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Welcome to Human Life of Thurston County (HLTC)

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**President's Message**: After one year with HLTC, the summer board meeting attendees elected our team to continue in our present roles. At six-months into this second term, I can report good pro-life results. Your donations sponsored the summer board meeting picnic, trained over 20 pro-life volunteers, produced the County Fair Education Booth, influenced hundreds of fair goers towards life, created a new billboard, give you this Newsletter, and create our <a href="https://HumanLifeTC.org">https://HumanLifeTC.org</a> website.

SCOTUS ruled in Dobbs v. Jackson that the U.S. constitution defines no right to abortion. It overturned Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey as bad law. Individual states once again exercise their right to enforce their abortion laws to protect human lives. One article I read said that the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) can override state abortion laws with the emergency medical condition (EMC). EMC is defined as acute symptoms of sufficient severity placing the individual's health [or the health of an unborn child] in serious jeopardy. <a href="https://www.shipmangoodwin.com/insights/emtala-preempts-state-law-abortion-bans.html">https://www.shipmangoodwin.com/insights/emtala-preempts-state-law-abortion-bans.html</a> What constitutes an EMC for pregnant women? With EMTALA, it seems abortionists can define an answer that demands an abortion. Jay Inslee announced he wants to add a "right" to an abortion into the state constitution. Yet, codified abortion laws exist in Title 9 Crimes and Punishments law, RCW 9.02. Also, the Washington Criminal Code, RCW 9A.32, defines Homicide as "Homicide is the killing of a human being by the act, procurement, or omission of another, death occurring at any time, and is (1) murder... (3) manslaughter... RCW 9A.32.060 next defines: 1) A person is guilty of manslaughter in the first degree when: (b) He or she intentionally and unlawfully kills an unborn quick child by inflicting any injury upon the mother of such child.

What laws will our legislators remove to make room for a constitutional amendment to kill living human beings who reside in Washington up to nine months in their mother's womb? Women undergoing abortion procedures experience injury or death while their unborn child is intentionally killed and deprived of its life. To the untrained in legalities, it seems impossible see the difference between the killing of a human being - homicide, and the intentional act of killing a human being – abortion. Maybe an artificial intelligence can concoct a lawful explanation for the difference. But in pro-life, we unite with a real intelligence to put a stop to such activities and build living communities. Many thanks to you our readers who generously support protecting human life from conception to natural death. See next what our teams have done.



Fourteen people attended the summer picnic at Columbus Park on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4. The Pro-Life picnic offers volunteers and new-comers an opportunity to meet and connect with each other after a busy year to grow friendships, better understand the problem of abortions and get the next year under way. Our Secretary, Elaine and Treasurer, Judy decided to continue on with HLTC throughout this year. We discussed a volunteer training session, "The Matter of Life" movie, and the fair education booth ideas. As a group, we greatly appreciate each pro-life participant's contributions of time, ideas, and service.

HLTC officers encourage, enable, and inspire others to create greater awareness for protecting Thurston County area human life, born, unborn and preborn. Let us know if you would like to join our team as an officer to help as a pro-life group leader.

Twenty-one people attended a volunteer training session on Saturday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Wendy, a pro-life educator gave a wonderful one-hour long PowerPoint presentation at Sacred Heart Church in Lacey, WA. Rose Ann Hoza from Pregnancy Aid of Thurston County and Mary Tipps Smith from Options Pregnancy Clinic each presented what their organizations offer to – women, pregnant or not, with young children to age 5.

Sacred Heart Church showed the movie "The Matter of Life" twice this year. This 1 hour and 41 minutes documentary addresses the complexities of the abortion issue though science, philosophy, history and powerful personal stories. As I recall, the film asked, "Is the unborn child one of us?" If so, that child's future continues.



After months of committee group preparations, HLTC created a new double booth education display for the Thurston County Fair July 27-31, 2022 event. We purchased supplies, volunteers' fair tickets, and booth space. We trained twenty-seven volunteers to share scientific, societal, legal, and safety knowledge implicit to pro-life thinking and beliefs. They dedicated 270 hours during the hot, high 90's, five-day event. We met 483 of 6,367 passersby of which 337 identified as pro-Life and 16 identified as pro-Abortion who visited our booth and shared their beliefs. Fair goers donated \$109. Our creative youth volunteers decorated the ceiling heater with cloud poster paper and a stork. Kids liked the stuffed animals and balloon arch. Our booth

received many good compliments from Pro-Life, Pro-Choice, and even a few Pro-Abortion individuals. The kids enjoyed the trivia quiz and the 'toss a ball' game at our booth. They tossed 3 balls into a muffin tin inside an open, three-sided, cardboard box. If the ball bounced out, they could try again until they got it inside. Their pro-life prizes included smarties candy, bookmark, sticker, balloon, and wristbands for participating. Some kids and adults stopped to look at the fetal models, nine-month fetal posters, and hold the 11-14 week fetal babies. About thirty people signed up to get newsletters and/or help volunteer. Volunteers informed people and gave brochures about Options Pregnancy Center and Pregnancy Aid. See our website for more details.

The Knights of Columbus recruited 34 more Pro-Life volunteers, then funded, managed, and operated the Andy's fundraiser county fair concession stand which saw its best year. The Knights generously donated all the fundraiser proceeds to help fund pro-life educational efforts. We heard that the county fairgrounds will be demolishing the old concession stand. It may be several years before the new stand is ready for more Knights Pro-Life fundraising. All of these activities and events happen only when you our volunteers, readers, and donors keep the pro-life message alive. We work together to share from our experiences and ideas.



Our new billboard is on display January 9 to March 13 at Kinwood Street and Martin Way in Lacey, WA. About 97,804 times, passersby might see this illuminated, 10'6" high x 22'9" wide statement of hope. This year, we focus more on relating to the pregnant woman considering abortion to rid what others may have convinced her to be a great problem for her and for her unborn baby. I read that many doctors and clinicians demonstrate great desire to profit from her belief that a child in her life would be a disaster. Can pregnant women believe in "Mother &

Child" when they feel convinced that unless they remove the human being living within themselves they have no options or hope? The HLTC website presents support resources for their mental, physical, and emotional needs. Share your thoughts about this billboard by completing the enclosed survey and mailing it to us.

Let us know how we are doing. You can also e-mail your comments and ideas to us at letters@humanlifetc.org.

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Your gifts form the foundation for our pro-life works this year.