

Dear Friends,

Happy Spring!

As Easter approaches, we are reminded that we are a resurrection people. Our victory is secured. *Life wins*. Lent also reminds us, however, that we are still in the wilderness. The wait is not over, and the call to action is critical.

With little time to waste, let's get right into it. The 2025 Ohio Abortion Statistics Report was recently released. The startling contents demonstrate that the abortion crisis in Ohio is real and growing. Statewide, abortion claimed 25,136 lives. This includes 25,135 babies and one mother. In Central Ohio, 13 babies died by abortion every day. Even more recently, we found out that Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio purchased a multi-story office space to build a new mega-sized facility and consolidate their offerings.

Coupled with the many threats to the end of life, both already here and coming – like efforts to legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia, Ohio is truly facing the perfect storm.

At Greater Columbus Right to Life, we are ready to respond, but we can't respond *meaningfully* without you. In this newsletter, you will find several opportunities to partner with us in our work and stand for life.

You can respond meaningfully with prayer by adopting time on the sidewalk during our Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign that is fully underway and running through March 29th. We have already had an incredible God-moment turn-away.

You can respond meaningfully with activism by signing up for an advocacy training to protect women, save lives, and share the love of Christ as a year-round Sidewalk Ministry Member.

You can respond meaningfully by educating yourself and others on vital pro-life topics. We are excited to announce our upcoming conference – Building a Culture of Life 2026. This one-day event will center around education on vital pro-life topics and resources. Our goal with this event is to empower and prepare every attendee to protect all life for the whole life.

We are also thrilled to share two remarkable pro-life speakers for two different GCRTL events. Former Abortion provider, Dr. Haywood Robinson, will be speaking during our 40DFL Midway Rally with 40DFL HQ. Mark Houck, whose case has been called one of the most notorious and shameful examples of the political persecution of pro-life advocates in U.S. history, will be headlining our 2026 Annual Banquet. Registration will open mid-April for this event, but we would invite you to consider sponsoring, volunteering, or joining our pre-registration list.

You can respond meaningfully by giving life. By chipping in just \$20 you can help us fund something tangible like a life-saving sign and abortion pill reversal information for one of our Ministry Members.

Whether you choose to dedicate your time, talent, or treasure – our call to action is this: join us as we grow a community of individuals, families, and churches who are dedicated to the cause of life, empowered to protect and defend the dignity of all human life, and anchored in the truth of Christ's death and the hope of His resurrection.

Together, as resurrection people, standing on solid ground with the knowledge that *love wins*, we have not only an opportunity, but an obligation to speak and to act.

For Abundant Life,

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Olivia Hornsby
Interim Executive Director

OHIO ABORTION STATISTICS REPORT

A Call to Action

	2025	2024
All	25135	21829
Athens	90	10
Cuyahoga	6954	6173
Delaware	57	3
Franklin	4843	4260
Hamilton	4438	4161
Lucas	739	953
Montgomery	2508	3464
Summit	1691	2694
Other	39	100
Unreported	3776	n/a

There have been some changes to Ohio law that amend how and when abortion statistics are reported. Because of that, we have the 2025 Report from the Ohio Department of Health much earlier.

We saw a **dramatic** increase in the number of abortions that were committed last year - 25,135, or 69 each day. The increase was driven largely by the number of women who traveled to Ohio from out-of-state and increased use of the abortion pill.

This is heartbreaking.

There was also an explosion in the number of serious abortion complications that were reported. This does not necessarily include women who sought care from an emergency department or a provider other than the abortion provider. Overall, more than 275 complications were reported in more than 250 patients – **one of whom died**.

Abortions by County where performed

The increase in abortions was not limited to statewide counts. We also saw an increase in the number of abortions that were performed in central Ohio and on women living in central Ohio.

This is not just data for the sake of data – it is crucial information that helps us to send resources where they are most needed and motivate engagement in your community. We've included some snapshots of the types of data we build and maintain, and for those of you who receive our e-news, you will see more of this coming out in the upcoming weeks and months. You can also find more on our website or invite us to speak at your church or school (Our one-hour “pro-life bootcamp” and “current events” programs both include a breakdown of statistics in way relevant to the immediate community along with apologetics and resource information.

	2025	2024
Delaware	221	178
Fairfield	270	178
Franklin	3525	3117
Licking	154	182
Madison	36	24
Morrow	22	17
Pickaway	46	47
Union	58	50

Abortions by County of residence

In late 2025, we sent resource packets to more than 250 pastors from dozens of denominations and faith backgrounds with personalized information for their church, county, and (if applicable) Diocese. It included a personalized poster with data specific to that church. If you are a life ambassador or respect life leader and did not get a copy for your church, or if you would like an updated flyer, we are happy to update upon request or at a speaking engagement, and we can modify as needed to fit any applicable regions or boundaries

One increasing concern that we have is the number of minors having abortions. Statewide, there were 148 abortions performed on girls 15 or younger and 412 on girls ages 16 and 17. We've broken down this information in more depth on our website.

Historically, abortions that are reported to the Ohio Department of Health occurred at one of the surgical or non-surgical clinics located in the five counties that correspond to Columbus (Franklin), Cincinnati (Hamilton), Cleveland (Cuyahoga), Dayton (Montgomery), Cuyahoga Falls (Summit), and Toledo (Lucas). This year, we added Richland and Athens Counties, where Planned Parenthood has started offering the abortion pill, and Delaware – which also had an independent abortion pill provider.

It is heartbreaking, but we are not without hope. Greater Columbus Right to Life and pro-life organizations around the state are working with partners in the pregnancy help, abortion pill reversal, and post-abortion healing communities to get more information and life-affirming help to the people who need it most. Churches, schools, and families have an opportunity – and an obligation, to speak the truth about the dignity of every human life. The 2025 abortion statistics report is a call to action. We cannot count on the laws to protect unborn children any longer; it is time to lace up our boots and speak out – in our families, at our churches, on the public sidewalks, and in every space touched by our culture.

- ⇒ 13 abortions every day in Columbus
- ⇒ 69 Statewide every day
- ⇒ 70% of local abortions used the abortion pill
- ⇒ 60% statewide)
- ⇒ One maternal death
- ⇒ Reported complications exploded (41 → 186 → 268)
- ⇒ Learn more about our statistics on our website
- ⇒ Schedule a speaker



40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING TURNAWAY

Beginning on February 18th and ending on March 29th, our spring 40 days for life campaign is fully underway. We have already had an incredible God-moment turn away reported by St. Cecilia during their adopted time.

When the group from St. Cecilia pulled up to an empty parking lot at Planned Parenthood, they realized the clinic was unexpectedly closed. Before leaving their van, they considered just going back to their church but ultimately decided to stay and pray. Half an hour later, a car pulled into the parking lot.

Getting out of the car, a pregnant woman and her cousin approached the group from St. Cecilia and asked, "what are you doing here?" The coordinator responded, "we are praying that you won't get an abortion." The pregnant woman told them that she was going to get an abortion because she had just lost her car and couldn't pay rent. All those praying encouraged her to go across the street, telling her that Women's Care Clinic could help her. She agreed, and as they were walking to WCC, the cousin told the coordinator that she had come to this Planned Parenthood for an abortion in the past and that the people praying on the sidewalk had convinced her to choose life for her child. Though, sadly, she later miscarried, she was so thankful that she had not had an abortion.

Later, when the women emerged from WCC, they were all smiles. The mom reported that she had an appointment on Monday to possibly get a car. The cousin then said, "***I was praying that you all would be here when we got here. If Planned Parenthood had been open, we probably wouldn't have been able to talk to you.***" The group from St. Cecilia reported that they all felt the Lord had designed the entire experience.

This beautiful story of hope demonstrates the power of consistently showing up with peaceful, prayerful presence in places of great darkness, ready to advocate for life, even when it may seem futile.

Coverage is still needed on the sidewalk during our Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign. By signing up you can be the next person someone is counting on to save a life!

Scan the QR code or visit gertl.org/40-days-for-life to learn more or adopt a day or hour!



Thursday Turn Away Team!



MEET DR. HAYWOOD ROBINSON



Members of 40DFL Headquarters will be visiting Columbus during our Spring 40DFL campaign! The rally, held on Saturday, March 21st, at 12PM outside of the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic (3255 E Main), will feature Former Abortion Provider, Dr. Haywood Robinson.

This is an amazing opportunity to hear Dr. Robinson's message of conversion and his call to healthcare professionals to put down their scalpels and defend life.

We will also have some amazing 40 Days Gear to give away, including Dr. Robinson's book, devotional guides, and more! Join us for this powerful witness to the surrounding community with a large presence for life!

Scan the QR code to learn more or help promote this event at your church!

Gertl.org/midwayrally



MEET MARK HOUCK

We are incredibly excited to share that Mark Houck is our keynote speaker for the 2026 Annual Banquet.

In September 2022, Mark, his wife, Ryan-Marie, and their 7 young children made international news with an FBI invasion of their home. Mark was falsely charged with felony violations and faced 11 years in federal prison and \$350,000 in fines for his sidewalk counseling. Mark was acquitted on all charges on January 30, 2023.

Mark stood firm when faith and freedom where on trial, and his message will inspire.

Registration will open mid April. If you are interested in a sponsorship, volunteering, or joining our pre-registration list visit our website at gertl.org/banquet. You can also reserve your sponsorship today with the enclosed form.



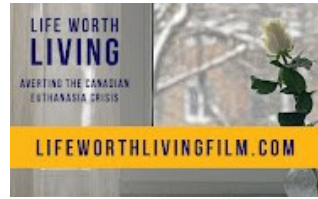
BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE 2026

We're excited to announce Building a Culture of Life 2026. This one-day conference with GCRTL will take place on April 25th from 9:30AM– 2:30PM at the PDHC Conference Center.

The day will center around education on vital pro-life topics and resources – including a seminar on Abortion Pill Reversal, a tour of the Family Empowerment Center, and a screening of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition's new film, *A Life Worth Living*, – plus much more!

We are building a culture of life—from conception until natural death. That means having the tools, resources, and information to stand up to the culture!

There is no cost to attend, but scan the QR Code to get registered as space is limited and we anticipate a full house!



SAVE THE DATE

Midway Rally

Saturday, March 21st 12PM
Planned Parenthood East
gctrl.org/midwayrally

Advocacy Training

Thursday, March 26 12PM-3PM
Saturday, April 11, 9AM-12PM
Registration Required
gctrl.org/sidewalk-counseling

An Evening with Mark Houck

Monday, March 8th
The Villa Milano
gctrl.org/banquet

FROM THE FRONT LINES: NEW CLINIC ACTIVITY

This could be the last 40 Days for Life Campaign at the Planned Parenthood East Main location. While that sounds like incredibly exciting news, in reality, it is much more challenging.

We have confirmed that in December of 2025, Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio purchased a multi-story office space on Michigan Avenue in the Harrison West community of Columbus with more than 13,500 square feet and 40 parking spaces. This new mega-sized facility is nearly four times the size of the East Main Surgical Center.

While Planned Parenthood has not confirmed all plans (especially to us), they have indicated that the space will allow them to “consolidate” their health center offerings. The plans for their \$1.975 million expenditure conspicuously went unmentioned in their media coverage when just weeks earlier they closed their Franklinton health center location, a move which they blamed on reduced federal appropriations to abortion providers. This also coincides with a recent announcement that they intend to start providing telehealth abortions throughout Ohio.

Regardless of their plans, we are looking at this news as well as the relocation of Jenson Family Health's abortion practice to Worthington and the recent increase of abortion numbers, and we are already making plans. Plans to increase our sidewalk presence, connect with our community partners and talk about new resource centers, and plans to equip and our community with practical support and empower them with the truth and hope of the gospel.



Thank you to all who stopped by at the Catholic Women's and Men's Conferences!

GIVE LIFE

From threats to the beginning of life to threats at the end of life, Ohio is facing the perfect storm. The call to action is critical. At Greater Columbus Right to Life, we invite you to anchor in truth and hope with us to respond meaningfully to the crisis at hand.

Please prayerfully consider how you can partner with the work we are doing to end abortion in Ohio by 2033 and protect the dignity of all human life. Your contribution of time, talent, or treasure will make a tangible difference for the pro-life cause on the local level.

Whether to volunteer, enquire about a program, or make a financial gift, you can respond today with the enclosed envelope.

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