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Turbulent Times but “Life” Is Winning

By: Dale Bartscher, SDRTL Executive Director

So much about our lives has changed in recent weeks. As I write to you, our nation is in the middle of fighting a global pandemic. I sincerely pray that you and your loved ones have remained safe and healthy. These turbulent times surrounding the coronavirus have upended schedules, finances, and plans. But one thing remains steady and true ... Life Is Winning!

Today, let us focus on some good news for a change. While we have taken steps to protect ourselves from Covid-19, the work of South Dakota Right to Life continues to thrive on behalf of the most voiceless and vulnerable members of society. Much of this work is highlighted in this Spring Edition of LifeFacts. Together....

We must stand ready to beat back the abortion industry and their allies.

We must stand ready to protect the vulnerable, most particularly in these times of crisis.

We must stand ready to continue our Mission (printed below) no matter what.



South Dakota Right to Life

~ Established in 1971 ~

South Dakota Right to Life (SDRTL) works, in recognition of our human right to life in South Dakota, through education, legislation, activism, and service. We support measures to reduce and eliminate abortion, euthanasia, and other life-ending procedures.

SDRTL is the official state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee and subscribes to its mission, objectives, and strategies.

SDRTL works with local Right to Life Chapters to further our Mission through pro-life advocacy in communities throughout the state.

SDRTL, along with its chapters and pro-life allies, strives to educate all people with facts about abortion and other right to life issues. We encourage the work of pregnancy care centers and adoption agencies which offer real alternatives to abortion.

SDRTL promotes pro-life legislation at the state and federal level. We inform South Dakota residents of elected officials' voting records, and the views of political candidates, on right to life issues.

SDRTL is not affiliated with a particular political party or religious group. We welcome all to join us in the defense and protection of human life.

We are committed to our mission, and we know there is much more to be done. We must work until every human being, from conception until natural death, is valued by society and protected by law.

I want to thank you for partnering with our SDRTL Mission! As we witness powerful forces at work against the sanctity of life, we should strive to match and surpass the fervor of their passion (though not their methods) in order to champion every person's right to life, no matter their age or stage of development. Together let us act to preserve our posterity—or in the words of Thomas Paine: “If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace.”

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South Dakota Right to Life is a non-profit, non-denominational organization whose philosophy is that all innocent human life is inviolable and is to be guaranteed protection from conception until natural death.

President's Column

By: Dr. Fred Deutsch, SDRTL President and Region 2 Board Member



“These are the times that try men’s souls.” Thomas Paine’s poignant words were written during the Revolutionary War, but they are as relevant today as they were in 1776. While the Coronavirus pandemic reminds all of us of our own mortality, South Dakota Right to Life continues its vital work to defend the most innocent and vulnerable among us, the unborn.

Lest we think otherwise, abortions continue in the US, even through this pandemic. Babies are still being killed.

As we continue our fight, I’m pleased to tell you the SDRTL board has grown to 20 members. We welcome new board members Shane Oien, a businessman from Sioux Falls, Victor Rapkoch, a young lawyer from Britton, Donna Schafer, a former teacher, former legislator, and great-grandmother of 11, Lorie Hausmann, a former Registered Nurse from Sturgis, and Mary Unterbrunner, a farm wife and school cook from Iroquois.

Part of the board’s work is to develop legislation we bring to Pierre each year. This issue of LifeFacts lists each legislator’s voting record on pro-life bills during the last two years. Please take time to learn how your legislator voted. Forty-five of the 70 House members and 25 of the 35 Senate members had a 100% pro-life voting record. That’s an amazing record, and as grateful as I am

for our successes, it’s important not to forget that our adversaries are formidable, and always on the attack. If your legislator didn’t vote pro-life, please call him or her and ask why they voted the way they did. It’s important we hold them accountable.

Some politicians say they “personally oppose” abortion but don’t believe they should impose their personal beliefs on others. We hear that excuse at all levels – from Joe Biden, presumptive Democrat candidate for President, to former Brookings Republican Senator Larry Tidemann (District 7), now attempting to return to the South Dakota House of Representatives.

As we look ahead, it’s vital to remember how important it is to maintain super-majorities of SD pro-life legislators in both the Senate and the House. It’s because of you we are able to change the law so unborn children are welcomed in life and protected in law. To do that we count on you to elect pro-life men and women, then work with those elected officials to enact pro-life legislation and fend off anti-life initiatives.

Our strategy will continue to be focused on changing hearts and minds of South Dakotans, but also to continue to elect solid, pro-life politicians. Changing the law is an essential component in the larger campaign to restore respect for the right to life of unborn members of the human family. Thank you and God Bless you for all your efforts to help us make a difference.

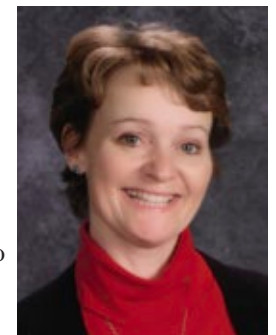
National Right to Life Report

By: Valerie Johnson, NRLC Delegate

The National Right to Life Convention scheduled for this summer was canceled due to COVID-19 and shelter in place orders. Because of this strange situation, we have also canceled the NRL Academy.

State affiliates are working with Governors and Attorneys General to stop abortions which are not essential services. NRLC is having great success in working with the Trump administration to ensure that care for COVID patients is not rationed based on age or ability.

Despite changes in plans, we are able and will continue our work in the right to life movement. We will stay informed with the best sources – NRL News Today (<https://www.nationalright-tolifenews.org/>) and our local State NRL Affiliates and Chapters. We will continue to share important pro-life information (like this issue of LifeFacts) to our family, friends, and the general public. We will hold meetings over computer and phone. We will continue to support our local and very essential pregnancy help centers. We will write letters to the editor and stay in contact with local news media. We will raise awareness with pro-life clothing and accessories, buttons and stickers, signs, and bumper stickers. And we will encourage pro-life people to register to vote. One of the most important ways we will help save unborn children is with our pro-life vote. Pro-life voters put pro-life candidates in office who in turn appoint pro-life people and pass pro-life legislation. We will continue to grow the grassroots energy and continue our pro-life mission.



South Dakota Legislature Denounces the National Education Association's Support of Abortion under Roe v. Wade

By: Representative Jon Hansen, SDRTL Secretary and Region 4 Board Member



The National Education Association (the NEA) is the nation's largest teachers' union. Its reach extends to all 50 states, including South Dakota. Here in South Dakota, the local affiliate of the NEA is the South Dakota Education Association, which, on its website, encourages you "to pause and remember: It's about our kids."

That's why many people were upset and angered to learn that the NEA, at its 2019 annual conference, passed a business item stating, "the NEA vigorously opposes all attacks on the right to choose and stands on the fundamental right to abortion under Roe v. Wade." I can't help but think it is sadly ironic that the NEA states, as one of its core values, that "all students have the human and civil right to a quality public education" but then rejects the fact that all human rights begin with the right to life.

In response to the NEA's statement, a group of pro-life legislators and stakeholders, including South Dakota Right To Life, authored House Concurrent Resolution 6020, "Denouncing the National Education Association's recent policy to support 'the fundamental right to abortion.'" The Resolution passed in the legislature and was widely supported by many members, with the notable exception of some Senate Democrats who were on the floor of the Senate for debate on the Resolution but then walked out of the chamber to avoid the recorded vote. Unlike the NEA, South Dakota recognizes this scientific fact: abortion ends the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being. Many South Dakota teachers recognize this scientific reality and hold that same view.

The NEA is putting abortion politics into education while disregarding pro-life teachers, the rights of all human children, and parents who expect quality education outcomes rather than pro-choice indoctrination. The South Dakota Legislature was right to exercise the voice of the people of the State of South Dakota and denounce the NEA's wrong and grossly inappropriate statement. You can find the NEA Resolution by going to <https://www.sdrighttolife.org/2020-sd-legislative-session> and then scroll to the bottom and CLICK ON: HCR 6020 - NEA Resolution.

National Right to Life Winning Essay

Karina Marie Novotny, Hot Springs, SD, has won the National Right to Life Essay Contest — Junior Division. She wrote a essay about her experiences with the adoption of her brother Grayson, loving his selfless birth family, watching the movie "Unplanned", her tomato sale fundraiser to offer a grant to the next family in Hot Springs to pursue adoption, and her experience speaking at the SD Right to Life Convention 2019. Karina won a \$200 award for her winning essay. Her winning essay is below:

"Why am I pro-life? Grayson! My pro-life beliefs intensified two years ago when a family friend became pregnant before she was prepared to be a parent. Our family felt called to pursue adoption and encourage the birth family to choose life. Experiencing the love for this unborn baby and his birth family led me to become involved with the local right to life group, sparking my desire to protect the unborn.

My family prayed for the option of adoption. Our prayers were answered on Good Friday 2018, when we received a phone call from Grayson's birth mother saying she planned to make an open adoption plan for her baby knowing she could give him a chance at a good life with us. I got the most blessed birthday present ever when Grayson was born 3 days before my 12th birthday.

My parents encouraged me to learn about adoption, abortion, and human life. I watched the movie "Allison's Choice" which depicted God's presence and love for expectant mothers and their unborn children even in an abortion facility. I attended a showing of "Unplanned" which showed me the sickening truth of abortion and the magnitude of the issue facing our country. "Unplanned" also showed me how one person can speak out and save lives through compassionate education & love.

I was immediately filled with a desire to help families (birth and adoptive) experience the joy of adoption. I believe helping more families pursue adoption will decrease the number of abortions and potentially connect birth mothers to a positive encouraging adoptive family permanently. Through a tomato fundraiser from my garden I was able to create a grant valued at over \$200 to help the next local family pursue adoption. This fundraiser helped me communicate my pro-life beliefs to my family, friends, teachers, community, and state as I marketed my tomato fundraiser.



It was an honor to be invited to speak at the 2019 South Dakota State Right to Life convention about my family's adoption experience, my pro-life beliefs, and present my grant to the local Hot Springs Right to Life chapter. Earlier this month I won a local pageant title promoting a pro-life adoption advocacy platform. In May 2020 I advance to the Miss South Dakota Outstanding Teen pageant where I will be able to promote my adoption advocacy platform to a large crowd of diverse people from across my state.

My pro-life journey has taught me that one birth mother's selfless choice to give her baby a good life can spread love throughout a whole state and beyond! Grayson is a unique little boy who has filled our home with laughter and inspired me to do everything I can to help others to choose life. I am committed to sharing the lessons I have learned about protecting the unborn and honoring my baby brother through my efforts to help birth and adoptive families."



*"A government cannot be truly JUST
without affirming the
intrinsic value of human life."
— Charles Colson*

As 2020 arrived so did the 95th South Dakota Legislative Session. SDRTL was boots on the ground lobbying for legislation that protects the ‘right to life’ of all human beings from conception to natural death.

To keep the public informed many followed our lobbying efforts at the Capitol by going to... sdRight-ToLife.org. In addition, thousands of South Dakotans tuned into KNWC Radio (Sioux Falls) or KSLT/ KLMP Radio (Rapid City) to hear our weekly SDRTL Legislative Update Reports. We also utilized the media through the use of Facebook and weekly statewide email updates.

The 95th Legislature consisted of #105 Members - that's 89 Republicans and 16 Democrats. Over the course of the 37-day Session these Legislators viewed some 531 Bills and Resolutions, not to mention a host of Commemorations.

SDRTL was represented by their Executive Director Dale Bartscher who served as a registered lobbyist at the Capitol during Session. Their work was also strengthened by the presence of Debbie Pease, SDRTL's Board Vice-President, who lobbied during Session with the Family Heritage Alliance Action. We supported appropriate legislation that helps protect the right to life of all human beings from conception to natural death and opposed that which does not.



South Dakota Right to Life 2019-2020 Legislative Pro-Life Ratings

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With the Primary (June 2, 2020) and General (Nov. 3, 2020) elections approaching, we must not forget to register to vote and then VOTE to protect the most fundamental of all human rights - the right to life. Election time can get confusing with information and advertisements coming at you right, left, and center. However, as long as the right to life is being denied to anyone in America, we must not become complacent.

We cannot advance or progress as a society until we protect our most innocent and vulnerable, the start of humanity, the preborn. In these elections, and in every election, lives are at stake. This is our time and we must not be silent. As the great Ronald Reagan once said, "If not us, who? If not now, when?" Make your voice heard, research your candidates, support those who are pro-life strong and then please...VOTE FOR LIFE.



SD Right to Life's 2019/2020 Legislative Pro-Life Ratings

(*) Legislative Prime Sponsors

☐ **These Bills and Resolutions Supported by SDRTL and Passed:**

SB72 (2019 *Governor) An Act to provide for a form a physician must use to obtain consent to an abortion.

HR1003 (2019 *Hansen) A Resolution denouncing the recent passage of New York's abortion law and requesting that the Governor declare a day of prayer and fasting to atone for the unspeakable crime of abortion.

HR1004 (2019 *Frye-Mueller) A Resolution petitioning Congress and the President to immediately defund Planned Parenthood of all federal funding; strongly condemning the recent unrestricted abortion law passed in New York; and, expressing South Dakotans' continued resolve to secure the blessings of life and liberty for our posterity.

HB1177 (2019 *Frye-Mueller/Nelson) An act to require that an abortionist offer to show the sonogram and make audible the heartbeat of the baby before performing an abortion.

HB1190 (2019 *Frye-Mueller/Nelson) An act to update the informed consent requirements to include reporting on the number of mothers that chose to hear the heartbeat of their baby.

HB1195 (2020 *Gosch/B. Greenfield) An Act to provide for the dismissal of charges against pregnant women for certain controlled substance offenses under certain circumstances.

HCR6020 (2020 *Hansen/Langer) A Concurrent Resolution denouncing the National Education Association's recent policy to support "the fundamental right to abortion." **Note:** It was interesting that every Democrat Senator was off the floor (excused) when every Republican Senator present voted in support of this Resolution!

☐ **This Bill Supported by SDRTL was Unfortunately Defeated in a Senate Committee:**

HB1096 (2020 *Hansen/Novstrup) An Act to prohibit commercial surrogacy contracts and provide a penalty for facilitating a commercial surrogacy.

☐ **This Bill Opposed by SDRTL was Rightly Defeated in a Senate Committee:**

SB 6 (2019 *Nelson/Howard) An Act to revise certain provisions regarding sonogram and heart auscultation prior to an abortion.

☐ **These Additional Four Bills Supported by SDRTL were Passed Unanimously:**

SB85 (2019 *Stalzer/Rasmussen) An Act to revise the deadline for the Department of Health's annual report regarding abortions.

HB1047 (2020 *Governor) An Act to revise certain provisions regarding human trafficking.

HB1055 (2019 *Deutsch/Steinhauer) An Act to require parental notification and agreement before the institution of an order to withhold resuscitation from certain patients.

HB1193 (2019 *Hansen/Schoenbeck) An Act to provide a criminal penalty for causing an abortion against a pregnant mother's will.

National Right to Life Internship Program

By: *Kassidy Peters, SDRTL Youth Outreach Coordinator and Region 10 Board Member*



During uncertain times it can be difficult to plan for the future. We have the tendency to want to put off big decision making until we know things are going to go back to normal very soon. The great news is that brighter days are ahead and this pandemic won't last forever!

If you are a high school or college student you may be thinking a lot about your future. As someone who was a college student not too long ago, I know how important experiences and internships are to find out what you are truly passionate about and learn real life skills. During college, I had two major internships and they were life changing to say the least.

An internship with the National Right to Life is an amazing opportunity to gain first-hand experience in the pro-life movement. At the national level, interns are selected to serve in one of the 14 departments. The opportunity is there to gain experience in legislation, communications, education, outreach and many more areas. Interns also have the opportunity to attend weekly seminars, attend the National Right to Life Convention and make connections that will last a lifetime.

If this opportunity sounds like something you, your child or someone you know would be interested in, I would love for you to reach out to me to learn more. Email me at kassidy.noem@gmail.com or call me at (605) 881-9443. This is such a great opportunity to make a big difference!



Topic: Why are YOU pro-life?



\$\$\$ prizes for TOP 5 essays in each division!

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| 1st | \$150 |
| 2nd | \$125 |
| 3rd | \$100 |
| 4th | \$75 |
| 5th | \$50 |

Junior division: grades 7 - 9
Senior division: grades 10 - 12

Essays will be judged on:

- Originality
- Content
- Accuracy

Essays must be 300 - 500 words & must be emailed by Nov. 1, 2020.
Email entries to: dpeace84@yahoo.com

Deadline: November 1, 2020
Accepting entries now!

Find additional information, including rules, at www.sdrightrighttolife.org
Questions? Call Debbie at 605-929-4933

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are contingent upon Covid-19 Restrictions

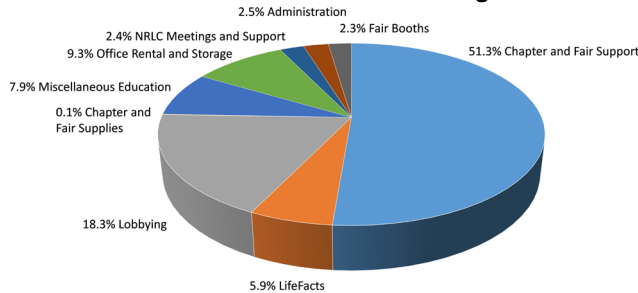
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| May 9: SDRTL's Sponsorship of Black Hills Pregnancy Center's Virtual Walk-for-Life | Aug. 1-8: SDRTL's Booth at the Sioux Empire Fair (Sioux Falls) |
| June 2: SD Primary Election Day | Aug. 11-16: SDRTL's Booth at the Brown County Fair (Aberdeen) |
| June 29: US Supreme Court's Decision of Planned Parenthood vs Casey | Aug. 13-15: Clay County Fair (Vermillion) |
| July 4: Independence Day! | Aug. 17-20: SDRTL's Booth at the Turner County Fair (Parker) |
| July 10-12: SDRTL's Booth at the Black Hills Home Builders Show (Rapid City) | Aug. 21-29: SDRTL's Booth at the Central State's Fair (Rapid City) |
| July 18-19: SDRTL's Booth at the Hills Alive Music Festival (Rapid City) | Aug. 26-30: Corn Palace Festival (Mitchell) |
| July 25-27: Union County Fair (Alcester) | Sept. 3-7: SDRTL's Booth at the SD State Fair (Huron) |
| Aug. 1: SDRTL's Board of Directors Meeting (Sioux Falls) | Sept. 12: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children |
| | Oct. 2-4: SDRTL STATE CONVENTION (Sioux Falls) |

Where Your Donations are Going

By: *Spencer Cody, SDRTL Treasurer and Region 6 Board Member*

Let us take a look at how South Dakota Right to Life has worked to ensure that the most is made of every contribution that we have received and hope that you will partner with us as a sustaining member in 2020. Roughly 51% of our donation goes toward providing staff in support of chapters, pro-life outreach, and coordinating booths and exhibits at fairs and other events. Lobbying for pro-life legislation each session in Pierre takes up another 18% of our budget.

Where Your Donations Are Going in 2020



The LifeFacts that you receive goes to 16,000 households and makes up roughly 6% of this year's budget. A remaining 13% of donations are spent on miscellaneous education outreach for fairs, events, and working with National Right to Life through meetings and conferences. Only 2.5% of your donation is being spent on administration of membership mailings, postage, and office supplies.

Unfortunately, in order to balance our budget for 2020, we needed to cut our fair and chapter supplies budget to 0.1% and our LifeFacts budget to 6% of the budget from 7% and 22%, respectively, from last year. This was necessary to adapt to growing expenses in other areas. We hope that your support can help us fully restore these programs as we progress through the year. Every dollar that you donate gets fully utilized in the most meaningful and impactful means possible. Thank you so much for supporting South Dakota Right to Life!

Donations in Memory of: Submitted By:

DAVID BARTSCHER..... CHERYL BIXBY
 LARRY MORRIS..... ANDY AND JOANN GROOS
 BETTY HINRICHER..... ANDY AND JOANN GROOS
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Thank You!

Name _____

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My Special Gift in Support of Life: \$ _____

My Sustaining Gift in Support of Life (check one)

___ Bronze: \$10/mo. or \$120/yr.

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___ Gold: \$50/mo. or \$600/yr.

___ Platinum: \$100/mo. or \$1200/yr.

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___ Diamond: \$500/mo. or \$6000/yr.

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I would like to donate by: (check one)

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 SDRTL (non tax deductible)
 SDRTL Ed Trust Fund (tax deductible)

49th Annual South Dakota Right to Life Convention

2020 Vision for Life



Hosted by Sioux Falls Area Right to Life

An empowering weekend of education, motivation, and celebration for the sanctity of life from Conception to Natural Death

October 2-4 2020
Sioux Falls First Church
6300 W 41st St, Sioux Falls, SD

Speakers & Sessions

- Scott Klussendorf- President Life Training Institute
- Caitlyn Dixon- Executive Director Iowa Right to Life
- Surrogacy Discussion- Representative Jon Hansen and Chris Motz, Exec. Director of the South Dakota Catholic Conference
- Advocacy Panel- All Stages of Life
- Dr. Patti Giebink- Former Abortionist and now pro-life champion
- Guest Speaker from Live Action

Friday Oct. 2nd

Open to the public – no fee to attend
6:00 pm Doors Open, 6:30 pm Social
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Program and Guest Speakers

Saturday Oct. 3rd

Open to the public – Pre-register online or Day of Event
8:00 am Doors Open, Vendor viewing, Continental Breakfast, Registration
9:00 am – 5 pm General Session
Lunch will be provided

Youth – Middle and High School Students

Special Youth for Life Session with guest speakers and activities will run during the General Session.



Sunday October 4, 2:00 -3:00 pm

Join us on 41st St in Sioux Falls from Kiwanis Ave to Sertoma Ave. Last year over 750 participants, from the Sioux Falls area came out to show their support and make a public statement supporting Life.

To register contact Sioux Falls Area Right to Life at

- www.siouxfallsarearighttolife.org
- Our Facebook page
- Email righttolifesf@gmail.com
- Call (605) 743-0777

