

We Need More Members! The ONE for ONE CAMPAIGN

Vicky Dykstra

The reason Hamilton Right to Life is a viable organization which is able to champion the cause of our unborn children is that we enjoy the support of faithful members like you. Without your support, HRTL could not exist and could not advocate for the unborn.

As a board it is our hope and desire to make our voice **even stronger**. To do that, we need

to sign up more members because it is from the membership dollars that we get our revenue to speak out for saving the lives of thousands of unborn children! We need to collaborate to keep the momentum going.

Here's the plan: Cut out the **New Member's Form** located on this page. Ask your friend to fill it in and send it to the office at 166 Bay Street North, Hamilton ON L8R 2P7 along

with a cheque for \$20.00 to cover the membership fee. If each of us obtains one additional member, we'll double our membership and our revenue. We need your help not only to sustain our current efforts but to **DOUBLE** them. Please help us in our **ONE for ONE CAMPAIGN**. Your help will make a difference in the lives of those yet to be born.

FALL 2010

Students speak out on Abortion Impressions of Walk for Life May 13-14, 2010

New Member's Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail address _____

I'm including my annual membership fee of \$20.00. I'm also including a donation in the amount of \$ _____

Signature _____

Tax receipts are issued once a year for your total membership fee and donations. Please send this form with your donation and/or membership fee of \$20.00 to: Hamilton Right to Life, 166 Bay St. N., Hamilton ON, L8R 2P7



On a pristine day in May, hundreds of students attended The March for Life in Ottawa, for many their first march. Their reactions are varied, but for all, the experience was life-changing. Below are some of their impressions.

New Poll Confirms Most Canadians Do Not Know Canada Has No Abortion Law

Excerpt from LifesiteNews report by Thaddeus M. Baklinski

An Angus Reid public opinion poll published on August 3, 2010, finds that most Canadians are woefully unaware of the country's status quo on abortion. The survey of a representative national sample of 1,022 Canadian adults found that only 21 percent of respondents knew that Canada has no restrictions on abortion whatsoever. The current poll found 41 percent of Canadians under the impression that abortions are available to women only during the first three months of pregnancy. Fifteen percent of respondents thought abortions are allowed only in the first trimester and only if the mother's life is in danger, if she has been the victim of rape, or if the child has serious genetic defects. A drop in the support for the

status quo (no restrictions at any stage of pregnancy), from thirty to twenty-seven percent, was reported.

Jim Hughes, National President of Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) stated, "This poll shows the lack of factual knowledge in Canada which has led to the deaths of more than 3.5 million babies in their mothers' wombs (approximately 100,000 per year).

Mark Penninga of Reformed Political Action in Canada says, "These findings are huge. They send a loud, clear signal to our policy makers that Canada's lack of laws on abortion is out of step with public opinion. How strong do the numbers have to be before our leaders decide to deal with this issue in a principled and honest manner?" Things will change if we have the courage to stand up for the unborn, and get behind leaders who bravely do the same.

Barry Mombourquette

Danielle Hoare

Peter Boushy

Eudora Benjamin

Patricia Elvikis Fr. Ted Slaman

Marsha Cino Vicky Dykstra

Lynne Scime

Brian Lawlor

Sandra Dykstra

Vicky Dykstra

Making sure that parliament hears our voices and knows that the people want and need a change is vital. Injustice should not be tolerated in a nation with human rights and freedoms.

- Sarah

I believe that young people who know the truth about abortion will be the future leaders in Canada who will defend the sanctity of life.

- DJ

There we stood in the rays of the glorious sun and prayed for the children who had been lost and the mothers who regretted having had an abortion... I felt truly inspired.

-Brian

I was shocked to hear that Canada is one of the very few countries in the world that has no criminal law restricting abortion.

-Adriana

In our own city of Hamilton, 4.8 abortions occur per day – children could grow up to become a doctor, a construction worker... instead they are ruthlessly murdered.

-Joseph

Before this trip I was between pro-life and pro-choice; after,...100% pro-life!

-Aaron

We learned that abortion slowly kills our society, one un-born child at a time.

-Andrew



OCTOBER IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH

A membership renewal form is included for your convenience. Please fill it in, enclose your \$20.00 membership fee, and forward to our office: Hamilton Right to Life, 166 Bay Street North, Hamilton L8R 2P7

President's Remarks

We are told by our society that abortion is a woman's right and that the baby in her womb is simply a 'blob of tissue'. Our world declares that personhood begins at birth and thus we have the right to choose to end an unplanned pregnancy. We are purposely being distracted from the stark reality that in every single abortion a human life is being destroyed. We are distracted by the lies. Insidious as these untruths are, there is another distraction far more incessant and far more beguiling and harmful because we choose it ourselves. It is the noise in which we live.

We have all heard the adage, "you must stop to smell the roses," reminding us that there is much to life that we quite often miss because we are simply too busy. In our busyness we have developed myriad ways to avoid the silence and stillness we need to contemplate the truths around us, like the reality of abortion. Cell phones, the Internet, Ipods, Text messaging, Facebook and Twittering all pander to our insatiable appetite for instant communication. We live in a world where everyone feels they must be plugged into this or connected to that. As technology makes available more information at an ever increasing speed, we are becoming increasingly

The letter below by Vicky Dykstra appeared in the Brabant newspapers which are published weekly in Ancaster, Dundas, Stoney Creek, and Flamborough.

July 21, 2010

Last Thursday as I was driving through Meadowlands, Ancaster, I saw a peaceful demonstration depicting the awful truth about abortion: aborted babies die in a gruesome way. The demonstrators, members of "Show the Truth," held up images of real babies who died as a result of abortion. This group champions the right of the unborn child to be born. As a member of Hamilton Right to Life, a pro-life group, I support their aim. While their methods differ from ours, our goal is the same: to save the lives of unborn children in Canada, many of whom die as a result of abortion.

You may ask, why show such graphic images? Without the images, the reality of the horror does not penetrate our conscious-

incapable of reflecting on the truths that exist about us. Our lives are filled with so much noise that we are becoming incapable of discerning right from wrong or rights from responsibilities. The noise we are so apt to accept deviously distracts us from the cries of those who need us most: the vulnerable and unwanted.

Each of us was conceived in the silence of our mother's womb. Yet it is tragically ironic that so many little ones are also destroyed within similar silence. All the while we fail to hear their cries because of the noise around us.

This is an exhortation to stop, to listen, and to consciously turn off the noise about us and the noise within us. We must embrace the silence and continue to reflect on the cruel reality of abortion. Yes, and even see the brutal truths of this holocaust. Do not let the lives of the unborn be buried beneath the dissonance of our noisy world. Welcome the silence and think.

Let us take one minute of silence now and pray for the lives of those unborn babies who will die this day and for the healing of the mothers who know not what they do.

ness. Throughout history, images have been instrumental in social reform. In working against slavery, child labour, discrimination, and genocide, people have used pictures of the injustices to raise public awareness.

I was reminded that in our city of Hamilton, four babies die in this way every day and in Canada, 100,000 babies are aborted every year. Isn't it time to stop the silent holocaust?

A note to our readers: I encourage you to write letters to the editor of your local paper. The more we as pro-lifers get our story "out there," the more we're educating our community about the atrocity of abortion. vd

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ancaster Fair Booth
September 24, 25, & 26, 2010
Hamilton Right to Life will have its annual booth at the Ancaster Fair. If you are able to volunteer 2-4 hours to man the booth it would be most appreciated. You will receive a free pass into the fair. Please call our office at 905-528-3065 for more information.

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Life Chain
October 3, 2010
2:30pm – 3:30pm
Please join us in our stand against abortion! The annual Life Chain will be held on Sunday October 3rd from 2:30pm – 3:30pm across the city in three locations: Upper James and Mohawk; Centennial Parkway, at Eastgate Square Stoney Creek; and Main Street, across from McMaster Hospital. Please call our office at 905-528-3065 for more info.

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Respect Life Fundraiser Dinner, Raffle, & A.G.M.
Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Michelangelo's Banquet Centre
1555 Upper Ottawa, Hamilton
Doors open at 6:00pm
Dinner begins at 6:45pm
Guest Speaker: Melissa Ohden
Abortion Attempt Survivor
"Voice for the Voiceless"
(www.melissaohden.com)
Tickets: \$45 Adults, \$30 Students
For more information contact our office 905-528-3065

Melissa Ohden: Abortion Attempt Survivor



Melissa Ohden is the survivor of a saline infusion abortion attempt in 1977. Despite the concerns regarding Melissa's chances of surviving past her infancy and living a "normal" life, she was adopted as an infant by a family in the Midwest, and she has survived and thrived.

With the love and support of her adoptive parents, Melissa began searching for the truth about the abortion attempt and for her

biological family in 1997. Despite the many obstacles that she encountered along the way, Melissa found her maternal grandparents and her biological father in 2007. Although her biological father passed away in January of 2008, Melissa was later contacted by his parents, after they found out about her existence, having found the letter that she had sent him prior to his passing away. She has now established relationships with many of her biological father's relatives.

With a Master's Degree in Social Work, Melissa has worked in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence/sexual assault counseling, and child welfare and is currently a social work supervisor in a public child welfare system in the Midwest.

Melissa is the Founder and Director of For Olivia's Sake, a non-profit organization which seeks to peacefully raise awareness of the intergenerational impact of abortion on men, women, children, families, and communities. The non-profit is dedicated to Olivia, Melissa's first child born in 2008. Painfully aware that Olivia's life would not

have come into existence had the abortion attempt succeeded, Melissa felt driven to create this organization that would positively raise awareness of the impact of abortion across generations.

Melissa has experienced firsthand the impact that her biological mother's abortion has had on her biological parents, their parents, their siblings, and their children. Her biological mother's abortion attempt has impacted not only Melissa and her adoptive family, but also her husband, his family, her friends and acquaintances, and now her own child, Olivia.

Melissa was a College Outreach Speaker with Feminists for Life for approximately two years. Although her tenure with Feminists for Life has ended, Melissa continues to share her story with individuals and groups as diverse as grade school children, Right to Life groups, college students, and church congregations. Fulfilling the purpose that she believes God set out for her when He saved her life, Melissa is truly a voice for the voiceless.

Melissa will be the keynote speaker at the AGM on November 9, 2010.

Linda Gibbons Continues to Be Denied Justice

In a National Post article by Charles Lewis, "Fighting Abortion One Arrest at a Time," Lewis reveals the injustice of the government's actions toward abortion protester Linda Gibbons. The following is part of his story:

Since Aug. 30, 1994, when a temporary injunction was placed around several abortion clinics in downtown Toronto at the request of the provincial attorney-general, Ms. Gibbons has been arrested roughly 20 times and has been behind bars eight of the past 16 years — more time than Karla Homolka.

She served an earlier six-month stretch for a protest in front of a Morgentaler clinic in 1992. Her most recent stint behind bars began in January 2009.

Instead of standing back the required distance from a clinic as her fellow protesters

had done for years, she once again walked within the forbidden bubble zone. She held up a sign that showed a drawing of a baby that read: "Why Mom, when I have so much life to give?"

If she would only comply, Ms. Gibbons could be out on \$500 bail in mere days, thereby breaking her tortuous 16-year cycle of arrest and imprisonment. But until the injunction is quashed, she will refuse bail, insisting that would be "compromise and complicity with evil" and, to her, unthinkable.

To those inside Canada's antiabortion movement, Linda Gibbons is a quiet hero whose sacrifice is to be admired.

The only break she took from her protest-prison loop was to care for her dying father in Alberta for about six years. But once back in Toronto, she was right back at it.

And if she was thrown out of prison today she would likely be back in front of the clinic, and start it all over again.

Her lawyer for the past three years, Daniel Santoro, shares her supporters' view that she has become a prisoner of conscience: "She's not a fanatic. She doesn't rant or rave at me on the telephone. I'm a strong believer in free speech. Whether I agree with her or not [about abortion] is not relevant.

Ms. Gibbons sees her quest for justice as her calling: "Wherever I am, I am free to do God's work," Ms. Gibbons says. "I can be on the outside or in the inside. It doesn't matter. I don't feel burdened by what I'm doing."

Read more:

<http://www.nationalpost.com/Fighting+abortion+arrest+time/3345130/story.html#ixzz0wyuHkqCN>