

RTL Makes a Big Impact at the Fair

Every year tens of thousands of people pass through the fairgrounds in Sidney during fair week. The Shelby County Fair is a terrific opportunity to present a pro-life message to a big audience, and our volunteers took the most of that opportunity this year.

We owe a big thank you to RTL board member Jenni Bohman and her family for managing the fair booth this year. Thanks, too, to the many volunteers who made possible a constant presence throughout fair week.

Besides glimpsing a view of our pro-life displays, passersby at the fair were the recipients of 1000 candies, 800 first aid kits, 500 pens, 500 pencils, 400 tote bags, 500 fans, and thousands of stickers—all with pro-life messages!

In addition, more than 100 visitors signed up for a raffle of our Mother and Child image, along with a patriotic quilt. Most of these were not already members and this provided us the opportunity to send them pro-life information and an invitation to join Right to Life.

We're already gearing up for the 2020 fair. We need help! Many of our veteran volunteers are retiring and we need some new helpers. If you haven't worked at the fair booth in the past and would like to be included next year, please send us an email at director@shelbycountyrctl.org and we'll be sure to add you to our list. It's a great way to promote respect for life in our community and beyond. Please consider assisting in this way.

"Unplanned" Now Available for Loan

The amazing story of pro-life convert Abby Johnson, "Unplanned," is now available for borrowing from the RTL thrift shop. We also have copies of "Gosnell," the shocking but instructive story of a Philadelphia abortionist. Stop by the office to borrow either movie for a period of one week.

Life Chain: Take Action!

Please join us on Sunday, October 5, at 2:30pm for the annual Shelby County Life Chain.

Stand with fellow citizens in more than a thousand communities across the country as we bear witness to the dignity of human life.

The program begins with a brief presentation at the west steps of the courthouse in Sidney, followed by a period of prayer and witness along the sidewalks on the court square. Signs are provided.

Help us make a pro-life statement; join us on October 5!

Thrift Shop Report

June

160 Customers
8 Work-to-earn shifts
56 Units, assistance program

July

187 Customers
9 Work-to-earn shifts
47 Units, assistance program

Planned Parenthood Loses \$60 Million in Gov't Funds

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The Planned Parenthood abortion business announced today it will officially withdraw from the Title X program — costing it \$60 million in taxpayer funds because it refuses to follow a new Trump administration rule that requires it to segment out its abortion business from legitimate health care if it wants federal funding under the program.

Because the abortion giant is withdrawing from Title X, the \$60 million in taxpayer dollars it received annually can be redistributed to groups that engage in legitimate women's health care. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals late Friday rejected a request from more than 20 states, Planned Parenthood and the American Medical Association to block new pro-life rules that Planned Parenthood is refusing to follow.

Title X funds are supposed to be used to help low-income women and men receive birth control, cancer screenings and other health care services. While the tax money cannot be used to pay for abortions, it indirectly funds Planned Parenthood's vast abortion business.

"Planned Parenthood is still open. We are continuing to fight this rule in court," said Alexis McGill Johnson, acting president of Planned Parenthood. She said the abortion company would do everything it could to make sure that clinics could stay open.

But Catherine Glenn Foster, President and CEO of Americans United for Life, told LifeNews she was not surprised Planned Parenthood put abortion first and women's health second. "It's a great day for women's health in America. Planned Parenthood is America's deadliest nonprofit, and the news that they're refusing to accept taxpayer funds to target vulnerable women is a good thing for women's health," she said.

In June, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted the Trump administration's request to lift national injunctions ordered by lower federal courts in Oregon and Washington state, as well as a statewide injunction in California. That set up implementation of the new rule — which the administration is putting in place today.

But Planned Parenthood made one last-ditch effort to get the 9th Circuit to stop the pro-life rules, which it declined to do on Friday. A three-judge panel and an eleven-judge panel have already said the rules can take effect while the administration appeals lower court rulings that blocked them.

Last May, the Trump administration published a new proposal for Title X that would prohibit Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses from receiving any of those tax dollars unless they completely separate their abortion businesses from their taxpayer-funded services. That means housing their family planning services in separate buildings with separate staff from their abortion businesses and a denial of funds if they fail to do so. Most Planned Parenthood entities are not expected to comply.

According to National Right to Life, during the Reagan Administration, regulations were issued, with National Right to Life's strong support, to restore the original character of Title X by prohibiting referral for abortion except in life endangering circumstances. Additionally, abortion facilities could not generally share the same location with a Title X site. In the 1991 *Rust v. Sullivan* decision, the U.S. Supreme Court found similar regulations permissible. However, the Clinton Administration would later reverse these regulations.

A recent Marist poll found that, by a double-digit margin, a majority of all Americans oppose any taxpayer funding of abortion (54 percent to 39 percent).

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We pray for the success of 40 Days for Life and for the conversion and healing of all of those involved in abortion.

Women's Center Banquet Coming Soon

The friends of Elizabeth's New Life Center will gather to celebrate their 30th anniversary on *Monday, October 28th*, and *Tuesday, October 29th*, at St. Michael's Hall in Fort Loramie for their annual Fall Partnership Banquet. The speaker for this year's banquet is Dr. Ray Guarendi. Dinner will be served both nights, with a luncheon on Tuesday. For more information, contact Ashley Schroeder at 937-498-4426 or aschroeder@elizabethnewlife.org or visit www.ElizabethNewLife.org.

Prayer for the Unborn: Botkins Vigil Coming Soon

All are welcome to join in the 5th annual Petersburg 40-hour prayer vigil as part of the 40 Days for Life fall campaign. Prayer vigils will be held in front of St Joseph (Wapak) and Immaculate Conception (Botkins) churches from 6 am on September 25 through 10 pm on September 26. Visitors are welcome to stop by for prayer at any time during that period.

40 Days for Life is an international pro-life movement that focuses on peaceful prayer vigils along with fasting and community outreach. Since 40 days for Life began in 2007: 16,004 babies have been saved from abortion; 103 abortion clinics have closed; 190 abortion workers have quit their jobs. For more information about 40 Days for life go to www.40daysforlife.com.

Our prayers are working! Please consider praying for one hour at either St Joe or IC, and join us for the pro-life rosaries that will be prayed at all Petersburg parishes on Wednesday evening, September 25. (Prayer vigil sign-ups will take place after Masses in those parishes on September 14-15.)

If your church is holding a pro-life event, please let us know and we will be happy to publicize it.

Disturbing Trends in Washington Assisted Suicide Stats

The most recent statistics for Washington State's assisted suicide laws demonstrate what we have seen in jurisdiction after jurisdiction that have passed these laws: a dramatic increase in assisted suicide deaths, the emergence of "specialist" assisted suicide doctors, the lack of psychological care... it's an all-too-familiar story.

In the ten years since the law has passed, the number of assisted suicides has increased by 300 per cent. It is a similar trend to what we have seen in other jurisdictions where assisted suicide has been legalised. What begins as promised "limited use" expands to become a much more common cause of death.

As we see consistently in the statistics from Oregon, inadequate pain control or concern about it is not in the top 5 reasons patients requested assisted suicide. In Washington in 2018, the top five reasons that a patient requested assisted suicide were: A loss of autonomy; Being less able to engage in activities making life enjoyable; A loss of dignity; Being a burden on family, friends and caregivers; and Losing control of bodily functions. *Continued on page 4*

In memory of Mary Yahl,

In whose honor memorial donations were made to Right to Life

+ May she rest in peace +

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Assisted suicide advocates often claim that these laws are needed to avoid pain that cannot be relieved, but consistently, pain is not a motivating concern for patients. Almost one in ten patients cite the financial implications of treatment as a reason for requesting assisted suicide.

According to the data, only 4 percent of patients were referred for psychological or psychiatric evaluation before being given lethal drugs. Despite the significant psychological impact of being diagnosed with a terminal illness, and the evidence which shows the positive impact that treatment for depression can have on a patient's acceptance of treatment options, it is alarming that only a tiny percentage of patients are referred for psychological or psychiatric assessment.

In 2018, in 50 percent of deaths, the doctor who prescribed the lethal drugs had known the patient for less than six months. The majority of cases, it seems, do not involve a long-term relationship between the doctor and patient. Even more alarming, in some cases (the number of which was not reported), the length of the doctor-patient relationship was less than one week. Less than one week. This is evidence that there are doctors available who are willing to sign off on lethal drugs without having any meaningful relationship of care with the patient involved. The latest data from Washington State is a reminder that assisted suicide laws follow a similar theme... expansion of use, lack of psychological and even medical care, and a true lack of end-of-life "choices."

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