

January 2018

Mark your  
calendar

Jan. 10 CCRTL meet-  
ing at Cascade Park  
Library in Vancou-  
ver at 6:30 pm.

Jan. 14 ORTL Roe v  
Wade Memorial &  
March at Pioneer  
Square in Portland  
at 2:30pm.

Jan. 19 CCRTL Roe v  
Wade Memorial at  
County Courthouse  
in Vancouver from  
1:00—2:00 pm.

Jan. 22 March for  
Life in Olympia  
from 12-1 pm..

Feb. 14 Spring cam-  
paign 40 Days for  
Life begins.

## Clark County Right to Life

A Voice for Life in Southwest  
Washington since 1970

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)

### Billboard project: hope and help for abortion-minded moms

One out of three people affected. One in three women, one in three men, one in three babies never to live to see the light of day. The statistics are overwhelming, both in terms of the children that are missing from our communities, schools and lives and in the grieving parents, the majority of whom eventually will face the reality that, in their moment of desperation, the distorted language of modern culture allowed dehumanizing terms and lack of informed consent to lead to the death of their child.

An abortuary is a desperate mother's last stop, her last resort. Pope Saint John Paul II has challenged us that, "The only honest stance...is that of *radical solidarity with the woman*. It is not right to leave her alone. The experiences of many counseling centers show that the woman does not want to suppress the life of the child she carries within her. If she is supported in this attitude, and if at the same time she is freed from the intimidation of those around her, then she is even capable of heroism."

We at Clark County Right to Life look hopefully to the future of our youth. May they understand that the culture of life includes embracing God's will for relationships—solid relationships with parents, siblings, and grandparents, and chaste and abstinent relationships with friends.

Inspired to reach our youth, Clark County Right to Life is campaigning to place billboards that reinforce this message near every high school and college campus, as this age group accounts for most crisis pregnancies and is targeted by the culture of death. We must inspire our youth to choose chastity and abstinence and speak a message of life to those who are pregnant and in despair.

The billboard campaign is a step in that direction.

Wanda Palena, CCRTL Board member

**Each billboard costs \$900/ month. Go to our Donate Now page at [www.clarkrtl.org](http://www.clarkrtl.org). Select "one time" or "monthly" option. Enter "Billboard" in comment box. You can also send us a check at CCRTL, PO Box 1652, Vancouver, WA 98668. Enter "Billboard" on memo line.**

## A message from our President Tina Bock

Happy New Year! I'm so thrilled to be celebrating another year as your Clark County Right to Life president. As we approach yet another anniversary of Roe v. Wade, I am more hopeful than ever that we will see an end to legalized abortion.

*I am more hopeful than ever....*

Our culture has normalized the murder of unborn children and stigmatized pro-life advocates as radical or unsympathetic to the plight of scared pregnant women.

What we have an opportunity to do as a group is incredible. We can show our culture that there are better options for women. We do not judge the people who believe they have an impossible situa-

tion. We are advocates for them and their unborn children.

*...there are better options for women.*

With all the exposure of sexual harassment, assault and misconduct, we have an opportunity to stand up for all women and show them that there is a better choice for their families.

As a group, we are raising funds for advertising on billboards across the county. We are holding a Roe v Wade memorial rally at the Clark County courthouse on Jan. 19 and also invite you to join the March for Life in Olympia Jan. 22. With increased public involvement, our voices will be heard more clearly than ever. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

*Tina Bock*, President CCRTL

## 40 Days for Life: A story of healing after abortion

It was a quiet Friday afternoon and there were just two of us standing on the sidewalk across the street from the Vancouver Planned Parenthood Abortion Center. A lady stopped her car in front of us. We walked over to her. She told us she had an abortion over 20 years ago. "It was the best thing for everyone." Her family life was not supportive and her boyfriend didn't want a baby. "I grieve for your loss," was our response. "No one has ever said that to me before," she said.

*"No one ever said that to me before."*

We told her that many women who have abortions see no other option. And that was why we were there offering "local pregnancy resource" information. We told her a story about a man who stopped by recently and said that several years ago his sister got pregnant and everyone said abor-

tion was the best thing for her. He told her abortion was taking a human life and he would support her if she had the baby. And now she is living with her brother and her two year old child. At that moment the lady's face changed. We prayed with her to our merciful Father in heaven for forgiveness and healing for the times we have done wrong.

She said, "Thank you for praying for my baby."

*"Thank you for praying for my baby."*

We were also blessed with two volunteers who carried signs indicating that they regretted their abortions which happened decades ago. They were hoping to spare others from making the same mistake. Our website contains info for abortion healing resources. [www.clarkrtl.org](http://www.clarkrtl.org)

*Gerry Parmantier, RN (retired)*, 40 Days for Life, local coordinator. Next campaign starts Feb. 14.



