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DRTL WISH LIST

Technologically, DRTL needs to catch up! Can you help us with any of the following for our office?

- *Updated desktop computer*
- *Compact video recorder/camera*
- *Donations toward a business printer*

Please call 302-650-8942 if you can help.

Pro-Lifers Set to March Locally and in D.C.

Delawareans will host their fourth annual Wilmington March for Life at noon on Friday, January 15. Participants will step off at Rodney Square in Wilmington and wind their way through downtown

at lunchtime, one week in advance of the national march in Washington, D.C. Holding banners and signs, the local march is an

excellent witness to life as it loops from the business district, past the government buildings and ulti-

mately to Planned Parenthood and back to Rodney Square.

On January 22, DRTL will sponsor two buses to the 37th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Buses will leave from Christiana

Mall and participants will join tens of thousands of pro-lifers from around the country on the National Mall. Afterwards, there will be time to visit

Congressmen and

Senators, and to attend the Silent No More rally at the Supreme Court.

Register for the March on last page.



On the National Mall at the 2009 March for Life in D.C.

40 Days for Life Campaigns to Start Feb. 17 in Delaware

Dover and Wilmington will participate in the national 40 Days for Life campaign, which runs from February 17 – March 28, 2010. The effort focuses on prayer and fasting as a means to end abortion in America. By targeting specific local abortion clinics, it is hoped that persistence will result in their closing. The effort, begun in 2006 by David Bereit, national director

of the campaign, has resulted in numerous closings of abortion facilities, as well as conversions of clinic workers and most importantly, thousands of saved babies.

A prayerful presence is needed *consistently* at the AWMS and Planned Parenthood clinics during hours of operation (most campaigns are 24/7). Both Delaware events

are registered with the national campaign at www.40daysforlife.com and those willing to participate may sign up on a calendar once it is operational. The Wilmington effort is in need of a director who will coordinate volunteers, call churches and publicize the event. Anyone interested, please call Nicole at 302-650-8942.



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We are currently working against the most anti-life administration, and possibly Congress, our nation has ever seen. But Delaware Right to Life has been vigilant and we continue with our ministry, holding prayer vigils at abortion mills, sponsoring life chains and a local march for life, staffing exhibit tables at community events, speaking to churches, clubs and organizations throughout the state, and much more. In addition, our billboards and radio ads have received a lot of positive response, and we need your help to continue that positive outreach.

In Dover, Wilmington, and most recently, Rehoboth, we have dedicated groups of people who hold prayerful vigils at the Planned Parenthood clinics throughout the state. We need volunteers like YOU to commit to a couple of hours a month to continue making an impact. Please check our website for days, times, and locations.

Finally, our expansion into Kent and Sussex Counties continues to grow. Jim Cordie, a dedicated board member, has been instrumental in putting together a Kent Co. Committee of DRTL. In just a short time, his group is making strides and connections in the Dover area. This effort is growing rapidly and I believe it will be hugely successful. If you're in Kent County and would

Legislative Alerts

DRTL strives to keep you informed of legislative issues. Nationally, public healthcare is at the forefront, and it's an urgent issue. Most recently, Senator Ben Nelson from Nebraska gave into the pro-abortion lobby in Congress and will be the necessary 60th vote that passes the bill. He sacrificed hundreds of thousands of innocent lives in a phony abortion "compromise" that in reality returns some federal money to his state. Please contact Sen. Nelson and voice your disappointment. At the time of press, the bill will most likely have passed into committee, and will need just a majority to become law. Prayer is now our best weapon to keep our tax dollars from funding abortion – a blatant violation of conscience for pro-life Americans.

At the local level, in June, DRTL was at the forefront of

fighting an extreme anti-life, anti-woman bill that was rammed through the state senate without even a committee hearing. SB 169 would have forced pro-lifers who are sidewalk counseling at any "medical facility" to stand 8 feet away from anyone entering and exiting within 100 feet of the facility. Without any hearing or debate, just three senators voted against this veiled attempt to silence pro-life activists. A group of pro-lifers gathered in Dover to make certain it did not reach the House floor. It ultimately did not, and it's currently in committee. We're keeping an eye on it for you and will alert you with any updates. It's a good possibility we will see this bill again in the new session, so please be prepared to fight it!

Volunteer assistance needed!

DRTL would like some help. Can you...

- **Chair our 40 Days for Life campaign?**
- **Serve on our Annual Banquet committee?**
- **Make membership and fundraising phone calls?**
- **Help with publications like The Lifeline ?**
- **Coordinate volunteers for community events?**
- **Assist answering our DRTL help line?**
- **Make presentations at area schools?**

Please call Nicole at 302-650-8942 or email@derighttolife.org if you can help.

like to get involved, contact Jim at jim@derighttolife.org.

In Sussex County, a group of dedicated pro-lifers has rallied groups from several churches in the Lewes and Rehoboth area by starting their own prayer vigils and

working on a few projects
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email@derighttolife.org if you're in Sussex County and would like to get involved.

I pray that God blesses your New Year. And please remember - pray to end abortion.

Spotlight on Jim Cordie

Don't let the mild manner fool you. DRTL Board member Jim Cordie has been lighting fires in the pro-life community since joining the organization almost two years ago. A resident of Dover, he started by energizing the pro-life committee at Holy Cross Church, where he is a parishioner. From organizing more frequent prayer vigils at the local Planned Parenthood to directing the Choose Life license plate effort, to forming a Kent County committee of DRTL, Jim has become an indispensable, go-to guy in the pro-life community.

Retired after 42 years as a manufacturing manager, he is not only active with DRTL, but serves on the board of Mom's

House and is involved in ministry to prisoners and the homeless. As his zeal for such work grows, so do his opportunities to spread that zeal. Later this month, he'll give a pro-life talk to a group in southern Delaware and he is the web designer and master for several of the organizations for which he volunteers. Jim's talent lies in his ability to organize, energize, and delegate.

"If you treat them right, get them involved, and give them opportunities that fit their skills, you can get people to help you," he says, adding, "In any kind of volunteer work, if you don't keep beating the bushes and stoking the fires, it can fall



apart." Jim laments a widespread "culture of self-gratification" that he sees hampering pro-life efforts. His answer? "People need to get off their butts. Change comes in society by people making it happen."

Clearly, Jim follows his own advice. His latest project is a new website meant to help unify prolife efforts. Look for his "Light a Candle for Life" to be up and running soon.

What's Happening

Look for DRTL's signature billboard ("What about *my* right to choose?") at two new locations this month – Rte . 8 in Dover and at the Meadowood Shopping Center on Kirkwood Highway. DRTL will also run 54 radio ads on TOM-FM (92.9) from Jan. 15 – 17th.

Weekly vigils continue at Planned Parenthood in Wilmington, 7-10 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and in Dover on Thursdays, as well as at the AWMS clinic on Saturday mornings.

Upcoming Face the Truth dates for the next two months are February 20 at Christiana Hospital, 11-12, and March 20 at AWMS clinic, 9-10.

In addition to 40 Days for Life, DRTL will join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at their yearly prayer service around Legislative Hall from 2-4 p.m. on March 25, the Day of the Unborn.

"Bella" star, Eduardo Verastagui will speak in Wilmington at the Riverfront on Saturday, Feb.20, at 9 a.m. through A Rose and a Prayer.

Please check www.derighttolife.org for more details.

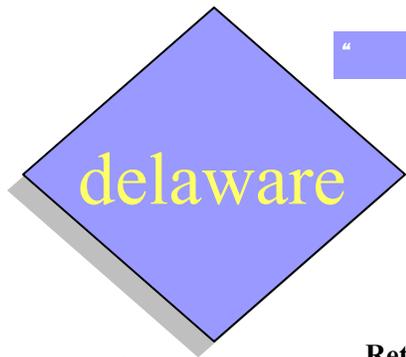
Lauren Richardson at Home with Family



Lauren Richardson, in high school portrait. She suffered a brain injury that left her unable to care for herself.

Lauren Richardson, the young woman whose life was threatened by the removal of a feeding tube, spent her first Christmas in three years at home with her family and daughter. After a miraculous resolution to the legal struggle over her life, Lauren has made significant strides, overcoming some severe health setbacks and a protracted battle with the health care system to bring her home.

Cared for by family members, nurses, and aides, she is off all machines, and is able to swallow pureed food. Although unable to verbalize, she shares a bond of communication with her family and has obviously flourished in their loving care. The prolife community rejoices over Lauren's homecoming and will continue to offer prayers for her improvement.



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Register for the 2010 March for Life !!
*Please send form and check made out to DRTL to:
 Betty O'Malley, 15 Sheldrake Rd., Newark, DE 19713
 \$25 per person/\$50 per family; **deadline—January 19, 2010***
Buses depart at 10 a.m. from the Dart bus depot in Christiana Mall parking lot.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

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Names of ALL attendees: _____