



# LIFELINE

CHILLIWACK PRO-LIFE'S NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS

## With Gratitude

*by Laura Kingma, Board President*

With gratitude in my heart, I write to you, our faithful supporters and friends.

The sunshine has been giving us a little glimpse of the hope we have. In this world we certainly do have sorrow, we see this every day in the lives of so many who we are blessed to support. We are humbled by God's grace and faithfulness to us and those we long to help.

We would not be able to reach the hurting without the help of our supporters and volunteers. Over the years I have seen staff, volunteers and members work together, stand together and fight together. I see the sweat, the tears and the strength that so many in this fight with us have displayed. I am more than grateful and feel so very honored to stand with them. The smiles, the hope and the life they bring are seen and valued.

Our nation is very unwell, the world is promoting a culture of death, throwing away those who need love the most. May the Lord continue to provide for us that we may be His hands and feet in this broken world. I thank you all from my heart, for all that you do for life.

## Scholarship Opportunity

Chilliwack Pro-Life is announcing that it will again be awarding two Pro-Life Scholarships. 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 10, 2024.

Entries will be judged by a committee, and the two winners will receive a grant of \$1,500 each. Contact your local school for a scholarship application, or visit our website for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Victoria March for Life -  
Thursday, May 9, 2024 (see page 3)

Chilliwack Walk for Life -  
Saturday, September 28, 2024

## Prayer Requests Straight to your Mobile Phone

We know that many of our supporters believe in the power of God to change lives and pray for our clients regularly. And we SO value those prayers! If you would like to receive periodic prayer requests, sent by text to your phone, please text PRAY, followed by your name to **1-807-797-5626**. Texts will be sent out approximately every 1 to 2 weeks, or when there is an urgent need.

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**Membership**

<b>FAMILY</b>	<b>SINGLE</b>
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	<b>STUDENT</b>
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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# Outreach in Hope, B.C.

by Loralynn Cartmell and Janita ter Haar

We have had a great start to the new year as we continued to expand our outreach. With the use of Vivian, our mobile drop-in centre, we are able to begin seeing clients in Hope, B.C. where we have been warmly welcomed. As this community tends to be under-resourced, there are many low-income parents who are in desperate need of support and baby supplies.

We met a few moms on our trips to Hope whose stories were heartbreaking. A few have no other support than the weekly government-funded "Better Beginnings" program for parents. They have no family and no friends other than the ones in this program. We were so thankful to be able to give baby items to these expectant mothers and help them get excited about their little one's arrival. And we plan to continue to support them throughout their pregnancies.



Thank you so so so so much for the car seat today, and the amazing care package!!! It made me feel so loved and supported ✨🧡

The handmade quilt is so soft, and so beautiful. Thank you for coming to Hope!

Your welcome!! We are here to support YOU!!! ❤️❤️

Thank you, seriously 🧡 it made me tear up. I opened everything at home and was like 😭😭😭😭 😭✨🧡 So special



## Heartfelt Thank You Message from a Client

# MAiD Expansion for Mental Illness

by A.J. Rooke, Executive Director

In 2016 the Canadian Health Care system took a drastic turn. Despite the Hippocratic Oath being foundational to medical practice in our nation, the promise to “first do no harm” was abandoned and the intentional ending of patients’ lives became institutionalized. In 2022 alone, 13,102 Canadians lives were ended this way.

They call it “Medical Assistance in Dying” or MAiD. We call it intentionally taking a life. And it is our foundational belief at Chilliwack Pro-Life that human life is inherently valuable and thus MAiD and all forms of euthanasia are unethical.

Since Parliament voted to expand the criteria for MAiD to include those who suffer from a mental illness, advocacy groups have been working hard to halt the tidal wave of death by lobbying the government to reverse this amendment. Last year, local MP Ed Fast even introduced a bill (C-314) seeking to repeal the decision. Unfortunately, his bill was voted down.

We celebrate, however, that on February 29 of this year, the Senate voted to temporarily halt the intended “launch date” for MAiD for the mentally ill, when it passed Bill C-62, which delays MAiD access for mental illness until March 17, 2027. A reported intention behind this pause was to give time for the healthcare system to prepare for the possible landslide of MAiD requests that may come with the expansion.

This reprieve is temporary but we are thankful for every life that will be saved because of it. And we pray for the many advocates who will continue to work tirelessly to see this MAiD legislation reversed completely.

#### References:

*The Guardian* - Feb 25, 2024 (<https://bit.ly/3VfhT0Y>)

*The Catholic Register* - March 1, 2024  
(<https://bit.ly/4a0WH34>)

*Government of Canada, Annual Report on Medical Assistance In Dying 2022* - (<https://bit.ly/3PmiJW9>)

# Cherish Gala 2024 Recap

A BIG thank you to all of you who attended and helped us sell out of the 350 tickets for our gala on March 1, 2024! 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 over \$104,000! The proceeds will fund the programs that give vulnerable people alternatives to abortion and euthanasia.



# March for Life - Thursday, May 9

Join thousands of others from throughout the province for the annual March for Life in Victoria, B.C. on Thursday, May 9, 2024.

We will be leaving Chilliwack at 6 a.m. sharp and returning at approximately 7 p.m. Reserve a spot on the bus by calling the office at 604-795-3091.

\$25 per seat, with a family maximum cost of \$100.



Showing Friday, April 19th in Chilliwack at Main Street Church. To learn more about Worth More visit [worthmorefilm.ca](http://worthmorefilm.ca)



Did you know that we offer private office tours?! Contact us today at [office@chilliwackprolife.com](mailto:office@chilliwackprolife.com).



From the proceeds of our Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser, we were able to hand out 36 food gift bags to our seniors at Christmas time.

## Worth More Film

by Sloan Media and Bronwyn Gray

What is your aging mother worth? What is your friend struggling with a mental illness worth? What are you worth? Loud voices in society convey that the basis of human worth is unstable, contingent on what a person can contribute to society. But in the Bible and in the United Nations' Declaration of Universal Human Rights, we learn that all human beings have "inherent dignity." Every human being from conception to natural death is worthy of respect and honor simply because they are human, and they exist. Worth More film is being produced because we believe Medical Assistance in Dying is an attack on human dignity, and we believe in contrast that all human beings are worth fighting for and loving to their natural end. Please join us by praying for our film, giving financially, and attending one of our screenings to learn more about MAiD and ways to show people they matter just the way they are. Learn more at [www.worthmorefilm.ca](http://www.worthmorefilm.ca)

## Pro-Life Tidbits

**Father suing Alberta Health, seeking to stop his daughter's death by MAiD** - A Calgary judge will decide whether a review of a young woman's application – and approval – of a Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) request is needed. (<https://bit.ly/3TfkxBo>) [The Western Standard](#)

**Can laws possibly protect the unborn in Canada? Investigator for Roe Canada documentary weighs in** - "The overturning of Roe v. Wade was a game changer for the pro-life fight in the United States of America. But could a similar revolutionary win for the unborn ever happen in Canada?" (<https://bit.ly/3lqKIWI>) [Rebel News](#)

**Pro-life groups rally on Parliament Hill to protest euthanasia for mental illness** - "The implementation of euthanasia for the mentally ill must not simply be delayed for three years, it must be entirely stopped," Campaign Life Coalition national president Jeff Gunnarson said." (<https://bit.ly/49VMBi>) [Campaign Life Coalition](#)

**Alabama Court rules that Unborn Babies are Human Beings from Conception** - "Pro-lifers are right to celebrate the court's recognition of the humanity of these embryos and its imposition on an industry that until now has been an ethical Wild West." (<https://bit.ly/4chHpsP>) [Life News](#)

**Albertans should ask Danielle Smith to require parental consent for abortion** - "Premier Danielle Smith has taken a step in the right direction by protecting the rights of parents in the area of gender ideology. But will she take the next logical step - by protecting parental rights in the area of abortion?" - (<https://bit.ly/49L3rLR>) - [Campaign Life Coalition](#)