

Springfield RTL

Life Issues Action

Moms Growing Together

November 2020
Newsletter



What can I do to balance self-care and parenting?

What do I do when my child demands my attention by acting out while I am trying to prepare dinner or do other important tasks?

These are some common questions that our Moms Growing Together group is meant to address.

SRTL is set to launch its first support group for moms called Moms Growing Together and will be held Friday November 20 at 9 am at the SRTL office. The group will be led by three moms, two of

which are certified counselors. The group will feature

- Onsite childcare
- Light breakfast
- Meetings two times per month
- Relevant topics related to motherhood
- Fun Crafts

Find the joy of motherhood among friends!

The Ramp Is Done!

Landscaping and New Ramp

Thanks to our donors and volunteers like you, we have been able to build an accessibility ramp and add some natural beauty around the office with fresh flowers, mulch and landscaping. Thank you for your generosity and supporting what we do! Come by and

see the beauty of life!

Mark your calendar!

Dec. 1 is Giving Tuesday. How will you give? Giving Tuesday is a day of generosity that will take place on December 1, 2020. This initiative is a response to Black

Friday. If you would like to give to Springfield Right to Life, just go to Springfieldrtl.org.

Smile for Life!

When making those Christmas purchases do not forget to donate to SRTL through Amazon Smile! It's easy! Just choose SRTL as the charity you want to donate to, and Amazon Smile will donate a percentage with each of your purchases! <https://www.amazon.com/smile>



Getting Ready to Open the Sonogram Room

We have been telling you about it for months. Steps are being taken now to furnish our sonogram room and to have it ready for an upcoming open house. We cannot wait to show off the room and start training volunteers!

No medical advice or opinions will be given.

Have You Ever Wanted to Be a Model?

We need expectant moms to be “models” that our trained volunteers can try their skills with. Only “belly” sonograms will be taken. Free picture of your new peanut will be provided.



Will You Remember Me?

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Over fifty mourners came out for this solemn prayerful event. Although it rained steadily, it did not deter dedicated pro-lifers from showing up and bowing their heads in prayerful remembrance. At the end of the service, several participants placed a rose next to a white cross representing the innocent lives lost to abortion. Several Clergy and guest speakers remembered the unborn with respect and dignity.



Why Do We Pray?

National Life Chain

About 130 people participated around Springfield in the National Life Chain. Pro-lifers gathered with signs on Bruns Lane, Sangamon Ave., MacArthur Blvd., and Stevenson Dr. in a prayerful witness for the sanctity of life. Thank you to all who participated!



Will You Help?

Sidewalk Counselors Needed

Free Training on December 3rd at 9 am.

We are revamping our sidewalk counseling training to include our new array of services.

The class will cover:

- Legal
- Methods
- Roles
- Benefits
- Red Flags and Awareness
- Redirection

Please call the office at 523-2700 or e-mail at info@springfieldrtl.org to get on the list for the next training.



What Does the Director Say...?

Prayer

Our supporters and volunteers continue to humble and amaze me. Dedicated people come to the sidewalk weekly and stand peacefully in prayer for love of those innocent lives being lost and for their hurting mothers, fathers and other family members. I always pray for those who work for Planned Parenthood and for their volunteers, especially for a conversion of heart. There is no absence of prayer surrounding the abortion clinic on Bruns Lane especially on Thursdays when so many plead with God to stop the merciless ending of life happening within those four walls. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Support

It's exciting to share that we are taking our mission a step further to engage the community and offer a support group for moms.

Additionally, we are redesigning our sidewalk counseling program in hopes to be a caring and helpful presence to those making such a heavy decision and to offer them real and hopeful alternatives and support as effectively as possible. Look for more details on this once our Sonogram Program is fully launched.

Launch

Special Delivery! Mom, we have a message for you: It's a baby! We are sooooo close to our launch. Just a few more details, some comfy exam furniture, some training. Again, thank you for your generosity of time, money and talent to make this possible. Thank you for your prayers as well, as we know all good things come from God!

Laura



What Does the President Say...?

Dear Friends of Life,

It was a beautiful fall day on the sidewalk. I came out during my lunch, in order to meet some newer prayer warrior volunteers, offer some training and hints of "do's and don'ts". I stood with my sign, "Love the Woman, Love the Baby, praying quietly, when a young woman approached.

"Why do you hate Planned Parenthood?" she asked politely.

"I don't hate anyone," I said, "I hate abortion...it's the taking of a human life."

"I'm here to have an abortion, do you hate me?"

"No," I said. "I'm here to help you: what can I do to help you and your baby? Do you need a job; housing, food, what do you need? I can help you find a loving home for your baby should you

choose to adopt."

We discussed her situation for some time. I became hopeful, then ... "No. No. No. And no." There was nothing I could say to convince this young woman against her decision. "I just don't want to be pregnant...not now, anyway." I was flabberghasted.

What kind of a salesperson am I? Usually, I can sell ice in Antarctica. Some pro-life leader! Some prayer warrior. What a giant fail!

I went to some close friends and shared my story. They lifted up my spirits: "Look what we are doing – we are right next door to Planned Parenthood. The building looks great. Soon we will be offering sonograms that will help women like her see her baby and choose life!"

I write this true story so you can see that sometimes it just gets to you.

Sometimes, we can have all the answers and it won't persuade the abortion-minded to change her mind.

What I took away from this instance was a determination to double-down on our efforts: we will have a great sonogram program (Laura guarantees it!). We will offer self-administered pregnancy tests. We will have a rally of some kind in January (watch and see!) to let our government know that we are not going away. Our spring **40 Days for Life** (Feb 17 – Mar 28, 2021) will go forward, Covid or no Covid. We will adapt and overcome those obstacles. God has situated us at the front of the battle line for a reason. He is assembling His troops. He is calling you and me (1 Sam 3:9). Will you answer the call?

Yours in Christ,
Tim

Life: The Choice of the Next Generation



Thank you to the Sacred-Heart Griffin students who have prayed on the sidewalk on Thursdays throughout the month of October and who plan to have a continual presence on the sidewalk. It is such a blessing to see young people getting involved and standing up for life!

We'd also like to shout out to the energetic Crusaders for Life who joined up with the SHG students on Thursday 10/29 for prayers on the sidewalk and pizza and wings afterwards! You are our future!

What's Next on the Calendar?

December

- ❖ *Peace in the Womb*, a Christmas caroling event for the unborn on December 19th at noon at 519 N. Bruns Lane.
- ❖ December 19th following the Christmas caroling event, Open House at SRTL to feature the changes we have made to our office on the outside as well as on the inside with our new sonogram room.

January

- ❖ January 24th Springfield Right to Life Annual Pro-life Rally- Let the Walls Fall! Our rally will look a little bit different this year due to COVID so stay in touch to find out what we will be doing- you won't want to miss it!

