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It has been said — politically and culturally — that for one to be pro-woman one must be pro-choice. But nothing could be further from the truth. Sadly, there are so many confusing messages regarding women and the issue of abortion, compounded by the false “war on women” rhetoric. The truth is that LIFE is the empowering choice for women. It’s best for women and families facing unplanned pregnancies, and it’s best for developing female babies in the womb. Abortion harms women, and affects our society as a whole, in so many ways. *—marchforlife.org*



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The word abortion industry workers can't say

BABY

By Sarah Terzo

A pro-choice researcher wrote about how the term “baby” is dreaded in abortion clinics. Feminist author Wendy Simonds interviewed abortion industry workers for her book *Abortion at Work: Ideology and Practice in a Feminist Clinic*.

Although the book was written from a pro-choice perspective, with a whole chapter dedicated to how to foil “antis” (i.e. “anti-choice” protesters), some interviews with abortion workers seemed to give far more ammunition to the pro-life side than the pro-choice side.

After observing the workings of the facility and witnessing both abortions and counseling sessions, Simonds writes:

Center staff members commonly said “the pregnancy,” “the tissue,” “the products of conception.” “Fetal tissue” was the most explicit term I heard health workers use with clients.

They never, ever, called it a baby.

Although Simonds does not spend much time talking about the counseling at the facility (except to say that sessions were kept short because spending too much time with each woman slowed down patient flow, ultimately reducing the facility’s income) pro-lifers can speculate about why the term “baby” is avoided.

Many former abortion industry workers have talked about how they were trained never to say the word “baby” because it would make women have second thoughts about going through with their abortions.

For example, former abortion worker Kathy Sparks said the following in the *Christian Herald*:

Sometimes we lied. A girl might ask what her baby was like at a certain point in the pregnancy: Was it a

baby yet? Even as early as 12 weeks a baby is totally formed, he has fingerprints, turns his head, fans his toes, feels pain. But we would say ‘It’s not a baby yet. It’s just tissue, like a clot.’

Abortion facilities do not make money if the woman leaves without aborting her baby. Avoiding words and phrases that might change her mind would be beneficial for a facility geared towards making a profit. (Which, of course, all of them are.) It’s important to keep women in the dark.

But there was another reason why the abortion workers in *Abortion at Work* avoided the term “baby.” See the quote from an abortion industry worker below:

I feel some sadness [about second trimester abortions]...And I think part of the problem is that we don’t talk about that...Do you see what I’m saying—that somehow your pro-choice stand is compromised by saying the word “baby.”...We don’t allow ourselves to say or think that word...

Even though the abortion workers were dedicated to abortion and vented a lot of hatred at pro-lifers, they had qualms about what they were doing. They had to avoid the word “baby” because that word could bring their carefully constructed facade of lies and euphemisms crashing down.

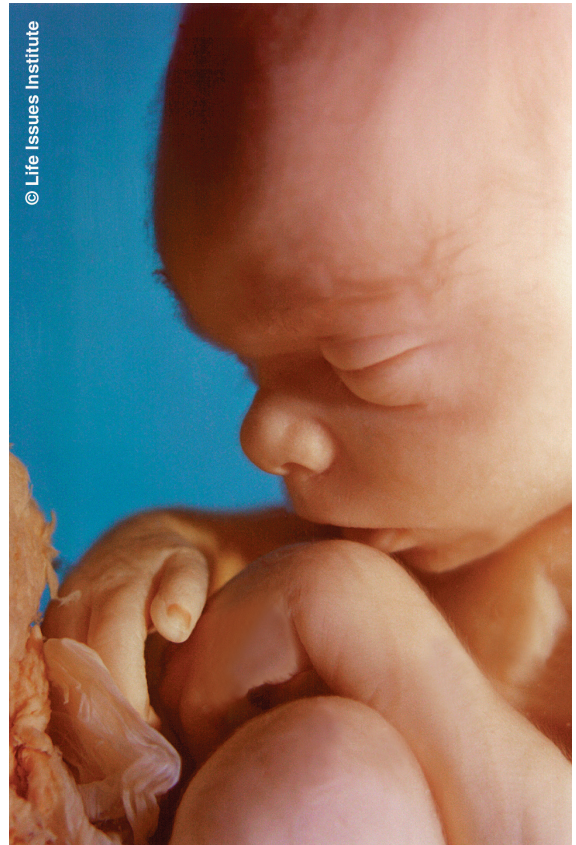
The word “baby” cuts through the illusion that they are doing something noble and good in the clinic. It refutes, in their own hearts, the belief that they are heroes helping and serving women. Admitting that the fetus is a baby means admitting they are killing babies.

And of course, they don’t want to believe that.

Since the abortion facility in *Abortion at Work* did abortions through 26 weeks, (6-1/2 months) there were many, many times when the aborted children looked like full-term babies. (80 to 90% of babies born at 26 weeks who are given medical care survive.) So these babies were fully developed in many cases.

Looking at the photo of the child below, one can imagine the emotional strain on an abortion worker who has to sort through the dismembered pieces of a baby this age. Calling the child a “product of conception” or “fetal tissue” is a way they deceive themselves. “Baby” seems to be a word that abortion industry workers hate. *This originally appeared at liveactionnews.org.*

—National Right to Life News Today
December 10, 2015



20 weeks from conception



DID YOU KNOW ...

- Since the U.S. Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, there have been about **58 million abortions**.
- Medical textbooks teach that a totally unique, new human life **begins at the moment of fertilization**, with its own complete DNA.
- Many **post-abortive women** say that they would have chosen life for their baby if just one person had supported them.
- **Help is available to pregnant and new moms** at pregnancy centers throughout Pennsylvania. For pregnancy help, call 1-888-LIFE-AID or visit our website at www.paprolife.org and click on the “Pregnant? Need Help?” button.
- Rachel’s Vineyard offers help and **healing to women who have had abortions**. Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org for information about counseling and retreats in Pennsylvania.
- **You can make a difference for life** in your community. Volunteer with your local chapter of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. Contact us at 717-541-0034.



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Sanctity of Life Sunday January 2016

Christianity teaches respect for every human life, which begins at the moment of fertilization. This January, explore ways you can help pregnant and new mothers in your community.

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.”

– Psalm 139:13



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Legislative Update



U.S. Senate Votes to Defund Planned Parenthood

National Right to Life, the nation's largest pro-life organization, applauded U.S. Senate approval on December 3 of H.R. 3762, a bill that will block approximately 89% of all federal funding to Planned Parenthood—about \$400 million in the next year.

In letters sent to the Senate in advance of the vote, National Right to Life advised that it would include votes on the Planned Parenthood issue and on final passage of the broader “reconciliation bill” in its scorecard of key pro-life votes of the 114th Congress, a move seen by many as key to securing the bill’s success.

“Thanks to many weeks of hard, skillful work by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), and the Senate Republican Leadership to execute a filibuster-proof strategy, and an outpouring of support from the grassroots pro-life movement, the Senate has for the first time passed legislation that will defund Planned Parenthood,” said Carol Tobias, National Right to Life President.

“Planned Parenthood now commands over one-third of the total abortion ‘market’ and pays its chief executive over a half-million dollars annually—it’s past time to cut off the taxpayer goodies.”

National Right to Life praised Republican presidential contenders Marco Rubio (Fla.), Rand Paul (Ky.), Lindsey Graham (S.C.), and Ted Cruz (Texas) for voting for passage of the bill.

“On final passage, the bill had the support of all but two Republicans—including support from all of those seeking the presidency—but not a single Democrat,” said Douglas Johnson, legislative director for National Right to Life.

“While this bill faces the implacable opposition of President Barack Obama, it blazes a trail that can be followed to victory in the future—once we have a pro-life president.”

The bill would close the largest pipeline for federal funding of Planned Parenthood, Medicaid, and apply as well to the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Title V and Title XX block grant programs. These sources account for roughly 89% of all federal funds that currently flow to Planned Parenthood.

Under the bill, the amounts denied to Planned Parenthood are reallocated to community health centers. Planned Parenthood is the nation’s largest provider of abortions—at least one-third of all abortions in the U.S. are performed at Planned Parenthood-affiliated facilities.

According to their most recent annual report, Planned Parenthood received at least \$528 million annually from the federal government or state and local governments.

Based on data from their own annual report from 2013-2014, nearly one in eight women walking through the door of a Planned Parenthood clinic has an abortion.

—National Right to Life News Today
December 4, 2015

Editor’s note: Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey voted in favor of the pro-life effort, while Sen. Bob Casey Jr. voted against it.

Democrats Block Resolution Honoring Pregnancy Centers

By Steven Ertelt

If you need any more proof that the Democratic Party is the party of abortion and beholden to the Planned Parenthood abortion business, look no further than the U.S. Senate. There, Democrats, on November 11, blocked a resolution to honor pregnancy centers that provide women with abortion al-

ternatives and help support pregnant women and facilitate adoptions.

Senator Mike Lee, a pro-life Utah Republican, sponsored the resolution, during what is known as National Pregnancy Center Week. He requested unanimous consent from the Senate to approve Senate Resolution 37, which would designate the second week in November as "National Pregnancy Center Week."

But leading abortion advocate Senator Patty Murray, a Washington Democrat, objected to the request, calling the resolution "another effort to pander to the extreme Republican base...They want to interfere with a women's [sic] medical decisions."

"If that is divisive, we have significant problems," Lee responded during the exchange, shown in the video at <http://www.lifenews.com/2015/11/10/democrats-block-resolution-honoring-pregnancy-centers-providing-abortion-alternatives/>. (The objection comes at around the three-minute mark.)

In presenting the resolution, Senator Lee said, "I am asking for my colleagues' unanimous consent because there is absolutely nothing contentious about this resolution or the pregnancy-resource centers it commemorates."

"There are approximately twenty-five hundred pregnancy-resource centers in America. And every single day, they serve an average of sixty-five thousand women and men faced with challenging pregnancy decisions, providing them a wide array of resources. This includes, at many centers, health-care services—like pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and testing for STDs and STIs."

"It includes emotional and educational support—like "options counseling" and parenting classes," he explained. "And it includes material and logistical assistance to help new moms and dads deal with all the little things that easily add up to big obstacles in the first weeks and months of parenthood."

He continued: "America's pregnancy-resource centers aren't out to make a profit or push an agenda. They're just there to help—and to do so in a way that is compassionate,

considerate of individual privacy, and respectful of the equal dignity of all human life."

Lee said: "Madam President, any way you look at it, America's pregnancy-resource centers deserve to be recognized with a "National Pregnancy Center Week." But the real measure of their significance isn't in the words of a floor speech or the outcome of a vote—it's in the millions of lives they help save from abortion every year. The millions of teachers, soldiers, and nurses, neighbors, friends, and spouses, whose lives and contributions to our communities we might never have known had it not been for the unassuming heroes down at the local pregnancy center, giving their time to keep the lights on, answer the phones, and to help young women and men find the hope and courage to choose life."

—*LifeNews.com*, November 11, 2015

Editor's Note: Polls are tricky things!

Media Censor Poll Shows Majority of Americans Support Defunding Planned Parenthood

By Katie Yoder

The media rushed to cover a recent poll showing majority support for federal funding of Planned Parenthood. But when another poll surfaced with the opposite findings, journalists looked the other way.

Days before the U.S. Senate voted to defund Planned Parenthood, a nationwide poll conducted by Robert Morris University (RMU) showed a majority supported defunding the nation's No. 1 abortion provider. In contrast to other polls, 53.3 percent of respondents agreed with the GOP position in regards to Planned Parenthood. The difference, according to researchers, was the question wording.

For example, a *USA TODAY*/Suffolk University Poll found that 58% were against eliminating funding for Planned Parenthood. National media hyped the story, from *Cosmopolitan* to *TIME*.

The questionnaire asked participants, "Do you think federal funding for Planned Parenthood should be eliminated—yes or no?"

But the new poll conducted by RMU showed different results—by providing a more detailed question.

"Congressional Republicans favor shifting Planned Parenthood federal funds to community clinics that perform the same services, but do not perform abortions," the RMU question read. "Would you say you support or oppose this plan?"

The poll found that "A majority, 53.3 percent, strongly or somewhat, supported the plan, while 31.5 percent were strongly or somewhat opposed."

RMU Professor of Political Science Philip Harold commented on the different poll results.

"One of the cardinal rules in polling is to clearly indicate the alternative in the question and a poll question that doesn't do this is flawed," he said in a press release. "Because the wording of this poll reflects the actual proposal, it is more accurate."

In an exclusive comment to the MRC, Professor Philip Harold, who conducted the poll, explained that while journalists had access to the poll results, they chose not to report on it.

"Press releases were sent to national reporters and was posted on PR Newswire," the professor stressed. "In the past, results from the RMU Polling Institute have gotten traction on political topics but not this time."

The press release outlined surprising results that should have been reporter bait:

"Democrats (47.3 percent) are more likely than Republicans (15.4 percent) and Independents (33 percent) to oppose the Congressional Republicans' plan. However, 42.7 percent of Democrats in the RMU poll support the GOP plan."

Professor Harold called the findings "astonishing" because the question noted that the plan belonged to "Congressional Republicans." The RMU poll also discovered that nearly one-third of participants who identified as pro-choice supported the Congressional Republicans' plan, according to the press release.

Katie Yoder writes for Newsbusters, where this column originally appeared. NewsBusters Analyst Curtis Houck contributed to this report.

—*LifeNews.com*, December 11, 2015

Abortionist: We Should Send Aborted Babies Home With Mom: “Their Pregnancy, Their Problem”

By Steven Ertelt

Last year, during the height of the scandal involving multiple videos catching Planned Parenthood selling the body parts of aborted babies, LifeNews.com reported how copies of the unreleased Center for Medical Progress videos catching Planned Parenthood and other abortion industry leaders selling aborted babies and their body parts had been leaked to the public.

The leaked videos contain footage filmed at a conference of the National Abortion Federation, a trade group of abortion clinic owners and abortionists. There, Renee Chelian, who owns the Northland Family Planning chain of abortion clinics, which do about 25 percent of the abortions in Michigan, talked about the problems she had disposing the bodies of aborted babies after the medical recycling company Stericycle stopped provided service to her abortion facilities.

Chelian talks about how she had the bodies of five months worth of aborted babies in freezers at her abortion clinics and no idea what to do with them.

“I was so consumed with fetal tissue that I was ready to drive to upper Michigan to have a bonfire. And it was just trying to figure out, you know, how I wouldn’t get stopped or how far into the woods would I have to go to have this fire that nobody would see me,” she is caught telling the audience of a NAF workshop.

Now, Students for Life of America has put together a montage www.breitbart.com/big-government/2015/12/30/abortion-provider-fetal-remains-put-gift-bag/ of some of the footage from Chelian and her comments are chilling:

In the video, Renee Chelian, a Michigan abortion provider, says, “We thought we’ll give it [the fetal remains] to everybody in a gift bag, they can take it home, figure out what to do with it. It’s their pregnancy—why is this our problem? And I’m saying that in all seriousness.”

Chelian continues:

“Nobody wants to talk about dead bodies, nobody but me. There was a point when Stericycle fired us that I had five months worth of fetal tissue in my freezers and we were renting freezers to put them in. So, all I thought about, I was so consumed with fetal tissue, I was ready to drive to upper Michigan and have a bonfire. And, I was just trying to figure out, you know, how I wouldn’t get stopped or how far in the woods would I have to go to have this fire that nobody was going to see me.

And the garbage disposal was an option, I mean, there was a point that I actually hired someone from another clinic to come in and take 20 bottles and put it into my garbage disposal.

Referring to pro-life activists as “the antis,” Chelian says disposing of fetal remains must be done “in secret”:

When we sent to another state, it became the whole issue of, do we tell FedEx what they’re picking up? How long will it take for the antis to figure it out? And, if we don’t tell them, what if there’s a bad snow storm, like there was this winter, and UPS got delayed, or FedEx gets delayed and their truck starts stinking...I mean, every state law is different. I know when I wanted to actually put the fetal tissue in my car and drive to the crematorium, in Illinois, I was advised by my attorneys that I was breaking several state laws and that, that really wasn’t a good idea. Although, I have a good friend in another state who is currently driving across two states, once a month, with fetal tissue to go to a funeral home and they have an arrangement to send out for cremation. But everything is secret so it’s really scary.”

Listen to the comments here:

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/01/04/abortionist-we-should-send-aborted-babies-home-with-mom-their-pregnancy-their-problem/>

—LifeNews.com, January 4, 2016

Average Salary of a Top Planned Parenthood Staffer Selling Aborted Babies is \$345,338

In the wake of nine videos exposing Planned Parenthood’s lucrative organ harvesting business, many Americans are probably wondering how anyone could tear a baby apart and then sell their body parts for profit. But if you found out that Planned Parenthood’s top employees make over a quarter of a million dollars each year would that make it more understandable?

The Daily Signal reports that the average salary for a top Planned Parenthood employee is \$345,338, and the company’s CEO, Cecile Richards, rakes in \$590,000, which is a salary increase of 40 percent since 2011. Hopefully, most Americans would say there is no amount of money that could ever persuade them to kill and sell babies; but for Planned Parenthood employees, money is a huge motivator.

In 2012, *The Daily Caller* questioned Richards about her massive salary and she said the federal government doesn’t contribute to it at all. However, pro-life advocate Jill Stenak asked a very important question regarding her response: “...If [n]early half of Planned Parenthood patients rely on Medicaid coverage, as Planned Parenthood states, does Richards really think she’d be making the same coin were government funding—to the tune of \$540.6 million in fiscal year 2012-13—removed from Planned Parenthood’s total revenue of \$1.210 billion?”

Unfortunately, what makes this information even more disturbing is the fact that Planned Parenthood constantly says their “nonprofit” organization helps low-income women. That claim couldn’t be further from

the truth because the abortion giant strategically places their facilities in poor, minority neighborhoods so they can increase revenue by performing abortions.

The president of American Life League, Judie Brown, argues that the large salaries given to Planned Parenthood officials bring into question the organization's care for the poor. She said, "Planned Parenthood's claims of serving the poor are ludicrous given the massive salaries it pays its CEOs. In fact, we see by looking at these salaries that PP is more interested in milking the government to line its own pockets off the backs of both the poor and the innocent humans it kills every day."

The vice president of the American Life League, Jim Sedlak, added, "It is really disingenuous for Planned Parenthood to claim to be an organization for the poor when its average CEO salary ranks in the top six percent of all Americans. In addition, the average salary of its top dozen headquarters staff—who do not provide any medical services—ranks in the top two percent. It's time the American taxpayer stop providing 40 percent of Planned Parenthood's income."

Although it is probably true that some within Planned Parenthood are simply blinded to the organization's gruesome and inhumane practices, it is unlikely that their top employees are ignorant to all the atrocities that take place behind closed doors. This is truer now since the organization has been at the forefront of debates across the country about abortion, fetal-pain and defunding abortion companies.

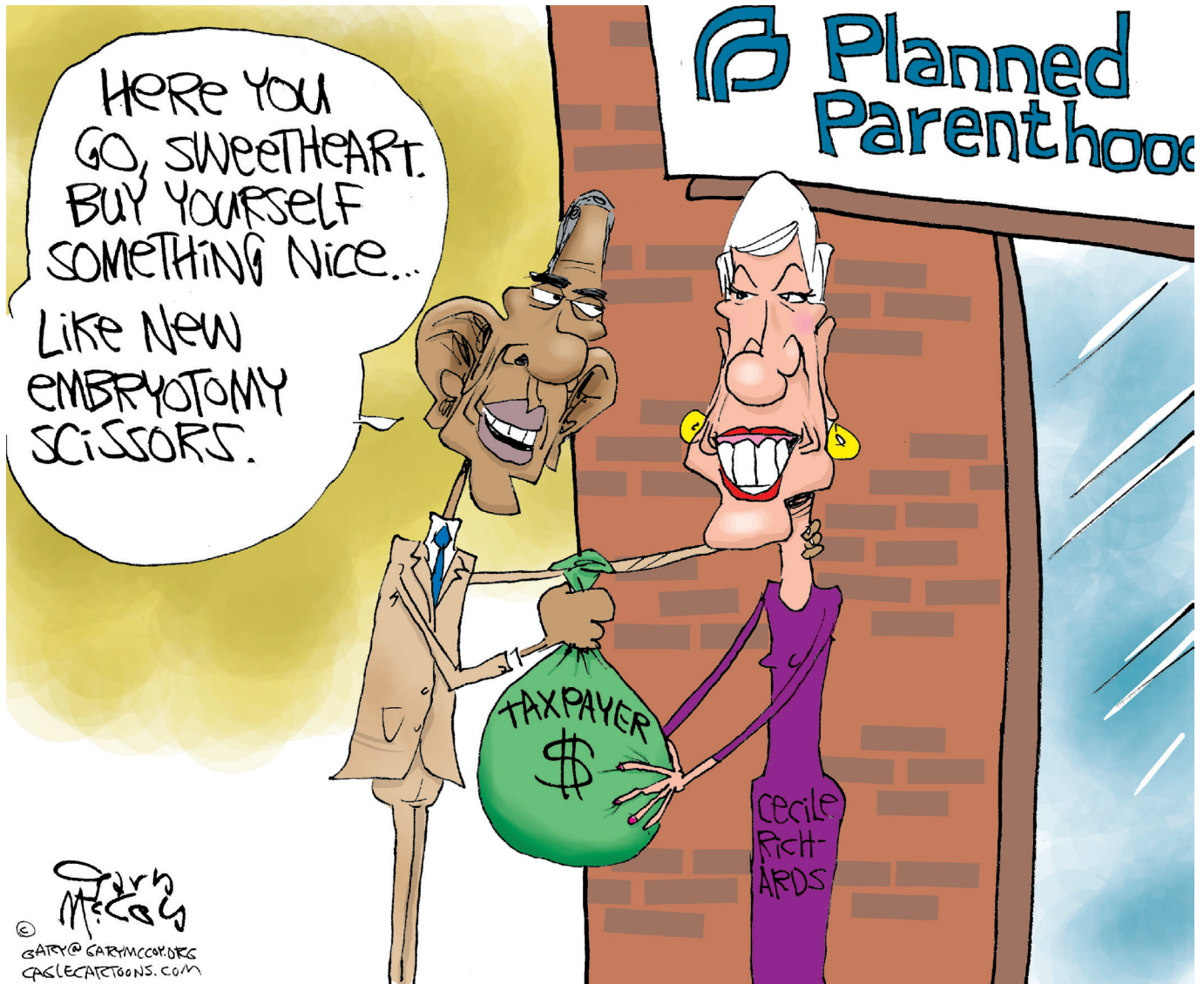
—LifeNews.com, September 4, 2015

Respect Life March, Tyrone

The 29th Annual Respect Life March will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2016, 12 noon, from St. Matthew Church to the Tomb of Baby Agnes Doe at the Oak Grove Cemetery. A light luncheon will follow at Harkin's Hall, St. Matthew Church.

*One of the most cowardly things
ordinary people do is to
SHUT THEIR EYES TO FACTS.*

~ C. S. Lewis ~



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2016 ESSAY CONTESTS

State Contest Entries Due March 7, 2016

The **2016 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation “Be a Voice for the Voiceless” Essay Contest** is open to PA students in grades 7-12. Students must write a pro-life essay about abortion, euthanasia or stem cell research. There is a 500-word limit for essays submitted by students in grades 7-9 and a 750-word limit for students in grades 10-12.

Each essay must include a cover page with the student’s name, address, phone number, name of school (or the fact that the student is homeschooled) and grade. Winning essays will receive cash prizes.

Deadline for entries is **March 7, 2016**. Essays can be e-mailed to lifelines@paprolife.org or mailed to the **Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation; 4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102; Harrisburg, PA 17109**.

National Right to Life 2016 Essay Contest

The contest is open to students in Grades 10-12 (Senior Essay) and Grades 7-9 (Junior Essay). Prizes awarded will be: 1st Place-\$200; 2nd-\$150; 3rd-\$100—awarded in each level. Essays should address this question: *What can I do to build a pro-life generation?*

Contest Guidelines

1. Essays should be submitted between December 21, 2015 and January 23, 2016. Essays must be postmarked by January 23, 2016.
2. Essays may be submitted to: Michelle Fischbach, 14722 Old Lake Road, Paynesville, MN 56362.
3. Essays must be double-spaced and pages numbered.
4. Essays shall be 300 - 500 words in length.
5. If typed, use no smaller than 12 pt. font.
6. Use a cover sheet that includes; full name, full mailing address, phone number, grade level, student date of birth, parent’s name and word count.
7. By submitting an entry, the contestant and parent or guardian agree: a) to allow National Right to Life to reprint the winning essay, and b) that the essay is original, but not copyrighted.
8. Cite any sources used.
9. Please do not include artwork, pictures or plastic covers.
10. Please mail the essays, electronic submissions will only be accepted under special circumstances.

For more information, email Michelle Fischbach at michellefischbach@yahoo.com or visit the NRLC website: www.nrlc.org.



2016 Oratory Contests

The Citizens Concerned for Human Life Regional Oratory Contest is open to all 9th-12th grade students in **Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin and Somerset Counties**.

Students must prepare a five to seven minute pro-life talk on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or embryonic stem cell research. Speeches must be from a pro-life perspective and delivered as written, but need not be memorized. The student may use a podium and appropriate hand gestures but may not use props.

A written copy of the speech must be emailed by **February 22, 2016** to: **Janet Creighton, contact@webparish.com**. In the email, please send the following: name, address, city, county, phone, email address, school, name of parent(s)/guardian. Then call Jan, **814-623-1314**, to let her know that you emailed your entry.

Regional Oratory Contest Written Copy Due: February 22, 2016 Regional Competition: March 6, 2016

Awards

Varsity (Grades 11 & 12) Oratory Contest
1st Place \$200, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$75

Novice (Grades 9 & 10) Oratory Contest
1st Place \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

All regional contestants may also be a contestant for the state competition. Being a contestant for the regional competition does not automatically enroll you in the state competition. Please see the process below.

Pro-Life Dinner Invite

All regional contestants will be invited as our guests to the Bedford County Annual Pro-Life Dinner. The top two Varsity contestants will be invited to speak at the dinner.

State Video/Oratory Contest Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

Speak Up for Those Who Cannot Speak for Themselves!

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation contest is open to high school juniors and seniors; a Novice Contest will be held for high school freshmen and sophomores.

Students must write and give an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or stem cell research. Students must video record the speech and submit the video and written speech to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation by April 11, 2016.

Cash prizes will be awarded. In addition, the first-place winner of the Senior High Oratory Contest will receive an expense-paid trip for the student and a chaperon to attend the National Right to Life/Teens for Life Convention on July 7-9, 2016, in Herndon, Virginia. For complete contest rules: www.paprolife.org or call **717-541-0034**.

Every Life Matters

By Carol Steffen

Greetings!!! What a wonderful time of the year—celebrating Christmas and bringing in the New Year with family and friends. At Every Life Matters Pregnancy Support Services (ELM for short), we have been doing quite a bit of celebrating as well. We celebrated the births and milestones of Alexander, Arianna, Aubrylyn, Braxton, Bruce, Bridget, Bryce, Conner, Emmett, Jaspyn, Kamden, Robert, Zaleigh and Zoey.

We have watched children at play while moms share food and fellowship with other moms at our Ladies & Littles of Blair County which meets the first and third Thursday of each month at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1200 Logan Ave., Tyrone. We offer a post-abortion bible study on an as-needed basis. We partner with Precious Life to offer the Why Wait? program in area schools. We even have had the honor of bringing a parenting class and the love of Jesus to the female inmates at Blair County Prison; we received a grant from Operation Our Town to purchase bibles, journals and other materials to give to the participants. You see, the heartbeat of the Father is to love everyone—because EVERY LIFE MATTERS. This is the heartbeat of ELM... whatever Father wants us to do, we will do.

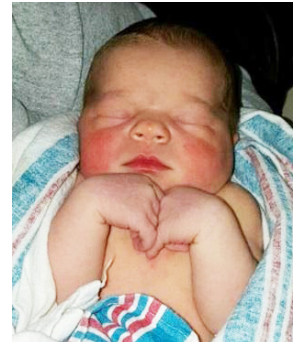
Last February, God laid it on my heart and confirmed it through a series of events that we were to pursue a medical conversion—whereby we would offer FREE, limited ultrasound to women who might be abortion-minded. The process has been slow and steady, but it has caused us to trust and obey in ways we never imagined. We hired a grant writer, signed up for the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, connected with NIFLA and we are presently working on a conversion action plan. This all sounds soooooo busy, and yes, we are overwhelmed with the paperwork, the red tape, the bureaucratic stuff that comes with anything medical or legal; however, God has been placing the right people, at the right time, with the right knowledge to help us through this maze of matter.

I have to admit, God is showing off, big-time, at ELM. In 2014, we hosted our second annual banquet and raised approximately \$3,500. Last year, God helped us raise almost \$35,000... tell me, He's not showing off!!! Our guest speaker, Jenny Summers, the Executive Director of Pregnancy Resource Clinic in State College, challenged everyone to support their local pregnancy center. It was amazing. This year's banquet will be held at the same venue—New Life Worship Center, Pinecroft exit, off of I-99, and will be catered by Rustic Catering; date to be determined.

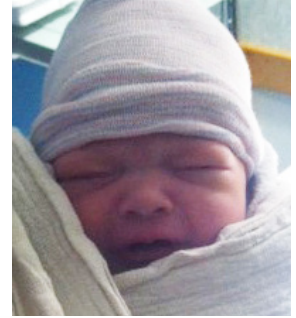
As we prepare for 2016, we will see an increase in clients, in revenue, in programs / services.

I pray that God will bless you always in all ways in the days to follow. As we keep our eyes on Jesus, He will guide us and give us the opportunity to share His Love for all.

Carol Steffen, Director of Every Life Matters



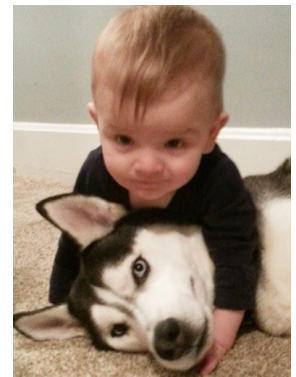
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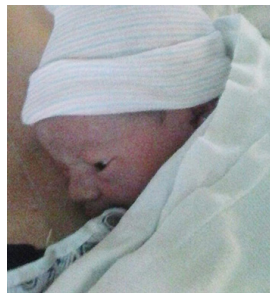
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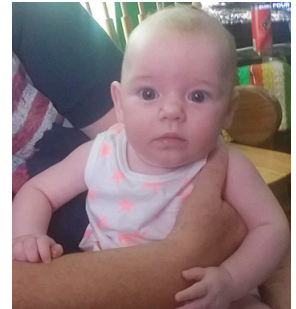
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There Are No Do-Overs with Abortion

By Maria Gallagher

The little backward arrow icon on my emails has become one of my best friends.

The official function of the icon is to “undo typing.” But for me, it is often a lifesaver.

I start off going down one conversational path, then realize I need to do an about-face, and that tiny arrow points the way.

I’ve come to believe that one of the horrors of abortion—aside from the fundamental tragedy of a little girl’s or boy’s life being taken—is that it is one of those things in life that cannot be undone.

Misunderstandings can be forgotten...bills in the legislature can be rewritten...even the U.S. Constitution can be amended...but there is no “do-over” when it comes to abortion.

The end result of abortion, the death of a defenseless human being, is devastatingly permanent. It is true that a woman can find hope and healing after abortion, but she will never again in this life discover the wonders of her baby—a particular baby with a specific identity and DNA.

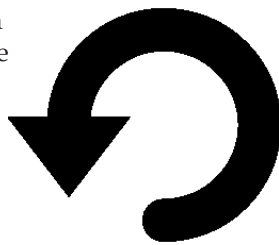
This is why informed consent laws are so critically important. They are the “Caution: Danger Ahead” signs which can help women make life-affirming detours.

In Pennsylvania, for instance, back in 1989, the state legislature passed the Abortion Control Act, which requires that women be offered a booklet showing the development of the preborn child and the medical risks of abortion. The law also requires a 24-hour waiting period before an abortion can take place. That pause can give a woman time to talk to friends and family who may be willing to provide much-needed support for her and her baby. In the absence of family support, a caring counselor at one of the hundreds of pregnancy help centers across the state can empower a woman with the material and emotional resources necessary to face her future with hope.

Five years elapsed between the passage of the Abortion Control Act and its implementation, since the abortion lobby tried its best to stop the law. But reason and logic ultimately prevailed and, once the law went into effect, abortion totals plummeted in Pennsylvania.

Abortion advocates often claim that the pro-life movement wants to “turn back the clock.” Actually, the opposite is true. It is abortion proponents who want to go back to the time before protective pro-life laws, when women could be rushed to make a fatal decision that they could regret for the rest of their lives.

Pro-life is another term for progress. Progress which leads to informed decision-making and respect for both mother and child. The pro-abortion mentality has not served women or children and, judging from the throngs of young people who have embraced the pro-



life cause, upholding *Roe v. Wade* makes about as much sense as trying to negotiate cyberspace with a manual typewriter. *Roe* is that out of touch—and, one can only hope, will soon be out of time.

Maria Gallagher is Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.

—*National Right to Life News Today, December 21, 2015*

What 58,000,000 Looks Like?

By Rolley Haggard

Over 58 million babies have been aborted in America since January 22, 1973. Few of us have any idea how many “anythings” 58 million is. Here’s something I did that might help us all to grasp the enormity of that number:

I opened a Word document. I typed periods across the top line, no spaces in between. I repeated the process until I got to the bottom of the page. When I was done there were 50 lines with 165 periods each, for a total of 8,250 periods filling the page.

Then I repeated the process, page after page, until I had 58,000,000 periods.

I wound up with 7,030 pages.

I then printed off all the pages. It took over 14 reams of paper (a ream is 500 sheets). The resulting stack was almost 30 inches high, about up to my waist.

As I sat gazing at that mind-boggling quantity of dots, like one who has for the first time peered through a powerful telescope at a faraway galaxy containing innumerable stars, it occurred to me that on those occasions since 1973 when the church has been used by God in any worthy capacity (and it has) it has been far more a case of Him using us “in spite of our unfaithfulness” rather than “because of our faithfulness.”

I later told a Christian friend about my little experiment. His first response was, “Dude, you just killed a bunch of trees there!”

Yeah. Trees. That’s the kind of “tragedy” we get worked up about.

—*www.breakpoint.org, July 1, 2015*



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have endured as a result of their abortions. They are dedicated to sharing their very personal testimonies in an effort to spare other women the suffering they have undergone.

I look forward to the day when every unborn baby and every expectant mother will be nurtured and loved, as *Roe v. Wade* is erased from the law books and compassion and common sense are restored to our legal system.

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From the President's Desk

Feast of the Epiphany

ISIS Sanctioned Organ Harvesting

The byline in the *TribLive* article for December 26, 2015 caught my attention. The article was a Reuters news release reporting on information released by U.S. officials after a Special Forces raid in Syria in May.

The captured documents, if accurate, describe a ruling by ISIS' religious scholars that seemingly permit the harvesting of organs even from a living infidel.

This type of atrocity is appalling and beyond civilized society's comprehension.

The article did remind me of a subject previously discussed in a prior publication. Of course, I'm speaking of Planned Parenthood's role in organ harvesting.

To become informed on this issue, please review the undercover videos published by David Daleiden of the Center for Medical Progress.

The 7th video released as described in a *Washington Times* article of August 10, 2015, by Cheryl Wetzstein, revealed the experience of Holly O'Donnell, a former procurement technician for Stem Express. Ms. O'Donnell described waiting for an abortion to be completed in order to procure the heart and brain from the newly aborted baby. She was shocked when she saw a beating heart and was stunned when her supervisor asked her to procure the brain from the baby.

The article and the accompanying videos reveal the cavalier attitude of various Planned Parenthood officials to the entire organ harvesting process.

Congress is planning a vote on January 22nd, (when we will be in Washington, D.C. for the March for Life), to defund a substantial portion of Planned Parenthood's over \$500 million in government funding. The goal is to send the bill already approved by the Senate to the President, who is expected to veto it.

May the Wise Men lead him to a change of heart on this issue for the sake of the least of our brethren.

Sincerely,
R. Thomas Forr, Jr.

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

Regional CCHL Chapter News

BEDFORD COUNTY

March for Life Bus to Washington, D.C.

The Bedford County Chapter of Citizens Concerned for Human Life is sponsoring a bus trip on Friday, January 22 to the March for Life. The bus will leave the Walmart parking lot, in Everett, on US Route 30 (Lincoln Highway), at 9:00 a.m., \$20 per adult; \$10 per student.

Dress warmly. Bring a bagged lunch. We will stop for supper on the return trip. Call 814-652-6755 to reserve your seat.

CENTRE COUNTY


Pro-Life Auction ♦ Saturday, February 6

The annual auction to benefit Centre County Citizens Concerned for Human Life will be held on Saturday, February 6, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 850 Stratford Drive, State College at 10:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. for inspection of items, silent auction and to browse the garage sale table.

This auction is the only fundraiser for Centre County CCHL, and we depend on its success for office expenses, our website, the March for Life, Mother's Day Ad, and many other pro-life activities.

We welcome donations of new or like-new items. Please call 814-237-3213 if you have a donation for the auction.

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As *Roe v. Wade* turns 43,

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pro-life movement has made tremendous gains since seven out of the nine men on the U.S. Supreme Court decided to make abortion legal nationwide.

The Centers for Disease Control recently reported that abortion is now at an all-time low in the U.S. Specifically, the CDC report states that abortions declined by more than one-third from 1990 to 2010.

Any abortion stops a beating heart and a single abortion is a tragedy. Still, the decrease in abortions nationwide is an encouraging sign that our nation has turned a corner in reevaluating the rights of the unborn child and recognizing the unspeakable devastation that women can suffer as a result of abortion.

As of July, the Guttmacher Institute, the former research arm of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion operation, reported that states enacted more than 50 pro-life laws in 2015. According to Guttmacher, nearly 300 abortion-related laws have been passed nationwide since 2010. These protective laws include increasing waiting periods for abor-

tion, banning dismemberment abortions, in which a baby is torn limb by limb from a mother's womb, and toughening health and safety standards for abortion facilities.

The move to crack down on unsafe abortion operations followed the grisly revelations in Pennsylvania's own Kermit Gosnell case, in which abortionist Gosnell was suspected of killing hundreds of full-term babies in his filthy facility. The explosive grand jury report cited numerous failures at the city and state level to shut down Gosnell's House of Horrors.

The grand jury report stated, "The medical practice by which he carried out this business was a filthy fraud in which he overdosed his patients with dangerous drugs, spread venereal disease among them with infected instruments, perforated their wombs and bowels—and, on at least two occasions, caused their deaths. Over the years many people came to know that something was going on here. But no one put a stop to it."

Prosecutors could not bring charges in many cases because they said Gosnell had destroyed records—but in the end he was convicted of killing three babies and causing the death of a female immigrant patient, Karnamaya Mongar. Meanwhile, the Pennsylvania legislature enacted abortion center regulations which required regular inspections of abortion facilities—something that had not occurred for at least 15 years. At least five Pennsylvania abortion facilities shut their doors because they either could not or would not meet basic levels of care.

Both pro-life advocates and those who support legal abortion report pro-life pregnancy help centers outnumber abortion facilities by a two-to-one margin. Women can receive comprehensive support for their pregnancies, reducing the possibility that they will turn to abortion in the midst of the challenges they face.

The chorus of voices of women who regret their abortions has grown stronger. Through the Silent No More Awareness campaign, post-abortive women are courageously talking about the trauma and emotional pain they

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