WINTER 2023 -- THURSTON COUNTY CHAPTER - SERVING SINCE 1972







Welcome to Human Life of Thurston County (HLTC)



Mike Mock

President's Message: In my third HLTC year, we enable pro-life communities to encourage and support healthy, human living by drawing upon the sciences of Life, Socio-Political, Legal, and Safety. We offer knowledge of alternatives to those who seek to terminate an innocent human life. Pro-life volunteers I've met believe in their God who seeks good for all, especially for those who are unable to defend themselves from harm. As those who choose goodness of life, they contribute and donate to help ensure the pro-life message endures. Discover and hold fast to the good beliefs that promote good freedoms for all human lives.

Eleven gathered for our summer board picnic meeting on June 24th in Columbus Park. Fewer attended than in prior years since the Northwest Pro-Life Conference scheduled for same day. Elaine who served 4 years as Secretary relinquished her duties to Christina. Judy who served as Treasurer for 16 years transferred her job to Laura who then resigned July 17th. Lucy volunteered and HLTC accepted her to be our new Treasurer. HLTC provided our out-going officers with certificates and a living gift of succulent plants. After the lunch, we made plans for the coming year. See our HumanLifeTC.org website for information about our newsletters, events, pro-life publications, plus health care information for pregnant mothers and their babies.





The HLTC pro-life education vendor booth at the July 26–30 Thurston County Fair event week featured adoption, newborn transfers, and foster care in addition to the standard pro-life content. During the week's three daily shifts, 2 of 15 volunteers plus 1 of 4 officer representatives took turns to share pro-Life knowledge and perspectives they gained during their training. Our booth greeted about 7,443 fairgoers passing by. Those who identified as pro-life numbered 268 or more, while about 98 shared their support for pro-choice abortion. Some people shared their adoption and foster care stories that passersby also found interesting. During one of my shifts, a young girl told us to schedule her abortion and ran off giggling. Her younger sister returned to our booth and apologized for her ten-year old

sister's behavior. Pro-life education starts young in our communities. If you pray, pray for our country's youths.

Our volunteers assisted with about 486 hours of service. 186 hours occur during the fair event. Fair event preparation work took over 300 hours during several months. Nearby vendors told us how some fairgoers vocalized their anti-pro-life feelings among themselves. Vendors, volunteers, and fair visitors encouraged HLTC to present again next year. Our booth banner puts adoption and foster care into loving perspective:

"Family & Community - It's nothing without you"



BELIEVE IN the goodness of *family*, and know that adoption and foster care are loving choices that save a life. Our 10.5' x 22.5' sized, lighted billboard, seen when driving east in Lacey on Martin Way near Kinwood, displays for at least four weeks starting Christmas Day. It is expected to get 60 to 90 thousand weekly impressions or views. Growing healthy families starts with the gift of love. For those not yet able to care for their own child that grows

within them, adoption and foster care offers them and another family the chance to give the unborn child a meaningful and productive life. The process can be lengthy with its own unique struggles. Some adopted children, now adults, shared their experience of being part of a good family. One adopted woman shared how her teachers could not believe she was adopted as the family was so close knit. Another shared how her adopted brother from a very young age was always different from her family. Though getting the same schooling and opportunities, he got into trouble more than the others. Still her family treated him with love. One man with a perspective from 50 years ago felt that foster care helped foster parents with money more than it helped the children. Others shared foster care is an act of love and costs them more money than they receive.

Our June 2024 theme: Voting to save lives. Each state now has greater freedom to protect its citizens since the overturned Roe v. Wade decision. Your future leaders can promise to champion people's lives —including those not yet birthed. This year, your vote makes a difference even more! Influence voters towards life and family.

Newsletters are on the website. E-mail us your change of address. Handling returned mail doubles those letters' costs. Fill out the form below and use the return envelope. Or send us an e-mail to <u>Letters@HumanLifeTC.org</u>.

Human Life of Washington (HLW) still has its "no sales fundraiser" policy in force for all its chapters. So, we count on your contributions to fund our HLTC activities and events to help keep the pro-life message alive.

Life is so very brief. Be alive and happy while making time to celebrate with family in the new year 2024.

From a global tradition that certainly celebrates a new life, have a joy-filled, Merry Christmas! Mike Mock, President, Human Life of Thurston County

Other news with more details on the website:

Options Pregnancy Clinic in Olympia reports that since year 2016 about 1,600 women shared their decision to continue their pregnancy when they saw their unborn child via ultrasound imaging. See goodness even in troubling circumstances.

Idaho abortion ban.

Idaho abortions: 1553 in 2021; 1,027 in 2022; and less in 2023. (https://www.johnstonsarchive.net/policy/abortion/usa/ab-usa-ID.html) Senator Cantwell's website 6/23/2023 press release presented Idaho abortion restrictions as the obliteration of women's health care and reproductive choice. Pregnant women's doctors still provide care for the mother and child's good health. Washington state's "free" abortions cost lives and are funded by taxes, insurance, company policies, and the military. Laws empower women's choice to get pregnant or not. https://www.health.mil/Reference-Center/Policies/2022/10/20/Ensuring-Access-to-Reproductive-Health-Care

USA births up?

Overall, the USA had no covid lock-down baby boom. But Red states saw increases while Blue states saw decreases. https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-pandemic-caused-a-baby-boom-in-red-states-and-a-bust-in-blue-states/ Growth brings rewards. https://www.foxnews.com/media/overturning-roe-v-wade-32000-additional-births-study-finds

Medication Abortion (RU486) and natural progesterone hormone counter measures, aka Abortion Pill Reversal RU486 fails by itself 15% to 20% of the time. By deciding and taking counter measures quickly, your baby's chance for survival and continued life goes up to around 65%. A woman using mifepristone and misoprostol, can have serious side effects including a torn uterus. Many humans die from RU486 side-effects. https://abortionpillreversal.com/

Send feedback comments and ideas to letters@humanlifetc.org

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YES, I WILL SUPPORT HUMAN LIFE OF THURSTON COUNTY

Your Name: ______ Your Phone # _____

Your mailing Address:
Your e-mail address:
Billboard Comments: Do you like our Adoption & Foster Care billboard design – why or why not?
Newsletter or Website Comments:
Support Human Life of Thurston County educational outreach this year.
God bless you and yours. THANK YOU. Mike Mock , President, Human Life of Thurston County
YES, I WILL SUPPORT HUMAN LIFE OF THURSTON COUNTY
How would you like to help support pro-life activities?
The Newsletter? (Submitting ideas, writing articles, printing and mailing the newsletter)
Design ideas for future billboards?
The 2024 summer picnic? (Site set up, cooking, decorating, clean up)
The county fair education booth? (design/display, set up, volunteer, clean up)
Share ideas that you would like HLTC to do for Pro-Life educational outreach in the year 2024?

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