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## Join Us! Membership Meeting: April 17

Are your investments funding Planned Parenthood or other pro-abortion groups? Of course, none of us pro-lifers want to be funding the culture of death! The problem is that many of us don't know which companies are funding pro-abortion groups. We don't have the expertise to screen our investments or mutual funds. We make sacrifices for the pro-life movement giving of our time and talent and treasure while also investing in groups or funds that undermine much of what we are doing.

Thomas Strobhar of ProVita Advisors will explain how we can extend our pro-life principles to our investments. Tom will be the keynote speaker for the annual RTL membership meeting, to be held at St. Remy Hall in Russia on Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm. Tom has a proven track record of presenting stockholder resolutions which have resulted in groups withdrawing funding from Planned Parenthood. Although he won't be able to address specific stocks at this meeting, his company offers free moral audits for those who want to follow up with concrete action.

In addition, Luke and Ann Cordonnier will update us on their good work at the thrift shop. And as always, there will be refreshments and fellowship with other local pro-lifers. Continued on page 2

### Mark your calendar

- Garage Sale: April 12-14
- Member Meeting: April 17
- Golf Outing: May 19
- Deadline for submissions to the May newsletter: April 26.
- Board meetings: April 3, May 1, 7pm.

### Clothing center report

We served 129 people during the month of February, 25 of whom received free items, one took literature, and six were referred to the Women's Center.

Right to Life of Shelby County is a 501(c)(3) educational and service organization. All donations are fully tax-deduct

## Russia Garage Sale: April 12-14

The annual Right to Life garage sale will be held April 12-14, at St. Remy Hall in Russia. Hours are 9am-7pm on Thursday and Friday; 9am-noon on Saturday.

We are very grateful for all of your donations year after year. As a friendly reminder we ask that you continue to donate only clean and salable items. Clothes that are stained do not sell. It is also extremely helpful if clothes are sorted by size and bagged/boxed accordingly. To donate, please drop items off at the RTL office during open hours, or see your church bulletin for your local drop off site. You may also drop items off Wednesday, April 11, at St. Remy Hall from 9 am-6 pm. If you would like to donate large items that you are not able to store until the sale, please contact Maria Hoehne at 937-526-5008.

There is a bake sale and raffle held in conjunction with the garage sale. Baked items may be brought to the garage sale on Wednesday, April 11, from 9 am-6 pm. Additional baked goods will be accepted throughout Thursday of the sale. The raffle this year is a 50/50 (tickets included in this letter). One winner will receive one-half of the total raffle receipts. Please return your tickets to the RTL office by Wednesday, April 11 (or directly to the sale in Russia by Friday, April 13).

If you marked "garage sale" on your 2012 volunteer form, someone will contact you. If you are not contacted and would like to help, please call Karen Rosenbeck, 937-526-5814. Thank you!



## Right to Life Golf Outing Coming Soon

The 2nd Annual Scramble-4-Life Golf Outing will be Saturday, May 19 at Shelby Oaks Golf Course, Sidney, Ohio, tee off at 10am. With your help (and Mother Nature's cooperation!), we hope to duplicate and even exceed the success of last year's event.

To register a team or for more information, e-mail [scramble4life@gmail.com](mailto:scramble4life@gmail.com), or call Julia (937-489-9129) or Tim (937-693-2753).

Cost for a 4-person team is \$200, which includes golf, cart, and a meal. Cash prizes will be awarded. All proceeds benefit Right to Life. Register now!

There are many sponsorship opportunities for individuals, organizations, and businesses, too. Contact Julia or Tim for more information.

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Bring family and friends to hear Tom's testimony. His journey has led him to the corporate meetings of major companies, such as Target, Ford, Merck, and Microsoft. He is an example of a Christian who has been willing to take his religious convictions and financial expertise right into the market place. It's exciting to hear how we can "achieve excellent returns without sacrificing eternal values." Teens interested in a good witness testimony and a challenge for their life, senior citizens interested in leaving a legacy of pro-life investments, and families desiring to be good stewards of their investments will all benefit from this program.

Come meet RTL's staff and board, get energized, and learn how to be a more active member of Right to Life. Please plan to join us for this important event!

## National Health Care Law Permits Abortion Funding

It's official. The concern pro-life organizations had about the ObamaCare legislation funding abortions has been confirmed, as the Obama administration has issued the final rules on abortion funding governing the controversial health care law.

Nestled within the "individual mandate" in the Obamacare act — that portion of the Act requiring every American to purchase government-approved insurance or pay a penalty — is an "abortion premium mandate." This mandate requires all persons enrolled in insurance plans that include elective abortion coverage to pay a separate premium from their own pockets to fund abortion. As a result, many pro-life Americans will have to decide between a plan that violates their consciences by funding abortion, or a plan that may not meet their health needs.

The Department of Health and Human Services has issued a final rule regarding establishment of the state health care exchanges required under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. As a knowledgeable pro-life source on Capitol Hill informed LifeNews, as authorized by Obamacare, "The final rule provides for taxpayer funding of insurance coverage that includes elective abortion" and the change to longstanding law prohibiting virtually all direct taxpayer funding of abortions (the Hyde Amendment) is accomplished through an accounting arrangement described in the Affordable Care Act and reiterated in the final rule issued today.

"To comply with the accounting requirement, plans will collect a \$1 abortion surcharge from each premium payer," the pro-life source informed LifeNews. "The enrollee will make two payments, \$1 per month for abortion and another payment for the rest of the services covered. As described in the rule, the surcharge can only be disclosed to the enrollee at the time of enrollment. Furthermore, insurance plans may only advertise the total cost of the premiums without disclosing that enrollees will be charged a \$1 per month fee to directly subsidize abortions." Continued on page 3

## Help Babies in Need; Be a Diaper Sponsor

One of RTL's major expenses is purchasing diapers for needy mothers. We always strive to ensure that we are genuinely promoting life rather than enabling poor behavior. (Plus we want to be conscientious stewards of the resources entrusted to us.) To this end we recently revised our free diaper policy to try to reflect both generosity and sound stewardship. Diapers provided without cost will be limited, while additional diapers will be available for parents who demonstrate accountability by co-paying or by attending classes through the Women's Center.

Would you be willing to partner with us by sponsoring one month of the diaper program for \$100? This would be a great project for a youth group, church group, or other organization. You can select which month out of the year you would like, and we will list your name in the newsletter as sponsor for that month (unless you request anonymity).

Please contact Kevin or Anne at [director@shelbycountyrntl.org](mailto:director@shelbycountyrntl.org) or 937-492-5584 if you would like to sign up for a diaper sponsorship.

## Obamacare Abortion Mandate Continued from page 3

The pro-life advocate told LifeNews that the final HHS rule mentions, but does not address concerns about abortion coverage in "multi-state" plans administered by the Federal Government's Office of Personell Management (OPM). "There is nothing in the Affordable Care Act to prevent some OPM (government administered) plans from covering elective abortion, and questions remain about whether OPM multi-state plans will include elective abortion," the pro-life source said. "If such plans do include abortion, there are concerns that the abortion coverage will even be offered in states that have prohibited abortion coverage in their state exchanges."

The final rule indicates: "Specific standards for multi-state plans will be described in future rulemaking published by OPM..."

Set to go into effect in 2014, the unconstitutional provisions found in Section 1303 of the Obamacare Act compel enrollees in certain health plans to pay a separate abortion premium from their own pocket, without the ability to decline abortion coverage based on religious or moral objection.

That provision was the subject of a legal document that Bioethics Defense Fund's Dorinda C. Bordlee, lead counsel for the group, submitted to the Supreme Court in February. "This violates the Free Exercise Clause because religious exemptions are made for groups such as the Amish who morally object to purchasing any insurance, but no exemptions are made for Americans who have religious or moral objections to abortion," Bordlee said.

ADF Senior Counsel Steven Aden says Americans should not be compelled to pay for other people's elective abortions. "No one should be forced to violate their conscience by paying for abortions, but that's precisely what ObamaCare does," he explained. "ObamaCare requires that employees enrolled in certain health plans pay a separate insurance premium specifically to pay for other people's elective abortions and offers no opt-out for religious or moral reasons. Such a mandate cannot survive constitutional scrutiny."

BDF president and general counsel Nikolas Nikas said the individual mandate not only forces individuals into private purchases, it also effectively mandates personal payments for surgical abortion coverage, without exemption for an individual's religious or moral objections. He told LifeNews in an email, "Like a Russian nesting doll, the individual mandate has nestled within it a hidden, but equally unconstitutional scheme that effectively imposes an 'abortion premium mandate' that violates the free exercise rights of millions of Americans who have religious objections to abortion."

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## October Baby Movie Provides Hope to Abortion Survivor

On March 23rd, October Baby, a much anticipated pro-life film, was released. Through October Baby, the fictional life of an abortion survivor is hitting the big screen, and hopefully touching people's hearts.

Certainly, the message of October Baby is so much more than just about surviving an abortion. Not to be a spoiler, I will simply say that viewers will find hope, joy, forgiveness, and love, and they will experience through the film the impact that abortion has on all of our lives, while also experiencing how love and forgiveness set us free. October Baby is poised to be a life changer for so many people, and I hope that it's a game changer, too, when it comes to abortion. Although the life of Hannah is fictional, the reality is that there are a number of people around the world who can relate to Hannah and what it's like to be an abortion survivor.

When I found out at the age of 14 that I was a survivor, it changed my life, and now, it's changed the world, forever. But for many years, I felt incredibly alone. I was full of fear; I had to battle against feelings of shame, embarrassment, and even guilt. Since I came forward publicly in 2007, I have felt the call to not only unabashedly speak out against what happened to me and speak up for the millions of children each year who are voiceless and then rendered lifeless, but to also reach out to other survivors, so that they can know that they are not alone, that they do not have to be silenced or shamed by the culture of death that we live in, and if they are so inclined, they can step out of the shadows and into the light to make a difference.

And now, I have the opportunity to reach out to survivors in that capacity and educate the public, at the same time. Through a new website launched today, [www.theabortionsurvivors.com](http://www.theabortionsurvivors.com), you will find the most current information that exists about abortion survivors—whether it be statistics, news stories about survivors around the world, testimonies of individuals who wish to remain private yet still have the opportunity to share their story with others, or through the testimony of survivors who are engaged in public ministry, this website is the most comprehensive, up to date site with abortion survivor information. And as a survivor, it is my fervent prayer that people truly take the time to read these stories, read these articles and educate themselves.

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