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**Happy Father's Day!
Fathers, Grandfathers, Great-Grandfathers!**



Dear Lord, bless the father of my children with good health and long life. Give him a loving enthusiasm for his role in our family, and let him hold dear our love for each other. When he faces worries or disappointments, keep him in your care. When he is beset by difficulties, give him your strength.

May he find satisfaction and joy in his children. Help me be a worthy and confident partner in our shared vocation as parents. Help us support and empower each other to serve you better as we raise our children. Let us be of one mind and one heart in doing your holy will so our family reflects the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Amen.

—For the Father of My Child, Ligouri Publications

Regional CCHL Chapter News

The **Bedford County Chapter** of Citizens Concerned for Human Life would like to invite everyone to visit their table in Jordan Hall during the Bedford County Fair, **July 21 to 27!** They will have free balloons and free fetal models available as well as pro-life literature.

Save the Date! Celebrate Life Banquet 2013

Don't miss the pro-life event of the year! The 2013 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Celebrate Life Banquet will feature young pro-life activist **Lila Rose**.

Lila Rose is on the front lines of the abortion debate, leading young people to become passionate defenders of human life.

At the age of 15, Lila founded Live Action, a pro-life organization that uses tried-and-true methods of investigative journalism to expose abuses in the abortion industry. Her groundbreaking investigations have gained international attention.

Lila will share the latest about her undercover efforts exposing infanticide at abortion centers throughout the U.S. Don't miss this young woman's captivating presentation!

Come hear Lila Rose on **Tuesday, October 29** at the **Four Points by Sheraton Pittsburgh North, Mars, PA**. The banquet benefits the life-saving work of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Education Fund.

For more information about registering for the event, contact the Federation at **717-541-0034** or visit www.paprolife.org.

Jim Caviezel: Pro-life in Hollywood

By Lauren Enriquez



Jim Caviezel, famed for his role as Christ in "The Passion," and currently starring as the leading man in TV's "Person of Interest," is no stranger to being, well, different in Hollywood. From his publicly Catholic faith to his committed pro-life views, he stands in stark contrast to the typical movie star. Caviezel's personal life is even more remarkable than his incredible on-screen talent. Taking the road less-traveled, Jim and his wife Kerri have adopted two children from China, both of whom had special needs.

Their first adopted child, Bo, came to the Caviezels after a traumatic first five years of life. The little boy had a brain tumor and had been abandoned before he was taken in by an orphanage and subsequently adopted by his loving parents. Bo is a remarkably boisterous child and with the love he has received from Jim and Kerri it is hard to believe that just a few short years ago he was struggling to survive in a hostile environment.

Also five years old at the time of her adoption, the Caviezels second child, Lynn, has a lot in common with her brother. She was also from China, and suffered from a brain tumor. Although the Caviezels were originally offered a healthy infant, they knew that the young girl's chances for finding a loving adoptive home were slimmer and so they welcomed her into their family.

Caring for children with special medical needs is a challenge that many doctors recommend be avoided by opting for abortion. But the Caviezels stand as witnesses that beautiful families can be formed out of unexpected and imperfect circumstances, such as medical problems that require much love and care to overcome.

When asked how becoming a father had affected him, Caviezel told *Catholic Digest*, "Even though they're adopted, it's as strong as any instinct. That's what blew me away. I always thought if I adopted that I wouldn't have the same feeling [as I would] if they were genetically my own children. Nothing could be further from the truth."

Note: This appeared at liveactionnews.org. Lauren has been involved in the Life movement for many years, and has worked for organizations such as Texas Right to Life.

One Nation Under God



Tony Ingold, Cambria-Somerset CCHL was the lucky winner of this print, "**One Nation Under God**," raffled recently by Blair County CCHL. If the founding fathers and patriotic heroes of the past could speak to us today—what would they say? Artist Jon McNaughton's masterwork depicts Christ holding the U.S. Constitution as over forty U.S. patriots speak to us from the dust. On Christ's sash is written in ancient Hebrew: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (*Psalms 33:12*). For more information about this artist and his work, see: <https://www.jonmcnaughton.com/originals-1/>



God's greatest desire is to forgive.

You are precious in His sight.

Do not despair. All is not lost.

Come back to God who is love and mercy.

~ www.hopeafterabortion.org ~



Scientists Claim They Have Cloned Human Embryos for Stem Cells



Researchers in Oregon claimed they have succeeded in producing cloned human embryos and obtained their embryonic stem cells.

They have engaged in the grisly research with the goal of producing genetically matched stem cells for research and possible therapies—even though embryonic stem cells have never helped human patients and cause tumors when injected.

The Oregon Health & Science University scientists published a paper on May 15 in the online journal *Cell* reporting on the use of cloning techniques to produce human embryos, 21 of whom they were able to sustain to the point in development at which stem cells were present, after which the human embryos were killed and the stem cells harvested.

Leading pro-life advocates quickly condemned the clone and kill methods that destroyed unique human beings.

"These researchers created many human embryos, male and female, and allowed them to grow for up to seven days, for the sole purpose of killing them and harvesting their stem cells," said NRLC Legislative Director Douglas Johnson. "We will certainly continue to oppose attempts in Congress to provide federal funds to create human embryos for the purpose of harvesting their cells—which is a step towards human embryo farms."

Johnson said current federal law (the Dickey-Wicker Amendment) prohibits the use of federal funds to create human embryos. Bills to authorize the use of federal funds for such purposes have been proposed in Congress in the past.

The chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops also condemned the cloning and said human cloning for any purpose is inconsistent with the moral responsibility to

"treat each member of the human family as a unique gift of God, as a person with his or her own inherent dignity."

"Creating new human lives in the laboratory solely to destroy them is an abuse denounced even by many who do not share the Catholic Church's convictions on human life," said Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap., of Boston.

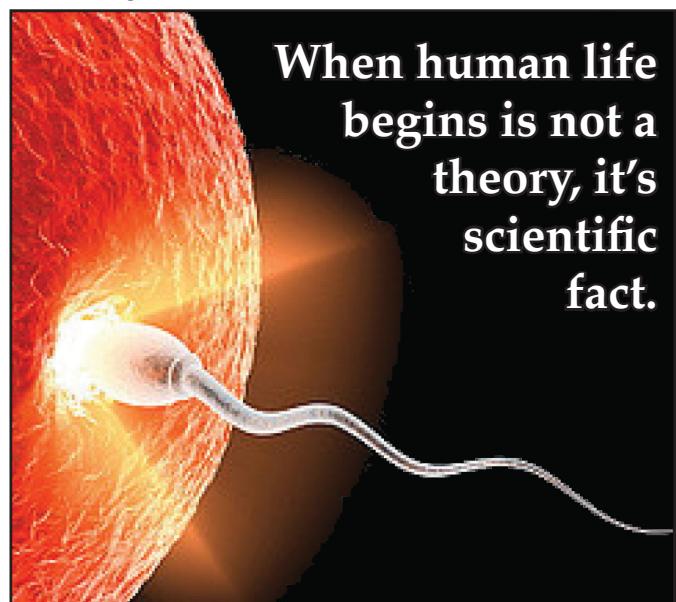
He said this way of making embryos will also be taken up by people who want to produce cloned children as "copies" of other people. "Whether used for one purpose or the other, human cloning treats human beings as products, manufactured to order to suit other people's wishes." He added, "A technical advance in human cloning is not progress for humanity but its opposite."

He added that the researcher's goal of producing genetically matched stem cells for research and possible therapies is already being addressed by scientific advances that do not pose the same moral problems.

He said: "The news that researchers have developed a technique for human cloning is deeply troubling on many levels. Over 120 human embryos were created and destroyed, to produce six embryonic stem cell lines. Creating the embryos involved subjecting healthy women to procedures that put their health and fertility at risk. And the researchers' alleged goal, producing genetically matched stem cells for research and possible therapies, is already being addressed by scientific advances that do not pose these grave moral wrongs."

— Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com, May 15, 2013

Visit the Stem Cell Research Facts website: <http://stemcellresearchfacts.org/> to see a few examples of the continuing success of adult stem cells.



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Legislative Update



Congressional Bill Would Ban All Taxpayer Funding for Abortions

By Steven Ertelt

A new bill introduced in Congress would ban all federal taxpayer funding for abortions.

On May 15, U.S. Reps. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Dan Lipinski (D-Ill.), co-chairs of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, and U.S. Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS), announced the introduction of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

The legislation, which has been introduced as H.R. 7 in the House and S. 946 in the Senate, has the support of 95 cosponsors in the House and 21 in the Senate.

Congressman Smith (NJ-04) said of the bills: "More than 100 Members of Congress have joined us in introducing the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act—a government-wide prohibition on taxpayer subsidization for abortion. With the recent murder convictions of Dr. Gosnell, we've got to encourage Americans to ask—how different really is Gosnell's House of Horrors from abortions that occur in clinics throughout the country? Not much, not much at all."

Smith added: "There are Kermit Gosnells all over America. Some abortionists may have cleaner sheets than Gosnell, and better sterilized equipment and better trained accomplices, but what they do—what Gosnell did is the same—kill babies and hurt women. President Obama has said he wants abortion to be rare. To Mr. Obama I say, 'here is a bill for you.' Even

the Guttmacher Institute, the former research arm of Planned Parenthood, confirms that taxpayer funding bans are a proven abortion reduction method. According to Guttmacher, studies show that when abortion is not publicly funded, abortions in the covered population are reduced by roughly 25 percent."

Lipinski, one of the few pro-life Democrats in Congress, talked about the importance of the bill.

"The overwhelming view of Americans is their tax dollars should not be used to pay for abortions. Yet taxpayer dollars are poised to pay for abortions through the Affordable Care Act and we continue to rely on the dangerous practice of passing annual riders to carry out the desire of the American people that taxpayer-funded abortions should be prohibited," Rep. Lipinski said.

The "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act" will eliminate the need for numerous, separate, annual abortion funding prohibitions (called riders) and ensure that no other program or agency is exempt from this important safeguard.

—LifeNews.com, May 16, 2013

Protect Pain-Capable Unborn Children

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) is calling on NRLC affiliates and other pro-life supporters nationwide to act now to secure rapid approval of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R. 1797) by the U.S. House of Representatives.

This landmark legislation would establish nationwide protection for unborn children beginning at 20 weeks fetal age, based on congressional affirmations that by that point, if not earlier, the babies are capable of experiencing pain during abortions. A former abortionist recently testified before a congressional panel about the pain babies suffer during abortions.

A House subcommittee approved the bill on June 4 on a party-line vote of 6 to 4. The 40-member House Judiciary Committee could vote on

the bill before mid-June, and action by the full House of Representatives could occur at any time thereafter.

Organizations representing the abortion industry and pro-abortion advocacy groups are already marshaling their great financial resources to try to prevent the House from approving this bill. The mainstream news media will surely downplay the violent details of late abortions, and distort the provisions of the bill. But these factors can be countered by grassroots pro-life Americans communicating directly with their representatives in the House. NRLC urges all pro-life Americans to undertake these actions immediately:

- ◆ To contact your representative in the U.S. House. Use the National Right to Life Legislative Action Center at: <http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/home/>
- ◆ Urge him or her to co-sponsor H.R. 1797 immediately and to support the bill against all attempts to delay, weaken, or defeat it.

—National Right to Life Committee, June 4, 2013

Victory! PA Senate Votes to Stop Tax Funding of Abortion

By Maria Gallagher, Legislative Director

In a major victory for Pennsylvania taxpayers, the Pennsylvania Senate on Wednesday approved a ban on tax funding of abortions in PA under the health insurance exchange created by the federal health care law (which many know as Obamacare) by a vote of 31 to 19.

The PA House passed the bill earlier this year. Governor Tom Corbett is expected to sign the bill into law soon.

Thank you to all of you who made phone calls and sent emails and letters to your state Senators—as well as those who made personal visits. State lawmakers tell us time and time again that they want to hear from their constituents on important issues—and taxpayer funding of abortion is a critical issue in Pennsylvania.

Two Democratic Senators who deserve particular praise for resisting pressure and doing the right thing in casting votes in support of House Bill 818: Senator Richard Kasunic, 717-787-7175 and Senator Timothy Solobay, 717-787-1463.

Please also call and email thanks to the following GOP Senators, who are being particularly targeted for vicious attacks by pro-abortion operatives and certain media outlets for standing up for taxpayers by voting for House Bill 818: Senator Pat Browne (R-Lehigh): 717-787-1349 pbrowne@pasen.gov; Senator Edwin Erickson (R-Delaware): 717-787-1350 eerickson@pasen.gov; Senator Stewart Greenleaf (R-Montgomery): 717-787-6599 sgreenleaf@pasen.gov; Senator Tommy Tomlinson (R-Bucks): 717-787-5072 rtomlinson@pasen.gov.

These Senators simply followed the will of the people: Polls consistently show that more than 70 percent of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion, and one poll specifically showed that 70 percent of American women oppose taxpayer funding of abortion.

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PS: Now is the time to start sending in letters to the editors of local newspapers regarding PA candidate for Governor Allyson Schwartz's career as an abortion center operator. (See following article.)

Allyson Schwartz Still Won't Say if She Sent Women to Kermit Gosnell

By Steven Ertelt

Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate Allyson Schwartz still won't say whether she sent any women from her abortion business, when she ran it, to the abortion clinic run by embattled abortion practitioner Kermit Gosnell.

Schwartz co-founded and served as the Executive Director of an abortion facility in Philadelphia for 13 years. The facility performed about 1,500 abortions in its final year of operation before declaring bankruptcy.

Other area abortion clinics frequently referred women to Gosnell's Philadelphia abortion clinic for abortions later than they would do. But the gubernatorial hopeful has been silent on whether hers did.

As the *Weekly Standard* reports:

With the case getting national attention, and with the congresswoman's political profile rapidly rising, some in Philadelphia's pro-life community have begun to wonder about Schwartz's own relationship with Gosnell's longtime Philly practice. Did the Blackwell Center refer late-term patients to Gosnell while Schwartz was its director? Both Schwartz's congressional office and her gubernatorial campaign have so far failed to answer requests for on-the-record answers to these questions.

At Blackwell, the answers aren't clear, either. The doctors there don't perform abortions on site, but they do refer patients to abortion clinics in the area. These days, Blackwell's policy is to provide no referrals for any patient seeking an abortion past 21 weeks of gestation. The law in Pennsylvania allows for abortions up until 24 weeks, but a Blackwell employee who answered the phone says a woman after 21 weeks would have to travel to New Jersey or Delaware to get an abortion that late. Why?

"No clinics in Pennsylvania will take patients past 21 weeks," the employee confirmed.

Not anymore, but there was a time when at least one clinic in the Philadelphia area was performing late-term abortions on women who were past 21 weeks of gestation: Gosnell's. Late-term abortions were his specialty, particularly for poor minority women. If a woman at 23 weeks came to Blackwell looking for an abortion, where would Blackwell refer her to if not Gosnell's clinic?

A Planned Parenthood official denies that Blackwell ever referred mothers seeking abortions to take the 10-minute drive across town to Gosnell's clinic, though she did not explain how she knew this.

"We have never referred to Gosnell," said the official in an email to *The Weekly Standard*. Could she confirm that going all the way back to 1972, the year Gosnell first opened his clinic? The official did not immediately respond.

Meanwhile, local reporter J.D. Mullane, who had been in the courtroom following the Gosnell murder trial since day one, also confirms no one in the Schwartz camp will answer the question.

—LifeNews.com, May 6, 2013



Companies Backing Planned Parenthood

The pro-life organization that maintains the list of corporations that make direct corporate contributions to the nation's largest abortion business has released an updated list of those companies.

Life Decisions International says its campaign to stop companies from making grants to Planned Parenthood continues to pay dividends, thanks to the participation of pro-life advocates in boycotting those companies and contacting them to explain why.

"As a direct result of the commitment, action and prayers of pro-family people, at least 289 corporations have stopped funding Planned Parenthood," said Kenneth C. Garvey, LDI's Director of Communications. "This should serve as a testament to those who think it impossible to change corporate behavior."

Garvey estimates the boycott has cost Planned Parenthood more than \$40 million since it began.

New companies recently added to the Planned Parenthood boycott list include Intuit (Go-Payment, Lacerte, Mint, ProSeries, QuickBooks, Quick-en, SnapTax, TurboTax, etc.) and VIA Rail (train service in Canada).

Some of the corporations continuing as boycott targets are: Adobe, AOL, Arthur Murray, Bank of America, Bikram's Yoga, Chevron, Danone (Dannon products), Darden Restaurants (eateries including Olive Garden, Red Lobster, etc.), eBay, Marriott, Midas, NACCO (Hamilton Beach and Proctor Silex products; Kitchen Collection and Le Gourmet Chef stores), Nike and Pernod Ricard (alcoholic products including Absolute, Ballantine's, Beefeater, Chivas Regal, Kahlúa, Malibu, Royal Salute, etc.)

Other companies that remain pro-life boycott targets include Select Comfort (Sleep Number bed), Southwest Airline (JetBlue, etc.), Starwood (lodging including Four Points, Sheraton, St. Regis, W, Westin, etc.), TD Bank Group, UBS (financial services), Wells Fargo, Whole Foods, and Wyndham (lodging including Baymont, Days Inn, Dream Hotels, Hawthorne, Howard Johnson, Knights Inn, Microtel, Night, Ramada, Super 8, Travelodge, TRYP Hotels, Wingate, etc.).

The LDI boycott list also includes a "Dishonorable Mention" section, which identifies nonprofits that are associated with Planned Parenthood and/or its agenda. The only addition to this section is The Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Other groups in the "Dishonorable Mention" section include: AARP, American Cancer Society, Boys & Girls Clubs, Camp Fire, Dr. Phil Foundation, Girl Scouts, Girls Inc., Kiwanis Clubs, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, March of Dimes, Michael J. Fox Foundation, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Rotary Clubs, Salvation Army, Save the Children, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, YMCA and YWCA.

Garvey said the ongoing success of the Corporate Funding Project is due to the tenacity of pro-life people who "understand the power of the dollar and are willing to be inconvenienced for the sake of preborn children."

—LifeNews.com, September 27, 2012

The above is only a partial list of companies that support Planned Parenthood.

*Contact LDI
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so you may contact them.*

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Planned Parenthood Ruining Our Country

Will someone please introduce the president to the real America, the one that he is dismantling step by step?

He vows to fight against restrictions that he said will turn the clock back to policies more suited to the 1950s than the 21st Century.

For the sake of his own young daughters, he had better hope that the 1950s lifestyle returns.

The atrocities of the Philly abortions are only a hint of how many lives were snuffed out in the last 40 years.

In deference to those who don't believe in God, I will refer to the abortion rights legislation as the time when government took away the role of Mother Nature. Ironically, the once-humorous commercial, "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature," was never truer.

Planned Parenthood may be the ultimate straw that will break our country's back.

The '50s family had the faith that left parenthood up to God, and the offspring of those families are continuing to impact that which makes our country great.

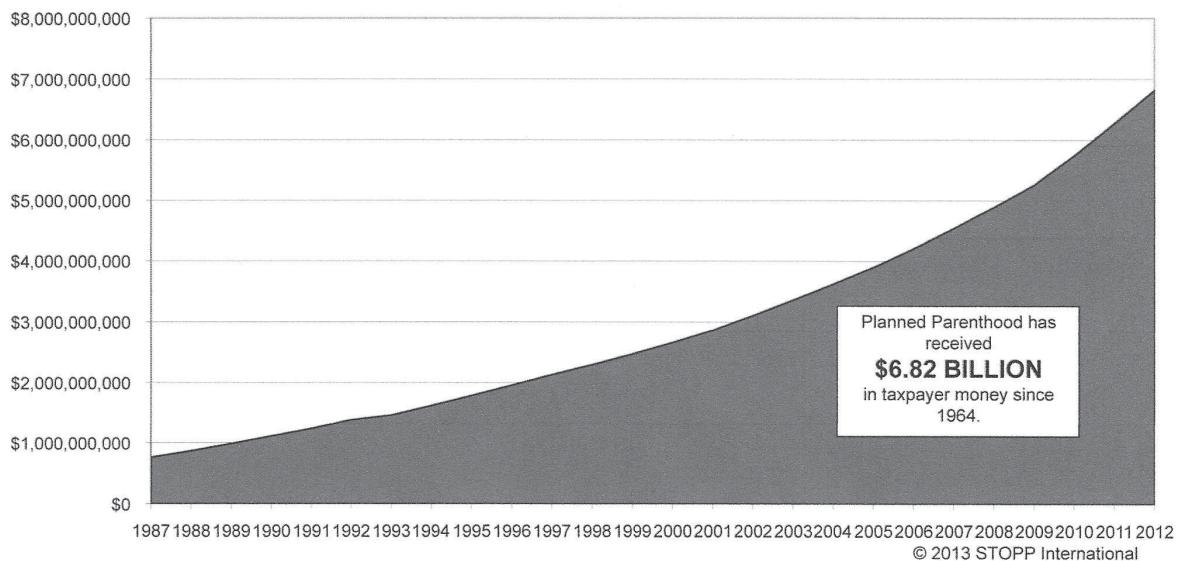
When a government sanctions drugs to teenage girls to prevent pregnancy and avoid abortion possibilities, there is no upside to our current society. The most profitable businesses in our struggling economy are the pharmaceutical companies. They are making a killing, literally and figuratively, churning out drugs to meet the demands of a government out of control.

The only hope lies with the young Americans who realize that life beyond the teens brings them to decisions of what they want as family life. Their grandparents were the parents in the '50s, and their commitment to marriage and raising their children resulted in a wonderful legacy for American kids.

These kids deserve the chance to marry and raise their families as God originally intended.

—Shirley C. Hurd, Hollidaysburg
This letter appeared in the Altoona Mirror, Letters to the Editor section, May 18, 2003, and is reprinted with permission.

TAXPAYER MONEY TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD OVER LAST 26 YEARS



New annual report released by the Planned Parenthood abortion business shows it did more abortions in its last year than ever before in its history.

The new report released by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) shows the abortion giant did a record 333,964 abortions on unborn children during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Those abortions were estimated to have generated \$150 million dollars for the "nonprofit" organization.

While the number of abortions reached a record high, only 2,300 Planned Parenthood customers were referred to adoption agencies during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Meanwhile, the annual report reveals PPFA generated nearly \$1.2 billion in total income—just short of the \$1.22 billion mark that was its record for income that it posted in 2010-2011.

PPFA's income included a hefty and ever-increasing check from American taxpayers. In 2009-2010, government funding reached a whopping \$487.4 million.

In 2010-2011 the figure jumped to \$538.5 million. The total for 2011-2012 reached a staggering \$542.4 million, which represents 45.2 percent of the group's total annual budget.

"For decades now, Planned Parenthood has operated the most proficient killing machine in the United States," said Douglas R. Scott, Jr., president of

the Planned Parenthood watchdog organization Life Decisions International (LDI).

"And the machine has set yet another record. Do you remember when Planned Parenthood was crying over the disastrous blow it claimed would have been done to healthcare for women if Susan G. Komen for the Cure were to stop funding the controversial group?" Scott asked. 'Women will die! Women will die!!' This is what everyone was told. Yet this 'not-for-profit' goliath ends every fiscal year with millions of dollars in 'excess revenue over expenses.'

Scott added, "The 'excess' for 2010-2011 alone was a record \$155.5 million. In 2011-2012 alone, the excess was \$87.4 million. Still, Planned Parenthood and its affiliates often make wild claims whenever a corporation, organization or government entity chooses to eliminate or cut funding. (Since the 2000-2001 fiscal year, PPFA has had a total "excess" of \$771 million.)"

On June 30, 2012, PPFA had net assets valued at \$1,244.7 billion, of which \$474.5 million was unrestricted, essentially making it a savings account.

While abortions increased, the new annual report shows PPFA sold more than 1.45 million "emergency" birth control kits, which is a slight decrease from past years.

Planned Parenthood has announced that it expects all of its affil-

iated centers to start doing abortions in the coming months.

Meanwhile, PPFA tested 3,744,949 people for sexually transmitted diseases—a number that has steadily increased over the years.

"The more access Planned Parenthood has to young people, the higher the rate of sexually transmitted disease," Scott said. "Abstinent teens do not get such sexually transmitted diseases; abstinent teens do not become customers of Planned Parenthood."

Scott said PPFA's greatest ally has always been public ignorance of its agenda and activities.

"The Pro-Life Movement can be proud for its ongoing efforts to expose Planned Parenthood's true agenda," he said. "The more public 'black eyes' Planned Parenthood receives; the harder it will be for the group to get away with lying to and bullying the American people."

In its last annual report, Planned Parenthood did 329,445 abortions in 2010 while it provided prenatal care to only 31,098 women and referred only 841 women to adoption agencies.

—American Life League, 2013

"We have the entire Planned Parenthood mentality that says other human beings should be used for your own sexual pleasure, and if someone else is a burden to you, if they are unwanted, then simply eliminate them, abort them." —Wendy Wright, Concerned Women for America

Girl Scouts Join Planned Parenthood at Huge Pro-Abortion Conference

By Sydney Volanski

Tell me who you hang out with and I'll tell you who you are.

Anna Maria Chávez, CEO of Girl Scouts USA (GSUSA), offers this pithy saying as her favorite quote. In order to figure out who the Girl Scouts are, I suppose we must follow Ms. Chávez' logic and look at the organizations that GSUSA associates with.

A good place to start would be the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). WAGGGS has member organizations across the globe, the largest of which is GSUSA, contributing approximately a quarter of the ten million members that belong to WAGGGS. GSUSA is a co-founder of WAGGGS and one of WAGGGS' largest financial supporters, paying over \$1 million each year in membership fees which are triggered by each girl and adult member's annual GSUSA registration.

The global organization is a well-known advocate for sexual and reproductive rights, including abortion, for youth, and claims to speak for all of its 10 million members.

In May 2013, WAGGGS participated in Women Deliver, a global conference with the purpose of "call[ing] for action to improve the health and well-being of girls and women."

The conference featured speakers such as late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart, philosopher Peter Singer, who supports infanticide and euthanasia, and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. Some of the breakout sessions were entitled "Outing and Addressing Abortion Stigma" and "Why I Perform Abortions." Exhibitors included many abortion and population control advocates such as Amnesty International, Guttmacher Institute, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Marie Stopes International, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, United Nations Population Fund, and WAGGGS.

Equally concerning is WAGGGS' participation, along with International Planned Parenthood Federation and Planned Parenthood Global (PPFA global), in the Youth Advisory Group for the Women Deliver Conference. It seems to me that the Girl Scouts have some interesting, you might even say radical friends.

Sexual and reproductive rights advocacy is nothing new for WAGGGS. In June 2012, WAGGGS Board Chair Nadine El Achy boasted that WAGGGS "represented each one of our WAGGGS members – YOU" as they pushed for sexual and reproductive rights at the Rio+20 conference.

In December 2012, WAGGGS and International Planned Parenthood Federation worked together to create the Bali Youth Declaration, a document which called for abortion rights for youth, comprehensive sex education and the "decriminalization of sex work." WAGGGS appears to be advocating for the legalization of prostitution. I, for one, fail to see how this relates to scouting.

Putting WAGGGS aside, GSUSA has many other concerning friends. Together with global abortion provider Marie Stopes and other many other abortion advocates,

GSUSA maintains membership in The Coalition for Adolescent Girls.

The Coalition promotes comprehensive sex education and abortion-related care for girls. Additionally, the GSUSA curriculum, the *Journey* series, used and promoted by every Girl Scout council, was revised for problematic content in 2012. Some corrections were made, but many concerns remain. For example, through *Journey*, GSUSA still encourages girls to work with or research many pro-abortion groups such as the ACLU, Amnesty International, Population Council, Sierra Club, WAGGGS and others.

Despite this promotion of many pro-abortion groups, I couldn't find one pro-life organization recommended by GSUSA in their books for girls. It seems that the organization has taken a decided stand on this controversial moral issue. Again, how does this relate to scouting?

I imagine many people will be upset when learning of this association. I know I was. "What?" they'll say, incredulous at first, "Girl Scouts couldn't possibly be involved in something like this."

After a while, though, the surprise fades. That's when reactions start to diverge. I became mad. At only fourteen, I learned of WAGGGS' advocacy for abortion. I was angry that I had been deceived by an organization I had mistakenly come to trust. My sister became sad. She felt hurt and betrayed when she realized that GSUSA simply is not what it says it is. Instead of remaining neutral on issues like abortion, as they promised, the Girl Scouts fund and hang out with aggressive abortion rights advocates.

Given all of this, who the Girl Scouts have become is clear to me. And unfortunately, they certainly are not the positive influence on girls they once were.

Sydney is a 17-year old ex-Girl Scout from Texas and co-founder of speaknowgirlscouts.com.

—LifeNews.com, May 31, 2013

Speaking the Truth about Girl Scouts

Visit this website: <http://www.speaknowgirlscouts.com> and learn about the following, and more:

- ◆ Girl Scouts "Give Thanks" for membership in worldwide pro-abortion organization by Cathy Ruse.
- ◆ The *Washington Times* exposes controversial advocacy efforts of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) at the International Conference on Population and Development in Bali.
- ◆ Learn about the moral decline of the Girl Scouts in an article in American Life League's *Celebrate Life* magazine.
- ◆ When Grace Swanke, 10, found out that Girl Scouts is entangled with Planned Parenthood, not only did she decide to quit her troop, but as someone who loved to sell cookies, she decided to make and sell her own brand of cookie, but with a pro-life twist.
- ◆ Did you know...GSUSA printed materials refer girls to abortion advocacy groups as well as resources that contain explicit sexual content?
- ◆ Did you know...that pro-life Girl Scout concerns were a focus at the 2012 National Right to Life Convention?
- ◆ Did you know...GSUSA CEO Kathy Cloninger proudly admitted on national television that Girl Scouts "partners with Planned Parenthood?"

Vermont passes most dangerous assisted suicide bill in United States

By Jennifer Popik

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After a decade-long and hard-fought battle, the Vermont legislature has passed a doctor-prescribed suicide measure which is expected to be signed shortly by Governor Peter Shumlin. Shumlin has long vowed to help pass a physician-assisted suicide law.

The bill allows physicians to prescribe lethal doses of medication.

The Vermont Senate passed the proposal with 16 in favor and 14 opposed. The House approved the bill by a slightly wider margin, 75 to 65.

Once Shumlin signs the bill, Vermont will become the first state in the nation to decriminalize assisted suicide through a legislative vote.

Vermont is only the third state to approve such a measure joining Washington and Oregon. However their assisted suicide laws were passed by ballot measures rather than through the legislative process. Vermont is also the first east coast state to approve such a measure.

Similar efforts to legalize doctor-prescribed suicide have recently failed in New England. This past November, voters rejected Ballot Question 2 in Massachusetts. A Connecticut bill lacked the support to even move it out of committee in 2013, and this month, Maine's Health and Human Services Committee rejected a similar bill on a vote of 10-2.

For the first three years, the Vermont law grants doctors immunity from prosecution for providing a lethal dose of medication if they follow a loose list of rules, including making sure the patient is terminally ill and making a voluntary, informed decision. In 2016, that list of rules expires, with the hope that doctors will have established their own personal guidelines.

After the rules expire, the law protects physicians from civil or criminal liability, and from any sort of professional misconduct charges. The law will still require informed consent, mandating that doctors inform patients of "all feasible end-of-life

services," including palliative care and hospice, but it no longer mandates when or how doctors respond to requests, as long as "the patient makes an independent decision to self-administer a lethal dose of medication."

While Oregon and Washington have had a similar law for many years, any so-called safeguards have been mainly illusory.

For example, there is no assurance that this is something patients are "choosing." The *Oregonian* newspaper has long chronicled abuses such as patients with dementia receiving lethal doses, the state Medicaid program placing pressure on patients receiving expensive cancer drugs, and studies showing people getting lethal prescriptions not for pain, but because they fear they are becoming a "burden." (See "False Happy Face of Oregon Assisted Suicide." <http://nrlc.cc/13ln3nu>.)

What is even more shocking is that this Vermont bill contains even fewer of these "safeguards" than Oregon's model, and removes nearly every penalty for doctors going beyond the scope of the bill.

Dr. Edward Mahoney, president of the Vermont Alliance for Ethical Healthcare, said in a statement, "[T]his [law] will result in the collection of incomplete, inaccurate and insufficient data; does not safeguard patients from abuse; and makes it impossible to determine whether physician-assisted suicide is being practiced outside the framework of the law. The diverse coalition opposing assisted suicide will continue to work against this unwise policy regardless of the legislative outcome." (See <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/statement-vermont-alliance-ethical-healthcare-181200068.html>.)

While the pro-assisted suicide Compassion & Choices is celebrating Vermont's passage of the law, it becomes more important than ever to expose the danger of these sorts of laws, and keep them from spreading.

In nearby New Jersey, A3328 would establish another law modeled after Oregon's. The bill was approved by

the Assembly health committee, and more hearings are expected any day.

If passed by the New Jersey legislature, the Act, as now written, would have to be submitted to Governor Chris Christie for his approval or veto. To override a veto, a 2/3 vote of each house of the state legislature would be required.

As now written the legislation would then be placed on the ballot for voters' approval or rejection at the next general election. However, the bill's sponsor, Assemblyman John Burzichelli, has indicated that he may seek to amend the bill so that it does not require voter approval.

The doctor-prescribed suicide lobby is well-funded, aggressive, and seeking less and less restrictions—as evidenced by this extremely permissive Vermont law. It is crucial to expose the inaccuracy of the claim that "safeguards" can effectively prevent undoubtedly abuse, and that assisted suicide can ever really be a choice.

More information on how the safeguards are an illusion is available here: www.nrlc.org/MedEthics/WhySafeguardsDontWork.pdf

Pro-lifers need to show how all life has value—and that true compassion supports life at every stage.

We don't fix problems by killing the patients. We ought to focus on saving as many lives as possible and having people's quality of life be as high as it can be.

—National Right to Life News Today
May 15, 2013

"What is more humane—to eliminate the suffering in a person, or to eliminate the person who is suffering?"

~ Brian Pollard, palliative care specialist ~



"Bed-ridden people who cannot communicate have not lost their humanity."

~ Michael Cook ~

JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2013



FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

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We will gather for a peaceful, prayerful rally on Monday, July 1st, at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, in Altoona, to protest the HHS mandate to the healthcare bill known as Obamacare.

The objectionable mandate requires most health plans in the United States to cover abortion-inducing drugs, contraceptives, sterilization procedures and related education and counseling which are not acceptable to our religious beliefs, and as people of faith, we need to make our objections known.

Please join us Monday, July 1st - 6:00 p.m., as we make a public demonstration against this gross infringement of our religious liberties.

There will be a holy hour at the Cathedral, from 7 to 8 p.m., immediately following the rally.

2013 Fortnight for Freedom Rally

United with U.S. bishops throughout the country

Monday July 1st - 6:00 p.m.

In front of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Altoona, PA

Area faithful Catholics and other Christian denominations, will participate in a nationwide effort, in conjunction with the U.S. Catholic bishops throughout the United States, called the Fortnight for Freedom.

The voice of life seems drowned in the sea of the culture of death. So we pray: Lord of Life, hear us.

That there may be an end to abortion, euthanasia and all other offences against life and that the right to life may be seen as the foundation of all other rights.

Lord of Life, hear us.

That Christians will be active in the political process and let their faith inform their political views.

Lord of Life, hear us.

That we may care for women who are considering abortion and offer love to those who have had an abortion.

Lord of Life, hear us.

—Magnificat, June 2013



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From the President's Desk

As Genesis 1:27-28 teaches us: *God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply..."*

God's plan is under attack as evidenced by the articles in this edition. Our President praises and blesses the work of Planned Parenthood, the largest provider of abortion in our country. Our taxes support Planned Parenthood to the tune of over 500 million dollars per year. Teenage girls can have abortions or be provided with birth control without their parents knowledge. What has happened to us since the 1950s?

The missing link appears to be "Fathers"—men willing to accept responsibility and act like men.

Can you imagine Dr. Gosnell's clinic operating in the 50s? The outrage would have shut it down.

Here are some statistics as to the benefit of having a father in the family:

90% of all runaways and homeless children are from fatherless homes. That's 32 times the national average.

85% of children with behavioral problems come from fatherless homes, 20 times the national average.

71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes, 9 times the national average.

75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes, 10 times the national average.

85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes, 20 times the national average.

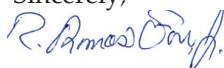
Children with fathers who are involved are 40% less likely to repeat a grade in school.

Children with fathers who are involved are 70% less likely to drop out of school.

Even in high-crime neighborhoods, 90% of children from stable two-parent homes, where the father is involved, do not become delinquents.

God bless all fathers who follow in the footsteps of The Father.

Sincerely,



R. Thomas Forr, Jr., President
Blair County Chapter, Citizens Concerned for Human Life

Statistics: www.dadsworld.com/parenting-statistics/importance-of-fathers.html

Blair County Chapter, Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Inc. Membership Form

Blair County CCHL believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

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Please consider a membership donation (see form at bottom of this page). Another great way to help contribute is by sending in a donation in memory of loved ones who have died or in honor of a special occasion such as a birthday, graduation or anniversary of someone near and dear to you. Blair County *Life News* will publish your name as well as the names of those you are honoring and/or remembering.

Crisis Hotline Numbers

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For post-abortion counseling, contact *Project Rachel, 814-884-8000; www.ProjectRachel@diocesaj.org; or Rachel's Vineyard, 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463); www.rachelsvineyard.org.*

Family Life, Diocese of Altoona/Johnstown, offers pastoral guidance, call 814-886-5551; email: familylife@diocesaj.org.

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