidewalk and chose life is currently about 35 weeks. Her due date is December 31st, 2018.

If anyone would like to specifically help any of these women please contact Mark Lee Dickson by call or by text at 903-917-3839.

ADDRESS UPDATE

If you are planning to move or have recently moved, please notify us of your new address, we usually get back 50 or more newsletters without a forwarding address.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2019

Jan 19 to Feb 2-Cemetery of the Innocents
Jan 26----- Texas Rally for Life, Austin
Jan 26----- scholarship applications due
February 23-----Celebrate Life Banquet
March 15,16 ----- fundraising garage sale
May 6-----Mother's Day Ad deadline
October 6-----Life Chain

RIGHT TO LIFE OF EAST TEXAS
Protecting life since 1977
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Right to Life of East Texas is offering four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to further their careers (college, trade school, military, other). The scholarships will be awarded to individuals, not to institutions, based on the quality of the essay submitted in accordance with the theme described below. The scholarships will be presented at our annual Celebrate Life Banquet in Longview on February 23, 2019; the winners and their parents will be invited guests.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Parents/Guardians _____

High School _____

Career Plan _____

Home Church _____

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Theme: **How have you been influenced to support pro-life beliefs and how do you plan to continue taking a stand for pro-life beliefs in the future?**

TO ASSURE IMPARTIAL JUDGING DO NOT USE YOUR REAL
NAME IN THE ESSAY

Length: Maximum 500 words, MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN

Deadline: **Postmarked by JANUARY 26, 2019**

Submit to: Right to Life of East Texas
P. O. Box 9294
Longview, TX 75608

Telephone: Longview 903-295-8608

Right to Life of East Texas may publish my essay submitted for this scholarship

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RIGHT TO LIFE OF EAST TEXAS
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26th ANNUAL
CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Infinity Event Center, Holiday Inn North
300 Tuttle Circle (behind Hobby Lobby)
Longview, Texas 75605

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS MEAL AND A MEMORABLE EVENING

-----**FEATURING**-----



Senator Bryan Hughes has represented the 1st Texas District since 2017 and served in the Texas House of Representatives from 2003 to 2017. He holds a JD from Baylor Law School and maintains a private legal practice in Mineola, Texas. Senator Hughes has been a pro-life advocate and leader during his legislative career and will share his insights of the 2019 session. He is a member of the state affairs, administration, criminal justice and education committees.

At the banquet we will honor:

**JONATHAN MICHEL AND WREN AND KAREN
MICHEL
PRO-LIFE FAMILY OF THE YEAR

PRO-LIFE LeTOURNEAU
OUTSTANDING PRO-LIFE MINISTRY**

**FOUR PRO-LIFE ESSAY WINNERS FROM EAST
TEXAS HIGH SCHOOLS
WILL RECEIVE \$1,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

-----**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**-----

\$30 per person, attendees will be seated together upon request up to eight per table
Seating is limited, mail or phone for reservations by Thursday February 14, 2019

Reserve ___ seats at \$30 each, total enclosed \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Tickets will be mailed if payment received by Feb. 12, otherwise check-in at the door

Mail to: Right to Life of East Texas
P. O. Box 9294
Longview, TX 75608
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(leave a message)

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

**MAIL TO: RIGHT TO LIFE OF EAST TEXAS
PO BOX 9294
LONGVIEW TX 75608-9294**

_____ **YES**, I would like to become a member of Right to Life of East Texas.
Enclosed are 2019 membership dues (\$10 for a family; \$7.50 for single).

I agree to promote respect for all innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

County _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

[You will receive the quarterly newsletter that will keep you informed of pro-life activities and news.]

