



ProLife
Heartbeat Matters

The 2026 Montana and National March for Life!

On Friday, January 16, the energy was electric in the Capitol Rotunda as over 400 individuals gathered to stand for life. Fourteen nonprofit organizations which support women, babies, and families throughout Montana sponsored this year's event. They provided those in attendance with information about the valuable resources readily available to those seeking assistance when experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, needing support and healing after abortion, considering adoption, or even in need of baby supplies.

A moment of silence and a song in remembrance of Charlie Kirk's powerful "Prove Me Wrong" campus tours and unabashed support for marriage and family was a moving portion of the day's event.

Speakers underscored the need for providing accurate, truthful abortion information in public school education, on the constitutional initiative which recently enshrined abortion into our State Constitution, and the real and tangible harms of the abortion pill to women, their babies, and our environment.

The event ended with a solemn march around the Capitol led by the Knights of Columbus who provided cups of hot chocolate when the march concluded.

The following week, our ProLife Montana Chair, Sharon Nason, attended the National March for Life in D.C., an event that began in 1974 in response to the Roe V. Wade decision. She stood with over 100,000 prolife advocates as several representatives from our current administration publicly took a stand for life! The March ended at the US Supreme Court where powerful testimonies of women willing to tell their abortion stories were heard, each ending their statement with, "I am silent no more".

Despite the overturning of Roe in 2022, abortion did not end; it merely turned the responsibility of deciding the "fate" of abortion over to the states. Here in Montana, abortion is legal and, on the rise, as surrounding states have either ended or greatly reduced access to abortion. Complicating this is the fact that the abortion pill is now generously disseminated within the borders of our state.

Despite the abortion pill's rising popularity, cracks are beginning to appear in the pro-abortion narrative. Clinics are closing in large numbers across America, women are realizing careers don't replace the fulfillment of motherhood, and traditional family values are being restored.

The turnout for Montana's March for Life as well as that at the National March for life make it clear the prolife movement is strong, gaining traction, and determined to expose the pain, the suffering, and the heartache of abortion. We are shining a light into the darkness of abortion through the one who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life".



Pro-Life, Pro-Child, Pro-Family

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Above: Attendees from all over Montana fill the Capitol Rotunda.

Below: Knights of Columbus lead the March around the Capitol.



Real Opportunities to Support Pre-born Lives in Montana!



**Safe Haven
Baby Boxes**

Let your local Fire Department know funding is available for installing a Baby Box in a new or existing fire station! Thanks to

the passage of **HB 476** during this last legislative session, Montana’s “Safe Haven” law now allows for the anonymous surrender of infants at Safe Haven Baby Box locations for up to 30 days after birth. It’s a new lifeline for new moms who find themselves in a desperate situation. Last year, Montana’s first "Safe Haven Baby Box" was installed in Lockwood, just outside of Billings. Future locations for baby boxes are being planned in Missoula and Helena. Funding will soon be available.



Prolife Montana’s FIRST BILLBOARD SIGN IS UP ON EUCLID AVENUE in HELENA!

It is located near Planned Parenthood and will be up for an entire YEAR!!! Help us finance this sign for many more years to come!

Will you help us secure more Billboards in Montana?

Let’s blanket Montana with more messaging, like these images, which speak to Moms!

If you can help, please scan the QR code to visit our website at: www.prolifemontana.com





DID YOU KNOW? In February, a six-member jury awarded 22 year old Fox Varian 2 million dollars in a malpractice suit as a result of life altering transgender surgery when she was just 16 years of age. Following the verdict, The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, which represents 11,000+ surgeons, issued the following statement: *“insufficient evidence” supports chest/genital surgeries, puberty blockers or hormones for minors—delay all to a minimum age of 19*”. The American Medical Association (AMA) swiftly followed by reversing its 2023 pro-affirmation stance now stating, “evidence for gender-affirming surgical intervention in minors is insufficient.”

DID YOU KNOW? In the 2025 legislative session, **HB 682** extended the statute of limitations for filing a lawsuit involving gender transition treatment on minors. As a result of that legislation, Montana hospitals which had been providing those services no longer offer those treatments.

DID YOU KNOW? Based on available data for 2020-2021, **Planned Parenthood** became one of the largest providers of gender-affirming hormone therapy in the U.S. In 2024-25 The Center for TransYouth Health and Development at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles was identified as the largest public provider of gender affirming care for children and teens in the U.S. In July 2025 it announced it will be closing this center.



DID YOU KNOW? Planned Parenthood provides a Blog that posted **A Teen’s Guide to Accessing Abortion on July 1, 2024**. Scan the QR code to see the full content of that blog.

DO YOU KNOW a pregnant mom in need of pregnancy support and services? Refer them to our **Prolife Montana RESOURCE Page** for local and state organizations that can help. Use the QR code for more information.



Shining a Light on a Local Community Resource for Families

Catholic Social Services of Montana (CSSM) has been building loving families through adoption since 1953. By adding its Baby Boutique program, CSSM is doubling down on its pro-life and pro-family ministry.

Scott Held, CSSM's Executive Director, loves to speak about the Baby Boutique's mission. He stated, *"The goal is to provide a hand-up for families, not a hand-out. For many families, asking for help is an extremely difficult, but our Baby boutique provides an experience that is welcoming and respectful of the family's dignity."*

In 2021, the program distributed 13,536 diapers, and, by 2025, that number had grown to 82,164 diapers. That is a 607% increase in just four years! Scott shared that CSSM purchases about 70% of the diapers it distributes with the other 30% provided through the generosity of donors.

Officially, CSSM's Baby Boutique program distributed 82,164 diapers, 2,282 packages of wipes, 13,698 articles of clothing, and 3,398 "other" items in 2025.



The Baby Boutique is a volunteer driven program with nearly all the day-to-day ministry administered by volunteers from the local Catholic parishes and the host community. One of the longest serving volunteers in the program, **Linda Michaeltz**, (pictured left), is a founding member of the Baby Boutique in Helena. She shared why she has committed so much of her time to the program:

"It makes me so happy when I get to either welcome new clients into the boutique or spend a little time talking with one of our many "regulars." The moms, dads, grandmas, and grandpas who shop for needed baby essentials are extremely grateful and appreciative to have access to a community resource that provides assistance for the children in their care. I hear stories about their joys and sorrows...one child may have a health issue, one parent may be out of work, while another family is struggling to keep a roof over their head. I feel honored to be able to hear each story and provide the items they most need for their particular situation and even find something a little extra to say "we care"."

The Baby Boutique program continues to find ways to meet the needs of vulnerable children and families in Helena and Billings and hopes to expand to additional communities of Great Falls, Butte, Deer Lodge, Hamilton, and Kalispell, who have expressed interest in establishing a Baby Boutique in their community.

If you live in one of those communities or are interested in starting a Baby Boutique in your hometown, Scott welcomes your call at 406-442-4130. You can support CSSM's Baby Boutiques by financially donating to their work, donating diapers sizes newborn to 5, wipes, or gently used children's items, or by organizing a local diaper drive to benefit the program. You can coordinate donation drop-offs by calling 406-442-4130. If you live in Helena or Billings, you can learn more about the Baby Boutique program by visiting www.cssmt.org/baby-boutique/ or donate by visiting www.cssmt.org/donate/. You can also follow their Facebook page, where updates are posted frequently www.facebook.com/CSSMT. CSSM is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and donations are tax-deductible.



Coming to Helena October 1 & 2, 2026

The Montana Life Summit will be a dynamic, conference-style gathering designed to energize, educate and equip social conservatives, grassroots activists and the leadership of like-minded organizations across our state.

The mission of the Montana Life Summit is to build a strong, unified network of Montanans who are committed to defending the values of faith, family, freedom, and all life.

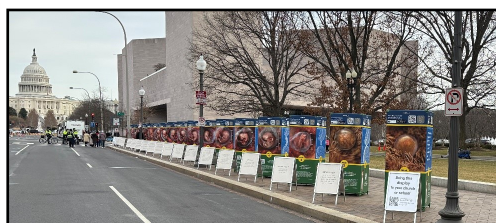
If your business would like information about sponsoring this event, please contact Cheryl Wilson at Cheryl@prolifemontana.com for more information regarding the sponsor levels. Ticket purchases will be available soon.

Check our website frequently for updates and more information on this event in the coming weeks and months: prolifemontana.com



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"Can we bring this display to Montana college campuses? **Yes**, with your help, we can!!



Scan the QR codes below to view the endoscopic embryonic and fetal video footage that is looped on the TV monitors which are part of the fetal poster exhibit. They have also been optimized for posting across all major social media platforms.

These posters were on display at the National March for Life in DC this year.



SOUTHWEST MONTANA WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE

Frontier Event Center
102 E Helena ST.
Dillon Montana

April 24th: 6:00pm- 9:00pm
April 25th: 9:00am- 4:30 pm

Come join New Hope of Dillon, for our 1st Annual SW Montana Worldview Conference. Be equipped through a series of workshops and speakers. Topics include, the reliability of the Bible, evidences for God, answering hard questions about abortion, Biblical sexuality and more!



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