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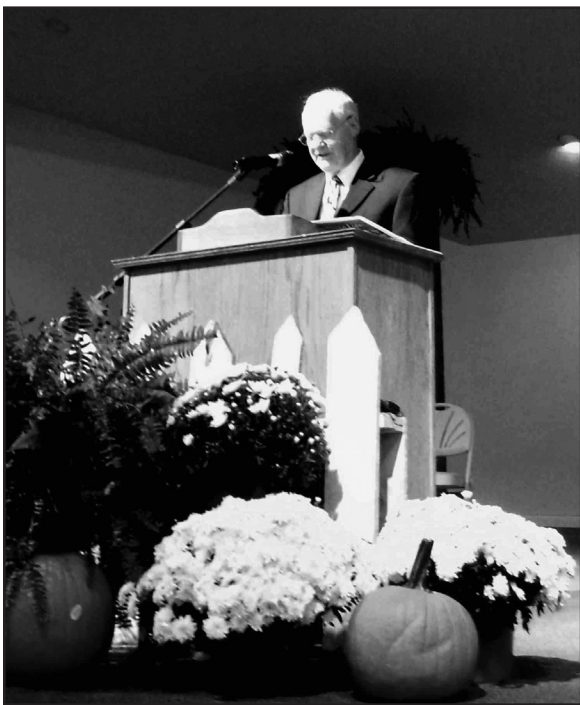
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“Abortion May Be Legal, But It Is Still Morally Wrong!”

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Right To Life Banquet Another Big Success



Dr. Grant Clark, Former Abortionist, Addresses RTL Group

Shown is Dr. Grant Clark, who now lives in rural Pennsylvania, as he addresses the large crowd in attendance at the Annual Right To Life Banquet on Thursday night October 3rd at the Simon J. Graber Building.

Dr. Clark spoke of how he was taken in by Planned Parenthood’s propaganda that abortion would be good for women. After years of performing abortions in California and seeing how it affected women, he started to have doubts. As he began to read the Bible and look more into what abortion was doing to his patients, he stopped doing abortions. Dr. Clark stated the he had killed little babies, and he only hopes that God will forgive him for this. He has tried to make amends in his life, but nothing will take away from his conscience the lives that He has taken before they ever had a chance to be born.



Kelly and Traci LeTourneau Honored as Adoptive Family

See next page.

The Doctor explained how many of the forms of Birth Control that were given out did nothing more than cause a women to abort their child before it had a chance in the womb. After his conversion to the Pro-Life Movement, Dr. Clark has spoken to groups and given his testimony. As he spoke to this large crowd in attendance, they were very attentive to what he had to say.

After he spoke, the President of the Right To Life, Louis Kavanaugh Jr., spoke of how Dr. Clark was not asking or accepting a speaker fee for his talk that evening as he said he has a lot to make up for.

This was the 37th Annual Right To Life Banquet, and recently it has been expanded to include Martin and Pike Counties. In the first year of the Banquet in November 1977, the group attracted about 30-40 members, and now attendance in some years is over 600. It is one of the largest Pro-Life Banquets outside of Evansville.

LeTourneau Family Honored

Pictured on page one.

The LeTourneau Family were honored by the Right To Life Organization as the Adoptive Family at the Right To Life Banquet on Thursday Oct 3. Pictured above after the presentation is (L-R) President of Right To Life, Louis Kavanaugh Jr., Traci and Kelly LeTourneau and in front is their adoptive daughter Jenna. Kelly spoke during the presentation of how they had tried to have children and lost a set of twins and then several years later was able to adopt Jenna. She spoke of the joy she has brought to their lives. Before they adopted Jenna the LeTourneaus had several opportunities to adopt, but each time it fell through, and they were getting very discouraged. About the time they were ready to give up, they were able to adopt Jenna.

Louis Kavanaugh Jr., while making the presentation, stated that the Right To Life has for many years tried to push "Adoption not Abortion" as they try to encourage young mothers who may be in an unplanned pregnancy to consider adoption instead of having an abortion. It is estimated that for each child that comes up for adoption there may be 15 or more couples already cleared for this one child. Kavanaugh stated the Right To Life will continue to spread the word of Adoption.



Community Service Award Presented to Pete Aldrich by Right To Life

Shown above is Pete Aldrich (second from right) as he is being presented the Community Service Award by the President of Daviess County Right To Life, President Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (right). Also shown is Tammi Aldrich (Pete's

Wife) and on the left is Brad Rainey member of Daviess County Right to Life who assisted in the presentation. The presentation was made in front of another large crowd at the Annual Right To Life Banquet put on by Daviess-Martin-Greene County Right To Life Groups.

Aldrich received the award for his service to the community and is best known for the establishment of the Lighthouse Recovery Center in Daviess County which has helped many individuals who have had problems with drug abuse to get their life back together and are now back as members of the community.

Maryland Board decides to take no action against Abortionist LeRoy Carhart

After an 8-month review of the death of Jennifer Morbelli, a 29-year-old school teacher who died after her child was aborted by abortionist LeRoy Carhart, the Maryland Board of Physicians has closed its investigation with no action taken to discipline Carhart.

Carhart travels to Indianapolis twice monthly to commit abortions at Affiliated Women's Services, 2215 Distributors Drive, on the city's west side.

Morbelli is at least the second woman who has died from complications at the hands of Carhart. Carhart came under investigation for Morbelli's death when he released her just hours after her abortion, to a hotel, then left the state. Morbelli was later taken to an emergency room where she died from complications caused by amniotic fluid that had gotten into her blood stream. Operation Rescue filed a complaint days later claiming that Carhart's conduct amounted to patient abandonment which delayed potentially life-saving emergency care.

"This tragedy was completely avoidable and illustrates the dangers of 'fly-by-night' abortionists, who come into town with no hospital privileges, do dangerous abortion procedures, then fly out immediately afterwards leaving others to clean up their messes," said Troy Newman, president of Operation Rescue. "How the Maryland Board of Physicians can accept these dangerous and shoddy practices is cause for further concern."

Is Planned Parenthood on the Decline?

Bradley Mattes, CEO, Life Issues Institute

It felt like a victory over Goliath. At the site of a former Planned Parenthood abortion facility, the sign that once stood for the gateway to abortion now laid futile on its side. The killing of innocent lives would no longer take place within these walls. The image of this sign being taken down is an iconic symbol for the progress pro-life efforts are making across the country. **In 2013, a record 44 abortion mills have closed.** A combination of factors has contributed to the closures: failure to meet health and safety standards; defunding at the state level; declining business and a shortage of abortionists. While these are welcome developments, we must ask ourselves, what is the abortion industry's next move?

It's clear that Planned Parenthood and pro-abortion advocates are feeling the pressure. And their response is revealing their true priority—to keep the abortion business going, no matter what. Planned Parenthood has been in the process of instituting an abortion mandate. It would require all affiliates to have at least one facility to perform abortions. Never mind that this runs contradictory to the public face Planned Parenthood tries to maintain as a comprehensive women's healthcare provider. In fact, affiliates in Texas and New York decided to continue their focus on family planning and other health services, so they publicly disassociated with Planned Parenthood. For example, Planned Parenthood of South Texas rejected the mandate stating, "There are far greater needs in our area than abortion." Apparently, these needs are of decreasing importance to Planned Parenthood. Their annual report shows that their total healthcare services are at the lowest level since 2006. In the last two years, cancer screenings have fallen 29 percent. Meanwhile, abortions have increased to a record high of 333,964, further proof of where their interests lie.

If overall services are declining and facilities are closing, how is the abortion business growing? The answer is consolidation. Planned Parenthood may portray itself as a benevolent non-profit organization, but the truth is it's a business. And as any successful company, it has responded to changes in the industry by adapting its business strategy. The focus is on operating efficiently. Rather than having a high quantity of smaller facilities, Planned Parenthood is

developing larger, centralized complexes—mega abortion mills. And the over one-half-billion taxpayer dollars it receives are funding these projects.

In 2013, Planned Parenthood closed at least 24 facilities, with nearly 80 percent being offices that don't provide abortions. This year, the decision was made to close two facilities

in Colorado. Vicki Cowart, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains announced the consolidation, "This has finally led our organization to make difficult, yet strategic decisions." The closures were offset by the expansion of the Colorado Springs location called, "a new, spacious center with the capacity to serve all (existing) patients and more."

Planned Parenthood is also more than happy to step in when other

abortion mills in the area have closed. In Michigan, Planned Parenthood of Mid and South Michigan spoke out against pro-life laws as the cause of abortion facility closures in their state. Yet, in their statement they assured the public that the local Planned Parenthood facility would continue to provide abortion services. Louisiana is considered the most pro-life state, but Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast plans to counter that. It is currently building a 7,000 square foot abortion facility in New Orleans. It's anticipated that this location will become a regional abortion center, bringing in women from across the southeast where abortion restrictions are prevalent. Mississippi women will be particularly vulnerable, as the state has only one abortion mill in operation.

The largest model of Planned Parenthood's strategy is in Houston, Texas, inside a massive 78,000 square foot complex. It's centrally located in Black and Hispanic neighborhoods, as this map dramatically shows. These minorities are Planned Parenthood's most highly targeted demographics. One entire floor is dedicated to aborting babies up to 20 weeks. With the passage of Texas's recent pro-life legislation, smaller abortion mills are being forced to close, as they cannot afford to adhere to the new standards. Therefore, more business will be fed to this location as it meets the ambulatory surgical center requirements. This tactic is representative of Planned Parenthood's goal nationally, which



ObamaCare will richly fund. They'll continue to adapt to changing conditions and use whatever means necessary to ensure they're the abortion provider of choice.

We're entering a new era in the fight for life. Pro-abortion activists can't ignore what's taking place. "This kind of change is incredibly dramatic. This change is so different from what's happened in the past," said Elizabeth Nash, state issues manager at the Guttmacher Institute. However,

it's important for us to remain vigilant and acknowledge how the opposition is responding to such pressure. We have a responsibility to be prepared, because we know they won't go down without a fight, and it looks like our largest struggles are still ahead.

Dedicated to protecting LIFE,
Bradley Mattes

Every Person is Special, Their Contributions are Different

In celebration of LIFE, Bradley Mattes , CEO, Life Issues Institute

Every person we know plays a role in our lives—a role that would be absent without them. Imagine if 90% of your peers disappeared. We'd be without mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Sadly, a large percentage of individuals are missing from society. Multiple studies indicate that 90% of children who are prenatally diagnosed with Down syndrome are aborted; their influence forever lost. We can't know what effect their lives may have made, but we can look at how men, women and children with Down syndrome are making a positive impact in this world. Today, in honor of Down Syndrome Awareness Month, I want to share some of their stories with you.

Chloe Kondrich is an energetic and delightful little girl. Together, Chloe and her father Kurt have become advocates for individuals with Down syndrome. They've met with state and federal legislators, visited with celebrities (including Chloe's favorite band, Big Time Rush) and formed friendships with Major League Baseball stars Sean Casey and Andy LaRoche. Chloe takes to the field herself, thanks to the Miracle League, an organization building baseball fields designed for special needs children. I had the privilege to watch her play and experience her enthusiasm for the



game and her camaraderie with the other players. Even as a child, she's proving that **nothing** holds her back from fully enjoying life.

Come to **Tim Harris's** restaurant, Tim's Place, and you won't only enjoy tasty food, you're likely to receive one of his trademark hugs too! Tim was diagnosed with Down Syndrome shortly after birth. He says, "A lot of people told my parents that they were very, very sorry. I guess they didn't know then just how awesome I would turn out to be." And he certainly did. Tim's competed in the Special Olympics and won several gold medals. **He graduated high school and college.** Tim lives on his own and is a successful business owner. He thoroughly enjoys his work and starts the day with his "happy dance" across the restaurant's parking lot. His motto is from a famous Walt Disney quote, "If you can dream it, you can do it." That's an encouragement to all of us.

A popular quotation says, "Some people come into our lives and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same." From firsthand experience, I can say that's very true of individuals with Down syndrome. **Lives such as these demonstrate why we must continue to fight the death sentence of abortion.**



The Faces of Abortion and How it Affects Women

Supporting life for women and their babies, Bradley Mattes , CEO, Life Issues Institute

You've probably said it yourself. A picture is worth a thousand words. It can tell a story, evoke emotion and leave behind a lasting impression. A recent photo documentary called, *Abortion, After the Decision*, portrays the experiences of five women following an abortion. Looking at the portraits and hearing their words, my heart broke for these women and their lost babies.

After reading a statistic that 40-percent of women will have an abortion in their lifetime, photographer, Allison Joyce, felt compelled to produce a powerful series of photos to tell the story of abortion. (You can follow these links to watch the video and view the slide show.) Each woman shares a deeply personal account of her abortion experience. Despite the fact that the women state they don't regret their decisions, their stories reveal a truth their words deny—pain, distress and grief.

The first woman is 45-year-old Lisa, who had two abortions in her thirties. When she found out she was pregnant, her partner's immediate response was, "You can't have it." Lisa asked him why, and he simply said, "You have to get an abortion." He forced her to go to a pharmacy and buy a pregnancy test and made her take it in front of him. Lisa says, "I couldn't get past the hate. He said, 'No matter what, I will never love you, and I'll never love this baby.'" It's a tragedy how Lisa was victimized in her relationship, then further fell victim to the lie that abortion was the only answer. There's an unmistakable sorrow in her voice as she reveals, "It was terrible, and I hated myself for it. I hated how quickly I made the decision."

Aiyana was 20 years old when she had her abortion. She calls herself "always pro-choice," yet confesses that she struggled internally, portraying the decision as "a battle within myself." There's a tattoo on her right arm that prophetically reads, "Too young to die." I wonder if she got the tattoo after the abortion. Aiyana describes her abortion as, "Really scary. I cried a lot." Afterward, she says her relationship with her boyfriend suffered. "I felt like I needed a lot of emotional support, and he didn't really provide that. So, that was a contributing factor to us breaking up." Most relationships don't survive abortion. Communication breaks down, and intimacy suffers as both the man and woman try to cope with the aftermath of abortion.

At the age of 24, Lisa was in the midst of leaving her husband when she became pregnant. She reveals the distress she was under, having no money, no family and no friends. Feeling all alone, Lisa said she didn't have to struggle with the decision not to have a baby. She calls herself "fortunate in a really sad way." A frequent reason women choose abortion is because they feel they have no support system. We must never underestimate how emotional support and practical assistance can influence women facing unplanned pregnancies.



The faces of women profiled in the Reuters photo documentary, "Abortion, After the decision."

Jennifer was just 17 years old and a senior in high school when she became pregnant. She says she was against abortion but felt confused. Her father was incarcerated, and her mother had told her that if she got pregnant she'd be kicked out

of the house. Jennifer felt the odds were stacked against her and that she had no choice but to have an abortion. After the procedure, she said, "As soon as I woke up, I was crying, crying, crying." It was an act of desperation that she tries to justify by saying it was a "one-time, made-a-mistake, it-will-ruin-your-life thing." Eventually, her wall of denial will come tumbling down and pro-lifers will be the ones to help pick up the shattered pieces of Jennifer's life.

Leigh and her boyfriend were in college when she discovered she was pregnant. As they discussed what to do, he was very upfront about his intentions. If they had the baby, he wanted to get married. But, he said that if it didn't work out and they broke up, he would fight for full custody of the child and make sure that she never saw them again. Leigh revealed her true thoughts about the abortion saying, "I don't regret it, but I couldn't stomach doing it again. Five years later, I still think about it every day. It changes you." What a painful testimony of the life-long consequences abortion leaves behind.

As pro-lifers, we must take a somber and honest look at the reasons women have abortions. Sadly, these women show evidence of coercion and manipulation, victimization, extreme sadness and feeling alone. Their circumstances felt so overwhelming; abortion seemed to be the only answer. But what we see in their eyes and hear in their words isn't a sense of relief, it's anguish. Abortion doesn't solve problems; it only adds more grief for the women to bear. And sadly, these five women are just the tip of the iceberg.

AMERICANS DEMAND THE *TRUTH* ABOUT OBAMACARE!

From National Right To Life

Massive delays. Millions unable to sign up for health insurance or even browse to see how much the plans will cost. Millions of others losing their current health coverage, despite a president's solemn promise that wouldn't happen. Nothing about Obamacare seems to work. But watch. One aspect of Obamacare will work exactly as planned, *because it's a priority*: Coverage for abortion.

If you pay federal taxes, *your tax dollars will subsidize* health insurance plans on the exchanges that cover abortion. If you had the impression that abortion was excluded from the bill, or that the Hyde Amendment prevents your tax dollars from helping cover abortion, don't feel bad. President Obama even fooled some members of Congress when he promised that abortion wouldn't be included in Obamacare.

Exposing the truth about Obamacare is what National Right to Life did from day one. They warned everyone about how Obamacare forces Americans to subsidize abortion coverage, violates their conscience rights, and threatens to ration life-saving medical treatment they or their loved ones need to live.

Your support and help is of great importance to our country at this time. Please help to pass the word by word of mouth or whatever means is available to you.

Please help us work for the day when we can repeal Obamacare—a law that's deadly to the unborn, deadly to the ill and elderly, and deadly to our tradition of compassion for human life.

Nightmares Continue as HHS Secretary Sebelius Testifies before Congress

Kathleen Sebelius, currently the Secretary of Health and Human Services, was once governor of Kansas. Pro-lifers remembered how resolutely she advanced the pro-abortion agenda and thwarted the wishes of a state which had become more and more pro-life during the time she was governor, 2002-2008.

From the single-issue pro-life perspective, her most spot-on comment as she testified today before the House Energy and Commerce Committee was positively Obamaesque (as in "I didn't know" or "I don't know"). Rep. John Shimkus (R-Ill.) asked, "If someone, a constituent of mine or someone in this country, has strongly-held pro-life views, can you commit to us to make sure that the federal

exchanges that offer that are clearly identified and so people can understand if they're going to buy a policy that has abortion coverage or not, because right now you cannot make that determination."

"*Sir I don't know,*" Sebelius responded. "*I know exactly the issue you're talking about. I will check and make sure that is clearly identifiable.*"

Well that question was never answered to the dismay of the Congressman. Sebelius continued to be on the hot seat for the huge problems with the web site with no relief in sight. With this administration one thing you can count on and that is they are more worried about pushing abortion in whatever way they can.

Sebelius Hosted Event for Late-Term Abortionist, Yes, She Knows if Obamacare Funds Abortions

by Cheryl Sullenger | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com

Recently, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius appeared before the House Energy and Commerce Committee and testified under oath that she did not know if Obamacare paid for abortions. Can we seriously believe that?

We know Sebelius to be a radical abortion activist who, as Kansas Governor, invested the better part of her two terms covering up criminal abortions and blocking legislation that would have supplied oversight to abortionists who were running amok over the health and safety of women. If there is one word that describes Sebelius' actions as a public "servant" it is the word "cover-up."

As governor, Sebelius covered up for filthy and unsafe abortion clinic conditions when she vetoed common sense clinic safety laws in 2003 and 2005. In her 2003 veto statement, Sebelius proudly declared that Kansas abortion clinics met the "highest standards for medical care in the country."

Meanwhile, abortion clinics in Kansas City and Wichita were operating in blood-smear facilities infested with roaches and other vermin while George Tiller's late-term abortion clinic in Wichita was sending one woman after another to the Emergency Room—and one to the morgue.

If this is what Sebelius considers the “highest standards for medical care,” then we have every right to be concerned on several levels about Obamacare under Sebelius’ administration.

In fact, Sebelius hosted a secret soiree for Tiller and his entire abortion clinic staff at the Governor’s Mansion in 2007 while Tiller was under criminal investigation by the Attorney General’s office. Photographs of that event that were obtained and published by Operation Rescue show a cozy relationship between Sebelius and Tiller and have

appeared recently on Fox News and other news outlets as evidence of Sebelius’ avid support of radical late-term abortions opposed by the vast majority of Americans.

However, when we made public those photos and the receipts that proved the party was paid for by Kansas taxpayers, Sebelius fabricated a story that the party was a prize Tiller won at a silent auction held by a Political Action Committee. Operation Rescue again obtained evidence that her story was completely untrue and that taxpayers did indeed foot the bill for the lavish steak-and-lobster gala.

Help Needed:

The Right To Life Office is in need of someone to help with QuickBooks and to send out Thank You’s and general office work. It may entail 5-6 hours per week. Contact President Louis Kavanaugh at 486-3658 for additional information.

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Daviess County Right To Life Meetings are the last week of each month at the Right To Life Office at 705 Troy Road (Grace Baptist Church, Lower Level).
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Daviess County Right To Life Paper Drive is the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October, December from 9 AM till 2 PM at the Old K-Mart Parking Lot. Other pick up points around the County are from 9-12 Noon. If you can help call Louis Kavanaugh at 486-3658. It would be greatly appreciated.

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Have You Renewed Your Membership or Made a Donation to Help Stop Abortion!

When the Obama administration took office in January of 2009, they said their first priority was to pass laws that will remove all restrictions on abortion. By doing this on the federal level, they would remove all restrictions on abortion, and the Federal government would now be in control of the abortion issue. All Hospitals would be required to close or lose funding if they did not perform abortions. Tax payers would once again be required to fund abortions. Through the efforts of many Pro-Life Leaders in Congress these efforts have been slowed, but the Obama Administration is the most pro-abortion Administration ever elected, and we must renew our efforts to see this does not happen. Will you help?

What can we do to prevent this from happening? Contact your Federal elected officials (Senators and Congressman) and ask them to vote against all bills promoting Abortion. Otherwise there will be no choice for the children that will be killed by abortion. For Addresses of our Elected Officials, see page seven of this Newsletter.

Please renew your Membership or make a donation to help with this important work!

Use the coupon and mail your membership/donation to:

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