

# Michigan Nurses For Life

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*“An educational group for prolife nurses”*

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## PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S NUMBERS PROVE "CHOICE" KILLS.

(2009 STATS FROM THEIR OWN ANNUAL REPORTS)

**332,278**

babies killed by America's largest abortion chain, continuing its upward trend (305,310 in 2008).

**7,021**

pregnant women provided with prenatal care, continuing the downward trend (9,433 in 2008).

**977**

adoption referrals made; that's 340 abortions per ONE adoption referral.

**363.2**

million taxpayer dollars annually fund a billion dollar corporation that deliberately fails.

**63.4**

million dollars in profit made by this "nonprofit" taxpayer-funded organization.

**50**

states targeted by Planned Parenthood's millions of dollars in lobbying and litigation to prevent any parental notification or consent, fathers' rights, women's right-to-know, ultrasound, abortion clinic standards, waiting periods or common-sense protections of any kind.

**49**

percent of pregnancies are "unintended". Planned Parenthood hasn't affected this number since 1995.

**0**

potential parents trained or parenting classes listed in their Annual Reports revealing how important parenthood actually is to Planned Parenthood.

VISIT [WWW.TOOMANYABORTED.COM/CHOICEKILLS](http://WWW.TOOMANYABORTED.COM/CHOICEKILLS)



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# Michigan Nurses



## For Life

### Our Purpose:

...To raise the consciousness of the nursing profession to protect all human life from conception until natural death

...To form an educated core of nurses who can speak for their profession by acting as a community resource for life issues

...To promote public education and awareness about life issues on both ends of the spectrum, from abortion to euthanasia

...To uphold and defend human life in all stages and conditions of development

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## President's Perspective



Dear Colleague,

First of all, a huge "thank you" to everyone who sent their name in to be included on the MNFL page in Right to Life-Lifespan's Resource Book. As I mentioned in my letter we had 24 names on it last year and there was a lot of white space between each name. I was hoping to have more of us represented this year. Well, guess what—we doubled our number!!! I am so proud of you all. There is always room for one more so if you still want your name listed, please send us an email info@mnfl.org as quickly as possible—we ask for whatever donation you might like to give but we can collect that after we get your name placed.

Once again, our presence at the Michigan Nursing Students Association Conference was warmly received. I am glad so many young nurses were glad to see us, but saddened by how many did not know that there was a professional organization for pro-life nurses. When you have the chance, please try to mention our name to your nurse friends.

Our conscience rights continue to be in jeopardy. The current administration in Washington appears to pay lip service to the fact that our strongly held moral beliefs need to be safeguarded, but it has done nothing to insure that they are. Claiming that the safeguards put in place by the former administration, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, stated that they were, "unclear and potentially overly broad in scope". They have been eliminated, leaving only the safeguard that, under most conditions, we cannot be discriminated against in the workplace for not wishing to participate in an abortion. However, those conditions are not spelled out, the safeguards do not extend to any objections we might have as to dispensing abortifacient drugs, sterilizations or contraceptives. Using the term "sensible conscience clause" Mr. Obama said that the new rules "make sure that all of our health care policies are grounded in clear ethics and sound science, as well as respect for the equality of women. Somehow it still sounds like we will soon be asked to check our morals at the door when we go to work.

Love Life!

Diane

### REMINDER:

If you have not renewed your MNFL membership for 2011, it is due!

## Winner of MNFL drawing

The winner of the MNFL drawing at the Michigan Nursing Students Association Conference in Grand Rapids February 4-6, 2011 was Rebecca Wark. Congratulations Rebecca!

## Give Parents Perinatal Hospice Option Instead of Abortion

No parent wants to be faced with the news that his or her child will be born with a terminal illness. For a family receiving this diagnosis, this news is chilling and heavy. Many mothers and fathers find themselves in this situation after they receive the results of a prenatal test; they are then given the option to either continue the pregnancy with routine medical care or to terminate the pregnancy. But there is a third option: perinatal hospice.

With perinatal hospice, families are given the gift of time to truly cherish the life of the child and allow him or her to be a part of their family, even if it is for a short time.

Unfortunately, most couples are not presented the option of perinatal hospice and opt instead to terminate the pregnancy; only 20 percent of these couples opt to bring the pregnancy to term.[1]

These parents are often pressured to make the decision quickly in light of the complications surrounding late term abortions. Yet the statistics show that parents who choose abortion because of a prenatal diagnosis have great regret. The intensity of their grief is so great that it can cause psychological harm.

This doesn't have to be the case; perinatal hospice is a nurturing option for both the child and the family. When given the option, eighty percent of these parents choose perinatal. (2) These programs support the family emotionally and give them the tools to say good bye to their baby.

This is in stark contrast to the abrupt separation that occurs when a pregnancy is terminated. Perinatal hospice gives the family time to hold the newborn, and collect photos and mementos to remember him by. These little treasures can be a beautiful gift during the time of bereavement that follows the child's passing. And the gift of time is invaluable.

*Sources referenced in perinatal article.[1] M. D'Almeida et al., Perinatal Hospice: Family-Centered Care of the Fetus with a Lethal Condition, 11 J. Amer. Physicians & Surgeons 52 (2006); B.C. Calhoun & N. Hoeldtke, The Perinatal Hospice: Ploughing the Field of Natal Sorrow (2005), available at <http://www.choicesmc.org/pages/pregnant/sub/perihospcalhoun1.php> (last visited June 17, 2010). [2] Id.*

**To read the complete article go to:**

[www.lifenews.com/2011/01/04/give-parents-perinatal-hospice-option-instead-of-abortion](http://www.lifenews.com/2011/01/04/give-parents-perinatal-hospice-option-instead-of-abortion)





## Planned Parenthood in Michigan Buys Facility for New Abortion Center

Planned Parenthood of Mid and South Michigan has purchased a new building that it plans to use to house a new abortion facility in this suburb north of Detroit.

Planned Parenthood of Mid and South Michigan purchased the office building at 1625 N. Opdyke Road in Auburn Hills from Fidelity Bank. The commercial real estate company CoStar indicates the buy came in at \$733,150, or about \$43 per square foot.

"The buyer will occupy the property as a new clinic and office location. The facility is estimated to open in May/June of next year," the firm said in a statement about the sale.

Mason L. Capitani and Garry Rogers of L. Mason Capitani represented the seller, and JP Champine, Carole Lieberman Rich and Barbara Eaton of Jones Lang LaSalle represented Planned Parenthood in its purchase of the building.

In April, the Planned Parenthood affiliate announced it was planning to build a new abortion center and cited President Barack Obama's signing the pro-abortion health care bill as the reason why.

The new abortion business would add to the 15 locations it already operates in the Detroit area, which reaches as many as 55,000 customers annually. Unlike some of the other Detroit centers, which only dispense birth control and contraception, the new center will likely do abortions.

Lori Lamerand, executive director of the Planned Parenthood affiliate, told the Detroit News in April that the health care bill is responsible for the decision to open the new abortion facility.

She said then that Planned Parenthood expects "an onslaught" of women coming to its centers in the

wake of the health care bill, which includes massive abortion funding expected to go to Planned Parenthood.

"Over the last couple of years, we've been getting calls that go, 'I'm pregnant, we don't have health insurance, my husband isn't working and we can't afford another child.' These calls have become routine for us," says Lamerand.

The folks at the St. Michael Society said they were not surprised by the announcement.

"Now that women will be able to not only get access to more birth control but they will be able to finally get those free, or at least government-subsidized, abortions that so-called women's rights groups have been clamoring for," the group said in response at the time.

"We predict this is only the beginning. Like we always said, the bill is the largest expansion of abortion since Roe v. Wade and the abortion industry stands to gain a huge windfall, thanks to President Obama, his allies in Congress and of course, to Bart Stupak," it added.

Source: [www.lifenews.com/2010/12/01/state-5707/?pr=1](http://www.lifenews.com/2010/12/01/state-5707/?pr=1)

## A Presentation by the family of Terri Schiavo

Terri's family has put together a one hour presentation going through the Stations of the Cross and talking about the spiritual journey they endured with the starvation of their sister and daughter.

Terri's mother, Mary, and siblings Bobby and Suzanne present a heart wrenching account of their spiritual journey as a family bearing a cross of despair and suffering. We all have suffering in life and through this presentation they are able to show others that with God's help we can get through times of suffering.

**For dates, times & locations see on page 8.**

## 2011 Student Nursing Scholarship Nurses



**The winner of the 2011 National Association of Pro-life Nurses Student Scholarship is Celine Talbot of San Gabriel, California. She is enrolled in Franciscan University at Stuebville, OH,**

**Below is the letter which was sent to Celine from NAPN.**

Dear Celine,

It is with pleasure that we inform you that you are this year's recipient of the NAPN scholarship to a nursing student. A check for \$1,000 is being sent to Franciscan University Nursing Department at the address provided by you. It is to

be applied towards your tuition/expenses. If there are no further debts to be incurred, the remaining amount will be sent to you. Congratulations on behalf of our organization.

Our tradition has been to give our scholarship in the name of a nurse who has contributed to the fostering of a respect for life. This year our scholarship is being awarded in honor of Cindy Province, a nurse of St. Louis, Missouri. Cindy earned her BSN in Nursing and Psychology from St. Louis U. in 1981 and an MSN in nursing in Nursing in 1985 from the same university. In 2004, Cindy earned an MA in Bioethics from Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois and was working toward a PhD at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee at the time of her untimely death in February of 2010 as a result of a tragic auto accident a month earlier. Cindy was the co-founder and Associate Director of the Center for Bioethics and Culture Missouri and a passionate and dedicated advocate of protecting the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to the very final days of her life. She leaves behind her husband, Dr. Stanley A. Sakabu and four sons.

May her dedicated commitment and that of all the nurses who have been honored in the past be continued in your commitment and that of nurses throughout the world.. It is a great consolation to those of us who have struggled in the cause for a number of years to know that there are many capable young nurses to continue the work. The members of NAPN look forward to your continued contribution.

Sincerely,

Marianne Linane, R.N. Executive Director

Sue Meyers, R.N. President

## ATTENTION NURSES:

There is a great opportunity and need for volunteers with Pregnancy Resource Centers. If the thought of touching lives is exciting to you, contact a center in your area by going to [www.optionline.org](http://www.optionline.org) or calling the MNFL office at 248.816.8489. Your medical skills can be utilized in so many ways.

Note: 85% of women who see their baby through ultrasound, choose life for their baby!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **40 DAYS OF LIFE - Spring 2011 Campaign** **March 9-April 17, 2011**

40 Days for Life is a prayerful, peaceful public witness  
as an alternative to abortion.  
For locations in your area go to  
[www.40daysforlife.com/location.cfm](http://www.40daysforlife.com/location.cfm)

### **MAKE STRAIGHT THE PATHWAY** **(Conference on Catholic healthcare reform)** **Thursday March 31, 2011 – April 2, 2011**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, MI  
Contact: 248.980.8456 or [www.ChristusMedicus.com](http://www.ChristusMedicus.com)

### **PRESENTATION BY THE FAMILY OF TERRI SCHIAVO** **No Admission / Free Will Offering Accepted** **Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 6:30 PM after Holy Mass**

Our Lady of Refuge Church, Orchard Lake, MI  
Call Jeff for details 248.245.3241

### **Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 1:30 PM after Holy Mass**

Assumption Grotto Church, Detroit, MI  
Call Phyllis for details 313.372.0762

### **Monday, April 11, 2011 at 1:15 PM**

Mary's Children Family Center  
495 E. 14 Mile Rd, Clawson, MI  
For Reservations, call: 248.307.0242

**FYI: Mary's Children Family Center** is a day program for  
adults with brain injuries who are beyond the stage of  
recovery. The program provides cognitive, physical,  
occupational and recreational activities enhanced by  
fellowship, lunch and prayer.

### **RTL-LIFESPAN MOTHER'S DAY DINNER** **Tuesday, May 3, 2011**

San Marino Club, Troy, MI  
Silent Auction 5:45 PM  
Dinner 7:15 PM

Speaker: Evelyn VanSloten  
Abstinence Education Director,  
Crossroads Pregnancy Center

For information or reservations call: 248.816.1546



### **IS IT TIME YET**

*(talk on abortion and life issues)*

### **Friday, May 13, 2011 – 7 PM**

St. Peter Lutheran Church – Macomb, MI

Speaker: Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director  
Lutherans for Life

Contact: 586.781.3986 or [bzuehlk@comcast.net](mailto:bzuehlk@comcast.net)