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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year everyone! As we embark into a new year ahead I am encouraged by the recent support of so many. We have felt your love through your generous financial support and donations dropped off to the office as we wrapped up the 2023 year. Thank you all for believing in us and giving us your hard-earned money and support in so many ways.

This past quarter SRTL and Two Hearts has continued to help moms and babies through our Mommy Fund. We have given support through gift cards, infant car seat purchases, assistance with rent payments, car payments, guidance and referrals to other support programs... all to assist and support mom and baby! I look forward to seeing many of you at **Christ the King Parish Center** for our **MARCH 16TH FUNDRAISER** (see page 4). These beautiful lives are so worth

fighting for and they are so grateful for the help that they receive. You can see it in the smiles on their faces in the pictures below! God has called us to help moms and babies and we couldn't have done it without your help and financial support.



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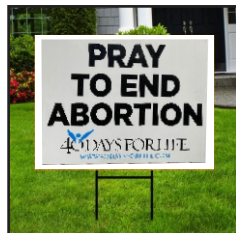
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Sign, sign, everywhere a sign...

We have yard signs available to promote our belief in the **Right to Life**. A small donation is requested. Call our office for pick up. (217-523-2700)





MARYJEAN SHEETS
SRTL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We here at Springfield Right to Life care for babies, and Mommies and Daddies as well. Sometimes a mommy will go ahead and abort her baby and that usually leads to a lifetime of regret and grief and recurring trauma. We work with and offer two different national programs here locally to help women and men into recovery.

We care for Mommies, even those in that group known as "post-abortive women." We encourage the Mommies to attend a weekend retreat known as "**SURRENDERING THE SECRET.**" After that, we have monthly gatherings to maintain friendships and receive encouragement. We care for Daddies too! We offer the "**KEYS TO HOPE AND HEALING**" program developed by Support After Abortion. This program is a 6-week course with weeknight time slots and includes recovery topics for either men or women. Please contact us for more details about these fantastic programs.

I am an ORDAINED PASTOR, a CERTIFIED COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN, a SURRENDERING THE SECRET Co-Facilitator, a KEYS TO HOPE AND HEALING leader, a Counselor, a recovering alcoholic, and a "post-abortive" woman. Let me help you find peace. Please call our office and talk to me about the various opportunities and how we can help you.

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WISH LIST

1. **GIFT CARDS** - Any Kind or Brand (for new moms in need)
2. **KUERIG COFFEE PODS** (for our sonogram clients & prayer warriors)

SPRINGFIELD RIGHT TO LIFE



Did you know...

the **Springfield March for Life** - APRIL 17TH
is on the **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE** schedule?



#ILMarchForLife

#WhyWeMarch

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**ILLINOIS
MARCH FOR LIFE**

APRIL 17, 2024

Springfield, Illinois
Capitol Building

il.marchforlife.org

HOSTED BY:

MARCH FOR LIFE **ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE**

#WhyWeMarch



UPCOMING MARCHES			
INDIANAPOLIS, IN	JAN. 22, 2024	DENVER, CO	APR. 12, 2024
FRANKFORT, KY	JAN. 25, 2024	SPRINGFIELD, IL	APR. 17, 2024
TOPEKA, KS	JAN. 24, 2024	SACRAMENTO, CA	APR. 22, 2024
RICHMOND, VA	FEB. 21, 2024	SALEM, OR	MAY 18, 2024
ATLANTA, GA	FEB. 22, 2024	HARRISBURG, PA	SEP. 23, 2024
PHOENIX, AZ	MAR. 1, 2024	TRENTON, NJ	SEP. 26, 2024
HARTFORD, CT	MAR. 20, 2024	COLUMBUS, OH	OCT. 4, 2024

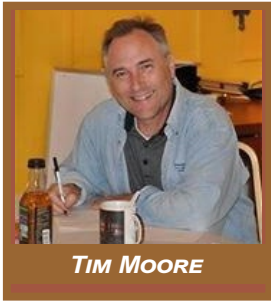
Please call our office with any questions.
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10:00AM** Mass at Sangamon Auditorium at UIS
- 12:00PM** Rally at Lincoln Statue in front of Capitol
- 1:00PM** **MARCH for LIFE**

HOSTED BY: **MARCH FOR LIFE** Education and Defense Fund **ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE**

The **ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE** is a public event open to all PRO-LIFE Illinoisans. Registration's not required. SIGN UP [HERE](#) for updates delivered to your email. marchforlife.org/illinois/



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends of Life.

Often on the sidewalk or in other discussion forums, we lovers of Life are accused of ignoring the needs of Foster Children. My friend Greg, who is my sidewalk prayer partner, researched this issue and came up with the excellent article below. Of course we encourage adoption! And I know many of you have fostered in the past or currently foster children. Thank you, Greg!

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Greg: Lately I have been seeing frequent posts by the Pro-Choice community claiming that since there are 400,000 plus children in foster care, that Pro-lifers really don't care about children after they are born. Nothing could be further from the truth. Pro-Life people around the country support the thousands of Pregnancy Resource Centers, Parenting Centers, Food Pantries, Foster Families, etc. They support them with hundreds of millions of dollars plus untold volunteer hours. But I will address that in a different post.

This post is about the foster care system itself. First off, there were approximately 437,000 children in the system in 2018. Of those, approximately 250,000 were processed in or out of the system. How can that be? That doesn't fit the narrative of the ProChoice mantra. Because each year, about 50% of children in foster care are reunited with their families. Additionally, the goal for 2018 was that 27% of the 437,000 would be adopted. The result at the end of the year was 25%, so they only missed the goal by 2%. The foster care system very nearly reached their goal, but that doesn't mean those in the 2% didn't get adopted, just not that year. The remaining ~25% fell in to categories of living with other relatives, guardianship or emancipation (aging out of the system). But that doesn't fit the narrative either.

You see, the long term goal of the foster care system is to reunite families if possible. But that is never told in the Pro-Choice narrative. Most parents that have their kids in foster care, want them back. Sometimes, even parents that want their kids back will never get them.

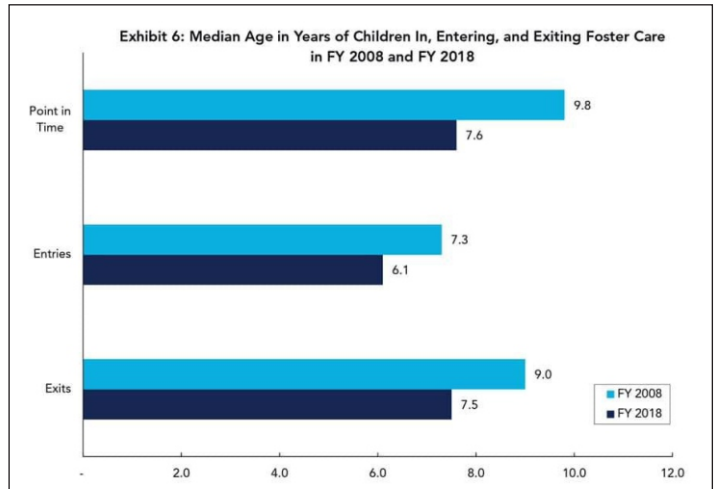
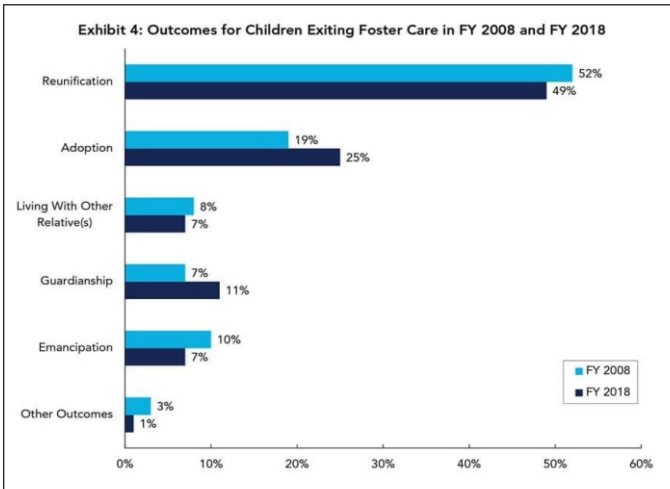
Those are some that spend the longest time in foster care because the parents are unwilling to surrender parental rights. So now you know that 75% of those 437,000 will NEVER be eligible for adoption. And almost all of the children eligible for adoption each year, do in fact get adopted. Pretty much deflates the Pro-Choice narrative doesn't it?

So how long does the average child spend in foster care? Most people watch too much tv and think that once a child enters foster care, they are in it for the rest of their childhood. The truth is the median length of stay is 14.7 months. So now maybe you can see the fallacy in the Pro-Choice crowd crying about children not getting adopted. You can't just put kids up for adoption against the will of the parents.

Then there are the ages of the children. The median age of children entering foster care is 6.1 years old. Babies make up a very small number of children in the foster care system, babies that become eligible for adoption are even fewer. The median age of children exiting the system is 7.5 years old. This doesn't support the Pro-Choice narrative for abortion since the vast majority of children lived with their parents for many years prior to whatever circumstances resulted in them going into foster care. But hey, it is so much easier to make a meme and tell the lie that Pro-Lifers don't care about babies after they are born. Except one other little thing. Many, many pro-life supporters are foster parents and many are also adoptive parents!

- LENGTH OF STAY**
- 9 percent in care less than 1 month
 - 34 percent in care for 1 to 11 months
 - 30 percent in care for 12 to 23 months
 - 15 percent in care for 24 to 35 months
 - 10 percent in care for 3 to 4 years
 - 3 percent in care for 5 or more years

FY - THIS INFORMATION IS FROM A U.S. GOVERNMENT REPORT ISSUED IN MAY, 2020, INCLUDING THESE CHARTS SHOWING TIME LENGTH AND AGE GROUPS



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CORRECTION
REQUESTED

NOTE: Check the mailing label,
let us know of any changes or
if you prefer to read it online.
Each newsletter **NOT** printed
and mailed saves us \$1.00!

Celebrate the Right to Life!



Sample
of the
2023
Entries

ART CONTEST!
SPRINGFIELD RIGHT TO LIFE
The 'Children Helping Children' 2024 ART CONTEST for
Grades 5-12 is now accepting artwork submissions. If you
would like more information on the contest rules please
contact our office or visit our SRTL website for information.

RSVP
BELOW

Springfield Right To Life
**FUNDRAISING
BRUNCH**

Featured Speakers: **JESSE & MONIQUE SULLIVAN**



Jesse and Monique will speak about their exciting
PRO-LIFE CITIES INITIATIVE among other topics.
Join us for physical and spiritual nourishment while
supporting the Right-to-Life movement in defense
of the unborn. Help us achieve their 'Right to Life'.

MARCH 16, 2024

8:00AM CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

(Mass will be celebrated for those wishing to participate)

8:30AM - 11:00AM

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HALL
1930 BARBERRY DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL

Reservations Requested
R.S.V.P. (217) 523-2700

(NOTE: A selection of **SILENT AUCTION** items will be available)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 14, THRU MARCH 24, 2024

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

DAILY PRAYER DEVOTION

8:00PM - 6:00PM (1-HOUR SHIFTS)

www.40daysforlife.com/en/springfieldil

(CONTACT OUR SRTL OFFICES)

MARCH 1, 2024

SIDEWALK ADVOCACY TRAINING

1 of 2 - Learn How to Encourage Mommies

Heading to **PP** to Save Their Babies.

9:00AM - 3:00PM (1ST SESSION OF 2)

(CONTACT OUR SRTL OFFICES)

MARCH 5, 2024

KEYS TO HOPE & HEALING (VIRTUAL)

TRAINING FOR WOMEN

6 TUESDAYS - MARCH 5TH THRU APRIL 9TH

9:00AM - 3:00PM (CALL US FOR DETAILS)

MARCH 7, 2024

KEYS TO HOPE & HEALING (VIRTUAL)

TRAINING FOR MEN

6 THURSDAYS - MARCH 7TH THRU APRIL 11TH

9:00AM - 3:00PM (CALL US FOR DETAILS)

MARCH 16, 2024

FUNDRAISING BRUNCH

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND OUR

LARGEST FUNDRAISER

8:00AM - MASS AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

8:30AM - 11:00AM FUNDRAISING BRUNCH

AT CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY CENTER

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE - TABLE HOSTS NEEDED

APRIL 17, 2024

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 17TH - SPRINGFIELD

(DETAILS ON PAGE 2)

