

Commonwealth for Life Rally
February 7th at 10am at Capitol Square

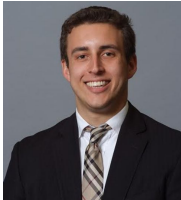
We are excited about the upcoming rally. Here are bios of our event organizers and confirmed speakers. Our speaking list is not yet finalized. As others speakers are added, we will share this information.

Chris and Diana Shores
Commonwealth for Life Event Organizers



Chris and Diana Shores have been long time pro-life and pro-family activists. They have worked in grassroots activism, rallying the base to support candidates that reflect their Christian values. They have worked in paid and volunteer campaign positions and in state government. Chris is a board member of the Virginia First Foundation and Diana is the Director for Social Media for the Day of Tears.

Elliott Harding
Commonwealth for Life Event, Millennial Outreach



Elliott Harding is an attorney in Central Virginia. He's worked on Capitol Hill and in both paid and volunteer campaign positions, supporting the pro-life movement throughout Virginia. He is engaged with various young activist organizations. He believes it is our duty as Americans to protect the lives and liberties of the most vulnerable. His goal is to engage the Millennial generation in working to maintain our pro-life and pro-family values.

Senator Dick Black
Senate of Virginia



1998-2011 Served in the VA House of Delegates, 2011-Current Serves in the Senate of Virginia. A former Marine, a family man, an elected official and a dedicated advocate for life, Senator Black has dedicated his life in service of others. He has taken the tough and politically unpopular stands for life during his decades in public service.

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Hugh Brown
American Life League



Hugh Brown has been involved in the pro-life movement for most of his life. Hugh currently serves on the board of American Life League and is proficient in subjects relating to marriage, children, and the family. Active in his church and community, Hugh is also the founder and chairman of the board of Saint Michael the Archangel High School in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He is also the founder of the Catholic Business Network of Central Virginia.

Kelly McGinn
Eagle Forum



Kelly McGinn is a graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Virginia Law School who spent the early years of her career practicing law in Washington, D.C.. She left her last job as Senior Counsel to Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas where she focused on International Human Rights to become a full-time mom. She owes that coveted title to a brave woman who chose life for her unborn baby and gave him life - the ultimate human right. Today Kelly is the mother of four and a passionate advocate for the unborn and for compassion toward women struggling with unplanned pregnancies. She has recently been an outspoken opponent of the Virginia "The Equal Rights Amendment" that pushes a pro-abortion agenda.

Delegate Nick Freitas
House of Delegates



Delegate Freitas is a veteran and currently represents the 30th District House of Delegates, Nick and his wife Tina are long time pro-life activists and have actively supported Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Delegate Freitas has supported pro-life policy and has been a dedicated defender of the life movement on the floor of the house.

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Heather Ann
Pro-life writer



Heather Ann is a professional freelance writer and has dedicated her life to sharing the Gospel and fighting for justice on behalf of those rejected or overlooked by society. Adopted as a baby, Heather met her birthmother at 19, and it was then Heather learned she was conceived in rape. She now uses her testimony to advocate on behalf of unborn babies, especially those deemed “exceptions” in pro-life legislation. Her life verse: “Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.” Isaiah 1:1

Anne Fitzgerald
Birth Mom



Anne began her involvement with the pro-life movement Anne F. 2in 1987, at the age of 12, when she attended her first Right to Life March in Washington, DC. She earned her MPA in Nonprofit Management, with the end goal of working for a pro-life advocacy organization. As a birth mom, she knows firsthand the struggles and fear women face with unplanned pregnancy. Anne resides in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, is a mom of three, and is the Executive Director of Day of Tears. #AdoptionNotAbortion

Leslie Davis Blackwell (tentative)
Silent No More



Leslie speaks openly as the Virginia co-coordinator for the Silent No More Awareness campaign, an international ministry helping women and men hurt by their abortion experience. She has shared her story of radical conversion from angry, pro-abortion feminist to pro-life activist in venues and media platforms worldwide, including the Supreme Court steps. She is the Communication Director for The Hosea Initiative, and serves on the Respect Life committee at St. Bridget Catholic Church, Richmond, VA.

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Olivia Turner
Virginia Society for Human Life



Olivia Gans Turner helped to organize one of the nation's first peer-to-peer post-abortion support groups in the New York City area after almost two years of suffering through an acute emotional reaction to her own abortion experience as an unwed college student. Mrs. Turner has spoken widely on post-abortion syndrome and other abortion-related issues in the United States and in Europe. A frequent witness before legislative bodies, she provides testimony on informed consent laws and parental notification laws as well as abortion complications. Mrs. Turner currently serves as the president of the Virginia Society for Human Life.

Reverend Dean Nelson
Frederick Douglas Leadership Institute



Dean has worked for major pro-life and Christian organizations, including Global Outreach Campus Ministries and Care Net, where he managed an annual budget of more than \$1 million. As part of the Wellington Boone Ministries' senior strategic planning team, Dean helped plant ministries in capital cities such as Richmond, Virginia; Atlanta, Georgia; Raleigh, North Carolina; and the greater Washington, D.C. area. Dean serves as the Chairman of the Board for The Frederick Douglass Foundation and as National Outreach Coordinator for Human Coalition.

Janet Robey
Concerned Women of America-Virginia



Janet Robey is the Associate State Director for Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Virginia. CWA is the nation's largest public policy women's organization with thousands of members across the country. Since 2006, Janet has served as a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader and from 2007 to 2015 as State Director. Since her recent retirement as an office manager of a dental office, Janet has committed much of her time to her current position with CWA. Janet became involved in public

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policy during the battle to pass the Marriage Amendment in Virginia in 2006 and continues to advocate for Biblical principles in local and state government.

Terry Beatley
Hosea Initiative



Terry Beatley, author of the recently released book “What If We’ve Been Wrong?” and president of Hosea Initiative reveals Bernard Nathanson’s 8-point strategic marketing plan to deceive American women into accepting abortion and his political ploy called the “Catholic Strategy” — an intentional ploy to separate Catholic teaching from legislative judgment. Nathanson gave Terry instructions to reveal his former strategy of deceit and to deliver his personal parting message to America.

Victoria Cobb
The Family Foundation of Virginia



As President of The Family Foundation of Virginia, Mrs. Victoria Cobb is responsible for the leadership and direction of the Commonwealth’s largest and oldest pro-family organization. In her role she maintains the vision and mission of the organization. Victoria also serves as the organization’s spokesperson and is regularly in demand as a speaker and commentator on family issues in the media. She has been with the pro-family organization since 2000.