



# NEWSLETTER

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE OHIO RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY

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**“New Ohio law prevents abortions in Down syndrome cases”**

**“Ohio Right to Life is perhaps the most powerful lobby group at the Statehouse these days.”**



**Statehouse NEWS BUREAU**

**“Ohio Right to Life, the state’s largest anti-abortion organization, pushed for the bill.”**



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**“The Ohio vote was a policy victory for Ohio Right to Life, the state’s oldest and largest anti-abortion group.”**



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## GOV. KASICH SIGNS OHIO RIGHT TO LIFE’S DOWN SYNDROME NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT, PLANNED PARENTHOOD SUES

The end of 2017 was busy, as we delivered the Down Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act to Governor John Kasich’s desk. This is the 20th Ohio Right to Life initiative that has been passed in the last seven years. After tirelessly working on the legislation over the last three years, we were overjoyed to see this important and compassionate legislation make national news and be signed into law in Ohio.

Oliver is a healthy, happy 3 year old with Down syndrome. His mom, Kelly, advocated on behalf of this legislation for kids like her son, who she believes deserve a chance at life. With the abortion rate following a prenatal Down syndrome diagnosis being between 60-90%, advocates like Kelly are needed.

As you’d expect, the ACLU, the legal arm of the abortion industry, filed a lawsuit against this crucial legislation, along with NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio, Planned Parenthood, and Preterm in Cleveland. (Cont’d inside...)



*Kelly and her son Oliver | Photo by Julie Carr Smyth, Associated Press*

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(Cont'd from cover) They sued in the Southern District Court of Ohio, with a judge who happens to have a history as the President of the Planned Parenthood Association of Cincinnati. It was clear that this was a conflict of interest, as the judge ruled to temporarily restrain our Down Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act from going into effect.

Pro-life Attorney General Mike DeWine has said publicly that he will defend this legislation that fights discrimination against those who may be chromosomally different than others. We will keep you updated via our email list when more news breaks in this story. To sign up for our email alerts, [visit ohiolife.org](http://ohiolife.org).

## PRO-LIFE SUPREME COURT VICTORIES AND AN UPDATE FROM TOLEDO

Back in September 2017, the Ohio Supreme Court heard two cases involving pro-life laws in Ohio. The first involved Capital Care Network, Toledo's last remaining abortion clinic. The Court ruled 5-2 that Capital Care Network's transfer agreement with a "local" hospital (52 miles away) was unreasonable and dangerous when it comes to protecting the health and safety of women. This decision was released at the same time that the Ohio Supreme Court ruled 5-2 that Preterm, the Cleveland abortion mill, had no standing to sue the state when it comes to important transfer agreement laws.

Both rulings were important wins for Ohio Right to Life and the pro-life movement in Ohio as a whole. The Ohio Supreme Court ruled in favor of Ohio's pro-life laws, which stand up for the right to life of the baby and the safety of the mother. Because of the ruling, Capital Care Network was ordered closed. Capital Care Network could no longer function because it didn't have a transfer facility to provide continuity of care for women should there be a complication with the abortion.

As much as the abortion industry wants to claim that complications never happen, that is plainly untrue.

The Ohio Department of Health assigned a \$40,000 fine to Capital Care Network because they didn't follow their own emergency procedures plan, and sent a woman, without her medical records, to the emergency room in a staff member's personal vehicle. It was believed that the woman had a perforated bowel.

As Capital Care Network was frantically looking for a hospital to contract with, they desperately contacted ProMedica Health systems. ProMedica entered into a transfer agreement with Capital Care Network, despite the horrifying nature of their "services" and their terrible reputation. To fight back against this, the greater pro-life community in Northwest Ohio and statewide is circulating a petition to take to the board of ProMedica. If you would like to sign it, visit [www.petition.life](http://www.petition.life).

In April, the Supreme Court announced that it would not reconsider its decision in the Capital Care Network case. This forced Capital Care Network to work on reapplying for the license through the Ohio Department of Health. Capital Care Network has stopped performing surgical abortions in Toledo, but they will undoubtedly pursue relicensure, despite all of their flagrant misdeeds.



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**TELL PROMEDICA:**  
**REAL HEALTHCARE**  
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## PROTECTING HUMAN DIGNITY: PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE DAY 2018

May 2 marked Ohio Right to Life's annual Pro-Life Legislative Day, a day devoted to advocating on behalf of the pro-life movement at the Statehouse. This year, pro-life advocates from across Ohio gathered to learn about and advocate against euthanasia and assisted suicide. We had 12 Ohio Right to Life affiliates and pregnancy centers join us in advocating against S.B. 249, The Aid in Dying Act. Advocates met with 17 different legislators and compassionately advocated against legalizing euthanasia and assisted suicide in Ohio, and advocating for protecting the inherent dignity of the human person.

At our annual luncheon, we heard from **Julie Moore, the President of Pregnancy Decision Health Centers**, who gave us an update on how the funds from the Parenting and Pregnancy Support Act are benefiting pregnancy resource centers statewide. We also heard from pro-life **Senate President Larry Obhof**. Senate President Obhof, an important leader for the cause of life in Ohio, compassionately spoke of the importance of the pro-life movement and what the legislature is doing to advance the pro-life cause. We were thrilled to have many of our pro-life legislators and their aides join their constituents for lunch.



Senate President Larry Obhof | Photo by Ohio Senate GOP



Representative Kyle Koehler and some of his constituents

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**JACOB KOEHLER WINS 2018 ORATORY CONTEST**



Jacob Koehler, a senior from Clark County Right to Life, won first place in Ohio Right to Life's Oratory Contest. Jacob gave a touching speech on the value of life, no matter one's age or ability. He told the story of his grandmother, who is currently suffering from Dementia. He said no matter how much she became dependent on his family, they would continue to love her and remind her of why life is worth living.

Michael Knox of Immaculate Conception Academy won second place with his speech on how the pro-life movement will march for all lives; and Malorie Hussey of Right to Life of Shelby County won third place with her speech on consequences of abortion on women, their health, and their babies.



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