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## New President States Goals (continued)

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School. What better name is there for a pro-life group than C. Milton Wright to Life?)

Before I mention my other main goal, I should explain where I'm coming from. I am convinced that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; His life on earth is the model for how we should live. He said (see Matthew 25:31 - 45) that what we do for the "least of these" (the hungry, the sick, the poor), we also do for Him. Can any group of people be more fittingly described as the "least," in view of our society's current laws, than preborn babies? Millions have been butchered alive, and millions more are at risk! God also directs us in Psalm 82 to mete out justice to the weak and father-

less, to maintain the right of the afflicted and poor, and to rescue the weak and needy and to deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

I want to add here that you don't have to be a Christian to oppose abortion—I'm just explaining where I'm coming from. I know that there are many energetic and passionate pro-lifers who don't consider themselves to be Christians, and they are valuable comrades in the Cause.

That being said, here's my second goal: I'd like to encourage the churches in Harford County to become more involved in the fight against abortion: with people power, resources, and—especially—prayer. I will be trying to organize weekly

prayer meetings to be held at different churches throughout the county, to which all Harford County churchgoers would be invited. (If you'd like to be the contact person for your church in this effort, please let me know.)

So, it is with a great deal of humility—and excitement!—that I accept the position as President of Harford County Right to Life. Please join with me and the rest of the pro-life community of our county as we make the most of every opportunity on behalf of preborn children. Contact me (my email is [bbrown@mdrtl.org](mailto:bbrown@mdrtl.org)) for any reason. ■

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For their lives,  
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## Leigh Heller Takes on New Role

A couple of years ago, when friends and I formed the Maryland Right to Life chapter in Harford County, our goal was to address a void in our community. Someone needed to introduce our neighbors to and inform them about "life" related issues.

Much of our educational initiative has been directed toward our youth: introducing them to the development of an unborn child, presenting them with alternatives to abortion, and teaching them how to be a voice for the unborn in our community. We have also worked to inform our adult neighbors on the emotional and physical consequences of abortion, and we have encouraged Harford County residents to play a more active role in the state's legislative process concerning life issues. Regrettably, Maryland continues to have the third highest abortion rate in the country.

Recently, I have been asked to work full time on the legislative frontline at the state level for Maryland Right to Life. As a result, the time has come to pass the leadership of Harford County Right to Life to a trusted and committed associate.

Effective immediately, Bob Brown is the new President of Harford County Right to Life. Bob has been instrumental in the development of the chapter for the past two years. He is the editor of our quarterly newsletter; he is creative and energetic, and he possesses a heartfelt devotion to our cause.

I remain committed to the growth and mission of Harford County Right to Life, but now my energies will be primarily directed at the state level. Thank you for your past and continuing support of the right to life movement.

## New President States Goals

Do you remember that scene at the end of Schindler's List, the one in which Oskar Schindler laments not having sold a gold pin that he was wearing or the car that he was driving? Although he has already saved many Jewish people from certain extermination, he weeps at the lost opportunities to have turned the pin and the car into cash. With the cash, he would have "purchased" a few more Jewish workers for his manufacturing company, thus saving them from the death camps.

As I step into the role as President of Harford County Right to Life, I have a few plans and programs that I'd like to initiate, and there are some great things already in place that must be maintained. During this transitional phase, however, it's taking a good bit of time to get the ball rolling. And that's frustrating, for each day that passes, in which I am still struggling to get things started, seems like a lost opportunity. More than three thousand preborn children are exterminated every day in America's abortion "camps."

Nevertheless, I am reminded that "it" is not about Bob's plans. It will clearly take a great team effort in order to bring about change in the beliefs and behaviors of the citizens and politicians of our county, state, and nation, who see abortion as a personal right or as a necessary evil.

Let it be said that every effort taken on behalf of preborn children is great, whether it seems so or not. A high school student may start a pro-life group at his school; a woman may befriend a girl dealing with a crisis pregnancy; a father of two may pass out literature at the County Fair; a grandmother may spend some quiet time each day praying that abortion would once and for all be outlawed in our country. These sorts of efforts are the real work of the pro-



life community. Who would care if Maryland's laws allowing abortion were never to change if every Marylander's heart and mind were firmly opposed to the practice? Personal involvement can change opinions and lives more effectively than can the plans of some wet-behind-the-ears president of a local right-to-life chapter.

But I do have plans! And I need your help.

First, what is already in motion and successful must stay that way: our booth at the Harford County Fair, this newsletter, etc.

Secondly, I would like to institute some new goals.

If you are a high school or college student who is interested in organizing or being involved with a pro-life group at your school, please let me know. (If there already is a right-to-life group at your school, please let me know that, too.) Many of the young women seeking abortions are high school and college-aged, and they need to hear a compassionate counterpart to the abortionist mentality that has a grip on our culture. (This particular goal came to mind one morning when I was playing basketball at C. Milton Wright High

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## Throw Away Children

Maybe you heard about those three young boys tossed into San Francisco Bay by their mother. I couldn't get past the image in my head of these helpless babes struggling in the cold sea water, panicking, flailing, gasping for their last breaths as water filled their lungs. Anguish choked me, and I didn't think I'd be able to stop crying.

As horrible as that situation is, it's not much of a stretch from what's already taking place in our land. Our society has been discarding its children at a blistering pace since Roe v. Wade: 3,000 - 4,000 preborn babes have been slaughtered every day since 1973. That is more than the total loss of life that occurred on 9/11, repeated every day...every day...every day...for thirty-two years. Although the mother in question may have been mentally ill, throwing away children still seems to be a natural sociological extension of abortion. Infanticide, physical and sexual abuse, and neglect and abandonment of children run rampant in this country, and I have no doubt that the skyrocketing rate at which they occur can be directly traced back to abortion—to how we treat the most innocent of human beings. We are reaping what we have been sowing.

The laws of the land have dehumanized preborn children, permitting inconvenient "pregnancies" to be "terminated." The lingo of "choice," which has permeated the advertising industry, has dulled the brains and desensitized the hearts of Americans to the plight of the preborn. It seems that every other TV advertisement and billboard message tries to entice you to buy its product with the sleazy commercial come-on "You Have Choices." The idea of "choice" plays to our selfish nature—our me-first mentality. "Choice" appeals to our desire to have power and be in control—which usually just boils down to being able to select from among a hundred menu options at the local fast food joint.

The abortion industry has been successful with its "choice" propaganda: coining the phrase, perpetuating its use, and benefitting

from its multiple reincarnations. Sadly, too many people fail to see that the abortion industry has substituted that word for the life of a preborn child.

Abortionist organizations that claim to champion "freedom" and "choice" have been corrupted by greed and covered in blood. Planned Parenthood's annual income is over three-quarters of a BILLION dollars, and their annual profit runs in the tens of millions of dollars. They also receive close to a quarter of a BILLION dollars in taxpayer money each year. (These numbers are taken from their 2004 annual report.)

The hypocritical (not Hippocratic) medical establishment has used its tools and technology to carve up the bodies of children in (or partially-birthed from) their mothers' wombs in what can only be described as the most fiendish cruelty invented by mankind. These so-called abortion "doctors" know full-well what they're doing.

Now enter the hot, new science: stem cell research. Some of it is ethically acceptable, when umbilical cord and adult stem cells are used. But the experimentation on the lit-tlest people, "embryos", is the latest assault on the preborn.

A major frustration for me is the relatively small amount of collective energy that many churches are putting into the fight against abortion. Some even openly support abortion groups, taking sides against pro-life groups at legislative hearings.

And, being a new father myself of a little boy, Joshua (which undoubtedly at least partially explains the sharp, unrelenting sadness that I feel for the loss of Taronta, Treysun, and Joshua), I am especially frustrated by fathers who fail to protect their preborn and born children, who also put so many mothers in terrible financial and emotional positions.

I will not forget those three precious lives who were lost on October 19 in San Francisco Bay, nor can we forget the three thousand precious lives who were snuffed out in abortion clinics that same day. ■

## Alan Keyes Speaks at Pro-Life Dinner

The Fourth Annual Pro-Life Appreciation Night, presented by the law firm of Peroutka and Peroutka and held at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie on October 27, featured guest speaker Alan Keyes.

Alan Keyes spent eleven years with the U.S. State Department. He served in the U.S. Foreign Service and on the staff of the National Security Council before becoming Ronald Reagan's ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. A m b a s s a d o r Keyes was President of Citizens Against Government Waste from 1989 - 1991, and he is the founder of N a t i o n a l Taxpayers' Action Day. As the two-

time Republican nominee for U.S. Senate in Maryland, he challenged Paul Sarbanes in 1988 and Barbara Mikulski in 1992. In the 1996 and 2000 Republican presidential campaigns, Alan Keyes eloquently elevated the national political debate as a candidate for president.

Dr. Keyes spoke compellingly of the unalienable rights of the preborn. He confronted the culture of death with inspiring reasons why abortion must be banned from our land. Dr. Keyes, who wrote his doctoral dissertation on constitutional theory, stated that in a constitutional govern-

ment, one group cannot rule over another. Discrimination based on physically manifested differences is supposed to be forbidden, but it's not. Just as in the days of slavery, America still has to listen to those who tell the lie that personhood is defined



Alan Keyes shakes hands with new HCRTL President, Bob Brown.

as having the physical characteristics of the ruling class.

In America today, the born rule over the preborn. However, Dr. Keyes said, "We don't have to choke down the lie." The fight for the unborn must never falter, for the "survival of the pro-life movement is the survival of conscience and the hope for decency." ■

## Keep Up With Right To Life Issues

Our primary website is designed to be a resource for pro-lifers who want to educate themselves on "life issues." Pro-lifers can, in turn, refer women in crises or other persons with questions to this site, confident that it will be a compassionate source of information presented in a non-confrontational manner. We hope that you will use this website to stay current with HCRTL's efforts in Maryland and to learn about what's going on within the pro-life movement around the country. You will also find opportunities to participate with us, through email and letter campaigns, membership activities, and donations. The *Abortion Education* website is designed to be a resource for women who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy. Featured are links to abortion alternatives, a diary of an unborn baby, and explanations and diagrams of various abortion methods. There are also addresses and phone numbers of crisis pregnancy centers in Harford County.

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