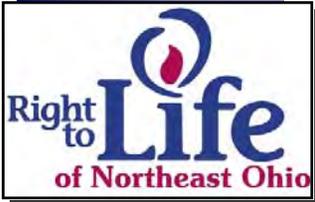


LifeLines



Winter 2014



Going forward...and looking back!

In order to get where you're going, you've got to know where you've been! With that in mind, here are some of the events and accomplishments from 2013 that we will build on as we move forward in our mission in 2014, thanks largely to your volunteer and financial support:

- We started the year with *Youth for Life of Northeast Ohio* as a resource to build and strengthen pro-life youth groups in schools and churches. This highly successful project has allowed individual pro-life youth groups to become independently strong while keeping connected through the resources of *Youth for Life*.
- We collected and sent thousands of signatures to our legislators supporting pro-life laws while collecting donations to support our media campaign to put those in crisis pregnancies in touch with life saving resources.
- We led two busses of students to the annual *March for Life* in Washington, DC, where students also attended the *Students for Life* conference.
- *Youth for Life of Northeast Ohio* held local conferences in April with *Bryan Kemper* and September with *Kristan Hawkins* and *Bob Perry* for our youth to increase their knowledge enabling them to become better pro-life role models among their peers.
- Our quarterly *LifeLines* newsletter was mailed to thousands, distributed through many churches, and is available on-line.
- Executive Director Denise Leipold spoke to 13 different groups addressing over 1,200 people. She appeared on two radio programs, and testified in Columbus at two Ohio legislative hearings in support of pro-life laws. She also conferred extensively with local religious leaders and the national *Youth for Life* and *Susan B. Anthony List* organizations.
- We updated 19 fact sheets/articles (available on our website under

"Issues") to reflect new data and findings, and added a new article comparing slavery, the holocaust and abortion. Besides informing the general public, these articles are good resources for students.

"We did more with less. We decreased operating expenses...by 17.4%!"

- Staff members and close supporters had over 20 letters to the editor published in major local papers, and we published a full page pro-life ad funded by a supporter.
- We staffed information booths at many events, including the *Cleveland March for Life*, *Cleveland Pro-Life Symposium*, *Kent Heritage Festival*, *Summit and Portage County Fairs*, and the *Cleveland Men's Fellowship Conference*.
- We organized the spring and fall Akron area *40 Days for Life* campaign with hundreds of vigil participants witnessing at the abortion facilities in Akron and Cuyahoga Falls, and at Akron Planned Parenthood.



- We organized an area wide *Life Chain* in October, and a *Pro Life Chalk Day* with our staff leading the way at the Akron Metro Bus Station.
- Our *Cloud of Witnesses* program reported at least two saves and three probable saves at Akron's abortion centers; others may have gone unreported.

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I think it is part of a woman's internal wiring to learn how to use guilt and reverse psychology to get a job done. Add in a little education, truth, morality and faith, and it can be very effective. Sometimes you have to do what you have to do! With that in mind, if you consider yourself pro-life and are waiting for everyone else to be pro-life, too, here are some things (some are even simple and easy!) that will make the wait even longer:

- If you have a "precious feet" pin, don't wear it all the time. That way, no one will ask you what it is, and you won't have to tell them that the feet are the size of a child at 10-12 weeks when the majority of abortions occur and that the child is not just a blob of tissue. You won't have to give the pin away to someone and get another one like I do so that they can start wearing it and having people ask *them* what it is and continue the cycle.
- Don't stand and pray or witness for an hour or so at an abortion facility or

Planned Parenthood location, especially during *40 Days for Life* each spring and fall. After all, you might have to talk to an abortion minded individual who may never have had the benefit of someone telling them that an unborn child is human, or that God loves both of them.

You might also be seen by someone in public just driving by who may decide not to go in just because they saw you there, caring about life.

- Leave your child's sex education and morality up to their school. Why should they learn about respect, marriage, responsibility and abstinence? You can just tell them to get birth control...if you can't be good, be careful, right?
- Don't ever talk with friends or family about abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, assisted suicide or any subject that threatens a human life. After all, these are political, not moral issues, aren't they?
- If you have parents, grandparents, relatives, neighbors or friends who are elderly, don't pay much attention to them, visit them, call them, or

encourage your children to do so. After all, they are at the end of their life and they no longer have a purpose, right?

- If you know someone who is pregnant who discovers that their unborn child has Down's Syndrome or some other fetal anomaly, tell them that letting this child be born is cruel, and that God never intended for this to happen. All other life is perfect, right?
- Don't ever pass along our newsletters, e-mails, or any other information to your friends, family or anyone else. After all, we are just activists who don't care about children after they are born and just want to get your donations to continue our war on women, right?

I think you get the picture....

For Life,
Denise Leipold
Executive Director

Looking Back.... (continued from page 1)

- Compared to 2012, our Media Campaign generated a 300% increase in direct contacts between abortion-vulnerable women and life-affirming agencies such as OptionLine and pregnancy resource centers.
- We hosted a meeting of representatives from the majority of area pregnancy help centers and pro-life agencies to meet with *Ohio Right to Life* staff concerning the state funds now available through the new Ohio budget bill.
- We hosted a meeting with local and national leaders to combat rape and incest exceptions in legislation and by legislators. Attendees included Dan Becker, *President of Georgia Right to Life*, and Rebecca Kiessling, *Director of Save the One*. Rebecca was the keynote speaker at our April banquet.
- Through the perseverance of board member Bill Obendorf, we developed a presentation to be used with church pastors to encourage involvement in pro life activities. Bill contacted many churches in 2013, and intends to continue in 2014.
- Our annual *Reverse Raffle, Education & Appreciation Dinner, Mother's Day Flower Sale, Golf for Life* and *Celebrate Life Dinner & Auction* helped us to raise funds and connect with new and old friends.
- Our technology has improved. Our comprehensive website is updated regularly and features on-line and secure donations, as well as on-line registration for events. We've come into the future and are now on *Facebook*, too. We're not quite yet to *Twitter*, but it's coming soon! Up-to-the minute e-blasts are sent to our supporters to keep them current on relevant information and events.
- We did more with less. We decreased operating expenses from 2012 to 2013 by 17.4%, yet we accomplished much more!

Yes, we did a lot, but sometimes it just seems like a drop in the bucket compared to what has yet to be done. With your help and through the Grace of God, we will continue!

Over 1.5 million Americans who had individual health plans cancelled now know that President Barack Obama's statement, "If you like your health care plan you can keep it," is not true. The government's own "mid-range" estimate of how many employer plans will also be cancelled is another 70 million. (*Federal Register* 6/17/10, pp. 34548-53).

U.S. Representative Chris Smith (R, NJ), Co-Chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus has stated that the Obama Administration has also misled Americans by maintaining that elective abortion would not be funded under the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). Smith noted this occurred in three major instances.

President Obama's Words

In his October 2009 speech to a joint session of Congress, the President said,

"under our plan, no federal dollars will be used to fund abortion." To convince pro-life Democrats Bart Stupak of the House and Ben Nelson of the Senate to vote for Obamacare, President Obama issued Executive Order 13535 (3/29/10). It stated, "The Act maintains current Hyde

Amendment restrictions governing abortion policy and extends those restrictions to the newly created health insurance exchanges," and gave other similar "guarantees." Both pro-life and pro-choice proponents knew the order was an empty gesture, since executive orders cannot countermand existing law, and Secretary Kathleen Sebelius was given power under Obamacare to determine what the particulars of the law would be.

Once the law took effect, it was evident that elective abortion would be covered. Obamacare sets up federal exchanges for consumers to research plan options and enroll in a given plan. The law supposedly requires that at least one plan in each state exclude abortion coverage. But Rhode Island and Connecticut only have one exchange each, and they both cover abortion. Moreover, Section 1303 of Obamacare requires each premium payer in an abortion-covering plan to pay a minimum surcharge of \$1 per month to an abortion fund to be administered by the government. Twenty-four states including Ohio have passed abortion opt-out laws, so that no plans within their states offer abortion. However, all of the rules governing Obamacare have not yet been written by HHS, and abortion coverage may still be offered in the federal

plans in those states. Moreover, it is probable that tax money goes into one health care pot, so that all tax payers pay for abortion whether or not their state has passed an opt-out law.

Secretary Sebelius's Words

In his first day in office, President Obama said, "Let me say it as simply as I can: transparency and the rule of law will be the touchstones of this presidency." He also wrote, "My administration is committed to creating an unprecedented level of openness in government." HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius apparently didn't get the word when it comes to Obamacare's abortion coverage. In writing the rules for insurance companies, Sebelius apparently took the "you have to buy it before you know what's in it" approach. Thus the abortion surcharge can

only be disclosed at the time of enrollment, and may not be listed as a charge separate from other costs in the plan.

When testifying before a House committee on 10/30/13 as to whether federal exchange plans were clearly identified regarding abortion coverage, Sebelius answered, "Sir, I don't know. ... I will check and make

sure that is clearly identifiable." Rep. John Shimkus (R, IL) then asked her to provide the information. Reappearing before the committee on 12/11/13 Rep. Shimkus asked why the information had not yet been provided. Sebelius responded, "It's on the website." But researchers have found that benefit summaries which can be viewed on healthcare.gov do not indicate whether abortion is covered. That Sebelius, an abortion proponent whose department is responsible for writing the rules governing Obamacare, and whose rules mask abortion funding, doesn't know whether abortion coverage is clearly listed is hard to believe. (For more information regarding Sebelius' abortion advocacy, see LifeNews.com 10/31/13).

Words of former Senator Ben Nelson (D, NE)

"If you are receiving Federal assistance to buy insurance ... you must pay separately from your own personal funds ... for abortion coverage. ... You have to write two checks: one for the basic policy and one for the additional coverage for abortion." The Obama Administration passed this law to be able to say that "no federal dollars will be used to fund abortion." But this is absurd. If the law compels you to pay into a fund and then administers that fund, it is a federal fund, and the dollars become federal dollars.

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According to its most recent annual report, Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider, performing 327,166 abortions in 2012 (over a quarter of the nation's total), while receiving \$540.6 million in tax funds. In addition to the latter, it is a beneficiary of Obamacare in a number of ways.

Navigator Contracts

The Obama Administration has awarded at least four contracts totaling \$1.03 million to Planned Parenthood (PP) affiliates in Iowa, Montana, New Hampshire and Washington, D.C. to provide "Navigators" who are meant to assist persons signing up for Obamacare. In addition, affiliates in 10 other states, including Ohio, have been designated "Certified Application Counselors" who can certify paid staff or volunteers to help people apply for Obamacare. Given its emphasis on abortion, it is likely that applicants will be steered to exchange plans which include abortion coverage.

Paul Kneprath, an officer of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, addressing the California Building Standards Commission, envisioned the "redevelopment and building of new clinic facilities" to accommodate the expected influx of new patients brought in by the expansion of insurance coverage.

Mandated "Free" Contraceptives

The HHS Contraceptive Mandate, which essentially considers pregnancy a preventable disease and mandates that contraception and abortion-inducing drugs and devices be "cost-free," is a boon to contraceptive providers like PP. A Guttmacher national study of women 18-39 comparing their responses about contraceptive use in fall 2012 (pre-Obamacare) and spring 2013 (after the HHS rule) found that the proportion of privately insured women who paid zero dollars for oral contraceptive pills increased from 15% to 40%, while use of the vaginal ring increased from 23% to

52%. (Family planners continue to downplay the fact that hormonal contraceptives are carcinogens. Further, there are now some 1,163 lawsuits against the NuvaRing. For more details, see *Hormonal and Emergency Contraceptives* under "Issues" then "Contraception" on our website).

Rebranding and Doing Less with More

In recent months, Planned Parenthood has eschewed the pro-choice and family-planning labels and marketed itself as a woman's health-care provider. However, its reports and activity show it to be concentrating on expanding its abortion business. It notified its affiliates that each was expected to be operating an abortion clinic by January 2013. Although it reports only 3% of its services involve abortion, the STOPP unit at American Life League estimates that 55.7% of its non-tax clinic income comes from abortion. Indeed, Planned Parenthood's own annual reports show that as a "health care provider,"

- in 2012, abortion made up 93.8% of its pregnancy services, while
- prenatal services made up 5.6%, declining 29% since 2009, and
- adoptions made up 0.6%.
- Cancer screening dropped 14% since 2011 and 39% since 2009. (Contrary to some reports, it has never provided mammograms).

Finally, clinic watchers report that of the 69 botched abortion incidences observed over 2011-2013, 32 (46.4%) involved PP clinics. (See our website under Issues, Abortion). Planned Parenthood receives almost \$1.5 million a day from taxpayers. Its 2012-13 annual report indicated it had \$58.2 million in excess revenue (profit) and more than \$1.3 billion in net assets.

Planned Parenthood neither needs nor deserves our tax money. (see *Ten Reasons Why Tax Money Should Not Go to Planned Parenthood* under "Issues" then "Abortion" on our website.)

Government Misleads (Continued from page 3)

Moreover, the Obama Administration has apparently decided not to follow the two-check rule. Statements from the National Women's Law Center, Rhode Island, Maryland, New York and Washington indicate that the rule is not being implemented. Thus, between the failure to disclose abortion coverage at the outset and the failure to bill the surcharge separately, Americans are left in the dark, unknowingly paying into the abortion fund.

Possible Remedies. Representative Chris Smith (R,NJ) has introduced the Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act (H.R. 3279) which requires the Obamacare exchanges to prominently disclose if the plan covers abortion, and the amount of the abortion surcharge. A companion bill was introduced in the Senate by Pat Roberts (R,KS) (S.1848). Senator Rob Portman (R,OH) is a cosponsor. Rep. Smith has also introduced the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7) which would extend the provisions of the Hyde Amendment, which now covers only Medicaid patients, to all government programs. Citizens may inform their legislators how they feel about these pro-life bills.

News Briefs

Abortion Mill Reopens in Cuyahoga Falls

Last April, the abortion facility in Cuyahoga Falls known as Capital Care Network was ordered closed by the Ohio Department of Health due to multiple health and safety violations which included failure to perform TB testing, using unqualified and untrained staff, failure to meet sanitary standards and to properly keep patient documentation, and dozens of other operational and medical failures. The primary abortionist at this facility was Thomas Michaelis from the Capital Care Network facility in Toledo. The Toledo location has *also* been closed due to health and safety violations.



David Burkons (an OB/GYN from Cleveland who performed abortions at Planned Parenthood in Bedford and *also at the Cuyahoga Falls Capital Care Network location*) formed a new abortion mill called Northeast Ohio Women's Center and is open in the same location as the former Capital Care Network at 2127 State Road in Cuyahoga Falls. The frightening facts about the Northeast Ohio Women's Center are that Burkons was involved with the previous business that was closed due to the multiple violations; the Northeast Ohio Women's Center is the only non-Capital Care Network facility linked on the Capital Care Network website for their remaining three locations in Ohio; and, the Northeast Ohio Women's Center has the same phone number as the previous Capital Care Network Cuyahoga Falls location. Despite all of this, Burkons has a license pending for Northeast Ohio Women's Center with the Ohio Department of Health.

Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia Advocates Active

Two doctors and a woman with uterine cancer are seeking a New Mexico court's permission for physicians to prescribe lethal medicines for patients seeking to end their own lives. The state Psychological Association supports the lawsuit. It argues that "assisted suicide" and "aid in dying" for terminally ill patients are fundamentally different. However this appears to be a distinction without a difference, since the individual killed is equally dead in both instances.

A "Death With Dignity Act" has been voted out of committee and awaits consideration before the New Jersey Senate. Since 1997, Oregon, Washington and

Vermont have passed similar legislation, with 937 persons having died as a result in the first two states through 2012.

Belgium's 2002 law permitting euthanasia shows this policy to be a slippery slope. Studies have found that: 95% of euthanasia requests are granted; in the Flanders region, 32% of assisted deaths are done without requests; 47% of such deaths are unreported; *nurses* are euthanizing patients in violation of the law; euthanasia is sometimes used to cover up medical errors. In December 2013 the Belgian Senate voted to permit euthanasia for "disabled" children.

Supreme Court to Consider Challenges to HHS Mandate

In February of 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services published a mandate under Obamacare requiring that all non-church employers with over 50 employees provide health insurance covering contraceptives, sterilization, and abortifacient drugs and devices. Almost 300 persons have challenged the mandate in 90+ lawsuits.

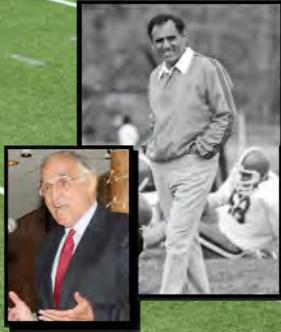
To date, U.S. District Courts have rendered judgments in 20 cases involving non-profit groups (colleges, social service agencies, etc.) and 39 cases involving for-profit companies. The non-profits have won temporary injunctions against the mandate in 19 of 20 cases, while the profits have won in 33 of 39 cases. At issue are individual's rights to freedom of religion and conscience. Given these disparate findings, the Supreme Court has agreed to hear oral arguments in a major case involving Hobby Lobby on March 25, 2014.

CDC: Abortions Decrease Nationwide

The Centers for Disease Control released its Abortion Surveillance report in November. For 49 reporting areas (California, Maryland and New Hampshire did not submit figures), there were 765,651 abortions in 2010. If we apply the CDC percentage decreases from 2008-2010 to the survey of all abortion providers conducted by the Guttmacher Institute in 2008, a more accurate total would be 1,129,257 abortions in 2010.

The good CDC news is that from 2001 to 2010, the total number of abortions and the number of abortions per live births decreased by 9% and 8%, respectively. Unfortunately, we don't know how much of this decrease was supplanted by women utilizing over-the-counter abortifacients. The bad news is the CDC reports that from the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision through 2009, 480 women died from induced abortions, 85.6% from "safe, legal" abortions. The worse news is that three studies indicate the CDC underreports such deaths by 30-419%. ■

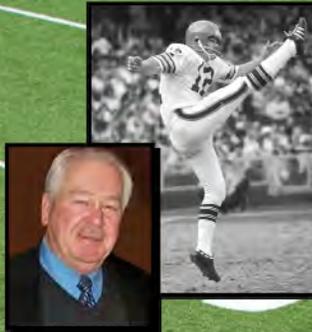
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Cleveland and Northeast Ohio March for Life

Saturday, January 18, 2014 was a frigid day in downtown Cleveland, but it didn't deter supporters from turning out for the annual Cleveland March for Life. It was great to see so many endure the temperatures to stand up in public for the sanctity of life. It was especially gratifying to see youth groups that we provide resources for through *Youth for Life of Northeast Ohio*. After the march led by *Cleveland Right to Life* from Public Square down Euclid Avenue to the Halle Building, we were privileged to hear from U.S Congressman David Joyce, Ohio Representative Matt Lynch, and keynote speaker Dr. Michael Kenney.



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Our Goal

Building the Culture of Life

Our Strategies

Educate with the facts concerning life issues
Legislate by promoting laws protecting innocent
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Multiply our voices to increase in strength

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