

# RIGHT TO LIFE KENT

## REFUGE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTRE

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## LIFE CHAIN 2018

WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT AT THIS YEARS LIFE CHAIN WHICH WAS HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH ALONG GRAND AVENUE. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 200 + THAT PARTICIPATED IN THIS PEACEFUL AND SILENT ONE HOUR PRAYER VIGIL WHERE WE WITNESS AS PROLIFE INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COMMUNITY. EVEN THE WEATHER COOPERATED AND THE RAIN HELD OFF! ALL WERE WELCOME BACK AT THE REFUGE OFFICE AFTERWARDS FOR REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP. SPECIAL THANKS TO FR. DON PUMPUTIS FROM THE CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES FOR LEADING US IN PRAYER.



### Meet Jonathon Van Maren Our 2019 Banquet Speaker

Jonathon Van Maren is a public speaker, writer, and pro-life activist. His commentary has been translated into more than eight languages and published widely online as well as print newspapers such as the *Jewish Independent*, the *National Post*, the *Hamilton Spectator* and others. His commentary has been featured on CTV Primetime, Global News, EWTN, and the CBC as well as dozens of radio stations and news outlets in Canada and the United States.

He speaks on a wide variety of cultural topics across North America at universities, high schools, churches, and other functions. Some of these topics include abortion, pornography, the Sexual Revolution, and euthanasia. Jonathon holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history from Simon Fraser University, and is the communications director for the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform.

Jonathon's first book, *The Culture War*, was released in 2016.

We look forward to having him speak at next year's Right To Life Kent Banquet which is being held Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Venue to be announced. Save the date!



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## REFUGE PREGNANCY CENTRE

Summer has come to an end and it was quite the busy one here at Refuge. I wanted to share the joy of introducing you to the 3 new little lives that have joined us over the past few months.

“J” came into Refuge looking for support. She was 9 months pregnant and due any day. She was anxious and nervous as she would be birthing alone. Thank you to our wonderful donors and some quick changes in our doulas schedules we were able to set her up with labour support. “J” went on to deliver her little girl that very night! We are able to continue to help “J” with baby supplies and support as needed. Meet her beautiful little girl Lilly-Anna.



Kate found herself in a very unexpected pregnancy situation and came to Refuge for support. We were able to help her with baby supplies and partner her with a birth doula who would walk alongside her during her pregnancy. Kate had some complications during pregnancy and was considered high risk. At just 25 weeks 4 days Kate was taken in for an emergency C-section and delivered her little boy Jahvonis. Mom

and baby are doing well but Jahvonis is currently staying at Toronto’s Sunnybrook Hospital where he can get the best care.

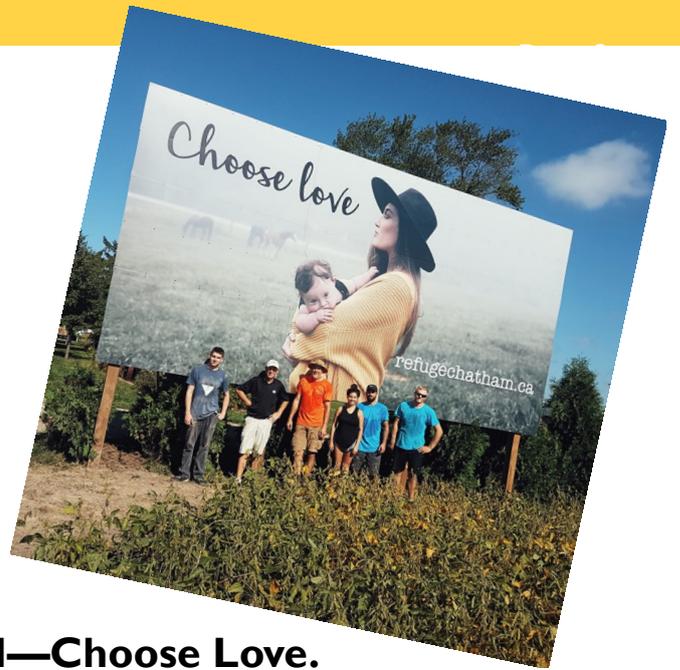
Jahvonis was born on July 26<sup>th</sup> and weighed just 1lb 4oz. He is continuing to grow and mature each day and his mama is looking forward to the day he can come home.

S” came to Refuge early in her pregnancy for support. She was an active participant in our monthly workshops. Her partner was also very involved in the preparation of welcoming their little one into the world. On August 21<sup>st</sup> they welcomed their little boy Owen into their arms. They are very proud parents and it is wonderful to see how much joy their little boy brings to them. They are always so proud to show him off. This little family is doing so well and has so much support!



## CHOOSE LOVE BILLBOARD

If you haven't had a chance to see the new **Refuge Billboard** located at **Pioneer and Bear Line** it truly is worth the drive. It was put up by a fantastic group of **Volunteers** just prior to the **International Plowing Match**.



The message is simple and beautiful—**Choose Love**.

If you would like to donate towards future **Billboards**, we appreciate it!



In the summer we introduced a new fundraising initiative called Fundscrip. We now offer gift cards for purchase at our office for most grocery and department stores in Canada. When you do your shopping using these gift cards Right to Life automatically receives a percentage of your purchase back! This is a wonderful way for us to continue the work we are doing in our community while you are shopping. Would you consider partnering with us in this way? Christmas is only a few months away and gift cards make wonderful Christmas gifts. It doesn't get much simpler than this. An order form can be found in this newsletter. You can simply drop off your order form at our office and pick up your gift cards that day. We now carry Walmart, No Frills, The Real Canadian Superstore, Food Basics, Sobey's, Giant Tiger, Shoppers Drug Mart, Home Hardware, Home Depot, Canadian Tire, Winners, Marks Work Warehouse, M&M Food Market, Shell, Tim Horton's, and Cineplex cards in our office. No need to pre-order these cards. Our goal is to have 50 committed partners who will use gift cards to purchase their goods every month. We thank you for investing in the lives of women.



### NEW DIRECTOR LIFE IN MOTION

**MY NAME IS JOANNE BONDY AND I AM THE NEW DIRECTOR OF LIFE IN MOTION. I AM MARRIED TO MICHAEL AND AM MOM TO 5 FANTASTIC CHILDREN. I GREW UP IN A VERY PROLIFE HOUSEHOLD AND I THINK THAT THAT IS WHY THE ABORTION ISSUE HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART. I AM EXCITED ABOUT MY NEW ROLE HERE AT RIGHT TO LIFE KENT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. GOD BLESS!**

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## Calling RTLK Volunteers!

Calling all Members!

You have a passion for promoting the Culture of Life. You're a member of RTL Kent. You'd like to do something more. We have a place for everyone who would like to do that "something more".

Here's a list: Assemble Baby Boxes; Bake for Mom's classes, every other Thursday; Be a "Church Champion" (the contact person for RTL at your church); Donate: "Labor Baskets", large gift bags, laundry baskets, or call the office for the latest needs; Event set up or clean up; Fold newsletters, Garden/yard work; Help put on the new roof this Fall or feed the crew; Knit (or crochet small animal toys (patterns available); Make "Moby Wraps" (look up online); Paint our sign posts; Pick up or deliver donations; Prayer!; Snow removal; or, last but not least, wash windows.

"Many hands make light work." If you would like to volunteer your time for something on this list, or you have another idea you'd like to share or questions or more details, please call or email me at 519-352-5054 or pennievan@gmail.com

### CURRENT NEEDS AT REFUGE:

- Preemie clothing (boy and girl)
- Boys & Girls Newborn, 6-9 mos, 6-12 mos, 9 mos and 12 mos sleepers
- Boys & Girls Newborn, 6-9 mos, 6-12 mos, 9 mos and 12 mos onesies/undershirts
- Newborn pants, shirts, outfits (boy and girl)
- Prenatal vitamins, baby lotion, baby shampoo and diaper rash cream

We accept gently used and smoke free clothing. If your little one has grown out of these sizes, we would be happy to pass them along to mothers in need.