

**Ashtabula County  
Friends for Life**



P.O. Box 242, Geneva OH 44041 (440) 466-7441

E-Mail: [ashcofriendsforlife@yahoo.com](mailto:ashcofriendsforlife@yahoo.com)

Web: [www.ashcofriendsforlife.org](http://www.ashcofriendsforlife.org)

## NEWSLETTER

April, 2011      Issue 2

### **President's Note:**

I hope each and every one of you makes plans to attend Spring into Action. It promises to be both informational and inspiring! Want to know what you can do to help the pro-life movement? Come and find out! What a great year for those who love life with the political climate for abortion changing. Let's keep the momentum going and take action.

Your FFL Board President,  
*Crystal Latimer* (440) 466-7441

### **Coming Events**

**Monday, May 2 – Spring into Action, 6:30 PM**  
**Monday, June 6 – FFL Meeting, 7 PM**  
**Monday, July 4 – Happy Independence Day**  
**Tuesday, July 5 – FFL Meeting, 7 PM**  
**Monday, August 1 – FFL Meeting, 7 PM**  
**Tuesday, August 9 – First Day of the County Fair**  
**Sunday, August 14 – Last Day of the County Fair**

### **Spring into Action!**

Do you want to help the pro-life cause, but don't know what to do? Come to Spring into Action which will be held on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Gateway Church on Austinburg Road to learn of different ways you can help and things you can do. The festivities will start at 6:30 PM. Our all-star lineup includes Mike Gonidakis of Ohio Right to Life, State Representative Casey Kozlowski, and Ellen Darby, First Place winner of our Third Annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest. Attendees are welcome to bring a baby shower gift for HIP (Help Independent Parents), especially diapers, formula, or a financial donation. Light refreshments will be provided by Friends for Life members.

---

### **Blankets of Love**

You may be aware that Friends for Life collects blankets made by volunteers for babies of crisis pregnancies. We distribute the homemade blankets to GRADS, WIC, Fresh Start, Birthcare, and HIP. Friends for Life is in need of yarn. So if you have been meaning to clean out your closet of that unneeded yarn, please consider passing it along to us. Or, if one of your church groups which are looking for a mission would like to help out, we would be happy to accept donations of yarn or money to purchase it.

### Longest Day of Play

Come visit FFL's table at the Longest Day of Play on June 18 at Lake Shore Park!

### 3rd Annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest

The oratory contest was held on March 19, at the Henderson Library in Jefferson with three high school juniors participating. Ellen Darby took first place winning \$200. Jacob Foltz won second place, taking home \$50, and Alec Warren took third place for \$25. Ellen competed again at the state level on Saturday, April 16. She didn't place but says she had a great time. Thanks for representing FFL, Ellen. We're proud of you!



**Oratory Contestants - Jacob Foltz, Ellen Darby, and Alec Warren**

### Teen and Young Adult Pro Life Activist Training Workshop

Topic - "Abortion in Ohio." Bringing home the controversy...

- How many Ohio women abort each year?
  - Where can someone around here go for abortion-alternatives?
  - What types of abortion laws exist in Ohio?
  - Is there any new legislation in the making?
- And more!

THURSDAY, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM

The Parish Center at Immaculate Conception Church, Madison, OH. For more information, call Sara at 440-969-8380

### County Fair

Before we know it, it will be county fair time again. Friends for Life will once again have a presence in the Commercial Building. Want to help for a four hour shift? Let Karen Rose know at 440-563-4632

### Erie Prayer Breakfast

A record 23 people made the trek to Erie for People for Life's Prayer Breakfast in January. The speaker was Joel Brind, PhD Professor of Biology & Endocrinology at Baruch College of the City University of New York.

He is one of the nation's foremost authorities on the connection between abortion and breast cancer. His talk was quite an eye opener and showed beyond all doubt the link between abortion and breast cancer.

### Candlelight Vigil

This year's Candlelight Vigil was especially meaningful. Pastor Jason Mott of Park Street Christian Church of Geneva gave the message, Traci and Doug Warren read a poem, and Mae Salters sang a solo. Thanks to all who made this a memorable evening.

### **40 Days for Life Campaign Ends, 483 Babies Saved From Abortion**

What an amazing campaign it has been with a record 247 locations! But that's not the milestone. So far during this campaign, we are aware of ... 483 babies who have been saved from abortion. (And reports from local teams will still be coming in for the next week or so. So we hope and pray that number will continue to grow.) But that's not the milestone. Since 40 Days for Life started these coordinated campaigns in September of 2007, we now know of more than four thousand babies spared from abortion! And yes, THAT is the milestone! The current total is 4,082! 4,082 people are a lot of folks! If you've ever heard of Centerville, Tennessee or Lathrop, Missouri — those are towns whose populations are around 4,082. Through your prayers, God has spared enough human beings to fill a whole town. Wow!!! Lifenews.com 4/18/11

### **Indiana Senate OKs Planned Parenthood \$ Ban, Fetal Pain Ban**

The Indiana state Senate gave final approval to a bill that would cut off state taxpayer funding to the Planned Parenthood abortion business and ban abortions after 20 weeks based on the scientific evidence showing unborn babies feel pain. The vote for the bill came a week after Democrats in the U.S. Senate voted down a House Republican measure yanking federal funding. The Indiana bill would cut off Medicaid funds to Planned Parenthood, denying the abortion business \$3 million annually in taxpayer funds. Lifenews.com 4/20/11