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FROM THE DIRECTOR

While watching *It's a Wonderful Life* on Christmas Day with family, I could not help but notice a **Pro-Life** theme.

When George Bailey, the main character says that he wishes he had never been born and contemplates jumping off of a bridge, he is shown by his guardian angel, Clarence, what the world would look like if he had never been born.

George experiences a devastating reality when he searches for familiar places and loved ones and finds out their fate had taken a different course since he had not been born, and therefore never interacted with them.

Things look very bleak and George is panicked to see tragic outcomes for his friends and loved ones who do not even recognize him. His guardian angel's motivation is to show him that if he had never been born, many lives would have been negatively impacted by his absence and would even have resulted in tragedy.

It's a Wonderful Life is now considered one of the greatest movies of all time. It was nominated for five Academy Awards. It's a classic and favorite at Christmastime each year.

What makes this movie so timeless and loved by so many? Could it be that it reminds us of the true value of life, which is how our lives impact the world and others around us, the power of love and relationships to transform the most difficult of circumstances?

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In my new role as Executive Director of SRTL, my goal is to help spread the message that it truly is a wonderful life and every life has a purpose and the ability to change the world. Since early November, I have been focusing on some exciting upcoming pro-life events.

My top priorities for 2020 include planning our annual **RESPECT LIFE RALLY** - on **January 26th** at the Illinois State Capitol Rotunda; an enthusiastic **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** - beginning **February 26th**; as well as planning our next sidewalk counselor training coming soon. Check our website for more info. We love our volunteers so please contact us by e-mail or call the office to get involved!

We have a lot of surprises coming for you in 2020; surprises that will directly impact the lives of those pursuing abortions. As always, we are thankful for your volunteer support, your intentional prayer intercession as well as your financial contributions.

As the movie reminds us, when a bell rings, an angel gets his wings. Our goal at SRTL is to be bell-ringers.

In this new year, 2020, let's earn our angel wings and share the good news about the Right to Life!

2020 SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN IS HERE NOW!

You can show your support for only \$5? Sign up now! Use the form on page 3 or call the office.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

We have an urgent prayer request for a newborn (and her family) that was recently airlifted to St Louis for surgery. Please pray for the baby and family for a successful surgery and recovery. Please pray for the doctors, that the LORD guides their hands.



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UPDATE:

The family is still in St Louis and the baby is undergoing several treatments and surgeries. They are in need of funds for medical and living expenses. God has blessed them with a host family so they do not have hotel bills.

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Here's the Venmo account:
parquent@gmail.com

CAPITOL RALLY

Was Abe Lincoln really pro-life? Find out by attending our annual rally on **January 26th @ 2 p.m.** in the **Capitol Rotunda**. Learn what Abe thought concerning the right to life.





Sign up now at: springfieldrtl.org/40-days-for-life/

**Calling for
Volunteers!**

FEB. 26 - APR. 5

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities. It is clear that God sees the ultimate value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge.

40 Days for Life's mission is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

NOTE: Contact Laura in our office about getting your Church, Club, or Group to sponsor a day or time block!

Come join us on our daily peaceful vigil of 40 days for Life outside Planned Parenthood!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

WELCOME TO 2020! I appreciate you! With 2019 behind us (what a whirlwind year!), we have much to look forward to under the New Year's banner. Thank you to everyone for continuing to build SRTL's presence within the community. It's easy to stand up for life with people like you praying for us, coming out to events, and volunteering.

This year we will continue to build our core team of volunteers and events. Laura Colantino has many new ideas, give us a call to volunteer. We can always use more sidewalk counselors and sidewalk prayer warriors. If you can dial a phone, hold a sign, or fumble through a craft (speaking for myself) we can use you. We will post specific needs as programs ensue, please check our site and get on our email list.

RESPECT LIFE RALLY at 2 p.m. at the Capitol Rotunda on Jan 26. Did you know that Abraham Lincoln was Pro-Life? Yup. Come and see! Every year we gather to stand up to our elected officials and show them our displeasure at the disastrous outcome of abortion on our nation and state. This year we will remind them of Lincoln's views on human rights. Come and learn about our 16th President's view on human rights. Please join us!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE will be here before you know it, so will '**UNPLANNED**' the movie. Our vision this year is to double-down on 40 Days for Life (Feb 26 - Apr 5) beginning with a showing of the movie Unplanned on Friday, Feb 7, 2020, at 7 p.m. at Calvary Church, 1000 W. Hazel Dell Rd. Expect a postcard invite from us, bring a friend, there is no charge.

SIDEWALK COUNSELING TRAINING Look to our website (springfieldrtl.org) for an announcement about our next sidewalk counselor training. We walk you through the nuts and bolts of what it takes to wear that attractive vest. We need you on days other than Thursdays too! The course takes about 2 hours. Lunch will be provided but an RSVP will be needed.

I'm excited about the new initiatives Laura is bringing to SRTL. She and Joy (and her side-kick Charlie) are keeping their foot on the accelerator. But we need you. You are the magic that impacts the community for life.

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