



2025

SEPTEMBER

Smithers ProLife Society
Newsletter

Walk for Life

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Smithers Crisis
Pregnancy Care Center

🕒 Tuesday 10 -1:00 or
by appt. 250-847-2475
🌐 Website:
smitherspregistrycare.com
☎ 24hr Helpline:
1-877-88-WOMAN
🌐 Crisis Website:
www.onlinecare.ca

Free, non-judgmental support:

Pregnancy Tests
Pregnancy Choices Lay Counselling
Post Abortion Lay Counselling
Sexual Education
Community Referrals

you don't have to go
through this **alone**



Please mark your calendars as a reminder to
participate in this event.

WHEN: Saturday, October 4.

TIME: 9:45 to 11:30

WHERE: Starting at St. Joe's Parking lot.

A bit of history: The annual "Walk for Life" on the first weekend of October is the way that Smithers Pro-life combines 2 national events into one. Like many communities across Canada, in early October the LIFE CHAIN is when participants stand for an hour along a main road holding educational signs. The second event is a VIGIL or WALK FOR LIFE in May that Smithers Pro-life did on the hospital grounds. The Life Chain dwindled because of cold weather and the highway was unsafe for children; the Vigil lost its venue because it was banned from using the hospital grounds.

Smithers Pro-Life decided to turn the Chain into a walk; both to stay warm and have less time along a busy highway and to incorporate the Vigil as a stop for prayer in front of the hospital.

The Walk begins in the St. Joe's Parish parking lot, follows a route through town and then returns to St Joe's one and a half hours later. **Your participation** in this walk is an excellent way to let others know that **human life has value** and that neither women nor babies are helped by abortion.

NEWS
both bad
and good.



Vandals who
neither value
life nor
property, struck
at the end
of July.



A very positive message affirming the choice to give birth to one's child, done by Darby and many others, was visually opposed by the powers of darkness. A police report was filed, it is #25-2686 if you have any extra information.

And the Pro-Life Society gives a HUGE THANK-YOU to the owners of Randy's Image Design for cleaning the sign.

SAYING GOODBYE IS HARD TO DO.

The board has officially received the resignation of a very valued board member, **Jessica Vander-gaag**, who has had the **MEDIA POSITION** and ably created ads, posters and postcards while also dealing with telus, the computer and the internet. She is stepping off to spend more time with her husband and family of 5 children.

The board also received the resignation of our **OFFICE MANAGER, Diane Meier**, who has been an organizing dynamo at the Care Center. She has efficiently organized the library, answered email, distributed newsletters, setup for board meetings and prepared all the data information for the membership drive and Annual General meetings. She is stepping down to provide greater assistance to her husband who is struggling with Parkinson's.

SEEKING NEW PEOPLE TO WORK FOR PRO-LIFE

The board is seeking interested inquiries from anyone who is interested in Either:

1) being A BOARD MEMBER, a volunteer position, where passion for the cause is just as important as the skill set you bring to the table. OR

2) being a paid OFFICE MANAGER, where computer skills like using email and entering data, and organizational skills like distributing newsletters and setting up for meetings can be done with a great deal of personal flexibility.

Please send your letter of inquiry to:

SMITHERS PROLIFE. Box 3252. Smithers BC V0J 2N0

Or email it to Betty Bandstra (board chair) wecaretoo@telus.net

Breakpoint

If you are looking for support and information to carry on with being the Christian influence in our Culture, *one very useful resource is Breakpoint*; it empowers Christians everywhere with a Christian worldview.

Chuck Colson often talked about the ripple effect of truth-filled conversations—how they could shape families, friendships, and communities. In his book *How Now Shall We Live?*, he put it like this:

If our culture is to be transformed, it will happen from the bottom up - from ordinary believers practicing apologetics over the backyard fence or around the barbecue grill.

Decades later, this sentence is still true. God uses the everyday conversations we have with our friends, neighbors, and co-workers. But too many Christians don't speak up. To have the confidence we need, we first need clarity. And that's not always easy.

We're surrounded by noise. False narratives. Dangerous ideas. Harmful ideologies creep into how we think, often without us realizing it. That's why clarity—biblical clarity—isn't just helpful. It's essential.

That's how Chuck envisioned *Breakpoint*, and that's what it still exists to do: not just inform but cut through the noise with clarity and anchor us in truth.

We unpacked this in *Breakpoint Behind the Scenes*. Here's a short clip from that session:

<https://vimeo.com/1106534813?share=copy>

You'll help fellow believers gain clarity—so they can live as Christians in today's confusing culture—right where they are. Join us today at www.colsoncenter.org/media.

CALENDAR

January

-Sanctity of Human Life Day

February

-Movie night

March / April

-March 8: Women's Day

-AGM/dessert fundraiser

May

-March For Life (Ottawa)

-Mother's Day

June

-Euthanasia legal 2016

-Garage Sale

-Planning for next year

July/August

-Fall Fair Parade float?

September

-Walk for Life

October

-Breast Cancer awareness

-Oct 15 Infant Loss Day

November

-Educational movie night

-Membership drive

December

-Fundraiser: Bake Sale

CHURCH REPS

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Elisabeth Vanderhorst

Smithers Canadian Ref

Jessica Vandergaag

Smithers Christian Ref

Betty Bandstra

E-Free **Kathy Dobrenski**

Bethel URC **Brenda Ewald**

Telkwa Faith URC

Jenny Vandenberg

Telkwa Community

Karen Fokkens

Baptist **Ed Schneider**

MVA **Brigitte Kloosterman**