Right to Life of Michigan is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization of diverse and caring people united to protect the precious gift of human life from fertilization to natural death.

We work on the behalf of defenseless or vulnerable human beings, born and unborn, within our identified life issues of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and assisted suicide.
OUR DAILY WORK

Education
The Right to Life of Michigan website, RTL.org, receives more than 11,000 unique visitors a month. Visitors accessed our web pages more than 250,000 times in 2021. The site is updated weekly and includes information about every aspect of our prolife work: pregnancy help resources, statistics and research about abortion and other prolife issues, a detailed directory of prolife laws in Michigan, candidate endorsements, events, merchandise, and much more.

The Right to Life of Michigan News is published three times a year. It reaches a regular audience of about 40,000, and more than 200,000 during election season.

Our weekly Prolife Update e-newsletter has more than 22,000 subscribers. We also produce monthly e-newsletters geared toward leaders in our state’s faith communities and pregnancy help agencies. Thousands of people are provided with daily prolife news and educational information through our social networking profiles.

Our four Educational Resource Centers provide literature and other resources to local prolife groups and the general public.

The Educational Fund provides interesting and informative speakers on prolife issues for our affiliates. Right to Life of Michigan affiliates and our statewide organization hosted 59 dinners across the state in 2021, educating thousands of people about our prolife priorities, from local volunteers and business owners to members of the U.S. Congress.

Right to Life of Michigan staff monitor statewide media coverage and provide timely responses to important developments on the local, state, national, and even international level. We strive to be an active voice for an issue that media and other institutions frequently attempt to ignore.

Youth Outreach
Our staff works closely with prolife leaders on college campuses, allies in Michigan, and our local affiliates. They strive to engage our prolife youth in our grassroots efforts at the high school and college levels, and sometimes even younger.

The Educational Fund sponsors several annual contests to showcase the talent of our prolife youth and awards scholarship money. Our annual Oratory Contest is open to all prolife high school students. Local contests are sponsored by Right to Life of Michigan affiliates across the state. Local contest winners compete in the state contest in the spring, and the winner of the state competition wins a trip to compete in the National Right to Life Jane B. Thompson Oratory Contest.

Our Outstanding Prolife Youth Award provides a scholarship each year for an outstanding prolife high school senior in Michigan.

Our Meme Match offers high school and college-aged youth a chance to display their knowledge and creativity.
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Pregnancy Help
The 1-800-57WOMAN phone number forwards calls to CareNet, which operates a 24/7 hotline connecting mothers facing unplanned pregnancies or women struggling with abortion to prolife pregnancy resource centers in their area for counseling and support.

Digital advertising through the Educational Fund connects people with vital prolife information. Ad campaigns connect Michigan teens to an informational pregnancy help website, Teenbreaks.com; Detroit residents to pregnancy help services through our HelpintheD.org website; people looking for prolife information online and pregnancy help listings with RTL.org.

In 2021, our digital ads were seen more than 1.2 million times and more than 15,000 were connected with information through the target websites.

The Right to Life of Michigan website, RTL.org, features regularly updated listings of all prolife pregnancy and adoption help agencies available in Michigan. More than 150 agencies are included on this list.

Support Services
Right to Life of Michigan’s support services aid the local affiliates with membership, educational projects, and fundraising campaigns. It is our continuing goal to initiate the growth of new Right to Life affiliate groups across our state.

Advertising
Another medium for educational messages is major statewide media. Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund was the first state prolife organization to utilize major media advertising. Our innovative television and radio ads provide messages which connect our prolife issues directly to hundreds of thousands of households throughout the state.

Political Action
The prolife movement’s effectiveness in protecting innocent human life relies on electing lawmakers with a commitment to protecting the sanctity of life. Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee election endorsements are made without consideration of party affiliation and follow time-tested guidelines.

Legislation
The Right to Life of Michigan state legislative office works actively to coordinate efforts to increase legal protection for babies as they prepare to be born, as well as other threatened members of the human family. Our legislative team closely monitors pieces of legislation which may be in conflict with our goals.

The impact of thousands of prolife grassroots citizen lobbyists is reinforced by the daily presence in the State Capitol of our legislative staff. A full-time lobbyist and additional staff work closely with the prolife leadership in the Legislature every session. Our unique legislative strength rests in the unified effort of our local affiliates and the state coordinating body. This strength is acknowledged by our allies—and even by those who oppose our mission.
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In 2021, the total income was $2,673,342. 72% of that amount came from donations, 28% from program services, and less than 1% from other sources.

In 2021, the total expenses were $2,059,482. with 70% of that amount toward program services. 11% was devoted to fundraising, and 18% to general expenses.
January
January 22, 2021 marked 48 years of legalized abortion in the U.S. because of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Those cases resulted in more than 60 million lives lost. Right to Life of Michigan affiliates across the state held local events to commemorate the date and memorialize the victims. Churches around the country utilized our Educational Fund’s resources for their Sanctity of Human Life Sunday programs.

Because the 2021 National March for Life was canceled, Right to Life of Michigan co-sponsored Ingham County Right to Life’s annual Lansing rally to make it a statewide event. Michigan’s Roe v. Wade Memorial and March was held at the State Capitol on January 27.

The Michigan Senate passed Senate Resolution 8, reaffirming Michigan’s existing law that bans all abortions except to save the life of the mother. The resolution was passed in expectation of the U.S. Supreme Court revisiting Roe v. Wade.

February
President Joe Biden rescinded the Mexico City Policy, forcing American taxpayers to fund pro-abortion organizations overseas.

An advocacy campaign began to protect the Hyde Amendment in the federal budget. The Hyde Amendment restricts tax funding of most abortions.

Right to Life of Michigan supported a $15 million budget supplemental proposal to increase funding in Michigan for promoting adoption, pregnancy help, and pregnancy resources for college students. The supplemental would be incorporated into the state budget passed in September.

A package of bills was introduced by pro-abortion Michigan legislators to repeal Michigan’s existing abortion law and most other prolife laws passed since 1973.

On February 6, former Right to Life of Michigan president and executive director Jane Muldoon passed away at age 93. Her role as leader of the 1987 effort to end Medicaid-funded abortions in Michigan alone has saved an estimated more than 260,000 lives.

March
Language was inserted into the coronavirus budget supplemental bill requiring informed consent for vaccines developed using tissue taken from aborted babies. Governor Gretchen Whitmer was forced to allow the language to take effect and it was enforced by her Department of Health and Human Services.

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The American Rescue Plan Act was signed by President Joe Biden. The pandemic stimulus bill did not contain language excluding abortion facilities. In 2020, Planned Parenthood illegally obtained taxpayer dollars from pandemic stimulus programs. The Biden Administration allowed the theft to go unpunished.

Legislative Day was once again canceled due to Governor Whitmer’s pandemic policies and their effect on Lansing hotels and conference centers.

April
On April 12, the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals allowed Ohio’s ban on targeted abortions of children with Down syndrome to be enforced while court challenges continued. Michigan is also under the jurisdiction of the Sixth Circuit. On April 29, a targeted abortion ban was introduced in the Michigan House.

In an effort to promote abortions, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration used the pandemic as an excuse to “temporarily” allow mail-order abortions: a woman no longer had to have a physical exam to obtain the deadly drug.

China announced that researchers had created the world’s first monkey-human hybrids by injecting human stem cells into early monkey embryos. The "chimeras" were killed before being implanted for gestation.

On April 17, Planned Parenthood Federation of America President Alexis McGill Johnson wrote an article in the New York Times openly criticizing Margaret Sanger for her open association with organizations like the Ku Klux Klan. It was the first open acknowledgment of their founder’s evil views.

Josephine Gusa from Huron County Right to Life received our 2021 Outstanding Prolife Youth Award. Josephine actively volunteered with her local affiliate for more than 8 years and participated in many prolife activities.

May
On May 17, the U.S. Supreme Court announced they were taking up the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization case. The case would eventually result in Roe v. Wade being overturned.

The International Society for Stem Cell Research ended their guidelines against killing human embryos in research who are older than 14 days. The rule change opens the door to experimentation and vivisection using unborn children up until birth.
The 32nd Annual High School Oratory Contest returned to being held in-person. The contest featured 18 finalists who won contests held by Right to Life of Michigan affiliates. First place went to Emily Ranschaert, who won Grand Rapids Right to Life’s local contest.

June
The Women’s Right to Know Act was introduced on June 22 in the Michigan House. The bill would have improved three areas of informed consent for women seeking abortions: abortion pill reversal, heartbeat/miscarriage awareness, and prenatal diagnosis of a disability.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services released the 2020 report on abortions in Michigan. The report showed abortion increased during the pandemic, especially among Black women, who already had a disparately high abortion rate in Michigan.

Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund hosted a 2nd annual Meme Match contest via social media. The winner was Jeremiah Miller, with his meme questioning the basic premise of the bodily autonomy argument.

July
On July 29, Right to Life of Michigan joined the National Catholic Bioethics Center and two prolife obstetrician-gynecologists in an amicus curiae brief asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade in the Dobbs case.

August
On August 10, the U.S. Senate voted to maintain the Hyde Amendment in the budget by a razor-thin 50-49 margin. The victory prevented many additional abortions from occuring and protected the conscience rights of taxpayers.

The 2020 U.S. Census was released. Michigan was only 5,692 residents short of keeping a congressional seat, but 248,568 Michiganders had been aborted since the 2010 census. Most of the city of Detroit’s population loss was due to abortions.

In an ongoing effort to address high abortion rates in the Metro Detroit area, Right to Life of Michigan awarded grants to pregnancy help organizations in Metro Detroit. Since the program began in 2017, 11 help organizations have awarded 36 total grants.
September

Our 49th Annual Conference was held in Lansing on September 30. Every year our conference draws about 250 prolife leaders and volunteers from around the state.

On September 22, the Michigan Legislature passed the 2022 state budget with $10 million allocated to several new prolife provisions. Governor Gretchen Whitmer used her line-item veto to strike most of the provisions because they didn’t promote abortion.

On September 1, Texas' heartbeat bill took effect, banning many abortions in the state. In a surprising move, the U.S. Supreme Court denied an emergency request to block it from going into effect.

November

The Centers for Disease Control released their 2019 abortion report. The numbers show reported abortions increased 1.7% from 2018 to 629,898. The total number of annual abortions in the United States is closer to 900,000, because several states like California refuse to report their abortion numbers.

December

On December 1, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization. The arguments went as well as could be conceived for Mississippi’s effort to uphold their late-term abortion ban by overturning Roe v. Wade. U.S. Food and Drug Administration changed their “temporary” order allowing mail-order abortions to a permanent one, in order to circumvent prolife laws like Texas from passing abortion bans.
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