



# RIGHT TO LIFE

NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2025

## THE BATTLE ISN'T OVER, YOU ARE STILL NEEDED!



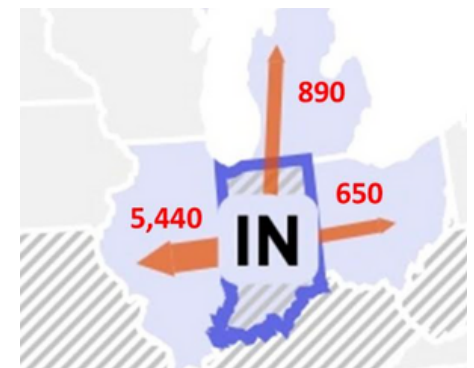
We can be thankful that our Indiana legislators were willing to pass a strong pro-life law in 2022 after the overturning of Roe. While there are ways the law could be improved, it has reduced the number of reported abortions in Indiana by over 98%! This could lead some to think that the effort to end abortion is almost done. Unfortunately, changing the law doesn't equate to stopping abortions overall, and the abortion industry continues to find ways to work around pro-life laws.

States like Illinois promote themselves as abortion destinations.

Statistics show that 6,980 women went out of state for their abortions in 2023! Abortion pills are flooding into Indiana from doctors and companies who have no concern for the health of the women they claim to want to help. (The Indiana Department of Health does not track at-home abortions and out-of-state abortions.) And new research produced by the *Ethics and Public Policy Center* is proving that the abortion pill is much more dangerous for women than has been reported (22 times more dangerous than the FDA says). The data shows that one in ten women experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, or other serious adverse events within 45 days following a mifepristone (abortion pill) abortion.

All of this serves as a reminder that legislation alone will not end abortion. We need to continue working to change the culture of death that encourages women to believe that abortion is safe and the best option for

them. Your involvement in promoting the dignity and value of all human life in North Central Indiana is as important as it always has been. Your financial support through a monthly pledge will help continue to save babies and support their mothers throughout the year.



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# PARTNERING WITH PASTORS IN THE NORTH CENTRAL REGION

## *BREAKFAST TRAININGS WITH MIKE SPENCER*

Over 50 pastors and spouses attended the March and April trainings in Warsaw and Rochester with Mike Spencer of Project Life Voice. Mike shared how the church can be both a protective voice for the unborn and a redemptive community for those who've had abortions.



Quotes from the trainings: *“It was both challenging and empowering, very practical and timely.”* and *“Outstanding presentation. Need to do this every year! Would like to see others than just Pastors be involved.”*



## *COMING IN JUNE: 6 PASTOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEONS*

We are looking forward to meeting with Pastors across the NCI region to discuss updates and ways to best serve them in the church.

*\*6/3 Marion \*6/4 Columbia City \*6/10 Rochester \*6/11 Plymouth \*6/17 Logansport \*6/18 Warsaw*  
**More details and registration can be found at [nci4life.org/pl](http://nci4life.org/pl)**

## *UPCOMING FALL TRAINING WITH MIKE AND LISA DAVIS: SAVE THE DATE*

We are excited to welcome Mike and Lisa from Deeper Still Northern Indiana to THREE Pastor Trainings in October, with several dates and locations to choose from (10/1 Warsaw 10/29 Rochester 10/30 Marion). More details to come.

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## THANK YOU for attending the Spring Legacy of Life Banquets



Thank you to all who attended the 2025 Spring Banquets in Columbia City, Marion, Fulton, and Bourbon. Over 450 guests attended and over \$66,000 was raised to continue the pro-life efforts in North Central Indiana!



Attendees heard from a variety of speakers including Serena Dyksen, IN Treasurer Daniel Elliott, Sheila Harper, and Mike and Lisa Davis who are all doing amazing work to protect and value ALL life.

We also appreciate the emcees John Mergy (Columbia City), Pastor Stephen Wilhelm (Fulton), Pastor Marc Read (Bourbon).



Thank you to those who hosted a table and to all of the generous banquet sponsors. The dollars raised will help continue to promote a message that saves lives in North Central Indiana and ten percent will be distributed among the five pregnancy centers to which RTL financially contributes.

# UPCOMING FAIRS AND FESTIVALS



*Show your Support by Volunteering and Attending this Summer*

One way to reach people who may not ever hear the pro-life message is through fair booths. Each summer, RTL staffs fair booths with volunteers. This is a great way to represent the pro-life movement in an encouraging and impactful way!

Grab your family or a friend and sign-up to volunteer today!

For more details, call/text 574.306.7406 or email [tjudd@nci4life.org](mailto:tjudd@nci4life.org)

- Kosciusko County Fair  
**July 7-12, 2025**
- Whitley County Fair  
**July 11-18, 2025**
- Marshall County Fair  
**July 11-18, 2025**
- Marshall County  
Blueberry Festival  
**August 29 - Sept 1, 2025**



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS & LOCAL PARTNERS

**DEEPER STILL NORTHERN INDIANA WEEKEND RETREATS:** August 1-3 and October 17-19, healing for men and women. More information at [deeperstillnorthernindiana.org/](http://deeperstillnorthernindiana.org/)

**LIFE CENTER BANQUET:** Thursday, September 25, 2025 in Wabash, IN. More details at [wabashlife.com/donor/events/](http://wabashlife.com/donor/events/)

**PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BANQUET:** Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> in Marion, IN. More details coming soon at [friendsofphcmarion.com/events/](http://friendsofphcmarion.com/events/)

## 2025 Fall Legacy of Life Banquet

**Winona Lake - Monday, September 22nd - 6:00pm (MOCC)**

We are excited to announce Steven Holland as the keynote speaker for the Fall Legacy of Life Banquet! Steven is an Author, Recording Artist, passionate Worship Leader, motivational Speaker, national Pro-Life speaker and founder of Broken Not Dead Ministries. His life is the result of the gang-rape of an eighteen-year-old mentally challenged young woman. Incredibly, despite his mother's lack of intellectual ability, homelessness, and a society that was constantly pressuring her to abort him, he survived. Steven will share his powerful story of hope and restoration in Christ.



Steven Holland

Our emcee for the evening will be Glenn Hall. Glenn is a life-time resident of Kosciusko County and a 1977 graduate of Warsaw Community High School. Glenn was ordained as a minister in December of 2003 and began Pastoring Harvest Community Church, Pierceton, in 2004. He retired from "Corporate America" in July of 2024 after a 40-year career in healthcare. Glenn has served on the board of Grace Village Retirement Community for the past 5 years and was recently elected as the Chairman of the Board.



Glenn Hall

We invite you to be a part of this encouraging evening and support the regional pro-life effort to save lives!

**\*NEW THIS YEAR\* Front Half Round Table of 8: \$400 Back Half Rectangle Table of 8: \$320\***

Tickets are \$40.00 per person (Your ticket purchase helps cover the cost of the event)

Sponsorship Opportunities are also available (\*NEW THIS YEAR\* Pre-Banquet Reception Option)

Go to [prolifebanquet.com](http://prolifebanquet.com) or scan the QR Code for more details or to purchase tickets.





## LIFE GUARDIANS TRAINING DAY 2026

SAVE THE DATE!  
Saturday, January 31, 2026  
For Details and Registration  
[nci4life.org/lg](http://nci4life.org/lg)



## Franciscan Fireworks presents RIGHT TO LIFE DAY!

Saturday, June 14th from 10am to 10pm  
Both locations (Winona Lake and Columbia City)  
25% of ALL sales donated to Right to Life!  
For more information, go to [www.BestJuly4th.com](http://www.BestJuly4th.com)

## Thoughts From the Executive Director



Another busy spring event season is behind us, and I was encouraged by the interest in pro-life values and support we saw through March and April. Over 450 attended the four spring banquets. It's always encouraging to see so many pro-lifers coming together to support life. I was also very encouraged by the interest shown by pastors (over 50) in our first, of what we plan to be semi-annual, training breakfasts. We're already planning for October trainings in Marion, Warsaw, and Rochester.

There are several opportunities to get involved in the upcoming months. We are planning to promote the pro-life message at four summer fairs (Whitley, Kosciusko, Cass, and Marshall Counties). Contact Tara at [tjudd@nci4life.org](mailto:tjudd@nci4life.org) to get more information on staffing a booth. Another opportunity is the Fall Legacy of Life Banquet. I hope you'll plan to attend and, even better, consider inviting friends and family, and fill a table of eight.

As you can see in the article on the front page, the battle to save babies (born and unborn) and support their mothers is far from over. Whether it's pro-life billboards, advertising the Safe Haven hotline number, encouraging students to stand for life, supporting pregnancy centers, encouraging and equipping pastors, and a host of other opportunities, your prayers, time, and finances are making a difference in North Central Indiana.

If you're not already donating regularly, I encourage you to consider a monthly pledge. Currently, we have 56 donors contributing a total of \$2,310.34 every month. During our June-August monthly pledge drive, we have a goal of increasing the monthly giving by \$500 per month. Will you consider helping us reach that goal by completing the enclosed response card or going online using the QR code on the card? If you're already a monthly donor, increasing your current pledge amount will also help us reach the goal.

For Life,

Dave Koontz

