

President's Message



The joyous season of Easter is upon us reminding us that the Risen Lord has conquered death. Let us fill our hearts with a new sense of hope and strength as we continue to stand strong against the culture of death that seems to

surround us. We here at Choose Life Niagara are very hopeful and are once again planning a number of in-person events after a challenging time of restrictions.

We are thrilled to be planning to send a busload of youth and chaperones to the annual March for Life in Ottawa this May. Our Diaper Drive is ongoing until May 20. With the rising cost of inflation, life has just become even more difficult for a struggling new mom. Let us work together to help in a small way in honor of Mother's Day.

Also in May, join us for a morning of relaxation by signing up for our Disc Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Saturday, May 14 at Fireman's Park.



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Our spring billboard campaign is underway in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and throughout the Niagara region. Watch for our new designs which can be seen on over 20 boards carrying messages promoting the value of life and pointing women to the help they need to choose life.

We are also excited to be hosting two events in June with pro-life speaker Lia Mills. A special Youth Event will be held on Friday June 3 followed by a dinner to be held at Coppola's Banquet Hall on Saturday June 4. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again!

Jen Nohara 

Delta Hospice Society Votes No to Euthanasia

"National and international hospice palliative care organizations are unified in the position that MAiD is not part of the practice of hospice palliative care. Hospice palliative care does not seek to hasten death or intentionally end life."

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association and the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians, Nov 27, 2019

In a decision that bodes well for hospices across Canada, the Delta Hospice Society (DHS) in B.C. has voted over 75% to keep euthanasia out of its facility. Last February, the B.C. Ministry of Health defunded the DHS and expropriated their hospice building because they refused to participate in euthanasia. Though the majority of DHS members were against Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), a number of Board members were attempting to dictate that MAiD be provided.

Last fall, pro-lifers were urged to become members of the Society so they could vote at the next AGM, and they responded in droves. On April 2, 2022, an overwhelming majority of the 5,000 members attending the online meeting voted for a slate of pro-life directors and a change to the constitution to prohibit euthanasia within the organization.

President of the DHS Angelina Ireland said, "This is truly a historic moment for Delta Hospice Society and for the future of traditional palliative care in Canada." This huge pro-life win, brought about by the efforts and prayers of the pro-life community, demonstrates that our efforts do make a difference!



Delta Hospice Society
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Ad Standards Complaint



A complaint has been filed to Advertising Standards Canada over this billboard, designed to educate the public that yawning begins long before birth. The complainant wrote, "This ad was disturbing to see as it is extremely misleading and can be very confusing for a vulnerable or uninformed person to see," adding that the information on the billboard was not true, that a fetus is not a child, and that the ad features a website that has "frankly very dangerous statements..."

Ad Standards (AS) informed us that they "did not find an issue with the specific concerns raised by the complainant," but they did require "substantiation for the claim, 'yawning since 10 weeks from conception'."

We quickly responded, giving them our source, the trusted and bioethically-neutral, Endowment for Human Development (EHD). AS then re-evaluated the ad and determined that the matter should be adjudicated by their Council.

We have yet to hear their final judgment, but in the meantime, sent them additional material verifying EHD's information, which has been fact-checked by National Geographic and based on consultation with "experts in various fields including embryology textbook authors, a fetal surgeon, professors of embryology and anatomy, and an OB ultrasound pioneer," according to EHD President, Dr. Brian Stillwell.

Dr. Stillwell suggested we make the ad more precise by changing 10 weeks to 9 ½ weeks post-fertilization, the earliest observed yawn, according to a peer-reviewed study dating back to 1982.



Dinner Speaker Lia Mills

Lia became involved with the pro-life movement at the young age of 12 when she wrote a powerful speech about abortion that made an impact in and far beyond her school in East York. Her 5 minute talk making the case for life was posted online, went viral around the world with over 1.2 million views and led to numerous media interviews and articles. Lia is now a human rights lawyer and continues to be a strong voice for life. There will be two opportunities to hear her speak the weekend of June 3 & 4 at our Celebrate Life dinner and at our event at The Barn, specifically for youth.



Donations to Choose Life Niagara are gratefully accepted through [chooselife.ca](https://www.chooselife.ca) or can be mailed to the office.