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CHILLIWACK PRO-LIFE'S NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS

Courageous Mothers

Since coming to work at Chilliwack Pro-Life I have been inspired by the bravery of our clients. One mother who I met with chose life for her unborn baby even though she knew that many people in her community would judge and reject her for having sex outside of marriage. She cried in our office over the family member who was pressuring her to have an abortion, and she talked through the many conversations she was going to have with and family who would most likely judge her for her choices. Ultimately, she chose life for her baby over protecting her own reputation. She decided to walk the hard path and protect her child instead of herself. What incredible courage! And what an amazing example to her baby.

At a time when many celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and remember the incredible sacrifice that He made for us, I am so thankful for the complete acceptance, forgiveness and love that Christ offers to all people. His example of sacrificial love inspires me to love those who come to us and to help them as they sacrifice for their own children.

-Angela Rooke, Executive Director

Out in the Community

Our Women's Resource Centre staff were very busy this winter. Thanks to some new community partnerships with organizations like the Chilliwack Community Cupboard, Vivian (our mobile drop-in centre) has been out more than ever, and we have been seeing many new clients and forming new relationships. We're so thankful to the many donors who helped us purchase the van and who continue to donate to help us keep Vivian on the road!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Victoria March for Life -
Thursday, May 11

Chilliwack Walk for Life -
Saturday, September 23



NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUE TO FORM FOR OUR MOBILE DROP-IN CENTRE "VIVIAN"

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Membership

FAMILY	SINGLE
One Year - \$25	One Year - \$10
Three Year - \$60	Three Year - \$30
Five Year - \$100	Five Year - \$50

SENIOR

One Year - \$5	
Three Year - \$15	STUDENT
Five Year - \$25	One Year - \$10

Donations

E-transfer - office@chilliwackprolife.com.
Please list your full name, address, email address, and phone number in the memo line. **Cheque** - mail or drop off **Credit card** - in office or online

In accordance with the Income Tax Act, Chilliwack Pro-Life Society retains authority on the use of its resources. If a donation cannot be used as designated, the donation cannot be returned to the donor.



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"The Cherish Project", What's That?

Over the last few months, you may have noticed that things look a little different around here. Well, lots has been happening and we're excited to share our re-branding with you.

As you probably know, one of the primary goals of Chilliwack Pro-Life is to show compassion and give tangible, practical support to those who are marginalized and isolated in our community. We believe that all life is precious and we seek to demonstrate that through acts of service that show vulnerable people they are cherished. In order to reach more people in our community, we have re-branded. All our community service programs now operate under the name The Cherish Project (check out our website at cherishproject.ca). And our pregnancy care centre is now the Cherish Women's Resource Centre (cherishwomen.ca). The names are different, but we continue to offer the same life-affirming service to our clients.

Formula Shortage

You may have heard about the international formula shortage. Many families have been struggling to find formula, and the cost has risen over the last two years. Our clients, who often have little income, and do not own vehicles, have been finding it especially challenging to locate and to afford formula for their little ones. Even though our shelves have been close to empty at times, we have managed to continue supplying families with this essential.



How does this name change affect you, our supporters, and donors? We are still the Chilliwack Pro-Life Society and we will continue to run education and advocacy programs under that name.

We still have the same mission, to protect life from conception to natural death.

And you can still reach us as you always have. If you'd like to learn more and to see our new logo and updated website, please visit us at chilliwackprolife.com.

Thank you so much to Southside Church and to the many other donors who help us keep babies fed.



March for Life Victoria

As part of a national event taking place May 11, we have chartered two buses to attend the annual March for Life in Victoria, B.C. If you would like to join others in making a public statement on the sanctity of human life, book your seat to join us in Victoria. Buses will depart Chilliwack for Victoria at 6:00 am. We will leave Victoria on the 5:00 PM ferry, arriving back in Chilliwack at about 9:00 PM. To register, visit our website or call the office at 604-795-3091.



The Life Room is an online 24-7 prayer room for the issue of abortion. The Life Room believes that one of the most important ways Canadians can support women in crisis pregnancy is to fervently pray for them. Through prayer, we can reach places that pregnancy care centres may not be able to. The Life Room also regularly prays for frontline organizations such as The Cherish Project. Get information, sign up to lead a prayer time or be a prayer partner at www.liferoom.ca.

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— Faytene.TV

Circle of Life Gala 2023

A BIG thank you to all of you who attended our gala on March 3! Thank you, also, to our sponsors, those who donated, participated in our silent auction, and volunteered. We are thrilled to announce that our gala raised: \$64,587! The proceeds will fund the programs that give vulnerable people alternatives to abortion and euthanasia. Kevin Dunn inspired us with an excellent presentation on being 'prophets of hope' to those around us, especially euthanasia-vulnerable individuals. We also heard from Alicia Duncan, an activist from Mission, B.C., who shared the heartbreaking story of her mother's death by MAiD in 2021. To view the gala video, scan the QR code below, or visit our website.



Watch the video here





Special thanks to St. Mary's Church for hosting a baby shower for the Women's Resource Centre



Celebrating Denise, our longest-standing board member, 39 years



Shout out to Free Grace Baptist Church for their informational pro-life display

Scholarship Opportunity

Chilliwack Pro-Life is announcing that it will again award two Pro-Life Scholarships this year. To join the contest, students who live in Chilliwack, Agassiz, Harrison Hot Springs, or Hope, and are graduating from Grade 12 or in first-year university, must submit a Pro-Life essay by **May 12**.

Entries will be judged by a committee, and the two winners will receive a grant of \$1000. Contact your local school for a scholarship application, or visit our website for more info.

Pro-Life Tidbits

Conservatives disqualify pro-life Oxford by-election nomination candidate. According to a statement from pro-life political action group RightNow, Gerrit Van Dorland was targeted for his pro-life beliefs. A Conservative spokesperson told True North he was disqualified for failing to disclose details on his application. -[tnc.news](#)

Death in the family: why a father says MAID expansions are 'losing something' for Canadians. Mike Schouten's son, Markus was diagnosed with terminal bone cancer at age 18. If they had been told assisted dying was an option, "our family would have heard: okay, you're giving up on him now." Markus passed away on May 29, 2022, after living out a terminal diagnosis of metastasized Ewing sarcoma. Last fall, Mike appeared in front of Canada's assisted dying committee. The committee's final report recommended some terminal children under the age of 18 should have access to self-requested euthanasia - a decision Mike said is dangerous, and senseless. -[tnc.news](#)

Utah Governor Signs Bill Banning All Abortion Clinics. Spencer Cox signed a pro-life bill into law Wednesday that protects unborn babies by ending abortion facility licenses throughout the state. Aborting unborn babies is still legal in Utah due to a court order blocking its abortion ban, but the new law effectively could ban elective abortions while that lawsuit continues. -[lifefews.com](#)

Abused Woman Pregnant From Rape Refuses Abortion. Robyn McLean, 34, was born in the Philippines and later adopted by a pastor and his wife from Lakeside, Oregon, where she grew up at their parsonage. Raped by her abusive boyfriend after saying she wanted to abstain from sex before marriage, she made a choice that would change her life: her baby's worth had nothing to do with the circumstances of his conception, and she would not abort him. She gave birth to her first child, a son, Adriel Jaiden, known as AJ, who is now a smart, spunky 12-year-old. - [archive.ph/sdbof](#)