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Students celebrate
diversity of the Pro-
Life movement!

**Did your elected state
officials fight for Life
during the 85th Texas
Legislature?**



Dr. Joseph Graham Fellows recruit record number of college students

Sam Houston State University, Bearkats for Life

Lilli Cortez is a sophomore at Sam Houston State University. After weeks of the school postponing recruitment fairs due to Hurricane Harvey and the aftermath, Bearkats for Life was able to have a table during class passing periods. Texas Right to Life's Education Director, Veronica Arnold Smither, stood with the students during their tabling session and assisted the leaders with recruitment techniques and Pro-Life talking points. They recruited 60 people in two hours! That morning, Lilli expressed to Veronica that



her group needed to fill the public relations position. Just an hour later, an enthusiastic young lady came straight to the table to sign up as a member. She asked, "Do you have anyone to run your social media pages? I would love to do this for you." What a Godsend! Pray for the students as they begin their first projects this semester: educating new members on all Life issues, volunteering at the local pregnancy center, and establishing a brand new pregnant & parenting student scholarship.

Trinity University, Tigers for Life

Luke Ayers and Kailey Deluca, our two Fellows in Tigers for Life, recruited 54 students at their organization fair - almost 1.5 times as many as last year's fair! What spiked the number? "Every time Kailey mentioned that we'll have Pro-Life memes in our weekly emails, the person we were talking



to immediately signed up. We also distributed Life Savers candy, and people appreciated the goofy attempt at a pun." Tigers for Life embraces Pro-Life humor to break the ice, which encourages new Pro-Life students to become braver in voicing their Pro-Life values.

Abilene Christian University, ACU for Life

There must be something in the water at ACU. Perhaps the combination of a small Christian campus, a tight-knit community, the excellent Pro-Life leadership of our Fellows, and their marketing efforts encouraged 144 people to sign up for ACU for Life at their



club fair! A few days later, their first meeting boasted 70 members. In efforts to recognize not just the needs of their campus but of the whole state, ACU for Life organized a baby supply drive for pregnancy centers in Houston to aid Hurricane Harvey relief.

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What legacy will YOU leave?

Talking about death is not an easy topic to broach. The inevitable sadness and grief associated with death makes most conversations about planning for one's end of days awkward. But through the eyes of faith, we know that death is not the end and can therefore be a joyful topic to discuss with loved ones.

God has graced each of us with a variety of blessings. Each of us has the privilege of allocating financial and material blessings to others when we leave this life to live with Him in the next life. Giving to the Texas Right to Life Educational Fund is an excellent way to leave a legacy.

The legacy you leave after your passing will live on for years to come. You can leave a legacy of courage, selflessness, and Pro-Life values through the planning of your estate.

Estate planning through a biblical lens offers us the ability to bless our children and grandchildren while also continuing the life-saving work of God's mission at Texas Right to Life. No matter how much or how little you own, estate planning is essential.



Resources, such as the equity in your home, life insurance, and retirement plans, can be stewarded after you leave Earth. Ensuring that your resources are transferred to responsible and godly stewards for greater impact in the Kingdom is the heart of our motivation to help you plan your estate.

If you are interested in learning more about first steps toward building a lasting legacy through your estate, contact our Development department today at 713-782-5433.

From Fellow to Intern

Texas Right to Life welcomed five interns this summer, including Crusaders for Life president at the University of Dallas, Amy Federer. A senior business major and third-year Dr. Joseph Graham Fellow, Amy spent her summer aiding Texas Right to Life's Development team by cultivating relationships with supporters across Texas and raising money to fund legislative efforts during the special session in Austin. With her internship complete, Amy now transitions to life as a student and president of her campus Pro-Life club, but the lessons she learned this summer are in the forefront of her mind.

At the end of Amy's "newbie" training as a Dr. Joseph Graham Fellow, she knew she wanted to intern for Texas Right to Life someday. "Protecting Life is so important to me, and I love the mission of Texas Right to Life," Amy said. "There was no question this was the Pro-Life organization for which I wanted to intern." As a native of St. Louis, Missouri, the timing was not right for Amy's internship until summer 2017. At that time, she jumped at the chance. Throughout her internship, Amy had the opportunity to witness Texas Right to Life's day-to-day operations and, specifically, the Development department. From attending the Third Annual Permian Basin Celebration of Life in Midland, to acting as the official photographer at the inaugural "newbie" Fellow dinner in Arlington, Amy

traveled the state shadowing her supervisor, Development Director Elizabeth McClung. Among the many lessons she learned from McClung and Texas Right to Life President Jim Graham, such as the importance of time management, Amy most admired the leadership she witnessed. "The leaders of Texas Right to Life go beyond just being your boss," Amy said. "They care for your entire well-being: physical, spiritual, etc. The care that I felt from them is something I want to emulate with my officer team as I step into my role as president of Crusaders for Life."



Amy has resumed her student life in Irving and eagerly anticipates the Pro-Life activities she will spearhead this year, including leading a group to have a prayerful presence outside of North Texas abortion facilities and fundraising to bring as many UD students as possible to the annual Boots on the Ground College Student Conference in January. Texas Right to Life is appreciative of Amy's work this summer and wishes her the best as she completes her degree this year.

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Our Lady of the Lake University, Pro-Life Saints

Olivia Garza attended multiple Team Life Camps in high school and is now re-establishing her university's Pro-Life group as the lone leader. She and Rachel Bush, Texas Right to Life's Education Associate, recruited 50 sign-ups at the club rush! Students gravitated toward the Pro-Life buttons and handouts on the table. Many



students who signed up returned minutes later with friends to sign up as well. At their first meeting, 14 people attended and seven expressed interest in joining the newly forming officer team. After determining roles for each officer, Pro-Life Saints went from a solo-act to a team of seven total officers in just days.

Texas A&M University, Pro-Life Aggies

Katherine Proctor, the president of Pro-Life Aggies at Texas A&M University, reports amazing news from their first week of school. "Y'all, I'm so encouraged. Our first informational meeting of the semester was a HUGE success; 83 people attended. Without enough chairs, some people stood in the back or in the hallway just



to learn about Pro-Life issues, and to learn how they could support our Pregnant & Parenting Student Scholarship. This is proof that the years of efforts before us and our continuation of those efforts are making a difference. The number of people wanting to get involved is ever-increasing! What we do as Fellows does matter!"



How your employer can help you save lives

Looking to the foster father of our Savior, Joseph reminds us of the value of work. His example is worth emulating. Joseph reminds us that our daily work is an opportunity to provide for our families, to sanctify all that with which we come in contact, and to set a Pro-Life example to everyone we encounter.



Regardless of the industry in which you work - legal, civil servant, oil, technology, teaching, finance, nonprofit, or even retail - your employer could join you in your efforts to save innocent Life in our great state.

In addition to health benefits, bonuses, vacation days, and retirement plans, your employer could offer a benefit that can help save lives from death.

Your generosity to Texas Right to Life allows us to work daily to end abortion and euthanasia. That same generosity can be doubled and your employer can help you save more lives by matching donations to the Texas Right to Life Educational Fund deducted automatically from your paycheck.

To set up a matching gift through your employer, call our Development department at 713-782-5433 today.

What YOUR generosity makes possible

God's grace makes the life-saving work of Texas Right to Life possible. But the generous financial and prayerful support from people like YOU also makes the daily accomplishments of Texas Right to Life a reality.

Each semester, all of our students in the Dr. Joseph Graham Fellowship complete 50 hours or more of Pro-Life activism on their campuses. All the students earn a \$1,000 stipend in exchange for their efforts. In addition to the money each student receives in scholarships, Texas Right to Life experiences expenses associated with annual training and continued mentorship.

During the 2017-2018 school year, 77 undergraduate students are enrolled in the Dr. Joseph Graham Fellowship on 29 campuses. These courageous young men and women are spreading the Pro-Life message fearlessly to their peers, faculty, and communities. The cost to run the entire program for one year is more than \$300,000.

The training, mentoring, and scholarships are made possible by YOUR generosity.

Every two years, the Texas Right to Life full-time legislative team of five spends every single day at the Texas state Capitol during the session of the Texas Legislature, navigating the turbulent waters of passing life-saving bills. In 2011, our team passed the Sonogram Law. In 2013, our team passed House Bill 2, banning abortions at 20 weeks when unborn children can feel pain. In 2015, our team helped close loopholes in the judicial bypass process, preventing teens from obtaining abortions without their parents' knowledge.

In 2017, our team passed a ban on live dismemberment abortions.

Five months of our legislative team working in the Capitol costs more than \$500,000.

The passage of life-saving laws is made possible by YOUR generosity.



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In order to pass life-saving legislation, we must have Pro-Life men and women holding elected office. When fake Pro-Lifers or outright abortion supporters hold office, innocent unborn children, their mothers, and vulnerable patients are at risk of losing their lives to the culture of death. When Pro-Life men and women hold elected office, we are able to work against the elite establishment and pass bills that protect innocent

Life. The average price for one round of Pro-Life voter guides in a Texas House of Representatives race totals \$6,000. Running Pro-Life radio ads in one district for a Texas House of Representatives race costs \$22,000. Launching TV ads in one district for a Texas House of Representatives race costs \$35,000.

All of the life-saving laws that have been passed were made possible because of the tenacity and unyielding prowess of truly Pro-Life men and women in office.

The election of Pro-Life men and women to office is made possible by YOUR generosity.

As Texas Right to Life works tirelessly to end the injustice and evil of abortion and euthanasia once and for all, we thank YOU for making our accomplishments possible.

#ProLifePictureDay celebrations across Texas

Students from 13 universities across Texas celebrated Pro-Life Picture Day this October to demonstrate the diversity of the Pro-Life movement. Pro-Life student organizations set up photo stations on campus and asked passersby to pose with a sign and fill in the blank: "I'm a Pro-Life _____."

Young men and women described themselves as Pro-Life minorities, biology majors, feminists, future nurses, leaders, Christians, atheists, libertarians, writers, former fetuses, and more! Follow the hashtag #ProLifePictureDay to see this diligent generation of Pro-Life millennials.



Texas Right to Life releases 85th Legislative Session scorecards

Despite the vicious politics of the leadership of the Texas House of Representatives, the regular and special sessions of the 85th Texas Legislature yielded several Pro-Life legislative victories. The regular session saw the successful passage of the Dismemberment Abortion Ban, and during the special session, multiple Pro-Life bills were passed and signed by Governor Abbott, including Patient Consent for Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) Orders and Pro-Life Health Insurance Reform—measures that had been blocked by House leadership until Governor Abbott intervened.

Following each session of the Texas Legislature, Texas Right to Life releases the Pro-Life Scorecard to inform Texas voters of where legislators stand on various Life issues. The Pro-Life Scorecard is the most reliable tool available to Texas voters about who leads, who follows, and who is subverting Pro-Life legislative efforts under the Capitol dome.



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Scores for legislators are calculated based on how they voted on specific Pro-Life and anti-Life bills and amendments, as well as if they publicly made a stand against or attempted to weaken a Pro-Life measure. Each vote is weighted, and those members who voted correctly earned points for that vote. Legislators who voted incorrectly did not earn points for that vote. Additionally, when members recorded an anti-Life statement in the Journal of the Texas House, they earned negative points.

The extra commentary offers ancillary accounts of behind-the-scenes and off-the-record actions of legislators, explaining how they advanced or hindered Pro-Life legislation. One additional tool for voters is Texas Right to Life's 2017 Pro-Life Heroes and Disappointments, which can be reviewed at TexasRightToLife.com.

See the final and complete list of scores for the Texas Senate on the right and the final and complete list of scores below for the Texas House of Representatives.

You can find the full details of each individual legislator's Pro-Life Scorecard for the 2017 Sessions of the 85th Texas Legislature at TexasRightToLife.com.

Final and complete list of scores for the Texas Senate

Name	Party	SD	Total Score
Bettencourt, Paul	R	7	100%
Birdwell, Brian	R	22	100%
Buckingham, Dawn	R	24	100%
Burton, Konni	R	10	100%
Campbell, Donna	R	25	100%
Creighton, Brandon	R	4	100%
Estes, Craig	R	30	100%
Garcia, Sylvia	D	6	0%
Hall, Bob	R	2	100%
Hancock, Kelly	R	9	100%
Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy"	D	20	5%
Huffines, Don	R	16	100%
Huffman, Joan	R	17	100%
Hughes, Bryan	R	1	100%
Kolkhorst, Lois	R	18	100%
Lucio, Eddie Jr.	D	27	60%
Menendez, Jose	D	26	0%
Miles, Borris	D	13	1%
Nelson, Jane	R	12	100%
Nichols, Robert	R	3	100%
Perry, Charles	R	28	100%
Rodriguez, Jose	D	29	0%
Schwertner, Charles	R	5	100%
Seliger, Kel	R	31	100%
Taylor, Larry	R	11	100%
Taylor, Van	R	8	100%
Uresti, Carlos	D	19	0%
Watson, Kirk	D	14	0%
West, Royce	D	23	1%
Whitmire, John	D	15	1%
Zaffirini, Judith	D	21	17%

Final and complete list of scores for the Texas House of Representatives

Name	Party	HD	Score
Allen, Alma A.	D	131	0%
Alonzo, Roberto R.	D	104	0%
Alvarado, Carol	D	145	0%
Anchia, Rafael	D	103	0%
Anderson, Charles "Doc"	R	56	98%

Name	Party	HD	Score
Anderson, Rodney	R	105	100%
Arevalo, Diana	D	116	0%
Ashby, Trent	R	57	100%
Bailes, Ernest	R	18	42%
Bell Jr., Cecil	R	3	100%

Name	Party	HD	Score
Bernal, Diego	D	123	0%
Biedermann, Kyle	R	73	100%
Blanco, César	D	76	0%
Bohac, Dwayne	R	138	100%
Bonnen, Dennis	R	25	100%

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Name	Party	HD	Score
Bonnen, Greg	R	24	100%
Burkett, Cindy	R	113	73%
Burns, DeWayne	R	58	100%
Burrows, Dustin	R	83	100%
Button, Angie Chen	R	112	90%
Cain, Briscoe	R	128	100%
Canales, Terry	D	40	0%
Capriglione, Giovanni	R	98	100%
Clardy, Travis	R	11	90%
Coleman, Garnet	D	147	3%
Collier, Nicole	D	95	0%
Cook, Byron	R	8	65%
Cortez, Phillip	D	117	0%
Cosper, Scott	R	54	98%
Craddick, Tom	R	82	100%
Cyrier, John	R	17	100%
Dale, Tony	R	136	95%
Darby, Drew	R	72	89%
Davis, Sarah	R	134	0%
Davis, Yvonne	D	111	2%
Dean, Jay	R	7	100%
Deshotel, Joe	D	22	23%
Dukes, Dawnna	D	46	5%
Dutton Jr., Harold	D	142	0%
Elkins, Gary W.	R	135	100%
Faircloth, Wayne	R	23	100%
Fallon, Pat	R	106	100%
Farrar, Jessica	D	148	0%
Flynn, Dan	R	2	100%
Frank, James	R	69	100%
Fruzzo, John	R	84	98%
Geren, Charlie	R	99	89%
Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara	D	120	0%
Giddings, Helen	D	109	0%
Goldman, Craig	R	97	100%
Gonzales, Larry	R	52	90%
González, Mary	D	75	0%
Gooden, Lance	R	4	90%
Guerra, Robert "Bobby"	D	41	0%
Guillen, Ryan	D	31	48%
Gutierrez, Roland	D	119	0%
Hefner, Cole	R	5	100%
Hernandez, Ana	D	143	0%
Herrero, Abel	D	34	71%
Hinojosa, Gina	D	49	0%

Name	Party	HD	Score
Holland, Justin	R	33	100%
Howard, Donna	D	48	0%
Huberty, Dan	R	127	90%
Hunter, Todd	R	32	100%
Isaac, Jason A.	R	45	95%
Israel, Celia	D	50	0%
Johnson, Eric	D	100	5%
Johnson, Jarvis	D	139	14%
Kacal, Kyle	R	12	89%
Keough, Mark	R	15	100%
King, Ken	R	88	81%
King, Phil	R	61	100%
King, Tracy	D	80	37%
Klick, Stephanie	R	91	100%
Koop, Linda	R	102	82%
Krause, Matt	R	93	100%
Kuempel, John	R	44	88%
Lambert, Stan	R	71	90%
Landgraf, Brooks	R	81	100%
Lang, Mike	R	60	100%
Larson, Lyle	R	122	90%
Laubenberg, Jodie	R	89	90%
Leach, Jeff	R	67	100%
Longoria, Oscar	D	35	0%
Lozano, Jose Manuel	R	43	95%
Lucio III, Eddie	D	38	0%
Martinez, Armando "Mando"	D	39	0%
Metcalfe, Will	R	16	100%
Meyer, Morgan	R	108	100%
Miller, Rick	R	26	100%
Minjarez, Ina	D	124	0%
Moody, Joseph "Joe"	D	78	0%
Morrison, Geanie W.	R	30	90%
Muñoz Jr., Sergio	D	36	0%
Murphy, Jim	R	133	95%
Murr, Andrew	R	53	100%
Neave, Victoria	D	107	0%
Nevárez, Alfonso "Poncho"	D	74	3%
Oliveira, René	D	37	6%
Oliverson, Tom	R	130	100%
Ortega, Evelina "Lina"	D	77	0%
Paddie, "Chris"	R	9	100%
Parker, Tan	R	63	90%
Paul, Dennis	R	129	100%
Perez, Mary Ann	D	144	0%

Name	Party	HD	Score
Phelan, Dade	R	21	100%
Phillips, Larry	R	62	100%
Pickett, Joe	D	79	77%
Price, Walter T. "Four"	R	87	90%
Raney, John	R	14	84%
Raymond, Richard Peña	D	42	27%
Reynolds, Ron	D	27	0%
Rinaldi, Matt	R	115	100%
Roberts, Kevin	R	126	95%
Rodriguez, Eddie	D	51	0%
Rodriguez, Justin	D	125	0%
Romero Jr., Ramon	D	90	0%
Rose, Toni	D	110	0%
Sanford, Scott	R	70	100%
Schaefer, Matt	R	6	100%
Schofield, Mike	R	132	100%
Schubert, Leighton	R	13	100%
Shaheen, Matt	R	66	100%
Sheffield, J.D.	R	59	62%
Shine, Hugh	R	55	85%
Simmons, Ron	R	65	90%
Smithee, John	R	86	95%
Springer, Drew	R	68	100%
Stephenson, Phil	R	85	98%
Stickland, Jonathan	R	92	100%
Straus, Joe	R	121	0%
Stucky, Lynn	R	64	100%
Swanson, Valoree	R	150	100%
Thierry, Shawn	D	146	0%
Thompson, Ed	R	29	100%
Thompson, Senfronia	D	141	0%
Tinderholt, Tony	R	94	100%
Turner, Chris	D	101	0%
Uresti, Thomas	D	118	0%
VanDeaver, Gary	R	1	90%
Villalba, Jason	R	114	90%
Vo, Hubert	D	149	0%
Walle, Armando	D	140	0%
White, James	R	19	100%
Wilson, Terry	R	20	95%
Workman, Paul	R	47	90%
Wray, John	R	10	100%
Wu, Gene	D	137	0%
Zedler, Bill	R	96	100%
Zerwas, John	R	28	82%

How YOUR shopping can save lives

The Christmas season, and therefore the shopping season, is upon us. Although secular America has turned the birth of our Savior into a commercialized event, your shopping can save lives.

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Memorials and Honorary Gifts

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Gladys Mendiola	Forest Shadows Civic Association	Memorial			

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