



**Elkhart
County
RIGHT TO LIFE**

Caring for Life, ALLways

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Dear Elkhart County Right to Life Supporter,

As a supporter of Elkhart County Right to Life, we want to update you on what we believe will greatly expand the pro-life effort in Elkhart County. But first, a little background...

While Elkhart County Right to Life began in 1973, there was a point in time (late 90's) when it was struggling. Since then, Elkhart County Right to Life has grown in many ways. The organization now coordinates monthly and annual Life Chains, an annual Rally and Prayer Walk, a presence at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair, pastors' luncheons and a fall reception. We've been partnering with other Right to Life groups: St. Joe County Right to Life and Right to Life of North Central Indiana. We've also been fortunate to have the services of a part-time paid office person.

As much as Elkhart County Right to Life has grown over the past twenty years, we realize that to reach the next level(s) of opportunity in Elkhart County, the organization needs to change. For one thing, while Elkhart County Right to Life has grown, we are still not at a level where we can hire full-time staff needed to expand what the organization is currently able to do. With all this in mind, over the past several months the Elkhart County Right to Life board has been talking with the St. Joe County Right to Life board about the possibility of merging the two organizations.

Both organizations realize that this move will be beneficial for each organization. It is expected that the merger will be completed by January 1, 2020 and the new organization will be **Right to Life of Michiana**. The plan is for an Elkhart County committee to continue to meet to plan and coordinate pro-life events in Elkhart County.

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Also, two or three of the current Elkhart County Right to Life board members will join the new **Right to Life of Michiana** board. Current activities such as the presence at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair, the annual Rally and Prayer Walk and the Life Chain will continue, giving local volunteers the opportunity to be involved and making an impact on Elkhart County. The big benefit will be now all administrative responsibilities including paid-staff will be centralized in South Bend.

We wanted you to know about this transition and how it will benefit the pro-life movement in Elkhart County. If you have questions, please call Dave Koontz at 574-551-0239 or email ecrtl@protectinglife.com.

Sincerely,

Elkhart County Right to Life Board

PS: We look forward to your support as we continue to protect life in ALL ways!