

# Right to Life of Indianapolis

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...On behalf of the unborn, disabled and elderly.

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## News and Activities



Mark your  
calendars  
for upcoming  
RTLI events

### Celebrate Life Dinner

Tuesday, September 18, 2007  
Indianapolis Convention Center

### Memorial Service for the Unborn

Sunday, January 27, 2008  
Indiana War Memorial

### Golf Outing

Tuesday, May 13, 2008  
Plum Creek Country Club

### Bike 'n' Hike

Saturday, June 14, 2008  
Marian College

## THE REAL SCOOP ON TEEN SEX

The importance of abstinence education is emphasized in the following two books written by doctors. Please check these books out and make sure your teens understand that there is no "safe sex". Jennifer Roback Morse, Ph.D., author of *Smart Sex: Finding Life-long Love In A Hook-up World*, has written a stunning analysis of how so-called "comprehensive sex education" pushed by Planned Parenthood is a failed concept. According to Morse, Planned Parenthood's own data shows that **nearly half of all poor, cohabiting teenagers will get pregnant within the first year of using the Pill. Over 70% of poor, cohabiting teenagers using condoms will get pregnant within a year.** In her book *Epidemic: How Teen Sex is Killing Our Kids*, Meg Meeker, M.D. writes that **every day, 8,000 teens will become infected with a new STD.**

## THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all the volunteers that support Right to Life of Indianapolis. A big thank you to all who assisted at Black Expo, Carmel Fest, State Fair and the Health Fairs this summer!



## Honor Our Award Winners!

The Charles E. Stimming Award will be presented to:

*John Hanagan*

John's dedication to the pro-life cause is evident through the many hours he volunteers each week at Right to Life of Indianapolis, Truth and Compassion Ministries (sidewalk counseling), St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Vincent Hospice. John is also active in many other pro-life events.

The Respect Life Award will be presented to:

*Senator Jeff Drozda*

Senator Drozda has worked tirelessly to promote pro-life legislation in our State. He has authored and co-authored numerous pro-life bills throughout his years in the Senate. Senator Drozda is a strong voice for the unborn in our community.

*Please help us honor these award winners! Join us at the Celebrate Life Dinner, Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00/7:00 p.m., Indianapolis Convention Center. To make a reservation, call 317-582-1526 or reserve online at [www.rtlindy.org](http://www.rtlindy.org)*

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## 2008 Contests and Scholarships

### Essay Contests – Deadline April 1, 2008

7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grades & 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades  
1<sup>st</sup> Place \$250 – 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200 – 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150 – 4<sup>th</sup> \$100 – 5<sup>th</sup> \$50

### Speech Contest- April 19, 2008 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grades

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$250 – 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200 – 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150 – 4<sup>th</sup> \$100 – 5<sup>th</sup> \$50

### Art Contest - 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$250 - 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200 - 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150 - 4<sup>th</sup> \$100 - 5<sup>th</sup> \$50

### Scholarship- 12<sup>th</sup> grade

\$1000 Right to Life of Indianapolis Pro-Life Scholarship

Visit our website at [www.rtlindy.org](http://www.rtlindy.org) or phone 317- 582-1526

Contest rules / deadlines  
Teen pro-life activities  
Internships  
Volunteer opportunities

## 2007 Scholarship Winners Announced!

RTL of Indianapolis is proud to announce the 1st Annual Pro-Life Scholarship winners! Our intent was to award only one scholarship, but because of the pro-life commitment and dedication of these students two winners were awarded this year!

Anne Maguire graduated in the spring of 2007 from Cathedral High School in Indianapolis where she founded and for two years served as co-president of the high school's chapter of Teens for Life, called **Lifesavers**. Anne says the club promotes pro-life, prayer, healthy decision-making and chastity. Under her direction, the club has taken part in Life Chain, Celebrate Life Dinner, March for Life Trip and Leadership Prayer Breakfast. This year the club promoted t-shirts for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-Life T-shirt Day on April 26. With the sale of 90 t-shirts, the club sponsored a prom for senior citizens at Sunrise Assisted Living. Anne also met a goal of hers this year when the club did a presentation on the importance of life at the Sophomore Day of Recollection. Anne writes *"I have been able to educate and pass on my strong devotion to the advancement of the pro-life beliefs to younger students...any pro-life advocate will face opposition, but I have witnessed the powerful effect of unity in numbers. If we continue to join together and allow God to work through our actions, I firmly believe that my generation and future generations can reverse the fatal decision made in 1973 in Roe versus Wade."* She plans to continue her pro-life mission at St. Mary's College as she studies nursing as a presidential scholar.



Sarah Pottratz graduated in May 2007 from Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis. In her junior year, she co-founded the first pro-life club at Brebeuf called **LIFE (Life Is For Everyone)**. As co-president for two years she organized events including bake sales, rose sales, club t-shirts, baby clothes drives to benefit Birthline, and the March for Life Trip to Washington D.C. In 2006, Sarah won the Indianapolis Right to Life Oratory Contest and went on to place second in the state competition. Sarah writes that the most rewarding part of winning this contest was that she was asked to give her speech both at the Celebrate Life Dinner and the Birthline Fashion Show fundraiser. *"Through these experiences, I learned the importance of getting the pro-life message out for all to hear and how this can actually change a person's opinions and beliefs."* Sarah plans to attend St. Mary's College where she plans to study Biology and Spanish. *"The most important thing the pro-life movement has inspired in me is my dream of becoming an OB-GYN physician. I believe it is my calling to serve women and their unborn babies by helping them through their pregnancies. I hope to show women that pregnancy and the birth of a child are two of the most wonderful gifts in the world."*

Both of these students have been actively involved with Teens for Life activities of Right to Life of Indianapolis and the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Youth Council.

Two scholarships were made possible in part by a donation from Larry and Mary Dougherty, in memory of Barbara B. Hagerty. If you are interested in financially supporting this Scholarship Fund in the future, please contact our office at 317-582-1526.

## MAN WAKES AFTER 19-YEAR COMA

A Polish railway worker who woke up after 19 years in a coma is learning to live again and to understand a politically altered [Poland](#), his wife said. "For 19 years he did not move or say anything," Gertruda Grzebska told The Associated Press. "He tried to say things but it couldn't be understood. Sometimes we pretended we understood." Grzebska said that for years she fed her husband, Jan, carefully with a spoon and moved his body to prevent bed sores. "Now he spends his days sitting in a wheelchair and last weekend we took him out for a walk in his wheelchair," she said. "He was so amazed to see the colorful streets and goods. He says the world is prettier now" than it was 19 years ago, when Poland was still under communist rule. "I could not talk or do anything, now it's much better," [Jan Grzebski](#), 65, said in a weak but clear voice on television. "I wake up at 7 a.m. and I watch TV," he said, with a slight smile on his face. **Despite doctors' advice that he would not live, his wife never gave up hope and took care of him at home. "I would fly into a rage every time someone would say that people like him should be euthanized, so they don't suffer.** I believed Janek would recover," she said, using an affectionate version of his name. "This is my great reward for all the care, faith and love," she told the AP, weeping. **"He remembers everything that was going on around him."** He talks about it and remembers the wedding of our children. He had fever around the time of the weddings, so he knew something big was taking place." In 1988, when Poland was still run by a communist government, Grzebski sustained head injuries as he was attaching two train carriages together. He fell into a coma. Doctors also found cancer in his brain and said he would not live. His wife took him home. "He began to move and his speech was becoming clearer, although I was the only one to understand him," she said. Intensive rehabilitation brought more effects. "At the start, his speech was very unclear, now it is improving daily," Wojciech Pstragowski, a rehabilitation specialist, said. "He can now move his feet, feeling has returned to his limbs and he can hold light objects. If he continues to make such progress, he will soon be able to walk." He said Grzebski was shocked to see the streets and shops in the town. "He remembered shelves filled with mustard and vinegar only" under communism. I am sure that without the dedication of his wife, the patient would not have reached us in the (good) shape that he did." (from The Associated Press)

# Adult Stem Cells vs. Embryonic Stem Cells Benefits in Human Patients

## Adult Stem Cells have benefited people with:

### Cancers:

1. Brain Cancer
2. Retinoblastoma
3. Ovarian Cancer
4. Skin Cancer: Merkel Cell Carcinoma
5. Testicular Cancer
6. Tumors Abdominal Organs
7. Lymphoma
8. Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
9. Hodgkin's Lymphoma
10. Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
11. Acute Myelogenous Leukemia
12. Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia
13. Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia
14. Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia
15. Cancer Of The Lymph Nodes: Angioimmunoblastic Lymphadenopathy
16. Multiple Myeloma
17. Myelodysplasia
18. Breast Cancer
19. Neuroblastoma
20. Renal Cell Carcinoma
21. Soft Tissue Sarcoma
22. Various Solid Tumors
23. Ewing's Sarcoma
24. Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia
25. Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis
26. POEMS Syndrome
27. Myelofibrosis

### Auto-Immune Diseases:

27. Diabetes Type I (Juvenile)
28. Systemic Lupus
29. Sjogren's Syndrome
30. Myasthenia
31. Autoimmune Cytopenia
32. Scleromyxedema
33. Scleroderma
34. Crohn's Disease
35. Behcet's Disease
36. Rheumatoid Arthritis
37. Juvenile Arthritis
38. Multiple Sclerosis
39. Polychondritis
40. Systemic Vasculitis
41. Alopecia Universalis
42. Buerger's Disease
43. Acute Heart Damage
44. Chronic Coronary Artery Disease

### Cardiovascular:

45. Corneal Regeneration
46. Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome
47. X-Linked Lymphoproliferative Syndrome
48. X-Linked Hyper Immunoglobulin M Syndrome

### Neural Degenerative Diseases

49. Parkinson's Disease
50. Spinal Cord Injury
51. Stroke Damage

### And Injuries:

49. Parkinson's Disease
50. Spinal Cord Injury
51. Stroke Damage

### Anemias & Other Blood Conditions:

52. Sickle Cell Anemia
53. Sideroblastic Anemia
54. Aplastic Anemia
55. Red Cell Aplasia
56. Amegakaryocytic Thrombocytopenia
57. Thalassemia
58. Primary Amyloidosis
59. Diamond Blackfan Anemia
60. Fanconi's Anemia
61. Chronic Epstein-Barr Infection

### Wounds And Injuries:

62. Limb Gangrene
63. Surface Wound Healing
64. Jawbone Replacement
65. Skull Bone Repair

### Other Metabolic Disorders:

66. Hurler's Syndrome
67. Osteogenesis Imperfecta
68. Krabbe Leukodystrophy
69. Osteopetrosis
70. Cerebral X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy
71. Chronic Liver Failure
72. Liver Cirrhosis
73. End-Stage Bladder Disease

**Embryonic Stem Cells: ~~0~~ ZERO**

From [www.stemcellresearch.org](http://www.stemcellresearch.org). Info from numerous resources including Dr. David A. Prentice's "Adult Stem Cells" in *Monitoring Stem Cell Research: A Report of the President's Council on Bioethics* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 2004)

## In Memory of

### Margaret Mooney

From Gary Hofmeister  
From James & Marjorie Schmitz

### Bill Rosner

From the People of Peace SFO  
From Rhys & Christina Helt  
From James & Marjorie Schmitz  
From Clark & Joan Byrum

## In Honor of Birthdays

### Peggy Fisk

### Vickie Viemann

### Rosie Zatkulak

From Jane Reitz

## Car Donations

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### Bill Rosner

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Alexandra Lawrence

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**It's not too late**  
To make a reservation for the  
**Celebrate Life Dinner!**  
**Tuesday, September 18, 2007**



**Indianapolis Convention Center**  
**Social Hour 6:00, Dinner 7:00, Dr. Alan Keyes 8:00**  
**\$50/person or \$500/table of ten**  
**And/or be a patron!**

**Register online at [www.RTLindy.org](http://www.RTLindy.org)**  
**Or call 317-582-1526 to pay by phone with credit card**



**Dr. Alan Keyes speaker at the 25th Celebrate Life Dinner!**

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