

Pro-Life Newsletter



*Striving to protect
the unborn and frail*

Current Needs

Huggies Size 4 and larger

Pull Ups Size 2/3T and larger

Kirkland infant formula, sensitive to lactose (purple container)

Baby fruit pouches



Upcoming Events



PLANT FUNDRAISER

Pick up Saturday, May 7 from 3 to 5 p.m.
Chwk Alliance Church 8700 Young Rd | Hotdogs available!

Order online at chilliwackprolife.com

MAY

MARCH FOR LIFE OTTAWA

Thursday, May 12, 2022 marchforlife.ca

SEPT

CHILLIWACK WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, September 24, 2022

OCT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October - date TBA

“For Such a Time as This...”

I look forward to sunny days. Spring is such a refreshing time of year.

Cherry blossoms, crocuses, snowdrops, tulips, and daffodils. These beautiful flowers are all reminders of new life. As I admire them, I am reminded that there is life and beauty in the small things!

Here at the Chilliwack Pregnancy Care Centre, we get to see exciting new life. The little fingers and toes, mouths, and noses are a reminder that God has created

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these little people for a purpose, for this very moment and time. *You were born for such a time as this* (Esther 4:14).

We have had an influx of couples that are seeking an abortion of their second or third babies. With the pandemic, flooding in our community, as well as the things going on in the world, couples are questioning if bringing another child into this world is the right thing to do. This verse comes to me as I talk with them. I believe that we were all created at the moment of conception, for such as time as this. These are the conversations that

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I have with parents. We can not live in fear of tomorrow, because God gives us grace. Grace for only today. Tomorrow, we start all over again. I want our clients to remember that fear is blinding – it can prevent us from viewing things logically, seeing our worth and capabilities, and

visualizing a future.

We can choose hope over fear, we're empowered to face an uncertain future with strength and determination. God never makes a mistake. Life is precious! Please pray for us as we navigate through this time. Our hearts go out to parents that can not see past the fear, but we celebrate with those who chose LIFE!

Loralynn Cartmell
CPCC Director

Ministerial Lunch

In March, we hosted the Chilliwack Ministerial lunch. This monthly meeting brings pastors together and gives opportunity for local organizations to provide information on their missions. We are grateful to Mainstreet Church for graciously providing the venue, and to MCCS Catering for the amazing lunch buffet. Loralynn and Marian shared about our services, and pastors were surprised to find that many women seeking abortions actually attend Chilliwack churches. Hopefully the information we shared will cause pastors to address this most serious matter with their congregations.



Looking for a donation receipt?

Chilliwack Pro-Life only issues receipts for donations made directly to us (cash or cheque). Any donations made online via our website (using the Canada Helps platform which we switched to a few years back), are receipted directly from Canada Helps. Donors will have received an email from Canada Helps with instructions on how to access their 2021 tax receipt by logging in to their website. Please email info@canadahelps.com if you need help. For other donation receipt questions, please email admin@chilliwackprolife.com.



MAID law undermines mental health care

March 18, 2022 | Daniel Zekveld | *The Hamilton Spectator*

In March 2021, Garifalia Milousis described her struggle with mental illness in a viral video. “Had someone been willing to assist my suicide during one of those lows, I know the life I’ve lived would not have happened,” she said. “As someone who struggles with mental illness, I don’t need someone to tell me how to die. I need someone to tell me to stay.”

In Garifalia’s case, she was told to stay. But others are not. Existing safeguards around medical assistance in dying (MAID) are insufficient to protect the vulnerable, even as Canada seeks to expand it further.

A recent petition campaign tells the story of Donna Duncan, a psychiatric nurse who dedicated her life to helping those with mental illness. Donna’s daughters explain that Donna had no terminal illness, but suffered from depression as a result of a prior injury. They also blame the isolation caused by COVID-19 for her decline in mental health. She was approved for MAID on Oct. 24, 2021, and it was administered just five days later. Her life was ended less than four hours after being released from a psychiatric unit due to her depression. That this happened even while mental illness on its own is not yet an acceptable eligibility criterion for MAID shows the power of activist doctors and the risk to vulnerable Canadians.

Canada’s euthanasia law already has some of the least safeguards in the world. And on March 17, 2023, unless the law is changed before then, MAID will be readily available to Canadians who suffer from mental illness.

Adding mental illness to the scope of MAID means it can be offered to a senior who suffers from dementia, or a young adult who struggles with anxiety and depression. Expanding MAID to those with mental illness will vastly increase the amount of people



Garifalia Milousis in her video

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who end their life that way.

Multiple psychiatrists, psychologists, and other mental-health workers have expressed concern that expanding MAID to those with mental illness will hurt those who suffer. It may prevent them from asking for help because they are worried about being offered MAID. It might cause them to think their illness is incurable when various treatments have not yet been tried. It could cause them to lose hope and influence their desire to die.

Those who struggle with suicidal thoughts need suicide prevention, not suicide assistance. Expanding MAID to those with mental illness undermines the progress we have made as a country to reduce the stigma

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around mental illness. Rather than offering people a way to die, we must provide the supports they need to live.

There is still time for Parliament to repeal the clause that will expand MAID eligibility to mental illness before it comes into effect. Canada should focus on increasing mental-health supports and improving access to those supports instead of offering MAID, not alongside MAID.

<https://www.thespec.com/opinion/contributors/2022/03/16/maid-law-undermines-mental-health-care.html>

Missed It?



Watch now at chilliwackprolife.com
Over \$46,000 raised: THANK YOU!

Welcome Jen!

My husband and I moved to Chilliwack in 2005 and started our family soon after. God has blessed us with four kids, now ages 10-15. I have a passion for good design, good food and good theology. I've been pro life for as long as I have understood the term but in the last few years have felt convicted to do more to fight for the sanctity of life. I'm excited to join the board of the Chilliwack Pro-Life Society and be a part of their important work.



Jen Penner, board member

Leaving a Legacy

You may wish to leave a permanent legacy as a demonstration of your support of life. Designating a gift to the Chilliwack Pro-Life Society in your estate would help to ensure your ongoing support for the values you hold dear. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to us at the office.

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In the News

MARCH 1, 2022 | USA:

Abortion industry promotes 'missed period pills' so women won't know if they were pregnant

- » In an attempt to normalize abortion by using deceptive euphemisms, the abortion industry is now referring to the use of mifepristone and/or misoprostol as "missed period pills" or "later period pills." The drugs are being sold to women without a confirmation of pregnancy, allowing them to escape the knowledge of whether or not they killed their own preborn children. > liveaction.org

March 9, 2022 | USA:

HORRIFIC Maryland bill would decriminalize infanticide up to 28 days after birth

- » For example, a baby born with a disability could be allowed to die by refusing ordinary methods of care or medical treatment. For that matter, so could any baby the mother does not want in the first 28 days after birth. > liveaction.org