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# Clark County Right to Life

## A Voice for Life in Southwest Washington since 1970

### Upcoming Events

July 18, CCRTL Meeting. 6:30-8pm. Call 360-831-7542 for location.

July 23, Fair booth volunteer meeting. 5:30-6:30pm. Cascade Park Library Community Room, 600 NE 136 Ave, Vancouver.

August 3-12, CCRTL booth at Clark County Fair, Exhibition Bldg.

Sept. 12, Annual Meeting & Election. Board Members & Officers have one-year terms. 6:30-8pm. Call 360-831-7542 for location.

Sept. 22, Opening Rally 40 Days for Life which runs Sept. 26 thru Nov. 4. More info at the 40 Days for Life page on our website: [www.clarkrtl.org](http://www.clarkrtl.org)

October 13, *Speak Up For Life Conference*. Sponsored by St. James Proto-Cathedral & Students for Life. More info to follow.

### Coming soon to a location near you

**Pregnant? You are not alone.**

Free Confidential Resources  
**800.712.HELP**

A Public Service Announcement from Clark County Right to Life - [www.clarkrtl.org](http://www.clarkrtl.org)

**Thanks to the generosity** of our supporters, this billboard will be up and running from October 29 through December 23 at St. John's Road and NE 29<sup>th</sup> Street.

**It reflects our mission:** educating the public about the humanity of the child in the womb and the inhumanity of abortion. **Two beating hearts... Mom and Baby. And a toll-free number to call to connect with our local caring**

**community** of hearts open to help women with challenging pregnancies who may feel isolated and pressured into abortion. **You are not alone. We will stand with you during and after your pregnancy.**

The location on St. John's Road places it near Clark Community College. **College-age women (18-24) undergo 37% of all abortions in Washington State.**

The billboard company provides space for 4 weeks at a time. The space costs \$800 per 4 week time frame.

**Your donation will help keep this billboard up year round.**

Just add "Billboard" to your donation slip.

Thanks to Jennifer Dickson for spearheading this project.

Gerry Parmantier,  
Treasurer

## ***A message from our President, Tina Bock***

Hello Clark County,

**“How can I be of service to the community?”**  
Recent events have generated this question.

First, as 40 Days for Life came to a close, I knew that there were others in our community who want to become more educated and involved in pro life activity. Because of my family's schedule, I was unable to be present at 40 Days but offered prayers instead. I'm sure there are many others in that same position. However, the large numbers who dedicate themselves to this cause amaze me. I am truly proud of everyone.

Second, I found through various conversations in my community, family and church, that many people who are "pro choice", on the fence, or just don't talk about "controversial" topics are really simply uninformed or don't want to rock the boat. I've asked myself "what would they do if they felt confident and educated enough to have these conversations?"

### ***First-time volunteer shares her experience***

Greetings in Christ! I wanted to take a moment to share my experience volunteering at the Clark County Fair Right to Life booth. I'm a pro-life Catholic, wife, and mother of three. I have a passion for the protection of life - from conception until natural death.

I'm not a "theologian" or "apologist," so I was a little nervous about volunteering at first. Also, I brought my teenage daughter with me, who is generally shy in public. It turned out to be an enjoyable experience for both of us. My daughter's youthfulness and smile attracted people of all ages to the booth. She offered balloons to

My "pro-life education" comes through working in the field advocating. The more involved we are, the more inspired we become. I found that my church currently does not have a pro life ministry. After much prayer and consideration, I reached out to inquire about starting one.

We often think: **"Someone should really do that...."** **Sometimes that someone is us.** I encourage everyone to consider what gifts and talents you have that could bless the pro-life community. Have you volunteered for the Clark County Fair booth? Could you make an extra donation towards "advertising" for life in our billboard campaign? Have you ever considered forming a pro-life group or ministry?

It is easy for us to feel like the minority. What would it look like if we all used our gifts and became the majority?

the kids and brought their parents over. We loved how the kids interacted with the booth display and asked questions. My daughter even received hugs of gratitude for being there. We're thankful we had the opportunity to be a witness for Christ on behalf of the most innocent and defenseless among us (as an extra perk, we got to attend the fair free of charge!). If you feel a calling in your heart to volunteer at the Right to Life booth, I say listen and heed, you'll be glad you did.

*Stephanie Donahue*

### ***Do you believe in liberty and justice for all?***

Clark County Right to Life is again preparing to host an educational booth at the county fair August 3-12. You can be the smiling, welcoming face of the pro-life movement at the booth. We'll equip and empower you to defend the dignity of the human person. Our uplifting, life-affirming space attracts folks of all ages and backgrounds, and many of them will thank you for your peaceful presence.

Shifts for each pair of staffers are 4 or 4.5 hours long. We reach thousands at the fair every August, offering a listening ear, a smile, a hand stamp, informative,

thought-provoking literature, the chance to hear an unborn baby's heartbeat, a list of community resources for mothers and babies, and suggestions to help others make a positive impact.

We provide entrance and parking passes to those who need them, so please consider helping us engage and educate the public in an enjoyable, meaningful way. You'll be glad you did!

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