

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

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*There is strength in numbers
– and you make us strong.*

*Join us by becoming a
member today!*

Greater Columbus Right to Life. How May I Help You?

Ruth Yorston

When I answer the GCRTL phone, I have no idea who is waiting for me on the other end. Perhaps it is someone asking for information about an upcoming education or outreach opportunity, or someone from another Right to Life chapter wanting to discuss statewide issues or a program or event that we have in



common. It could be one of our Board members calling to share his/her feedback on something from our last meeting. It could be any number of people asking for information or guidance about a life-related issue. Then again, it very well may be someone like these two callers that I spoke with this summer:

A man called whose mother-in-law is terminally ill and for a time was unable to swallow food or water by mouth. Someone else is the woman's guardian; when the caller's wife and the hospice staff member tried to contact the guardian, the guardian did not call back. Hospice needed the guardian's authorization to give the woman intravenous food or water. Thankfully, she recuperated from this setback before she was starved or dehydrated beyond recovery, but what if this happens again? Will she be starved or dehydrated to death because her guardian will not respond to phone calls? I called on my network of pro-life attorneys to find someone who can advise the caller and his wife. This situation is still up in the air and I will continue to follow up with this caller to make sure he gets the help he needs to protect his mother-in-law.

A woman called who was eight weeks pregnant. She'd had an abortion eight weeks ago and was planning to abort this child as well. She questioned whether she really had been pregnant when she had the first abortion and how she could be so far along – she would have had to gotten pregnant within days of her abortion. While she had questions about her pregnancy and earlier abortion, I was even more concerned about her physical and emotional health – and the life of her second child. After a long talk about calendar dates and pregnancy timelines, she agreed to let me take her to a pregnancy help center for an ultrasound and counseling. I am sorry to say that when I took her home she was still leaning heavily toward aborting her child.

These calls – and others like them – make me so thankful that Greater Columbus Right to Life is here advocating for those endangered by our pro-death, pro-abortion culture. Thank you for making them possible. Without your continuing support, the phone would not ring and there would be no one to answer the call and help the hurting and confused who turn to Greater Columbus Right to Life guidance.

Please pray for these callers and their families. Please also pray for the many more who do not call – that we may reach them with the hope and help that they need.

Why Pro Life?

With Help from Greater Columbus Right to Life, Capital University Pro Life Crusaders Host Rebecca Kiessling and Panel of Pro-Life Speakers



Rebecca Kiessling addresses students at Capital University

GCRTL is working to reach college students with the message of life. One way we do this is through our pro-life college grant – a program to assist pro-life clubs on our local college and university campuses to bring educational programming to their fellow students. We invite them to propose an educational event that we will underwrite. The 2010 grant was awarded to the Capital University Pro-Life Crusaders (CUPLC). The CUPLC organized “Why Pro Life?” featuring Rebecca Kiesling.

Kudos to the students in Capital University’s Pro-Life Crusaders for organizing this event! The same week they learned that they had been awarded the grant they discovered that their faculty advisor was retiring at the end of the first semester.

Student clubs have to have a advisor in order to be recongnized by the school and to hold this type of event. This meant that before they could procede with the event they had to find another pro-life faculty or staff member who would agree to volunteer to advise the club. Determined to make sure the CUPLC could continue to exist and bring the pro-lifemessage to their fellow students, the club leaders, led by president Emily Morrison, found a new advisor and went right to working planning the event.

In addition to Mrs. Keisling’s keynote address, the students organized a panel discussion with people who have been affected by or involved in life-related issues. Panelists included Rebecca, Dr. Will Turek, the co-host of St. Gabriel Radio’s “Catholic Doctor’s Show”; Teresa Myers, a post-abortive women; and Ruth Yorston, GCRTL Executive Director and former abortion worker.

CUPLC did an excellent job promoting the event on campus. Aproximately 75 students and guests came to hear Rebecca’s and the panelist’s remarks. The audience was mixed with both pro-life and pro-choice students – which is an important goal of any campus education event.

The audience was eager to ask quesitons of the panelists and a lively discussion closed the evening. They were especially moved by Teresa Myers’ abortion experience and the negative effects it had on her life for many years following. Abortion is sold as a quick fix to an unexpected pregnancy. Teresa was able to show from her own experience that abortion isnt’ a quick fix – it’s brings additional pain and suffering that outlasts a pregnancy by years.

The discussion continued after the event was completed; all of the speakers gladly stayed to answer more questions and encourage the students in their Pro-Life activities and questioning students to consider the validity of the Pro-Life position.

The new school year has begun on central Ohio’s college campuses, and GCRTL is right there to work with them again. The Pro-Life clubs will be meeting soon to begin planning their outreach for the school year. I’m looking forward to reading the exciting ideas they will come up with as they apply for the 2011 Pro-Life College Grant. Even more, I’m looking forward to meeting and working with the students as they influence their campuses for Life!



Panelist included Catholic Doctors Radio Show co-host Will Turek, DO, Post Abortion Survivor Teresa Myers, and Former Abortion worker and GCRTL Executive Director Ruth Yorston.

A Strategy to Influence our Community

GCRTL's mission is to promote a community that protects innocent human life from conception through natural death. It's a big mission, and to accomplish it we need a strategy. Our strategy focuses on five areas: Educate, Advocate, Legislate, Unify and Multiply.

Educate

Education is a key strategy to advancing the cause of life. People uneducated about the sanctity of human life and pro-life people uneducated in the tools needed to correctly interpret and respond to the deceptive messages from the pro-death camp fall prey to philosophy and teaching proliferated by the pro-death movement. Here, Ruth Yorston leads a workshop on sharing our pro-life views with others.



Advocate

Pro-life people must advocate for those whose lives are at risk from pro-death philosophy and teaching. We pray and intercede at abortion facilities and for families and individuals vulnerable to the pro-death philosophy so prevalent in our world. Here, GCRTL volunteers participate in the Vigil for Victims in front of Planned Parenthood.

Legislate

As an affiliated chapter of Ohio Right to Life, GCRTL supports the work of the state organization as well as National Right to Life. In addition, GCRTL has worked on local legislative issues including Franklin County's funding of Planned Parenthood's sex education courses in Columbus Public Schools. Here, Ruth Yorston speaks at the annual Rally for Life on the Ohio Statehouse's West Plaza.



Unify

There are a number of pro-life organizations in the Greater Columbus area. By coordinating our efforts and collaborating when appropriate, our collective voices and actions can be more effective than our individual efforts. In this photo, GCRTL's executive director leads a panel discussion with leaders from three other local pro-life organizations.

Multiply

The war to protect life will be won as we increase in numbers. We must multiply ourselves. Through the successful implementation of GCRTL's first four core strategies, we will see an increase in people who are:

- Well-**educated** about the sanctity of life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death
- Actively **advocating** for the rights of those whose lives are in jeopardy from pro-death philosophies and teaching
- Able and willing to become involved in **legislative** issues, in the voting booth, in the houses of government – or both
- Walking and working in **unity** with Pro-life individuals and organizations

Return Service Requested

Upcoming Events

Liturgy for the Pre-Born

Saturday, September 17
9:00 a.m.
Planned Parenthood
3255 East Main St., Columbus

Freedom Ride with Fr. Frank Pavone

Sunday, September 18
St. Mary Roman Catholic Church
Delaware, OH
Leaving the church about 1:30 and driving to
Complete Healthcare for Women
5888 Cleveland Ave., Columbus

Tailgate for Life with Chris Spielman

Tuesday, October 18
5:30 VIP Reception
6:30 Dinner & Program
St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church
1899 McCoy Rd, Columbus
Register online at www.gcrtl.org

Praying for Life

Tuesday, November 8
7:30 pm
Church of the Resurrection
6300 East Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus

Rally for Life

Tuesday, Monday, January 23, 2012
Noon
Ohio Statehouse

Praying for Life

Tuesday, February 8, 2012
Freedom Christian Fellowship
4614 Rensch Rd., Grove City

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