

Pro-Life Newsletter



*Striving to protect
the unborn and frail*

Upcoming Events

- SEPT** **CHILLIWACK WALK FOR LIFE**
Saturday, September 24 @ Young Rd
- OCT** **NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN**
CAMPAIGNLIFECOALITION.COM
Saturday, October 1 @ Luckakuck Way
- OCT** **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
October - date TBA

Time to Celebrate!



To read Jonathan Van Maren's opinion column on the global impact of the fall of Roe Vs. Wade in the United States go to: <https://thebridgehead.ca/2022/06/30/the-global-impact-of-the-fall-of-roe-v-wade/>

Such an Honour

What a beautiful summer that we have been blessed with. It took a bit to get here but I love these summer days, from early sunrise to late-night sunsets! I will hold on to every day as fall creeps in.

This past spring and the first part of summer we were doing CPCC training with three lovely ladies. Janita who is our secretary at the pro-life office, Leah who works with us in the pregnancy centre, and Bethany who is a doula in our community. They all bring so much to the CPCC team. It has been exciting to see them grow in their giftings and learn their strengths and weaknesses so we can work as an effective team. They now know many of our clients, who are

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becoming more open and comfortable communicating with not only myself, but more staff. I was able to take some time off this summer and know that our clients were well taken care of.

Please pray for us as we grow in this area. It takes a lot to talk with a woman that is seeking an abortion. If we let it, it can get to us.

The first thing we are taught in training is

the importance of relying on God to guide us through the many different situations that come through our doors. We humbly allow God to use us as a tool to speak truth and light into our clients' lives. We may not know the situations that we will be presented with, but one thing we can be certain of is that these women are not here by accident. We have to rely on God to teach us and get us through. *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought*

to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. (Romans 8:26)

It is such an honour that God would choose us and that we are never alone! Please continue to pray for us. We value your prayers!

With a grateful heart,
Loralynn Cartmell
CPCC Director

The United States decision striking down Roe v Wade has made many pro-choice women reach out to me in fear that our country will become like the US.

For this reason many of them have respectfully asked me to reconsider my pro-life stance. When I engage them in a conversation, they realize that we aren't so different after all.

Many of these pro-choice women never even realized that we don't have any abortion law in Canada. Many women have no idea that the United States now has the exact same amount of federal laws as Canada. They begin to realize that their politicians have lied to them about this issue.

Most Canadians don't know that China and India have put laws

in place to protect baby girls being aborted because boys in that society are seen as more valuable; and, only Canada and North Korea remain as countries that have zero protection for babies in the womb and specifically baby girls who are targeted as being less desirable than baby boys. With this knowledge, many pro-choice women have now agreed to unite with us and fight the misogynistic practice of sex-selective abortion of baby girls.

- Leslyn Lewis

Scholarship: Essay Competition

Our scholarship program was instituted in 2020 in recognition of the value of youth as our future leaders. Read an excerpt of the winning essays below: full versions are available at chilliwackprolife.com. Both winners received a \$1000 cheque: congratulations!

“Knowing your information is just as important as knowing your opponent's information and how to defend your points against theirs. I later talked with one of my friends about how the men bringing out these laws didn't want to take away the rights of women, they wanted to give preborn babies their rights. I explained that life is formed at conception. I didn't necessarily convince

her, but I planted a seed. It's important to plant a seed, for it might save a life.”

- Tanasha
Timothy Christian School

“The Dutch “Safe Abortion Initiative” and other similar programs, do not help Africans but force the message of pro-choice in the most anti-abortion countries in Africa. These programs are nothing more than



a subtly veiled genocide of the most vulnerable African population.”

- Simosethu
University of the Fraser Valley

Press Release: Chilliwack Pregnancy Care announces “The Cherish Project”

As submitted to The Chilliwack Progress | September 2022

Chilliwack - Laura Kingma, President of the Chilliwack Pregnancy and Compassionate Care Centre, today announced a “culture change” project called The Cherish Project. The goal of the project is to change hearts, reminding the people of Chilliwack that every person, including those in the womb, deserves love.

The project consists of two large billboards bearing this positive message, as well as associated advertising beginning in the fall directing people toward the Care Centre, which has been operating in Chilliwack for 42 years.

“Canadian society needs a change of heart toward the unborn,” Kingma said. “Just as every person outside the womb has value, every girl and boy in the womb is precious, too. They all deserve unconditional love.”

Kingma pointed out that the Pregnancy Care Centre offers help to women whether or not they are pregnant. The Centre has recently trained two additional peer counselors, and offers non-judgmental counseling, free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, and all things practical for moms, from diapers and food to strollers. Post-abortive support is also available. Through the community outreach programs of the Compassionate Care Centre, bread is delivered weekly and phone support is provided to lonely seniors. A mobile unit brings services to clients who are not able to come into the Centre. “We try to demonstrate every day that we cherish every person,” said Kingma, “and we want the people of Chilliwack to know about the practical services we provide.”

One billboard is located by the TransCanada westbound, just before the Vedder Bridge. The other is near the TransCanada eastbound, just after Prest Road. Up to 100,000 people per day coming in and out of Vancouver will see the billboards.

Concluded Kingma: “Now more than ever we need to step up, we need to stand and support people in any and all of their life circumstances. We need to cherish the grandparents, the mothers and fathers, and the children. That’s what The Cherish Project is all about.”



A dedicated team of volunteers is organizing this family-friendly event with **speakers, food and fun** for the end of this month.

Join us on Saturday, September 24 at the Chilliwack Alliance Church parking lot at 8700 Young Road. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m., with the event beginning at 10 a.m.

Be inspired by a local couple who will share their pro-life story, starting decades ago when they were expecting their daughter. After the walk there will be a **free** hot-dog lunch (or “Dutch lunch” available by donation) and Simosethu and Tanasha will share their winning scholarship essays.

Details on games, challenges and prizes are all online at **chilliwackprolife.com**. Download an extra pledge sheet, or sign up online for your personal fundraising page. Every one who hands in a pledge sheet will receive a small prize!

AND don't miss the BIG REVEAL of our new Cherish Project logo and our plans for that going forward!

Don't Miss Out!
Logo Reveal + Future Plans
for The Cherish Project at
the Walk for Life!

In the News

April 30, 2022 | Canada: *Why is Canada euthanizing the poor?*

- » Since last year, Canadian law, in all its majesty, has allowed both the rich as well as the poor to kill themselves if they are too poor to continue living with dignity. In fact, the ever-generous Canadian state will even pay for their deaths. What it will not do is spend money to allow them to live instead of killing themselves. Read the full story at the following link, which cites tragic examples of Canadians from across the country who would prefer to live, but were too poor to do anything but request euthanasia. > <https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/why-is-canada-euthanising-the-poor->

July 29, 2022 | Canada: *Majority of Canadians support abortion access but less so for younger age groups*

- » Although support for abortion access has increased over the last decade in Canada, it wavers for younger age groups, a new poll suggests. Although Canadians have become far more pro-choice in their beliefs, those between the ages of 18 to 34 showed the least support in comparison with older generations. > globalnews.ca

August 3, 2022 | Poland: *Legal abortions dropped drastically in Poland in 2021*

- » There were ten times fewer abortions in Poland in 2021 than in previous years, according to data from the Ministry of Health. Although pro-life activists are satisfied with the figures, they are also worried because “the biggest problem is illegal abortions using abortion pills. Several tens of thousands of Polish children are killed in this way every year, and the authorities behave passively towards traders in the death pill”. > pregnancyhelpnews.com

August 9, 2022 | Canada: *Abortion Pill Reversal is happening in Canada, and lives are being saved*

- » A “race against the clock,” is a phrase that best describes the story of a 24-year old real estate agent who began a chemical abortion, changed her mind, and attempted to save her baby’s life. The woman, being pressured to have an abortion at nine weeks’ gestation, drove hours from her home to get the abortion pill. She ingested the pill and began her drive back home. As she drove, she saw pro-life billboards along the roadside. One stated, “There is a heartbeat at 18 days.” The woman continued driving, her decision beginning to weigh heavy on her heart. She then came across another billboard that stated, “Your mom chose life. You should too.” The woman began to regret taking the abortion pill, and immediately exited the highway and began searching online to see if there was any way to save her baby. She stumbled across a website that offered her baby a “second chance at life.” The woman immediately called the organization. They connected her with a pro-life doctor who sent her a prescription for the reversal pills to pick up in her hometown that same day. Six hours after ingesting the chemical abortion pill, the woman began the reversal process and was overjoyed to find a week later that her baby still had a heartbeat. The chemical abortion had failed. Her baby had been saved. > campaignlifecoalition.com

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In Memory of Alice Eckhardt

One of our original members from the 1980s, Alice Eckhardt (nee Stam) went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 30 at her home in Chilliwack, BC at the age of 77 years. She is lovingly remembered by her husband George, as well as her four children: Pete (Marion), John (Alyson), Sue (Dave) Herfst, Gordon (Karen).

If you have taken the abortion pill, it may not be too late.

There is hope.

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ABORTION PILL RESCUE

Call 1-877-558-0333 or go to AbortionPillReversal.com