

Chattanoogaans for Life

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Mission Statement: A group of volunteers dedicated to promoting a culture of life by educating communities, causing a change of hearts and minds. Fidelity to the Gospel & Natural Law calls us to uphold the sanctity of all human life from conception to its natural death.

Dear Friend of life,

The last eight months sure have been filled with many emotions that have challenged us in many ways to stand up for life.

In April Kelly Hollowell, PhD.JD , speaker at our Annual Respect Life Banquet, shared her knowledge and passion for life as she outlined the key elements we need to work on to be a warrior for life. Her presentation included facts, figures & documentation on how society is being misguided and how Planned Parenthood is using our tax dollars to fund abortion and miss-educate our youth (www.plannedparenthood.org/teen-talk). She concluded by reminding us that we all have a responsibility to speak up for the sanctity of all life--even when it's not comfortable.

In June Kristy Hopwood and I were blessed to take eight teens from East TN to the National Right to life Convention in Charlotte, NC. We had 2 full days of workshops with other teens and adults from around the country. It was encouraging to hear the group talk about what they learned and how they plan to encourage others to stand up for Life! Please go to the website to order CD's of the workshops (www.chattanoogaansforlife.org). June also brought speaking opportunities at youth summer camps.

Last August we found ourselves in the midst of some distressing news about an abortion clinic opening in Chattanooga. We met with a group of other like minded people and decided that we would join with others in a united front for this battle. So as a community we called upon everyone to pray and God spared our community as the clinic deal fell apart. This year Bearden (Knoxville) was to be the site for a new large Planned Parenthood clinic. The citizens rallied together in prayer and petition. God's mercy was shown as Bearden's new clinic plans came to an end just weeks later. Unfortunately, Knoxville still has two other clinics there that account for 4,000 abortions each year. They

have been faithful in prayer and have been a part of the National 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign for 3 years (www.40daysforlife.com/Knoxville).

The rain on Respect Life Sunday, October 4, 2009, didn't keep pro-lifers off the streets of Knoxville and Chattanooga as over one hundred people turn out for their annual Silent Prayer Chains for life. October also brought the revision of our respect Life educational curriculum. The curriculum is designed to help students (K-12) to see life as a unique "gift" from their loving Father. The kit includes everything the teachers need and is free to all churches (donations accepted).

November starts sign-up time once again for our annual bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the National Right to Life March. This year it is especially important that we attend to let President Obama and Congress know that we will not sit still while innocent babies are being killed. The March is always on the Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, January 22, and falls on a Friday this year. We will leave on Wednesday evening and return early Saturday morning. Please see the website for details.

And it's time to start working on our Annual United we Stand--Respect Life Banquet. We will be going back to the Chattanooga Hotel & Convention Center this year. Our Theme this year is ADOPTION and will feature Christian recording artist, Jamie Thietten. This is one you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars for **Friday, April 23, 2010**.

We have a busy year in front of us, but with your prayers, help and God's grace, we will be successful! "Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and depraved generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of **Life**." Philippians 2: 12-18

Thank-you for standing up for Life!

Cindy Kedrowski 423-290-7314

Please join us in these upcoming Events:

BUS TRIP to the CAPITOL – Annual March is Friday, Jan. 22, 2010



Bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the Annual March for Life on the Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade will leave on Wednesday evening, January 20, 2010. We will meet at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Moore Rd. at 8:00 PM, make 3 stops along the way, arrive in D.C. Thursday at 9:00, tour, Mass, dinner and sleep at C.U.A. The next morning we'll go to the Verizon Center for the Youth Rally and then we'll continue on foot to the March. We depart immediately after the March and arrive back at O.L.P.H. at 5:30 A.M. on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Cost of the trip is only \$60- and it includes meals. (Scholarships available). Call Donna 267-9878 or Cindy 290-7314

Youth Speech Contest – February 2010

This is a contest open to ALL high school students. Each participant will research a life issue, then prepare and present a 3-5 minute speech to a small panel of judges. The speech can cover any life issue, but must address only one. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. Contact: Frances King 423-842-1647

RESPECT LIFE BANQUET & PRAYER SERVICE-- Friday, April 23, 2010



The prayer service will be held Friday afternoon at the **Memorial for the Unborn**. The banquet follows later that same evening at the **Chattanooga**. Our speaker this year will be female vocalist, Jamie Thietten award winning singer, wife and pro-life advocate! For information or if you want to help please call Kitty (322-8356) or Office (290-7314)

Health Care & FOCA:

Congress's effort to enact health care reform legislation has quickly become a hot topic of debate. It is our responsibility to encourage legislation that will promote affordable good health care for all. It must not violate the conscience rights of health care professionals or include language that will allow for federal funding of abortion. And we need to make sure that our dying and elderly aren't put into counseling sessions where they are confused what to chose for end of life issues (advanced care planning consultations) .

Please Speak Up Peacefully & Effectively For Life

- Write letters to the editor in your local newspaper
- Pray & educate others so they can help inform others
- Write postcards, E-mails to members of Congress & President Obama
 - www.senate.gov click on senators in upper left corner
 - www.house.gov put in your zip code
- Call U.S. Capital Switchboard (202) 224-3121
 - Tell operator your zip code & they will connect to your House Representative & 2 Senators
 - Tell them that you are counting on them to help enact a good health care plan that is affordable for everyone. It must NOT allow government funding of abortion--this needs to be written into the bill so that it isn't slipped in under women's reproductive health. We need to be sure it doesn't force health professional to violate their conscience rights