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SRTL's EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Laura Colantino

It's unanimous! After an exhaustive search, the SRTL Board announces the hiring of Laura Colantino as our new Executive Director.



Laura is a former board member of SRTL and knows quite a bit about how SRTL operates. You probably recall Laura's quiet, moving testimony at the Annual Banquet aptly entitled 'Why Are You ProLife?'. Laura will begin her time with us starting in November.

Laura's professional credentials include her qualifications as a Licensed Counselor. We are already delivering on a promise made at the Banquet. More importantly, Laura and her husband, Brad, are the parents of four children, Angelo, Vincent, Louis, Alyssa.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Tim Moore

Thank you all who came to our SRTL fundraising banquet. You always amaze me with your generosity and support. Your donations will be put to good use, right away, as we are hiring Laura Colantino as our Executive Director and **Counselor**. Laura will be launching our **SONOGRAM** program along with upcoming 2020 events such as the Signature campaign, Capitol Rally, 40 Days for Life and more. (I am also counting on Laura to get our newsletter to you more consistently.) Welcome Laura!

As we begin to move through fall and into Thanksgiving and Christmas, it reminded me of the virtue of gratitude. The board and I are so thankful for the volunteer time and





financial support you provide. You are there, standing in the gap for life! The other virtue that comes to my mind is persistence. Our Prayer Warriors come out **every Thursday** - rain, sun, wind and snow to offer a true alternative to the surgical and chemical abortions taking place. You are amazing! To that end I'd like to invite you to come to our Sidewalk Counselor training on November 4. Learn how to effectively turn around those driving into Planned Parenthood.



<https://anchor.fm/right-to-life> will bring you to our podcast. You can also get there by going to our website (springfieldrtl.org) where there's a link to our podcast: <https://anchor.fm/right-to-life>. There you will hear interviews and pithy (short) science essays. More to come!

LITTLE THING\$ ADD UP!



Did you know that you can designate SRTL as your charity of choice through Amazon Smile? Just sign into smile.amazon.com your normal credentials and designate SRTL as your charity of choice. SRTL will receive a Nickel  for every \$100  you spend!

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IN MEMORY OF CLIFF ERWIN

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Our Friend of Life, Cliff Erwin (74), passed away on 09/23/19. He is survived by his lovely wife of 50 years, Donna, and their children, Suzie Klein (Chris), Shana McHugh (Chris), and Sarah Witkowski (Peter), and three grandchildren.

Cliff served as Chairman of the Board for Illinois Federation for Right to Life. Cliff worked behind the scenes with the Knights of Columbus to help fund First Step's mobile ultrasound. Cliff promoted 40 Days for Life at St. Agnes parish.

Even in Cliff's illness, he and Donna would come out for 40 Days or on Thursdays for Prayers from the Sidewalk. Cliff's prolific, ProLife attitude and ideas will be missed!



IN MEMORY OF MARILYN K. HUSS

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Marilyn Huss (82) departed on 07/21/19. Her love for life and children lives on through her family. Her children and grandchildren support Right to Life's mission of praying for conversion of the hearts & minds of the mothers & workers at the local and national abortion facilities.

SRTL 2019 FUNDRAISING BANQUET UPDATE

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On Monday, September 23rd, approximately 400 Springfield Right to Life



supporters gathered at the Crowne Plaza to celebrate and support life.

Betty Parquette delivered the powerful Keynote Address: **MAGGIE'S STORY** detailing a personal history worth knowing and understanding. (Copies of Betty's book: **MAGGIE'S STORY** are available on our website).

Over \$55,000 was raised this year. Our goals are to put a counselor in the building; increase our sidewalk presence, and launch a Sonogram program. Your support makes all of that possible. (Note: See our announcement about Laura Colantino)

Drawing Winners: Our congratulations to the winners of the dinner and hotel package, **James and Jamie Shackman!**

Each of our **MONTHLY DONORS** can pick up their "Swag Packages" at the office. These consist of a unique SRTL Coffee Mug, SRTL Bumper Sticker, Persuasive Pro-Life book, and 'Baby Feet' pin.

We are happy to deliver these items to your house if you live in the Springfield area. We will notify you by phone or email when the packages are ready!

COME AND SHOP

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The SRTL store will be open soon with our Coffee Mugs, Books, Stickers and more. Watch for it... coming soon!



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Legislative Update

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION IS IN JEOPARDY!

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In 1995 the Illinois' **PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF ABORTION ACT** became law. It took effect in 2013 after being tied up in court for years. Legislators wrote their objective was to "further and protect the best interests" of minors in the state.

Amazingly, this provision is being targeted for elimination in the fall veto session or certainly by the Spring 2020 session. The pair of bills removing the Parental Notification of Abortion Act from Illinois' books will likely come up during veto session beginning October 28.

Act Now!

Call your legislator and tell them to support Parental Notification!

Senate: <http://www.ilga.gov/senate/>

House: <http://www.ilga.gov/house/>



SIDEWALK COUNSELOR TRAINING ON 11/04/19

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Part of our vital mission at Springfield Right to Life is to engage people coming to Planned Parenthood looking for an abortion. You've probably seen us in our orange vests out there on Thursday mornings; but we would like to be out there more often.

Would you be willing to help by learning how to be an SRTL Sidewalk Counselor? Learn effective methods to engage people who are coming to Planned Parenthood. If you don't feel ready to be out on the sidewalk yet, no worries! We would love to have you at the training anyway; much of the material we will cover will be beneficial to all Pro-Lifers and Prayer Warriors, not just Sidewalk Counselors.

*Here are the details: Be there on Monday, November 4th from 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM at Springfield Right to Life office at 519 Bruns Lane. **Lunch will be provided** so please **RSVP** to events.srtl@gmail.com or call 217-523-2700.*

2019 LIFE CHAIN

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It was a beautiful sight! Hundreds of **PRO-LIFE** praying supporters turned



out for **LIFE CHAIN** on October 6th, 2019.

From 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM that Sunday, Prayer Warriors stood in quiet praise, prayer and camaraderie across Springfield. From Stevenson Drive to MacArthur Blvd and from Bruns Lane to Sangamon Aveue, Pro-Lifers peacefully held signs in prayerful intercession to oppose abortion, promote adoption, and show our unity.

Thank you to the Springfield Right to Life Civic Committee for a job well done!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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**NOVEMBER 4TH, 2019**  
SIDEWALK COUNSELOR TRAINING

**DECEMBER 14TH, 2019**  
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

**JANUARY 4TH - 5TH, 2020**  
ANNUAL SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN

**JANUARY 26TH, 2020**  
RESPECT LIFE RALLY AT THE  
CAPITOL ROTUNDA

**FEBRUARY 7TH - 8TH, 2020**  
UNPLANNED: THE MOVIE  
FREE SHOWING

**FEBRUARY 26TH - APRIL 6TH, 2020**  
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**AUGUST 13TH - 23RD, 2020**  
2020 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

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Check our 'EVENTS' page at:
springfieldrtl.org/category/timeline/



AN ILLUSTRATION OF
OUR NEW BUILDING SIGN
DONATED & INSTALLED BY
ACE SIGN COMPANY

The new Springfield Right to Life sign is finally up! We are now officially advertising our presence as Springfield Right to Life. It says so right there on our sign at 519 Bruns Lane, next door to Planned Parenthood! A prayerful 'Thank You' to Springfield's own **ACE SIGN COMPANY** for your generosity.

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