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Executive Director

These are uncertain times we are living in right now. I hope everyone is staying healthy during the quarantine. Over the last few months, we have had several successful pro-life events; our Annual Pro-life Rally at the State Capitol, our Annual Signature Ad, and the “Unplanned” movie showing.

We have also been running our Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign since the end of February until recently when the National 40 Days for Life canceled the campaign due to the virus and the need for social distancing. Thanks to dedicated pro-lifers, we have continued to have prayer warriors on the sidewalk giving value to the lives of the unborn babies and their mothers by their peaceful and prayerful presence especially on Thursdays when Planned Parenthood performs abortions. As an organization, we are beyond grateful for all of you who contribute to the pro-life cause either monetarily or by your presence on the sidewalk. While our world is struggling right now to find normalcy in these uncharted waters, our fight for the unborn continues. As our country is experiencing an ever-increasing demand for medical supplies, the abortion industry is in full force as a competitor to the life-saving resources that are needed and tragically misusing these precious resources to end lives. This current situation shines a light on just how driven the abortion industry is towards meeting their monetary goals through abortion and also shines a light on how broken our country’s moral compass is that they can be allowed by our government to do this during a worldwide pandemic. One thing for sure is that despite the evil we have seen, is the true grit that we have as defenders of life. We know the gift that life is and we know where it comes from and we won’t back down in defending it despite the obstacles we face. Even in uncertain and fearful times, we can rest in our faith that we are standing up for the most vulnerable. We are on the side of good in this escalating war between good and evil.

Laura Colantino

40 Days for Life



Dedicated prayer warriors stand and pray in front of Planned Parenthood during our 40 Days for Life Campaign which began on February 26th (Ash Wednesday) and would have ended on April 5th if it had not been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus.

The Springfield Crusaders for Life joined Springfield Right to Life on the sidewalk for Stations of the Cross on Friday March 6th as the 40 Days for Life midpoint event.



Kate Baker, a Co-Coordinator for 40 Days for Life, is pictured on the sidewalk with loveable Charlie Murray.

Memorial Page

Springfield Right to Life recently launched a page in memorial of pro-life supporters who have passed away. You can view the new page at springfieldrtl.org/memorials.

If you would like to have a loved one listed on our memorial page, please contact our office.

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He is Risen! He has given us Hope. We have Hope because we have Faith. We have Faith because we graft into His Love. He is the Vine; we are the Branches. Let us move from spring into summer, bearing much fruit!

Sidewalk Prayers Continue. Prayer and support continue from the sidewalk to the internet to offer those seeking abortion alternatives. I am humbled by how many of you prayer warriors come out to the sidewalk each Thursday. Though we are six feet away and wearing masks, we still pray together and wave together and smile together in community. What a witness to those driving by, the abortion facility workers, and of course, those entering the parking lot. As the weather warms, we need you more and more!

Spring Action...from Home. Springfield Right to Life remains active, even though our office is temporarily closed. This Newsletter is a good example: Both Laura and Joy divided up the work and put this together from their homes (no doubt with little ones at their feet). Similarly, Joy has been busy sprucing up our web site. She recently added a "scroll" of all the names from the annual Signature Ad, as a way of re-purposing this content and saying "Thank You" to many of our supporters. One of the other items Joy is working on is a special page devoted to Memorials: Many of you have requested a way to honor those who have supported Life and went on to Heaven.

Meanwhile, Laura has been busy working on a special program, to be announced soon...once we can all go back to work. Laura has also been adding themes and discussion points to our social media presence, as well as putting together a blog for our web site. If you have ideas or questions you would like Laura to blog about, please email those to us at info@springfieldrtl.org.

Two Things You Can Do. We recently posted a sample letter to the Governor, requesting that he declare that abortions are, by definition, elective and therefore non-essential during the COVID19 crisis. Please consider sending the Governor a letter like this. Your words do matter.

As you can imagine, donations are down as folks are dealing with the uncertainty of COVID19. We've included a **self-addressed** envelope for you to include a donation. Any size donation is appreciated. Putting together a newsletter costs about \$1200. Our monthly cost for our website runs about \$80. We have a special advertising/ mailing campaign coming up with respect to the **TOP SECRET** project Laura is working on. That will run about \$2000. Thank you in advance.

Right-to-Life Rewards. Someone stopped me at the market last week and told me how she appreciated that we were on the sidewalk every week, and that we had our annual rally, and our signature ad and 40 Days For Life. It's easy to forget all the times we stand together. She said that her job didn't allow her to join us for any of these, but that she appreciated our presence. I believe that when we get to Heaven, we will meet many folks who we never get to see, born and unborn, who we have affected. Thank You!

Happy Easter. *Tim Moore*

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Letter Writing Campaign

Pro-life supporters all over the country are concerned about the fact that Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities are not closing amidst the COVID-19 outbreak. In response, many leaders of pro-life organizations have sent letters to our elected officials, warning them of the exploitation of the abortion industry.

We would like to encourage you to write a letter in an effort to convince the government to shut down the operations are abortion facilities during this time.

You can view a sample letter on our website.

Training from the Sidewalk

SRTL will now offer Sidewalk Counseling training "on the job". If you are interested in learning the ropes of sidewalk counseling, just show up on Thursday morning anytime between 7 am-10 am. You can get hands-on experience right on the sidewalk with Tim Moore and Terri Everett who will show you the most effective tips for offering support for women showing up at Planned Parenthood. We will post a short video on the process as well as a list of "Do's" and "Don'ts" that you need to know.

It's important that we have counselors on Thursdays (surgical abortion day) as well as other days.

We will offer "classroom" training once we re-open the building.

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Signature Ad Campaign



1332 names filled two pages of the State Journal Register on January 19th for our annual Signature Ad. The ad lists the names of our friends and neighbors in the community who stand for life from conception to natural death. You can view the names on our website at Springfieldrtl.org.

Rally at the Capitol



150 people filled the rotunda at the state capitol for the rally on January 26th. Abraham Lincoln (Scott Moss) shared his views on equal rights for all. Several volunteers read famous quotes of Lincoln's that illustrated his beliefs that all people have intrinsic value and therefore also have unalienable rights. You can view these quotes on our website at www.springfieldrtl.org/lincoln-quotes/

Calling for Art: Springfield Right to Life is having an Art Contest with **BIG PRIZES!**

Submit your art - painting, crayon, photography, whatever! **by May 15th, 2020.**

Art must have a pro-life theme. Special Category for kids ages 1-6, 7-13, Young adult, and adult.

All submitted art will become the property of SRTL, and will be promoted on our website, calendars, or other materials.

Artists may submit electronic images of their work to info@springfieldrtl.org. Originals must follow within 5 days either by mail or dropped off during office hours.

Check our website or call 217.523.2700 for additional information.





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Donations

Thank you so much for your continued support of Springfield Right to Life during this time. Your donations help us do what we do!

We have included a self-addressed envelope in this newsletter for you to send in your contribution. You can also contribute on our website through PayPal.

Thank you!

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If you would like to help fund our newsletter, please contact Laura or Joy.

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