

## Renew Your Commitment During 40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a special period of prayer, fasting, and action in support of respect for all human life. This fall it runs from September 28 to November 6. Please take the time to join us in prayer for an end to abortion and all violations of the dignity of human life. See [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) for more information about this national observance.

Suns., Oct. 2-Oct. 30, 6pm	Pro-Life Stations of the Cross	Holy Angels Church
Sun., Oct. 2, 2:30-3:30 pm	Life Chain	Court Square, Sidney
Fri., Oct. 14, noon – Sun., Oct. 16, 7:30pm	40 Hours for Life	Holy Angels Church
Sun., Oct. 23, 7:30pm	Teens for Truth Pro-Life Prayer Vigil	Court Square, Sidney
<b>Tues., Nov. 15</b> <b>(correction from Sept.)</b>	Elizabeth's New Life Center Banquet Keynote: Shawn Carney (founder of 40 Days for Life)	St. Michael's Hall, Ft. Loramie
Sun., Nov. 6, 6pm	Pro-Life Patriotic Rosary	Holy Angels Church

### Mark your calendar

- Deadline for submissions to the November newsletter: Oct. 20.
- Board meetings: Oct. 4, Nov. 8, 7pm.

### Clothing center report

We served 254 people during the month of August, of whom 114 received free items and one took literature.

### Remember RTL

Please remember the pro-life cause when planning your estate or making funeral arrangements for a loved one. Remittance envelopes for memorial donations to Right to Life are available at the office.

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

## Ohio Right to Life Endorses Issue 3

The Ohio Right to Life Society has announced its strong support for Issue 3. By voting yes on Issue 3, Ohioans will preserve their freedom to choose healthcare coverage free of abortion funding and healthcare rationing.

The Ohio Right to Life Board of Trustees voted unanimously to endorse the effort against mandated healthcare under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA, aka "Obamacare").

When successful, Issue 3 will enact the Ohio Healthcare Freedom Amendment, which provides that in Ohio no law will compel any person, employer or healthcare provider to participate in a healthcare system and that no law should prohibit the purchase or sale of healthcare insurance.

Recent reports indicate that the PPACA would mandate \$50 million each year to be devoted to school-based health centers, which may offer contraception and abortion services. It also demands that \$250,000 per state be devoted to "Personal Responsibility Education," a program required to teach contraception.

Passage of the Ohio Healthcare Freedom Amendment will protect Ohioans from such requirements of the PPACA and further defend innocent human life. *Continued on page 2*

## More Evidence of Komen-Planned Parenthood Link

Over the past couple of weeks, pro-lifers have been abuzz with news regarding Susan G. Komen for the Cure's pink ribbons and its support of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider. According to Life News, figures recently released show that 18 affiliate locations of Komen for the Cure donated more than \$569,000 to Planned Parenthood throughout 2010. This release resulted in backlash from pro-lifers, especially from those who have devoutly supported the Komen foundation in the past.

Although there has been confusion and misunderstanding on whether Komen funds in Ohio go to Planned Parenthood, Ohio Right to Life has confirmed that these funds do indirectly support Planned Parenthood. Komen affiliates are required to send a minimum of 25% of their local funds to the national office (source: Northeast Ohio Komen web site). National funds are used for grants and also flow back into their affiliate chapters which, again, donated \$569,000 to Planned Parenthood in 2010.

As such, several Catholic bishops in Ohio have released statements over the summer signaling an end of their support for the organization. Any schools or parishes in those dioceses previously involved with fundraisers for the Komen foundation will not be involved any longer.

Cleveland Right to Life has led the educational effort in Ohio on this link between Komen and Planned Parenthood. Visit their website at [www.ClevelandRightToLife.org](http://www.ClevelandRightToLife.org) to read more about the connection. All pro-lifers should work tirelessly to help find a cure for breast cancer. However, our hard-earned dollars should never be used either directly or indirectly to support Planned Parenthood in any way, shape or form.

*Ohio Right to Life e-mail update, September 9, 2011*

## ORTL Endorses Issue 3 *Continued from page 1*

Ohio Right to Life supports any effort to stop the PPAC as it currently exists and views Issue 3 and the enactment of the Ohio Healthcare Freedom Amendment as an opportunity to do just that. The organization looks forward to engaging their statewide membership and 50 affiliated chapters in a united grassroots effort across the state to vote YES on Issue 3 this November.

*Ohio Right to Life press release, September 6, 2011*

## Last Call for ORTL Sweepstakes Tickets

Thank you to all who have returned Ohio Right to Life sweepstakes tickets. If you haven't yet returned your tickets, please do so by sending \$1 per ticket or \$10 for the entire sheet of 12 to Shelby County Right to Life, PO Box 72, Sidney, OH 45365. (Checks should be made payable to Shelby County RTL.) They may also be dropped off at the office, 102 E. Poplar, during open hours, or placed in the secure drop box to the left of the entrance door.

All tickets must be received at our office by Monday, October 17. Any tickets or money that arrives in our office after Oct. 17 will have to be returned to the donor.

If you've lost your tickets or you want additional tickets, they are available at the office or online at [www.ohiolife.org/sweepstakes](http://www.ohiolife.org/sweepstakes). Thank you!

**LIFE** begins at conception.

Viability starts after college...



## Planned Parenthood Does Not Prevent Unplanned Pregnancies

Recently, Planned Parenthood received a major blow in their attempt to be seen as the end-all, be-all in reducing unintended pregnancies, funded by you the taxpayer. This time, the hit came in an analysis from their close allies at the Guttmacher Institute.

It happened when Guttmacher studied the rate of unintended pregnancies from 2001-2006. Guttmacher's report makes it clear that increased government funding for Planned Parenthood has made ZERO impact on decreasing the unintended pregnancy rate across the nation. Yes, you read that right, ZERO. It gets even more alarming. They found the pregnancy rate for poor women jumped by over 50%. It's appalling.

This is a HUGE revelation because, according to Planned Parenthood, their main reason for existence is the reduction of "unintended pregnancies," all the while begging the federal government for your tax dollars to fund their agenda.

The willingness of pro-abortion activists and politicians to insist on continued funding of a failed agenda of Planned Parenthood becomes even more infuriating when crunching the specific numbers associated with Planned Parenthood's actions as a whole.

America's largest chain of abortion mills kills over 330,000 babies every year, which generates lots of money for the abortion industry giant. This helps them reach their obscene budget of over one billion dollars a year. The steady increase of government funding into Planned Parenthood's coffers is now over \$363 million a year. In the midst of all this, the number of abortions at Planned Parenthood continues to rise.

That leaves only one conclusion.

With the pro-abortion organization's renewed calls for more funding, the perpetual high number of abortions is yet a further indication that Planned Parenthood and their allies are in the primary business of killing innocent babies—not avoiding unintended pregnancies.

Now more than ever, you and I must continue to spread the truth about Planned Parenthood to family and friends. Your word-of-mouth plays a vital role in showing the abortion industry that they can run from the truth, but they can't hide.

*By Brad Mattes. LifeNews.com, September 9, 2011. Used with permission.*

## Prayer Chain Storms Heaven for Life

One of Right to Life's activities is our Prayer Chain. It doesn't get a lot of attention but it's one of the most important things we do. When the Women's Center notifies us that an expectant mother is considering abortion, our Prayer Chain coordinator sends an e-mail message to our prayer volunteers. They are asked to offer prayers for the woman who is in a difficult situation. Sometimes, there is a joyful outcome, such as this recent message reports:

A volunteer at the Women's Center wanted us to know that one of the women we prayed for last week decided to meet with an adoption agency. Thanks be to God!

Thank you to Cheryl Flood for coordinating the Prayer Chain and to all those who have joined us in countless prayers through the years.

If you'd like to be involved in the chain, simply check the blank next to that item the next time you return your membership form. Or, if you want to get started immediately, send us an e-mail message ([director@shelbycountyrtp.org](mailto:director@shelbycountyrtp.org)) and we'll sign you up.

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**Be a witness for Life!**

**Shelby County Life Chain**

**Sunday, October 2, 2:30 - 3:30pm**

**Please park across from the court square and gather at the west steps of the court house.**

**Signs will be provided.**