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Elkhart County RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

4th Quarter 2015

5th Annual RALLY & MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 16, 2016

12:00 Noon

FREE ADMISSION & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Your Investment is Making a Difference!

Your donations to Elkhart County Right to Life help promote a message of life through billboards, the booth at the Elkhart County Fair, and the annual Rally and March for Life. ECRTL's mission is to encourage a culture of life...a culture that encourages a woman (and her family) experiencing an unexpected pregnancy to protect the baby growing inside her.

Your tax-deductible donation will be greatly appreciated and may be made using the enclosed response card.

"Friends of Life" Sponsorships Available!

For a donation of \$25.00 (or more), you can now have your name included as a "Friend of Life" in our program for the 5th Annual Rally & March for Life.

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Lerner Theater
410 South Main Street
Elkhart, IN

Keynote speaker – STEVE KARLEN, 40 Days for Life

Emcee – JEFF FATER, Men's Coaching Manager at RETA

Testimonies from "Silent No More Awareness" members

The march will immediately follow the rally

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Steve Karlen was always pro-life but like most people he never really did anything about it. All of that changed when his wife found out a friend was pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. Worried and not sure what to do, Steve and his wife reached out to her to influence her to choose life. However, when they were to meet with her, she didn't show up; she instead went to have an abortion. Steve knew then that it wasn't enough for him to be pro-life; he had to do something.

He got involved in 40 Days for Life and from 2008-2012, he led the campaigns in Madison, Wisconsin and helped spread campaigns throughout the state. Since then, Steve and his work have been featured on American Family Radio, EWTN, the Christian Broadcasting Network, NBC, CBS and Fox affiliates, as well as numerous newspapers and radio stations.

"Braxton the 1 lb. Warrior" Has Over 4,000 Facebook Followers

By: Darlene Leitz, Board Member, Elkhart County Right to Life

Date: October 26, 2015

At the ECRTL booth at the 4-H Fair this summer, the very first family who walked into the booth (smiling broadly) were Kevin, Alexis and son, Braxton Theriot. Braxton, even though about a year old, looked small compared to his age, but was a happy little guy!

His mother, Alexis, said that her son decided that he was going to come into the world and see everyone about halfway through his mother's pregnancy...instead of the average 40 weeks of a normal pregnancy. She said her pregnancy was healthy and normal until her water broke at 23 weeks.

At this time, his heart rate was dangerously high and he was delivered by c-section on July 19, 2014, weighing in at a mere 1.1 lb. at Elkhart General Hospital. Further care was needed and he was transported to Memorial Hospital in South Bend. A perforated intestine was discovered and Braxton had life-threatening bile inside his body. Additional medical needs caused Braxton to be taken to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Emergency surgery was performed on July 21 and little Braxton had a colostomy for 3 months. His life was saved, but he and Alexis stayed at Riley until almost Thanksgiving. She was exhausted physically and



emotionally as was her husband, who had to get back to work the week after Braxton's birth, and so he commuted between Osceola, their home, and Indianapolis, every weekend.

Braxton is now 16 months old, weighs 18 lb. 10 oz. and is happy and healthy! Alexis is preparing for baby #2 on November 6 (her c-section date). Her doctor told her early in her pregnancy that because of her previous classical c-section, she

should not have gotten pregnant for 2 years and that he was offering to terminate this pregnancy to save her life. She told him "God is always in control." The doctor told her that she may miscarry, but she said if that happens, God would allow it, but she would not terminate her pregnancy. She is happy to report that she has had a healthy pregnancy. Their only concerns now are agreeing on a name for their 2nd sweet baby!

UPDATE!!! Brayden Maxwell was born October 30, weighing 6 lb., 1 oz. and 19 in. long (six times bigger than his older brother)! This loving family is happy and healthy!



Save the Date!

Elkhart Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Elkhart County Right to Life, Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

Join Us for the Monthly Life Chain!

ECRTL sponsors a monthly Life Chain on the first Saturday of each month from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon on the sidewalk at St. Thomas Church on the corner of Bristol and Main Street in Elkhart. Signs will be provided. For more information, email us at ecrtl@protectinglife.com or call 574-295-7163.