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Miami County
Right to **Life News**



MIAMI COUNTY PRO-LIFE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Miami County Pro-Life Educational Foundation is pleased to announce that Micaela Hinten, a homeschooled senior, was chosen the winner of the annual scholarship essay contest for her essay entitled ***“The Effects of The Abortion Holocaust On My Generation.”***

Micaela read her winning essay and received her scholarship award at the Miami County Right to Life Prayer Vigil on January 20, 2013 at the Hayner Cultural Center in Troy, Ohio. She will use her \$1,000 scholarship to attend Sinclair Community College.

Listed below is her essay in its entirety:

By the time you finish reading this essay, 500 babies will be murdered by their mother. I am a survivor of the abortion holocaust; my mother chose to give me life.

Five years before Roe vs. Wade, my grandmother was a senior in high school. To her humiliation, she became pregnant. At that time, the only “choice” she had was to carry on—to carry her unborn baby. She was shamed by her classmates and mocked by her principal when nine months pregnant, she walked up to receive her diploma. I often wonder if I

would be here if she had a choice.

Young people of my generation have never lived in that world where human life was not sacrificed for individual comfort. Where taking the life of another was not a legal choice. Where it was not legal to sacrifice human life for the sake of what is believed to be the “greater good”. Somehow though, abortion claims not to involve a human life, it has lessened our respect for life.

Our nation prides itself on its “rugged individualism”; it seems the line may have blurred between healthy individuality and self-centeredness. We have been taught to do whatever makes us happy, having no thought for how our decision to abort a baby affects not only the baby and ourselves, but also the lives of those around us. Abortion doesn’t just take the life of a woman’s child, but someone’s sister, cousin, grandchild, best friend. It affects my generation because that life could have been someone’s spouse or someone’s mother or their father.

My generation lives in a society in which technology is so advanced that we can see a baby in 4-D while in the mother’s womb. So, there is a dichotomy in our minds of seeing a little human being in the uterus—moving and breathing and sucking its thumb—and yet rationalizing that it is right for me to do away with this life if I so choose.

Not only does abortion devalue the life of the children living in the womb, but it has also devalued the lives of myself and my classmates who have survived the abortion holocaust. We see the devaluation of life everyday on the news. We witness a man getting shot in a drive-by shooting, a teenager being bullied to the point that they commit suicide, an elderly person being pushed down and robbed in a grocery store. Though decrease of child abuse was given as a reason to legalize abortion, to the contrary, since the legalization of abortion, child abuse has risen dramatically. The U. S. National Center of Child Abuse and Neglect has reported that child abuse increased more than 1,000 percent since the legalization of abortion in 1973. Rather than children being viewed as a blessing, they are seen as a “product” or a “right”.

The mother-child bond is severed drastically by abortion. Male-female relationships are affected as well. Not only does the mother experience post-abortion reactions such as guilt, depression, anxiety, and damaged relationships; but, so also do the parents, siblings, and other family members. As Mother Teresa so wisely stated, “the so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and

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women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships." In addition, if a woman who has had an abortion decides to have children later in her life, she most likely will find it extremely hard.

To connect with her children because of the guilt of previously having an abortion. In addition to the many publicized physical effects of abortion, there are many immeasurable psychological side effects. The effects of emotional turmoil resulting from an abortion procedure will leak out into all relationships touching that woman's life, including yours and mine.

We have been handed down the idea that sex outside of marriage is all right as long as it's "protected" sex, but abortion offers the excuse to have unsafe sex. Growing up during the abortion holocaust has taken away from the natural consequences of accepting responsibilities for our actions. It has deprived us from doing that hard but right thing—thereby growing stronger in character as an individual. Because abortion is waiting in the wings, we can conduct our sex lives without much thought to responsibility because if

we were to get pregnant, we could always abort safely and easily—and all with society's support.

We have grown up with the accepted mindset that new life in the womb is a baby—unless it is inconvenient. Then it is demoted to a "fetus" and expelled from human society. We have had whispered in our ear that the unborn are less than human, and therefore, less worthy of life. We have been taught a lie. Hopefully, we do not believe it.

My society is a disposable society. When we're done with a water bottle, we throw it away. If we don't desire our food, it goes in the trash. If we don't want something, rather than recycle it, we get rid of it. Now, we see the same thing happening with children. Sex outside of marriage is such a common circumstance today because there is a lack of commitment. If things get difficult in a relationship, instead of working through things and trying to fix it, people just give up on each other. If a woman becomes pregnant at the "wrong time, if she

can't afford it, or if she does not want that responsibility, disposal of the child is now an option. Not only are material things thrown away, but so is the sanctity of human life.

In all honesty, I cannot know the complete impact that the abortion holocaust has had on my generation because over one third of my generation is missing. One third of the children of my generation were aborted by their mother. That number is a doctor who could have found the cure for cancer, another Mother Teresa who would have given love and a home to thousands of orphans, a leader who could have united our world. That means that over 50 million potential citizens each year are robbed of the chance to make a difference in our world — differences that we will never know.

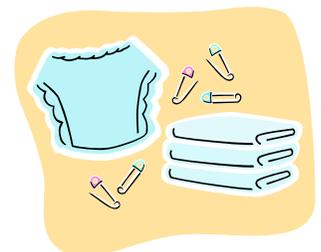


We would also like to thank the **CCD students from St. Patrick in Troy** for all the baby items they collected and donated to MCRTL.

The mothers and their babies, as well as MCRTL, appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank You

A sincere **Thank You** to **Troy Christian Elementary School** whose students filled five pak-n-plays with baby items during their Pro-Life Chapel. MCRTL was the recipient of 1/3 of the donations. We received diapers, bottles, toys, new clothing, blankets, two brand new car seats and many other items. Our Center's moms are very grateful, along with their babies, to receive these gifts. Earlier in the day, the students lined the street holding pro-life signs and then went into school for chapel to pray for the end to abortion. Way to go TCE!



2012 — A YEAR IN REVIEW

Although we have a Pro-Abortion President for another four years, 2012 held many successes.

The number of Ohio abortions decreased from 28,123 in 2010 to 24,764 in 2011.

Miami County numbers decreased from 120 to 107. Still, two babies killed each week.

Locally, we were able to provide aid to over 2,000 client visits to our Help Center with 2,973 packages of diapers, 422 cans of formula, 441 jars or boxes of baby food, 1,442 bags of baby clothes, 47 crib mattresses and various other items. Thanks to all those that donated, provided grant funds or contributed to our fundraisers. A huge thank you to all our Office Volunteers!

Laura Schulze also did a great job with our new website: www.miamicountyrighttolife.org. She is also starting a *Healthy Moms – Healthy Babies Educational Program* in 2013.

The Ohio General Assembly was the most pro-life legislature in Ohio's history enacting seven pro-life measures since Jan., 2011. The Late-Term Abortion Ban was signed into law on July 20, 2011. Until then, abortion was legal in Ohio through all nine months. This new law bans abortion beginning after 20 weeks when the child can live outside the womb (except when the mother's life is in danger).

Governor Kasich also appointed ORTL's President, Mike Gonidakis to the State Medical Board and appointed ORTL's Chairman, Marshal Pitchford to the Ohio Supreme Court Screening Committee.

Thanks to all as we continue to work for the Sanctity of all Human life.

*David Enneking, President,
Miami County Right to Life*



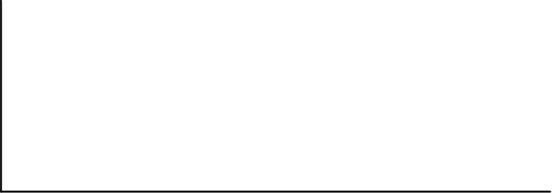
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| Send me the Newsletter | Sign me up as a member
Dues: \$10/person, \$15/couple |
| Meetings held the third Monday of the month at 7:00 at Troy Hayner Cultural Center | |
| Office Volunteer: | Help sort items: _____
Assist clients: _____
Fix cribs / other items _____
Buy Cribs and Mattresses for Distribution to those in need _____ |
| Teach Parenting Classes: | Purchase / Sort Diapers _____
Mow Lawn _____
Garden / Flower Beds _____ |
| Pray at Abortion Clinics: | Essay Contest for Seniors _____ |
| Pray Vigil: | Support Teens to Washington DC _____ |
| Write Letters to Politicians | March for Life in Washington DC _____ |
| Write Letters to the Editor: | Life Chain in Troy _____ |
| Speakers Bureau: | Write for Grants _____ |
| Parades: Decorate Float or Ride / Walk in the Parades | Miami County Fair Booth _____ |
| Fundraisers: | Bake Sales _____
Mothers' Day Roses _____
Heritage Festival Pies _____ |
| | Stawberry Festival Booths _____
St. Boniface Bingo _____
Entertainment Books _____
One Rose / One Life _____ |

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DECEMBER, 2012

Baby clothes-bags	97	Mattresses	4
Bassinettes		Maternity clothes-items	4
Car seats	3	Misc. items	152
Christmas toys		New clients	12
Clients	125	Play pens	
Married Clients	29		
Pregnant Clients	9		
Christmas gifts		Pregnancy Tests	
Cribs	1	Strollers	5
Diapers (packs)	167	Swings	
Food (jars/boxes)	22	Toddler beds	
Formula (cans)	19	Toys	305
Gifts	12		
Gift bags			
High chairs			

JANUARY, 2013

Baby clothes-bags	105	Mattresses	3
Bassinettes		Maternity clothes-items	18
Car seats	5	Misc. items	280
Christmas toys		New clients	15
Clients	148	Play pens	
Married Clients	30		
Pregnant Clients	15		
Christmas gifts		Pregnancy Tests	1
Cribs	2	Strollers	1
Diapers (packs)	197	Swings	
Food (jars/boxes)	88	Toddler beds	
Formula (cans)	68	Toys	74
Gifts	4		
Gift bags			
High chairs	1		