

The mission of Greater Columbus Right to Life is to promote a community that protects innocent human life from conception until natural death

Mark Your Calendar

There are many opportunities for involvement in the programs and activities of Greater Columbus Right to Life!

Membership & Stewardship Drive

February 15-June 1
If you will help us with our stewardship drive, email Beth@gcrtl.org for a packet!

40 Days For Life

February 13-March 24
 Complete Healthcare for Women
 5888 Cleveland Avenue
www.40DaysforLife.com/Columbus

Sidewalk Counselor Training

April 13, 9:30 – 3:30
 Seton Parish
 600 Hill Road N, Pickerington
 Registration Required
www.gcrtl.org/sidewalk-counseling

Celebration of Sidewalk Counseling

April 15, 7:00 PM
 North American Lutheran Church
 3500 Mill Run, Hilliard
**Sponsorship opportunities available*

Worship for Life

Date: May (TBD) 7:30-9:30 PM
**A night of charismatic praise and worship in honor of Life. If you are a worship leader, worship group, or worship artist who is interested in participating, contact us!*

Spiritus 2013

Keynote: Walter Hoye
 August 18, 6:00 PM
 Villa Milano, Columbus
**Sponsorship opportunities available*

Sidewalk Prayer

There are active Sidewalk Counselors and Prayer partners weekly at Founders, Cleveland Ave, and in Pickerington. We'd also like to get a group going at Planned Parenthood Eastside. If you'd like to join them as a counselor or prayer partner, we'd love to connect you.

From the Desk of Beth Vanderkooi, Executive Director...

If you have not already heard, there is a new face at Greater Columbus Right to Life: mine! Our former ED, Ruth, has taken a new position, serving our community in a new way. While we are very happy for her, we know she will be missed. Fortunately, she hasn't gone far, so the next time that you see her around town, don't forget to congratulate her and thank her for her service!

As I've gotten settled in, I would like to thank everyone in Greater Columbus for warmly embracing me in this new position. I have been encouraged by your kind words, your help, and your prayers on my behalf. We are doing amazing work in our community, and I am so humbled to be part of it.

I've spent a lot of time over the last year thinking about the relationship between the divine virtues: Faith, Hope, and Love. Faith being a steadfastness and trust; Hope being the desire of something together with an expectation of obtaining it; and Love being charity and the inclination of the human will to cherish God above all other things and others for the sake of God. When I looked at the needs of Greater Columbus Right to Life and when I contemplated where my priorities for the organization are, I quickly saw the echoes of Faith, Hope, and Love.

Our HOPE is to strengthen our financial stability to ensure the long-term sustainability of our efforts, which we know is achievable. We have FAITH that we will grow GCRTL to include people of every age, race, religion, and political affiliation. With LOVE, we will change hearts and minds and lives in pursuit of our mission: promoting a culture that protects innocent human life from conception until natural death.

We are kicking off our stewardship and membership campaign for 2013 this month. I would ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help ensure that we continue our work in this community. I've included in this newsletter a copy of our 2012 annual report highlighting some of what you helped us to accomplish in 2012 and a copy of the 2013 Membership and Stewardship form. If you would like to help us sign up new members, we can also get you all the materials to help you do that, and this year we've also established some incentives to help membership workers and volunteers share their GCRTL pro-life pride! Check out our webpage at www.gcrtl.org/Membership for more information.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about our budget, our programming, or how you can help us to grow both, please give me a call at 614.445.8508 or email me at Beth@gcrtl.org.

Most importantly, keep praying for me and our volunteers, staff, donors and mission. We know that faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love

Beth

Development Spotlight

Greater Columbus Right to Life (GCRTL) has been blessed with passionate and dedicated volunteers, members and leaders. Since I came on staff in July 2011, we have been striving to put more “meat on the bones” of our programs and fundraising events. These efforts are paying off in ways that we can see in our community, but they are also succeeding in ways that are less obvious.

There is a phrase among development directors that illustrates the predicament of most non-profits, “no margin – no mission.” Bluntly put, if we do not have a sound margin, our mission cannot continue. Stable financial support means we can continue and expand our programming, and we work every day to ensure that your dollars are being put to their best use.

Whatever your reason for involvement with Greater Columbus Right to Life, I would invite you to think about how you can use your time, your talent, and your treasure to further our mission. For some people, this means volunteering your time to help our programs be successful. For others, it means making a financial commitment. For still others, it means sharing your personal network with us and helping us to share our story with potential supporters. As we enter this time of Membership and Stewardship, I would invite you to consider how you can best help us to meet our needs here at Greater Columbus Right to Life. If you would like to talk to us about options, including planned gifts and tax deductions, please give me a call at 614-556-0299, email me at lori@gcrtl.org, or fill out the membership form on page 7 of this newsletter.

Always for Life,

Lori Dobos

Development Director



Above: supporters braved single-digit temperatures to pray for an end to abortion

2013 Roe Remembrance Rally for Life

More than 150 joined this year's Roe Remembrance Rally, despite single-digit temperatures with wind chill factors below zero. The Rally is held every year to mourn the babies lost since the US Supreme Court decided *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton* in 1973. To date, more than 55,700,000 American babies have been lost to abortion. In the Greater Columbus region, an average of 108 babies is aborted every week at one of the three area abortion clinics. This year's speaker lineup included Father Don Franks, GCRTL Board member Alicia Healy, Representative Cheryl Grossman, ORTL Executive Director John Coats, Beth Vanderkooi, and Pastor Howard Williams of Victorious Life Christian Center.

40 Days for Life

The Spring Campaign for 40DFL is in full swing. If you haven't yet signed up for the vigil, it isn't too late.

www.40daysforlife.com/columbus. Huge thanks to our coordinator, Katelyn Neil. Keep Katelyn in your prayers!

Congratulations to the 30 newly sidewalk counselors trained on February 16th!

We are putting a lot of emphasis on sidewalk counseling this year, and for good reason! These men and women are truly on the front lines in the battle to save lives in central Ohio. Interested in joining them? We will be providing ongoing training throughout 2013.



Chilly temperatures didn't stop these prayer warriors at the 40 Days kickoff on February 17th

Please keep our volunteers, board, mission, and those who are at risk of abortion or euthanasia in your prayers – today and always

Greater Columbus



2013 Stewardship and Membership

The mission of Greater Columbus Right to Life is to promote a culture that protects innocent human life from conception until natural death. We serve the Greater Columbus Community through our efforts to educate people on pro-life issues and advocate for the pre-born, the aged and the infirm.

Please renew or begin your membership today and encourage others to do so as well. Your contribution will support our pro-life initiatives and activities such as Sidewalk Counseling, 40 Days for Life, the Greater Columbus Billboard project, education, outreach, and grassroots efforts.

Yes! Please include me in the membership of Greater Columbus Right to Life

\$40

I would like to fulfill my membership by way of:

\$40 one-time donation A one-time donation in the amount of: _____

I would like to fulfill my commitment by becoming a monthly donor to GCRTL

\$10 each month

\$100 each month

\$25 each month

\$____ each month

\$75 each month

Please contact me about other donor options and business sponsorship of GCRTL events

*Donations to GCRTL are tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Check Enclosed Please charge my: Visa MasterCard Discover

Name as it appears on card _____

Card # _____ Sec #: _____ Exp. date _____

Signature: _____

For monthly donations, indicate the day of the month you would like your withdrawal to take place: _____

I would like to volunteer. Please contact me about the following program(s):

40 Days for Life
 Office help
 Sidewalk Counseling
 Annual Banquet

Signature Ad & Billboard Campaign
 Mailing preparation
 Becoming a coordinator at my church
 Membership Captain

It is not necessary to donate to GCRTL to continue your membership. Membership is open to anyone with a heart for life by virtue of asking to receive information and mailings from us and upholding our statement of peace and belief. However, unlike certain pro-abortion organizations, we do not receive tax dollars.

Please consider investing in the future of pro-life advocacy here in central Ohio.

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Celebration of Sidewalk Counseling

April 15, 2013

North American Lutheran Church
3500 Mill Run, Hilliard

7:00 pm

A dessert reception honoring our sidewalk counselors

* Testimonials * Pinning Ceremony *

* Keynote and Free Book by Father Joshua Wagner *

There is no cost to attend this event.

RSVP by April 11, 2013, to Lori at 614-556-0299, lori@gcrtl.org or at www.gcrtl.org
Sponsorship opportunities available

Spiritus 2013 – Rev. Walter Hoye

Jailed for Life

August 18, 2013 *6:00 PM * VIP Reception: 5:00 PM
Villa Milano

Walter B. Hoye II is President and Founder of the Issues4life and the California Civil Rights Foundations. The premature birth (six months, 2.1 pounds) of his son taught him that the fetus is a person, a living, breathing human being. Walter was unjustly jailed for his peaceful defense of the unborn on a sidewalk outside an abortion clinic in Oakland, California. He serves as an incredible leader for the cause of the unborn and his message, calling on men to be spiritual leaders and providers, is a clarion call to this generation.

Tickets and Sponsorship information online at www.gcrtl.org/spiritus

