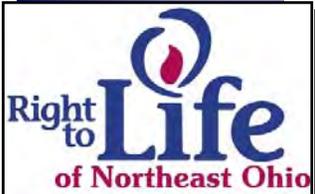


# LifeLINES



Summer 2013



## Five Steps Closer to Justice!

Last December, in spite of tremendous efforts on the part of pro-life organizations across Ohio, the so-called “Defund Planned Parenthood” bill failed to make it onto the Senate floor before the expiration of the legislative session. The tremendous importance of this legislation did not go unheeded by either the Ohio House or Senate because the substance of the expired bill was soon introduced into the state budget bill.

***“Low income pregnant women will now receive greater care...”***

The \$62 million dollar budget was signed into law on July 1, and includes five critical amendments that are protective of women and the unborn. Those amendments include:

1. **Prioritization of Family Planning Funding**—this changes the formula of distribution of federal funds from Planned Parenthood (PP) to more than 130 health care districts, community health care centers and others so that access to critical women’s health care is increased, instead of being concentrated among just 32 PP locations.
2. **Ohio Pregnancy and Support Program**—this introduces a funding stream to crisis pregnancy centers.
3. **Enhanced Regulations for Abortion Facilities**—to force locations to adhere to stricter standards of care in order to protect the lives of their clients.
4. **Heartbeat Informed Consent**—women seeking an abortion must have an ultrasound to determine the presence of the child’s heartbeat in order to understand the consequences of the abortion, just as they must consent to any other type of medical procedure.
5. **Ban on Transfer Agreements with Public Hospitals**—because federal dollars may not be used for

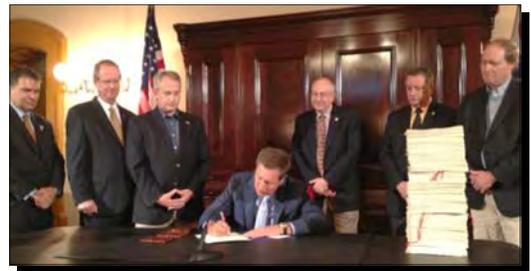
abortion, abortion facilities may not have a transfer agreement with a publicly funded hospital.

Passage of the budget gives Ohio the unique distinction of being one of the most restrictive states when it comes to abortion. While Planned Parenthood and other abortion advocates claim that the budget will roll back women's rights and access to health care in Ohio, it actually does just the opposite. *“Low-income pregnant women will now receive greater care and their unborn child will have a much greater opportunity to be born healthy. It took great compassion and courage for our Governor and pro-life legislature to stand up to the abortion industry that blatantly pressured them,”* said President of Ohio Right to Life Mike Gonidakis.

Passage of increased restrictions on



*RTLNEO Executive Director Denise Leipold testifies before the House Finance Committee in favor of the budget’s pro-life amendments.*



*Governor Kasich signs the budget bill into law.*

abortion clinics will hopefully prevent more trauma to women’s health, especially in light of the health care violations at recently closed facilities in Cuyahoga Falls and Toledo, and the unsafe conditions recently uncovered at the Gosnell trial in Philadelphia. ■



*There was once a king who was so mean and horrible that all of his kingdom just waited for him to die or be dethroned. However, one day he showed up at court and told everyone that he would no longer be that way. "No more cruelty, no more injustice," he promised, and he kept his word. He soon became known as the 'Peaceful King'.*

*Not too long after the king had changed, one of his ministers got the courage to ask the king what had made him change.*

*The king answered him by saying, "I was galloping through the forest one day when I saw a fox being chased by a hound. The fox ran into his hole but not before the hound had bitten into the fox's leg. Later that day I rode into the village and saw the same hound there barking at a man. I watched as the man picked up a huge stone and threw it at the dog, breaking its leg. The man turned around to leave but was kicked by a horse tied up at a shop. The man's knee looked like it was shattered as he fell to the ground. The horse came untied during the commotion and started to run away, but it fell into a hole and broke its leg. When I started thinking about all I had seen, it came to me that everyone or every thing that had done something wrong had been wronged himself. If I continue in my evil ways, I will surely be overtaken by evil, so I decided to change".*

*The minister walked away convinced that the king was now an easy target, and that it was time to overthrow him and seize the throne. Deep in thought, he didn't see the steps in front of him and he fell down, breaking his neck.*

Besides the obvious "what goes around, comes around" moral of this story, there is a deeper meaning. The king realized how unhappy everyone was with the way he was acting, and knew that he never wanted to be on the receiving end of unjust behavior.

Was that selfish.....of course! But at the same time, it made him be responsible for his own actions.

If you examine your own life, you'll probably discover that you've rationalized some behavior away at least once or twice in order to not accept responsibility for the consequences. Just as the man threw the stone at the dog to get it to shut up, we sometimes use the wrong tactics to get the results we want.



For example:

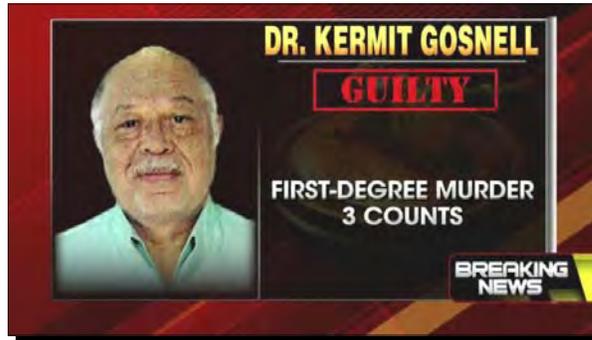
- Instead of teaching teenagers moral responsibility and abstinence, some teach "responsible sex" and to use birth control....*if you can't be good, be careful!*
- If an unplanned pregnancy results, some teach that it is a "problem" ...not a new life...that can be eliminated by killing it with an abortion.
- If a pregnancy results from rape or incest, some demean the value of the life of the child and say that the woman shouldn't be "punished" for the crimes of the father. Does that mean we should kill the child instead?
- Many rationalize that the ONLY way to "handle" the "problem" of an unwanted pregnancy for a woman in poor financial circumstances is to kill the child, rather than save the child's life by giving it up for adoption, because carrying a child to term and allowing it to go to a loving home is

too hard on the mother. Killing is much easier?

- Pro-abortion advocates rationalize abortion as a woman's reproductive right. Yes, a woman does have a right to reproduce...but so does that life that is produced within her!
  - Many rationalize that abortion is a civil right....*hmmm*. Mother Theresa once said that if you allow a mother to kill her own child, how can you tell other people not to kill one another?
  - Instead of listening to the scientific proof from DNA that life begins at conception, many rationalize that no one knows when life begins so you have to leave it up to the woman and her doctor. Now THAT one is a real stretch!!! We're supposed to believe in the shaky science that humans are responsible for global warming, but not believe in the scientific proof about life?
- The point of all of this is that if we just promoted good moral values and personal responsibility all along, then maybe this "twilight zone" of people believing it is okay to kill an unborn child wouldn't exist, and assisted suicide and euthanasia wouldn't be a topic either. It is not always easy to do the right thing....and that's the problem. Our society wants things fast and easy, and doesn't want to have that much responsibility. To those of you who believe abortion is okay, remember that you're going to be old someday...do you want someone to decide when your life should end?

Denise Leipold

The conviction of abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell for the murder of 3 infants born alive after failed abortion attempts has brought the topic of late-term abortion to the forefront for a second time, following society’s previous consideration of the partial birth abortion technique. The mainstream media tended to ignore or underreport the Gosnell story (*over the 58 days of Gosnell’s trial, ABC, CBS and NBC devoted a combined total of 13.5 minutes to the story, while devoting 41 minutes to Texas Congresswoman Wendy Davis’ 11 hour filibuster against a bill banning abortion after 20 weeks gestation*), or they labeled Gosnell a rogue or an outlier in the abortion industry.



### Late Term Abortions Not “Rare”

In discussing the topic, pro-choice spokespersons characterized late term abortions as “rare,” or even “extremely rare.” But would you consider an event that occurred an average of 30 to 50 times a day rare? The lower figure reflects the Congressional Budget Office’s estimate of the number of abortions that occur after 20 weeks. Its estimate is based on the Center for Disease Control’s (CDC) report on the number of abortions in the U.S., which has no data from California, Delaware, Maryland, or New Hampshire. The higher number is from the Guttmacher Institute’s data, which is based on its survey of all U.S. abortion providers.

Similarly, we sometimes hear that only a few doctors perform late-term abortions. But a 2008 study by the Guttmacher Institute indicated that some 140 abortionists are willing to perform abortions at 20 weeks or later. Pro-choice advocates also suggest that late-term abortions are done primarily for medical reasons. But a 2001-02 study of a hospital-based clinic by the Guttmacher Institute of over 190 women having second trimester abortions found that not one cited medical reasons.

### The Dreaded Complication

Neither is Dr. Gosnell a “rogue” or an “outlier” in delivering babies alive and then dispatching them. Live births following late-term abortions have been known as the “dreaded complication” since the 1973 case of Dr. Kenneth Edelin, who was convicted of manslaughter for suffocating a child born alive. Over the years, at least 14 other doctors have been identified as having been

accused, charged, or convicted of killing, or in two cases, failing to treat, live children born after failed abortions. For a current case, readers may go to LifeNews.com and enter the title “Another Gosnell: Report Shows Texas Abortion

*Doc Kills Babies Born Alive*” in the Search block.

These are only the known and documented cases. Doctor Willard Cates, former head of the CDC’s Abortion Surveillance group, was quoted in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* of August 2, 1981 as saying, “(Live births) are little known because organized medicine, from fear of public clamor and legal

action, treats them more as an embarrassment to be hushed up than a problem to be solved. It’s like turning yourself in to the IRS for an audit. ... The tendency is not to report because there are only negative incentives.” Cates estimates that 400 to 500 abortion live births occur every year in the U.S.

The number of live births depends on the abortion technique used, as well as the stage of pregnancy. In her 1976 book *In Necessity and Sorrow*, a study of a hospital specializing in abortion, Magda Denes notes that late-term saline abortions were particularly likely to result in the “dreaded complication.” The CDC reports, however, that saline abortions decreased from some 42,669 in 1974 to 1,164 in 1996. They were replaced by prostaglandin injection and by partial birth abortions, with the latter being outlawed after a Supreme Court decision in 2007. Live births still occur, however.

### Failure to Inspect Clinics

Perhaps as egregious as Gosnell’s practices is the inaction of pro-choice medical boards and health departments, who are supposed to be concerned about women’s “reproductive health,” but neglect to inspect clinics for years, sometimes even after complaints have been filed. Gosnell’s “house of horrors” was exposed not as the result of a health inspection, but because it was raided by FBI agents who suspected illegal drug sales. It was reported that the Pennsylvania Department of Health did *no* inspections at clinics between 1993 and 2010. Relative inaction has also been reported in Delaware, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas and Wisconsin, and there may be others.

### A Partial Solution.

Some reduction in the incidence of the “dreaded

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## News Briefs

**The HHS Mandate.** On Friday, June 28, 2013, the Obama administration released the final version of the HHS mandate which requires employers of 50 or more persons to provide “free” contraceptives, abortifacient drugs and devices, and sterilization to their female employees through their insurance plans. The administration made clear that it exempts “primarily houses of worship,” forcing religiously affiliated hospitals, schools, social agencies and publishers, as well as commercial businesses, to pay for these “services.” The latter’s only options are to drop health care coverage for their employees, violate their consciences, or pay bankrupting fines. Although the ruling says the insurance companies themselves will pay for these “services” and not the institutions, it is obvious that the cost will simply be returned to the latter. Moreover, some of these institutions are self-insured. To date 35 for-profit and 29 non-profit organizations have sued the government to protect their consciences and religious freedom. As of July 25, 30 decisions regarding for-profit groups have been rendered by federal courts in various jurisdictions across the U.S. Twenty-three decisions have secured injunctive relief prohibiting the government from enforcing the mandate until the cases can be tried on their merits. Most of the cases involving non-profits were dismissed since the government had not yet issued their final ruling. For more on the issue click **Issues** and then **HHS Mandate** on our website.

**Maine Rejects, Vermont Passes Assisted Suicide Law.** On May 31, 2013, the Maine House voted 95-43 against a bill to allow terminally ill patients to order lethal doses of medication from their doctors to commit suicide. However, 11 days before that, Vermont became the third state to legalize assisted suicide, following Oregon and Washington. (A Montana court ruled that the state does not prohibit assisted suicide, but the ruling is under contention). Charmaine Yoest, president of Americans United for Life stated, “Physician-assisted



suicide does not affirm the life or dignity of individuals facing serious illness or death. Instead, it opens the door to abuses and dangers for extremely vulnerable individuals.” Abuses may come from relatives seeking to hasten an individual’s death, or from government health plans seeking to save money on palliative care. Regarding the issue, the American Medical Association states, “Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks.”

In an equally troubling development, both Maryland and Vermont permit a physician to issue a “do not attempt resuscitation” order on a POLST on the basis that CPR would be “futile” or “medically ineffective,” without either a patient or their surrogate’s consent. Ironically, POLST stands for “Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment.” The pro-euthanasia organization Compassion & Choices was instrumental in making POLST protocols part of Obamacare.

**Texas PP Must Repay \$4.3 Million.** After Karen Reynolds, who worked at a Planned Parenthood affiliate in Lufkin, Texas from 1999-2009, “blew the whistle” the Texas Attorney General’s Office conducted an investigation and corroborated Reynolds’ allegations. The investigation found that PP charged the Texas Medicaid program for products and services that were never rendered, not medically necessary, or were not covered by the Medicaid program.

In the latter case, records were falsified to support fraudulent claims. These sometimes involved paying for client’s abortions, in violation of federal law, by submitting comparable costs for other services not actually rendered. PP must pay \$4.3 million to Texas and the U.S., which jointly fund the Medicaid program. For more details, click on **Issues, Abortion** and **Ten Reasons ...** on our website. ■

*(Late Term Abortion....continued from page 3)*

complication” may result because medical science has determined that the fetus at 18-20 weeks gestation has the anatomical, physiological and behavioral structures and responses which demonstrate that it experiences pain. As a result, eleven states (including Ohio) currently prohibit abortion after 20 weeks. On June 18, 2013, the U.S. House passed a ban on abortion after 20 weeks by a 228-196 margin, with all but six Republicans voting for it, and all but six Democrats voting against it. The bill, however, may not come to a vote in the Senate.

In a sense, whether or not the fetus can feel pain when it is killed is irrelevant, since unborn human beings are equally dead if they are killed 20 hours, 20 days, or 20 weeks after conception. Such laws, while a step in the right direction, are only a partial solution to the tragedy of legal abortion in America. The post-20 week ban does have popular support. Four national polls conducted between February 28 and July 21, 2013 find an average of 57% of Americans support such a ban, while 33% oppose it. ■



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# NEORTL NEWS



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## CELEBRATE LIFE DINNER & SILENT AUCTION ALL NEW!



*Attendees at last year's event browse through the many silent auction tables.*

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everything as new as possible!" said event chairperson Betty Schnitzler. "You'll love some of the new activities taking place, such as the *Dessert Dash* and more."

Items for the silent auction are donated each year, and have included great products such as Don Drumm art, Coach and Kate Spade purses, name brand tools, gift baskets, gift certificates, vacations and more.

Seating is limited, so get your tickets soon! All proceeds benefit the mission and programs of Right to Life of Northeast Ohio. Silent auction donations are being accepted now. Please call our office at 330-762-2785 if you have an item to donate. You can also send an e-mail to [information@rtlofneo.com](mailto:information@rtlofneo.com). ■

AKRON, OH Today, Right to Life of Northeast Ohio announced an all new format for their annual "Celebrate Life Dinner & Silent Auction." Normally held on a Friday, the event has moved to a Saturday so that it won't compete with local high school sports.

In addition to a new day, this

dynamic event will be held at a new location. Located at 129 South Union Street in Akron (near the University of Akron campus) the Greek Community Center has great food and is more centrally located.

"We wanted to create a 'new' excitement for this 'newsworthy' event, so we thought we'd make

### NEW DAY:

**Now on a Saturday!  
October 26, 2013  
6:00 PM**

### NEW LOCATION:

**Greek Community Center  
129 S. Union St.  
Akron, OH**

### SAME PRICE!

**\$50 person  
Includes dinner,  
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*(Middle through High School)*

Youth for Life of Northeast Ohio announces a

# Fall Pro-Life Youth Workshop

featuring



Kristan Hawkins



Bob Perry



September 21, 2013 1:00-4:00 PM

**FREE ADMISSION!**

Knights of Columbus Hall in Massillon

Held in cooperation with Right to Life of Stark County  
More information and registration available at:

[www.YouthForLifeofNortheastOhio.org](http://www.YouthForLifeofNortheastOhio.org)



Fall Campaign:

**September 25**  
through  
**November 3**

*Join us for the Akron/Canton area kickoff rally on*

**Sunday, September 22, 2013 2:00PM**

**Queen of Heaven Church**  
1800 Steese Rd. in Green

For more information or to sign up for a vigil time, visit

[www.40DaysForLife.com/Akron](http://www.40DaysForLife.com/Akron)

[www.40DaysForLife.com/Canton](http://www.40DaysForLife.com/Canton)



**Sunday, October 6**

***\*NEW FORMAT THIS YEAR!\****

Instead of holding the Life Chain at the abortion facilities, we are encouraging churches to hold the Life Chain after their last service (starting at 12:30—1:00) and ending at 2:00PM in order for more people to get involved, and to put on a massive display of Christians outside of their churches standing and praying for life! Over 400 area churches have already been contacted to share this plan. PLEASE ask your pastor to participate in this awesome event!

Watch for more information soon at

[www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com](http://www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com)

## Legislation Update



The following are summaries of some current legislative initiatives or prospective legislation affecting pro-life advocacy being considered by the federal government:

**Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (CIANA)**—requires any abortionist to notify a parent before performing an abortion on a minor who is a resident of another state, unless the minor has already received authorization from a court in her home state, or unless the abortionist is already required to provide such parental notification by a current law in the state in which he practices. If the minor asserts that she is the victim of abuse, the abortionist must notify the appropriate state child abuse agency as well.

The bill also would make it a federal offense to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion without fulfilling the requirements of a parental notification law in effect in the home state. A version of this bill is under consideration in both the house and senate. *RTLNEO supports this legislation.*

**Pre-Natal Non Discrimination Act (PRENDA)**—This act would apply federal criminal penalties to any person who does any of the following four things: (1) performs an abortion knowing that such abortion is sought based on the sex of the child; (2) uses force or the threat of force to intentionally injure or intimidate any person for the purpose of coercing a sex-selection abortion; (3) solicits or accepts funds for the performance of a sex-selection abortion; or (4) transports a woman into the United States or across a State line for the purpose of obtaining a sex-selection abortion. The bill provides that a woman cannot be prosecuted or sued in connection with her own abortion. A version of this bill is in both the house and the senate. *RTLNEO supports this legislation.*

**Health Care Conscience Rights Act**—provides conscience protections for Americans to prevent coercive means to compel participation in providing abortion and other procedures regardless of religious and moral objections. The bill would amend ObamaCare to prevent the imposition of regulatory mandates that violate the religious or moral convictions of those who purchase or provide health insurance. The bill would also prevent government from discriminating against health care providers, including doctors, nurses, hospitals, and insurers, who decline to participate in abortions. In addition, it would empower victims to seek relief in court for violations of the federal conscience laws. This bill is currently under consideration in several house committees. *RTLNEO supports this legislation.*

**Harassment of Pro-Life Pregnancy Resource Centers**—grants the Federal Trade Commission sweeping powers to regulate "advertising" by pro-life pregnancy resource centers, including those operated by volunteers that provide services, at no charge, to pregnant women. This bill is *opposed by RTLNEO* because it is part of a campaign by the abortion industry to step up government harassment of pregnancy resource centers.

For more detailed information about these initiatives and more, visit our website at [www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com](http://www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com), the Ohio Right to Life website at [www.OhioLife.org](http://www.OhioLife.org), or the National Right to Life website at [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org).

Please take action on this legislation by contacting your congressman or senator. You can find out who your representatives are on the legislation page on our website. ■



### To be a good pro-life advocate, you need to know:

- all about the issues, including abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia, assisted suicide and more...
- about current legislation, news, and initiatives which affect the sanctity of life...
- programs and events which can help to change the hearts and minds of those who would endanger innocent life...
- how to help those who have experienced the tragedy of abortion...

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**Our Goal**

*Building the Culture of Life*

**Our Strategies**

***Educate** with the facts concerning life issues  
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