

Newsletter News: Keeping in Touch with Our Members

Beginning in January 2014, our monthly paper newsletter will be published bimonthly (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov). This does not mean, however, that RTL will be doing less or communicating less with our members! At the same time, we will be starting a weekly e-mail bulletin. All members whose e-mail addresses we have will begin receiving the weekly newsletter (as always, recipients can control their RTL subscriptions through our MailChimp delivery service by clicking on the links in RTL e-mail messages).

More than half of our members are now capable of receiving the newsletter and other communications electronically. In our constant quest to be good stewards of the resources given us, we have determined that a more extensive use of digital communication is the way to go. We can be in more frequent contact with our members at a fraction of the cost of a paper system (postage, paper, printing, etc.).

But we also recognize that many members still rely on and enjoy our paper newsletter, so we want to maintain it as a service to those who do. A bimonthly newsletter combined with more e-mail communication seems like the right balance. As we prepare for this change during 2013 and implement it in 2014, please feel free to offer feedback or report any problems. We welcome your input.

Mark your calendar

- Deadline for submissions to the October newsletter: September 26.
- Board meeting: September 3, 7 p.m.
- National Life Chain: Sunday, October 6 (local: 2:30pm on the court square).
- Women's Center Luncheon and Banquet: October 9 and October 10.
- 40 Days for Life, September 25—November 3.

Clothing center report

In July, 163 clients purchased items, 10 used certificates from classes, 38 received free items, and 2 were referred to the Women's Center.

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RTL at the Fair: A Story of Hope

As we noted last month, Right to Life's presence at the Shelby County Fair is important. Sometimes that importance is hard to see—we will never know the impact made by handing out a brochure or catching someone's eye with an image of a tiny unborn baby. Every once in a while, we do hear about ways that the volunteers who staff our booth are making a difference. We'd like to share with you one of those stories from this year.

On Friday of the fair, a young woman with several children wandered through the merchants building and noted that Right to Life had a booth there, but she didn't stop by. That evening, she learned that a friend of hers was pregnant and being pressured by her boyfriend to abort the baby. The following day, she returned to the fair and went to the Right to Life booth to get help. She told the volunteer her own story: that she had, years earlier, been an unmarried mother herself. The birth of her children had helped motivate her to better her life and she was grateful that she hadn't fallen into the error of thinking that abortion would solve her problems. She wanted to help her friend make the same right choice.

Our volunteer was able to offer prayer support, to advise the woman as to how to go about talking to her friend, to provide information on adoption, and to direct her to resources such as the Women's Center. The woman left, hopeful that she could persuade her friend to choose life. We don't know this woman's name and may never know the outcome of her friend's decision, but we are glad that RTL was able to be there for them when needed. Please keep them in your prayers. And thank you to our volunteers and supporters who make our presence in the community possible.



Exceptional Pro-Life Conference Coming Up in Dayton

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New and active members of the pro-life movement won't want to miss the 10th annual LifeTech Conference, Current Perspectives on Pro-Life Science, Technology, and Bioethics, to be held September 7, 2013. Hear quality presentations from a variety of pro-life professionals and analysts; interact and network with speakers and participants in a smaller, relaxed setting; be encouraged by pro-life efforts in many areas of society. Confirmed speakers include: Dr. Patrick Lee, Franciscan University of Steubenville; Denise Mackura, Human Family Research Center; Dr. Ashley Fernandes, Wright State School of Medicine; and Maureen McDaniel, Ohio Medical Ultrasound Society.

The event takes place 9am to 4pm, Saturday, September 7, at the Hope Hotel, Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The registration fee is \$50 or \$25 for students and includes lunch. To register or for more information: LifeTechConference.org; info@LifeTechConference.org; or 937-849-9140.

Leaving a Lasting Legacy of Life

Please remember Right to Life of Shelby County when you are doing estate planning or deciding how to honor the memory of a loved one. We are always humbled and gratified when we receive memorial donations—a meaningful way to make a lasting contribution to the promotion of human dignity and respect for life.

Right to Life memorial envelopes are available at local funeral homes, and are always available from our office on request.

42 Botched Chemical Abortions Reported to State Medical Board

Today, Ohio Right to Life urged Attorney General Mike DeWine to expedite the litigation against Planned Parenthood and its practice of off-label prescribing abortion pill RU-486 (mifepristone) in Ohio. This request comes in light of 42 reports of failed uses of the drug in the state.

The Food and Drug Administration recommends that RU-486 (commonly referred to as a chemical abortion) be administered in two doses orally and in the presence of a physician. The FDA approved RU-486 only through 49 days of pregnancy. However, contrary to FDA protocol, Planned Parenthood prescribes chemical abortions through 63 days (9 weeks) of pregnancy. Furthermore, the organization sends women home to complete the chemical abortion themselves without a physician present.

Recently, Ohio Right to Life, via a public records request, obtained 42 reports of botched RU-486 attempts in Ohio. Several involved moderate to severe bleeding and included incidences of hematometra (an accumulation of blood in the uterus). Thirty-five total cases involved incomplete abortions. Women were required to return to the abortion clinic to have the abortions completed surgically.

"Planned Parenthood's reckless, off-label prescribing of RU-486 is no better than the 'back alleys' that the abortion industry references to scare women into supporting abortions on demand," said Laura Beth Kirsop, Director of Communications at Ohio Right to Life. "These reports sadly showcase the hazards that at-home and unsupervised, chemical abortions pose to women's health. Yet Planned Parenthood remains in direct and reckless conflict with the FDA, carelessly sending women home for unsafe, 'do-it-yourself' abortions."

In the case that RU-486 fails, Planned Parenthood informs women that they will need to undergo a surgical abortion. This is because the chemical abortion can cause serious birth defects if the pregnancy continues.

In 2004, the Ohio Legislature passed a law requiring that physicians comply with FDA guidelines for RU-486. The law remains embroiled in the courts because of challenges brought by Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio. In October 2012, a panel of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the 2004 Ohio law. Planned Parenthood of Ohio has since challenged the decision, asking for reconsideration.

"RU-486 has already killed fourteen women and injured more than 2,000 women in the U.S.," said Kirsop. "The longer Planned Parenthood dodges the enforcement of FDA protocol, the more women's lives and health are put at risk."

Thank you for your continuing prayers for our RTL group, membership drive, activities, and decisions. Please pray for the success of the Life Tech Conference at WPAFB on September 7 (see story, page 2).

Please pray for blessings upon our float in the Applefest Parade on September 8 and for 40 Days for Life beginning on September 25. And, please share this newsletter with at least one other person this month. Thank you.



Pro-Life Efforts Focus on Clinic Workers

“Every piece of information we need to destroy the abortion industry is in the abortion industry.”

—Life Dynamics President, Mark Crutcher

Today, it is clear that the pro-life movement has a greater potential for recruiting informants from the abortion industry than ever before. To capitalize on this, Life Dynamics, Inc., a national pro-life organization located in Denton, Texas is re-launching its ClinicWorker.com direct mail campaign. Since Life Dynamics began the ClinicWorker.com project, we have seen that virtually every abortion clinic in the country is engaged in at least some sort of illegal activity and most are engaged in several. We also know that when this information is brought out into the public, the consequences for the abortion industry can be devastating.

In just one example, several years ago two employees of Petroplex Gynecological—an abortion clinic in Midland, Texas—contacted us with information documenting that the abortionist who owned this facility was underreporting his income and filing false Medicaid claims. Following several days of conversations with these women, we called our contact at the Internal Revenue Service and made arrangements to turn this evidence over to them. Within a few months, that material was used to convict abortionist John Alderman and send him to a federal prison. His abortion clinic was also shut down and never reopened. At Life Dynamics, we now have considerable experience with abortion clinic employees and former employees who have either witnessed or participated in illegal activities occurring at their places of work. A few of the most common of these crimes include:

- Income Tax Evasion
- Physical Assault of Patients
- Medicaid Fraud
- Sexual Harassment of Employees
- Insurance Fraud
- Sexual Assault of Patients
- Money Laundering
- Failure to Report Statutory Rape
- Consumer Fraud
- Health and Safety Code Violations

Mark Crutcher, president of Life Dynamics says, “An issue that was recently brought into the public spotlight is the killing of children outside the womb who survive botched abortions. While many of us in the pro-life movement already knew that this has been going on for years, the general public was not made aware of it until May, 2013, when Pennsylvania abortionist, Kermit Gosnell, was sentenced to life in prison for committing this crime.”

When prison sentences were handed down against Gosnell’s employees, it was easy to predict that one consequence would be a heightened concern among America’s abortion clinic workers regarding their own vulnerability to criminal charges. On the day after Gosnell was convicted, Life Dynamics released the first part of an interview we taped with three former employees of Houston abortionist, Douglas Karpen. In graphic detail, these women publicly revealed that the same things that were going on in Gosnell’s abortion clinic are going on in Karpen’s. We furnished the unedited footage of this interview to the Houston police resulting in a criminal investigation. In addition, we have since produced a DVD called An American Abortion Clinic that contains more of this chilling interview plus an interview we conducted with a recent patient of this same facility.

Crutcher says, “Since the Gosnell trial many abortion employees are looking out there and saying, ‘You know what? I like my job, and I’m pro-choice and all that, but I’m not interested in going to prison. I’m not that committed.’ And they are starting to come out of the abortion industry. Well... Life Dynamics, Inc. is going to make it a little easier for them.” Life Dynamics will be sending information to every abortion clinic in the country alerting employees about illegal activity that may be going on in their facility, what they can do about it, and what their own legal exposure might be. Recognizing that these efforts will not get through to every employee, we have also developed a kit to help sidewalk counselors increase the reach of the campaign. Those who would like more information on the Clinic Worker Kit can contact Life Dynamics at www.LifeDynamics.com.

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Abortion Drug RU 486 Has Killed Two Million Unborn Children in the U.S.

The dangerous RU 486 abortion drug has nearly claimed the lives of two million unborn children in the United States since its approval at the end of the Clinton administration.

The Food and Drug Administration, which approved the drug in late 1999, estimated in April 2011 that 1.52 million American women had taken RU 486 to induce an abortion. According to CDC reports, about 16.5 percent of the estimated 1.2 million abortions that take place annually in the United States involve the mifepristone drug (RU 486). In other words, about 198,000 abortions take place each year with the drug, or 16,500 each month, and the RU 486 drug has claimed the lives of approximately 462,000 unborn children in the 28 months since the FDA released its April 2011 estimate — for a total of 1,982,000 abortions. With the Planned Parenthood abortion business pushing increased usage of the mifepristone abortion pill via webcam abortions over the last few years, it's likely the number of two million abortions involving the RU 486 abortion pill since its approval in the U.S. has already been surpassed.

In addition to the number of unborn children whose lives have been lost to the abortion drug, women have suffered as well, as a Planned Parenthood study admits at least one woman is seriously injured from the abortion pill daily. Following its approval during the Clinton administration, the FDA released a report in 2006 that received widespread attention for showing more than 1,100 women had been subjected to "adverse effects" resulting from their taking the abortion drug. The FDA, with no fanfare, released its April 2011 report showing 14 women in the United States alone have died from using the mifepristone abortion drug and 2,207 women have been injured by it.

And, according to a study on medical abortion's safety and effectiveness published in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, the abortion drug is more dangerous for women than surgical abortions. "Despite the seriousness and intensity of adverse effects related to RU-486, use of this form of abortion is on the rise, and frequently the regimen is dispensed with less medical oversight than surgical abortion," Jeanne Monahan, formerly of the Family Research Council, said.

By Steven Ertelt. Excerpted from LifeNews.com, August 12, 2013.