



Lighting Up Life in Downtown Sidney

A crowd of enthusiastic pro-lifers of all ages warmed up the chilly evening of Friday, November 22 with their bright smiles, bright jackets, and bright LIFE balloons.

Nearly fifty members joined RTL in the Sidney Winter Wonderland Parade, walking the route with big, yellow LIFE balloons lighted by flashlights. The group was led by the Shelby County Right to Life banner and a UTV decorated in pro-life signs and pumping music celebrating LIFE and LIGHT.

Holiday lighting festooned the court square for the 7:30 parade. A huge crowd was on hand for the 33rd edition of the annual event, which featured almost a hundred entries.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this great witness to the joy and vitality of the pro-life message. Special thanks to Ben Monnin and Dan Jock for providing the vehicle and sound equipment.

Mark your calendar

- Deadline for submissions to the January newsletter: Dec. 21.
- Board meeting: January 7, 7 p.m.

Clothing center report

In October, 218 clients purchased items, 33 used certificates from classes, 47 received free items, and 6 were referred to the Women's Center.

Thank you to the St. Remy Confirmation class for cleaning toys for the thrift shop.

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Wishing You and Yours a

476 Babies Saved From Abortion During 40 Days for Life

Although the campaign has ended, we're still receiving information from our hard-working local coordinators. Through 40 days of prayer and fasting, we have so far received reports of 476 babies saved from abortion (that we know of)!

Add that to the number of babies who were saved during all previous 40 Days for Life campaigns ... and the total is now 8,012 babies whose lives were spared!!! The Lord has truly heard and answered your prayers!

We give thanks to God for another 40 days of miracles! A few stories from this year:

Cherry Hill, NJ

Claire in Cherry Hill sent along a photo with Bishop Dennis Sullivan of the Catholic diocese of Camden leading prayer at the Cherry Hill vigil ... and also shared a story that really gets to the heart of the abortion mindset that has overtaken our culture.

A young woman was brought to the abortion center by her mother, father and sister. She had three children under the age of 6 and was pregnant again. The children had different fathers. One is in jail. One had simply vanished.

One of the volunteers handed some literature to the woman's mom, and begged her to get that information to her daughter, who had already gone inside. The woman's sister then came out, and the same volunteer pleaded with her to just get her pregnant sister out of that place. So she went back in.

Other vigil participants continued to pray. A bit later, the young woman and her sister came out crying. "You saved a life today!" *Continued on page 2*

Christmas Shopping with Right to Life

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At the Right to Life Thrift Shop, we have precious feet (and hands) pins. They can be used for more than just pinning on clothes; use them as thumb tacks or paper clips or any creative use. We also have precious feet necklaces and earrings which would make great gifts, along with our selection of pro-life t-shirts, polos and some beautifully crafted Christmas ornaments (one design pictured at right). Please stop by the thrift shop if you are interested in purchasing any of these gifts.



Opportunities for Young Writers, Filmmakers

National Right to Life Essay Contest

Contest theme: "Why I am pro-life." Essays, of 300-500 words, must be postmarked by January 18, 2013.

The two age categories are: Senior High Essay Contest, Grades 10 – 12; and Junior High Essay Contest, Grades 7 – 9. Prizes are awarded in each level: First Prize - \$200; Second Prize - \$150; Third Prize - \$100. For more information and guidelines, visit <http://www.nrlc.org/EssayContest/EssayInfoSheet.html>.

National Right to Life Video Contest

The contest is open to any amateur filmmaker or student ages 15-25. (You do not need to be a film studies major to submit an entry.) The film can be 30 seconds to 3 minutes in length and must affirm in a creative way the following: "Why Laws Need to Protect Innocent Human Life."

Entries are being accepted now through April 1, 2014. Winning prize includes two free admission tickets to the National Right to Life Convention in Louisville, KY this coming June. The winning film will be shown at the convention. Five finalists will be entered in the LifeFest Film Festival in Hollywood, CA with all entry fees waived. More information will be available at www.nrlc.org/students/videocontest.

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"The entire family is joyful this baby will be born," Claire said. "This story illustrates the sad fact that the abortion mentality is deeply ingrained in our society. None of the family members really wanted to have it done, but felt it was the 'responsible choice.' Please keep this woman, her family and our country in your prayers."

Nashville, TN

Roy in Nashville related the story of a couple that spoke to prayer volunteers before they walked into the abortion center. They weren't inside very long before they came back out. They told the counselor that they were keeping the baby.

Roy also cited the importance of having a pro-life pregnancy help center near the abortion facility. Two women went into the pregnancy center by mistake – they thought it was the abortion business!

"They both decided to keep their babies," he said. "God has really blessed us this campaign. May God be praised!"

Southfield, MI

Sometimes, we don't hear the whole story. Sometimes, all we hear is the happy ending. Mike in Southfield shared "the wonderful words we heard as a young family got in their car to leave the abortion center."

"I'm not doing this. I can't!"

Mike responded, "Praise the Lord!"

By Shawn Carney, LifeNews.com, November 4, 2013. Edited for space. Carney is the campaign director for the 40 Days for Life pro-life prayer campaign against abortion.

In memory of **Lila Rountree**, in whose name a memorial donation was made.

+May she rest in peace.+

Prayer of Thanksgiving for all the blessings of this past year especially for all of our volunteers and supporters who are persevering in helping to build a culture of life in Shelby County.

Let us pray, also, in thanksgiving for our members — those who have been with us for many years and those who have recently joined. Our members are our pro-life presence in this county. Please continue to pray for more pro-lifers to join in this task of building a culture of life.



Please forward or share this newsletter with at least one other person this month. Thank you.

Obamacare is Key to Expanding the Planned Parenthood Abortion Business

They were in on it from the beginning, so it is hardly surprising to see Planned Parenthood now not just promoting, but standing poised to reap the financial benefits of ObamaCare.

After working and spending a great deal to get Obama elected, Planned Parenthood was one of the privileged groups invited to the President's "health care summit" at the White House early in Obama's first term in March of 2009. Though it was unknown what final shape the healthcare plan would take at the time, Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards offered her organization as a model of what the Planned Parenthood website termed "a safety-net health care provider and entry point into the health care system for millions of men and women."

Planned Parenthood fought for and defended the health plan, pushing to get it passed in March of 2010, and then helping to keep in office the politicians needed to keep it from being modified in any significant way that would threaten either the plan or their abortion empire. Obama and his Senate allies responded in kind, defending and promoting the abortion giant and making federal funding of Planned Parenthood the one non-negotiable in high stakes budget talks. It has been a very profitable relationship for Planned Parenthood.

Today, as ObamaCare begins its rollout, Planned Parenthood stands poised to bring in hordes of new customers, rake in even more money, and further expand its already massive abortion empire. Lest anyone forget, Planned Parenthood is already America's largest abortion chain and is flush with cash, much of it taken from the pockets of taxpayers, performing 333,964 abortions in 2011, more than a quarter of all abortions done in the U.S., and bringing in nearly \$1.2 billion in revenues for the fiscal year ending 6/30/12.

Under ObamaCare, a certain number of healthcare providers, particularly in poor areas, are to be designated and contracted with as "essential community providers" in order for a health insurance plan to be "certified" for participation in an Exchange (consumers signing up with certified plans from Exchanges qualify for significant insurance premium subsidies from the government; in theory, this would enable insurance companies to earn potentially greater profits by attracting and then collecting premiums from previously uninsured persons).

It should surprise no one that under this new scheme, the Obama administration has designated over 580 local Planned Parenthood centers as "essential community providers". Many of these, of course, also just happen to be abortion clinics.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. As NRL News Today reported on September 5, 2013, three Planned Parenthood affiliates have qualified to serve as "Navigators" under the new health plan, receiving federal funding to the tune of over \$655,000. Navigators are employees paid to help people pick a health plan and complete their applications. In the process, they will help consumers figure out if they qualify for subsidies to cover their insurance premium costs or for other government assistance such as Medicaid.

Though Navigators are supposed to "[p]rovide information and services in a fair, accurate, and impartial manner," that they work through Planned Parenthood will be hard for applicants to miss and it seems difficult to imagine that those Navigators won't share about all the "wonderful" services that Planned Parenthood offers.

States that operate their own exchanges may fund "in-person assisters" that perform many of the functions done by Navigators. Minnesota is one such state and gave the regional Planned Parenthood affiliate a grant to help enroll residents in the exchange.

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Planned Parenthood affiliates in Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, Illinois, Florida, Idaho, Nebraska, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Ohio have also been designated as “Certified Application Counselor” (CAC) organizations, meaning that, though they will not be paid by the exchanges, as the Navigators or in-person assisters may be, these affiliates can certify paid staff or volunteers as official counselors to help people through the process according to what the CACs see as the “best interest” of the applicant.

The more people that Planned Parenthood signs up for ObamaCare, the more patients they expect to have coming to their clinics. And, in California alone, they anticipate such significant numbers that they are already thinking in terms of the “redevelopment and building of new clinic facilities across the state.”

California, as regular readers of NRL News Today know, recently passed legislation to allow nurse practitioners (and other non-physicians) to perform abortions, thereby significantly expanding the pool of potential abortionists in that state.

Now, with a steady stream of new patients and new money flowing in from ObamaCare, one expects that Planned Parenthood is anticipating opening and staffing countless clinics, not only in California, but throughout the U.S.

And given that abortion has long been one of their biggest money-makers and a “service” that Planned Parenthood has been adding to so many of its “health centers” across the country, you can bet that a lot of those new centers will be abortion clinics, funded by dollars generated by the “Affordable Care Act.”

Should you expect any different when you tag the largest abortion chain as a legitimate promoter and provider of “health care?”

By Randall K. O’Bannon, Ph.D., National Right to Life News Today (nationalrighttolifenews.org), November 13, 2013. Edited for space.