



Voice for Life Newsletter

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HEY
 Look!



Now Accepting Submissions for an Essay Writing Contest!

The contest is open to everyone. There are three age group categories:
12 years & under, 13 to 21 years, and 22 years & older.

Interested entrants are requested to draft a short story on the subject:
"I LOVE MY FAMILY BECAUSE "

It is to be original material related to your own life experiences.

Essays must be a minimum of 350 words and no more than 750 words in length; submitted in English, in black font, and double-spaced. They can be hand-written, but must be legible and in blue or black ink.

The authors of the 1st and 2nd place essays in each category will receive cash prizes. These will also be published in the Voice for Life Newsletter and on the Voice for Life web site: www.simcoevoiceforlife.com

Entries must be submitted by midnight **Thanksgiving – 9 October 2017.**

By e-mail: Draft an e-mail to info@simcoevoiceforlife.com, and attach your essay as a .doc, .docx, .rtf or .pdf file. Include the following information in the body of the e-mail: Writer's name, age and birth date, E-mail address, Phone number, and Home address.

Entries may also be dropped off at, or mailed to, the Voice for Life Office, 29-B Peel Street, Simcoe, ON N3Y 1S1. Details showing Name of the writer, age, birth date, Phone number, Home address, and E-mail address (if applicable) should be placed on a separate piece of paper and stapled to the essay.

Slip your dated entry through door mail slot if Office is closed. Mailed entries will be accepted provided that the mailing envelope is date-stamped (post-

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marked) prior to 9 October 2017.

Only one entry per person; and each entry must be the work of only one individual.

The decision of the judges selected by Voice for Life shall be final. Their impartiality will be assured.



Prizes:

Age (years)	12 & under	13 to 21	22 & older
1st prize	\$50	\$75	\$125
2nd prize	\$25	\$50	\$75

Winners will be notified by phone, and names announced at the Voice for life Banquet on 20 October 2017. Prizes will be given out at that time to those or representative family members who attend this event. Otherwise, prizes will be delivered or mailed, with an official letter, depending on place of residence.

All entrants will receive a copy of the Newsletter in which winning essays are published.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries.

Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Voice for Life upon receipt, and can be used by Voice for Life as deemed fit.

Silent Auction at the Fall Banquet

Here is another great opportunity to help support VFL.

At our Banquet in October, we will be having a silent auction and we need your help, not only to donate some good items for the auction but to come to the Banquet expecting to see something that you might like to bid on. We already have a few items and are looking forward to receiving donations between now and the Fall time.

Call Ivan Palmer at 519-426-1610, or Janet Palmer at 226-567-7474. Don't wait until the last minute, but start to consider what you would like to donate soon.

A good summertime project! Thank you.

Annual General Meeting

The Voice for Life Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Saturday April 29th at Parkview Meadows Christian Retirement Village, in the Craft Room, at 72 Town Centre Road in Townsend. Sadly, Willy Haverkamp, a member and former Office volunteer, died on April 24th, and her funeral was at Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church on the 29th. As well, earlier this year, we had already lost members Helen Livingston and Yvonne Pollet (both from Delhi). All at peace in the arms of the Lord.

Overall the meeting went well, and we thank all who could make it, and those who helped with the program and refreshments. From Nominations at the AGM, we welcome Suetyin Elsa Kwok as an additional Director on the Board.



**Lt to Rt: Barra Gots, John Gots, Janet Palmer, Ivan Palmer, Christian O'Malley, Elsa Kwok, Lou Craig.
Missing: Edward Kiernan, Ashley Snively**



Who Cares About Pro-Life?

By Edward Kiernan, President

Abortion, assisted suicide, experimentation with human embryos, assisted reproduction that destroys embryos as part of the process, the use of drugs to induce early abortions ... try raising any of these topics and many people fail to see why you are making a fuss. Isn't all that "over" now? Hasn't the court made it all legal? What's to discuss? Why should we care?

But widespread indifference about something does not make it unimportant.

A hundred years ago, in 1917, not many people worried about the environment. Damage to land, sea and sky was happening, and people were no doubt vaguely aware of it, but it just didn't bother most folks most of the time.

When I was a teen in the 1980s there were huge protests in Canada against testing the Cruise missile. In the UK, where I spent some of the 80s, big campaigns were on for nuclear disarmament. Should we disarm or keep the nuclear deterrent to stop communist bloc expansion? "Better red than dead, or dead than red?" Remember those days? Remember those debates?

The 18 year old me would never have guessed that the 47 year old me would be living in a time when the world's nuclear arsenals would be virtually absent from the public mind. Now events in North Korea show that just because most of us haven't been thinking about nukes lately, doesn't mean they are "over" in reality.

Right to life concerns will never go away. The issues we seek to help educate others about will not be "solved" at some future date, even if public policy shifts in a pro-life direction. The legal right to life issues are only one aspect of what pro-lifers care about.

The social question – how do people view human life – as something sacred, or a meaningless commodity?

The personal question – what will I do about it when another human being's right to life makes demands on my life, my time and resources?

One way to encourage people to get educated about pro-life concerns is to show them how those concerns relate to their own lives and the lives of actual people they know. We ourselves need to stock up our knowledge of the issues to be able to inform people in one-to-one conversations, so we can give people facts and figures to turn over in their own minds. Let's not be cynical about that. We should have faith that people can learn to care about the lives of other people. If we plant the seeds, we gather in our own pro-life education.

Voice for Life Wish List

- Donations of new or home-made items for the Silent Auction.
- A flat screen TV, with HDMI, optical, USB, etc. inputs.
- Outdoor LED strings of Christmas lights (CSA approved).

[If any of the above are donated as a 'gift-in-kind', we require name, address and a statement of fair market value, to give a tax receipt.]



AND PRAYERS, especially for God's wisdom, guidance, and discernment.
Also **Volunteers** for our Booths at the various Fairs, Festivals & activities.



Help Needed at Outdoor Festivals

Voice for Life will have an information display tent at these following outdoor Festivals. Volunteers are needed at the Booth for 2-hour shifts minimum. It would be ideal if there could be 2 people per shift.



Lynn River Music and Arts Festival Booth – Civic Holiday Weekend August 5 - 7

Wellington Park, off Bonnie Avenue, Simcoe

The festival's core hours of operation are 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday), and 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Monday). All vendor booths have to be open during these hours.

Help is needed for set-up and takedown of the Display.

Set-up is permitted on Friday, August 4th from noon until 8 p.m. Volunteers arrange best time to start set-up. Take-down can start only after 4 p.m. on Monday August 7th.

Shifts available: First shift opens display; final shift closes-up display tent.

- Saturday volunteer at booth: 9-11 a.m.; 11-2 p.m.; 2-4 p.m.; 4-6 p.m.
- Sunday volunteer at booth: 9-11 a.m.; 11-2 p.m.; 2-4 p.m.; 4-6 p.m.
- Monday volunteer at booth: 9-11 a.m.; 11-2 p.m.; 2-4 p.m. [Takedown crew comes at 4 p.m.]

Please contact us if you can help in any way.

Hagersville Summer's End Festival – Saturday, September 2 [One day only]

Hagersville Park, 35 Alma Street

Shifts available:

- set-up - 7 to 9 a.m., display will be ready to go for volunteer first shift
- volunteer at booth: 9-11 a.m.; 11-2 p.m.; 2-5 p.m.
- takedown crew comes: 5:00 p.m. earliest



Please contact us if you can help in any way.

Delhi Fall Fest - September 8 – 10 [Friday, Saturday and Sunday]

Main Street, Delhi

Shifts available: First shift opens display; final shift closes-up display tent.

- Friday set-up - done by 3 p.m. [helpers arrange best time to start set-up]
- Friday volunteer at booth: 3-5 p.m.; 5-7 p.m.; 7-9 p.m.
- Saturday volunteer at booth: 10-1 p.m.; 1-3 p.m.; 3-5 p.m.; 5-7 p.m.; 7-9 p.m.
- Sunday volunteer at booth: 10-12 noon; 12-2 p.m.; 2-4:30 p.m.
- Sunday takedown: crew comes at 4:30 p.m. earliest



Please contact us if you can help in any way.

As well, Voice for Life has its traditional indoor Booth at the Norfolk County Fair - October 3 – 9.

A Volunteer Form will be posted online and also brought to the Walk-a-thon. There are many shifts to choose from.