Local Roundtable Explored Life Issues
By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life recently participated in a Pro-Life Roundtable with Congressman Doug Lamborn (R-CO 5th Cong Dist) during which the Congressman shared both his elation at victories for life in America as well as frustrations with failures.

Chief among the frustrations Congressman Lamborn expressed was the failure to fully defund Planned Parenthood:

“Contrary to what some may think, there is no line item with Planned Parenthood’s name on it. A new GAO report [https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/690490.pdf] shows that the majority of government funds flowing into Planned Parenthood come from Medicaid reimbursements, followed by Title X Family Planning grants, and some smaller funding streams. Because of the various funding streams attached to different regulations, truly defunding Planned Parenthood requires a piecemeal strategy.”

He explained at length the nature of the Omnibus Bill which while not funding PP directly, does allow for these income streams (Medicaid Reimbursements and Title X Family Planning grants). He also pointed out areas where the bill supports pro-life efforts (see table). Nevertheless, Lamborn, and others who supported the Omnibus Bill, have faced fierce criticism for doing so after promising to defund PP.

Discussion during the roundtable, attended by representatives from Life Network, Focus on the Family, Save the Storks, and other local pro-life organizations, addressed ways in which we can work together to spread the word about funding opportunities to grant-eligible entities that do not provide abortions and thereby interrupt the stream of funding to PP and other abortion providers.

Groups or individuals interested in learning more about the Title X grants can contact congressman Lamborn’s office via Legislative Asst. Jamie Dangers at Jamie.Dangers@mail.house.gov

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The President’s Corner

During this most recent election cycle I have noticed several candidates calling themselves “100% pro-life.” What should we expect of someone who is 100% pro-life?

Certainly, such a person would wholeheartedly accept and defend the sanctity of life from fertilization/conception through natural death. To do otherwise would be a less than a 100% commitment.

Consequently, the wholly committed pro-lifer would reject the idea that there are exceptions to be considered, such as rape and incest in the case of abortion. Instead, the lives of the mother and the unborn children must all (100%) be protected.

The wholly committed pro-lifer would additionally reject the idea of suicide as being anything other than self-murder. Likewise, assisting in the suicide of another, now legal for doctors in Colorado, would be nothing less than complicity in murder and thus unacceptable to the person who is 100% pro-life.

So, the person who is 100% pro-life should not only endeavor to end abortion but also end physician assisted suicide as well. While I have heard some candidates talk about restricting and ending abortion, I have not heard any candidates say anything about ending or even curbing the “suicide-by-doctor” phenomenon that is now taking place in Colorado.

Therefore, I think these self-descriptions by the politicians as being “100% pro-life” are inaccurate at best and should at minimum be ignored if not challenged outright.

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Rural Pregnancy Center to Expand Services

Salida Pregnancy Resource Center (SPRC) was recently awarded a $10,000 donation to aid in their mission to assist women who are pregnant. The funds are proceeds of the 2017 Bishop’s Respect Life Dinner – attended annually by pro-life witnesses of many faiths.

The Salida Pregnancy Resource Center plans to use the money to hire an ultrasound nurse and expand services to mothers-to-be in Salida and the surrounding rural areas.

“This check opens up the center for more hours, enables more pregnancy and STD testing and allows us to serve to community better,” SPRC Director Beth Russell said.

The next Respect Life Dinner will be held on October 16, 2018. Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King and daughter of activist A.D. King, will be the keynote speaker.

Dr. King serves as director of Civil Rights for the Unborn, the African-American Outreach for Priests for Life. She is also a voice for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, sharing her testimony of two abortions along with God’s forgiveness and healing. Dr. King recently launched a project to produce a full-length feature film, “Roe v Wade: The Untold Story.”

Tickets for the dinner will go on sale August 1, 2018.

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The congressman highlighted victories for the culture of life: the appointment of Colorado’s-own Justice Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, the reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy, pro-life appointments in lower courts and across the administration, and Omnibus Bill funding for Sexual Risk Avoidance directly benefiting the Education for a Lifetime program delivered by Life Network to numerous area schools.

Lamborn also shared his experience speaking on the steps of the Supreme Court during the recent NIFLA vs. Becerra arguments – a case that could radically change the landscape for Pregnancy Resource Centers. (See video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lo4INb5nMBc)

In her follow-up communication, Dangers said, “Congressman Lamborn left the roundtable energized and looking forward to the next one!” I believe our local prolife leaders who attended roundtable would agree with those sentiments.

Effort to Open Pregnancy Center in the Heart of Boulder Colo

In addition to PP, and the infamous Dr. Hern’s late-term Abortion Clinic, Boulder is also home to Colorado’s very FIRST abortion clinic - founded in 1973 and still performing more than 400 abortions yearly.

But there is not a single pro-life pregnancy center in the Boulder city limits - where people can go for free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, options counseling, help with parenting, adoption referrals, sexual risk avoidance counseling, and post-abortion counseling.

An ambitious effort to open up a NEW pregnancy center is underway with the support of Warren and Yvonne Williams, who started the very first pregnancy center in Boulder years ago. For the effort to succeed the group will need:

- A Board of Directors
- Medical office space and medical director
- Funds to hire a director, advertise, buy pregnancy tests, educational materials, furniture and equipment, etc.
- Help in getting the word out about this effort!

Send donations to: Boulder Crisis Pregnancy Center (BCPC), PO Box 3044, Boulder, CO 80307.

For additional information, contact: Kristine

Update - Students for Life of America – Rocky Mountain Region

By Bethany Jansen – SFLA – Rocky Mountain Coordinator

Students for Life groups at UCCS, The Classical Academy, Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC), Saint Mary’s High School, and Corpus Christi have been active on their campuses and in the community over the last several months.

Student leaders from Saint Mary’s and UCCS spoke passionately at the opening rally for the Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign, energizing and inspiring the crowd on the Sidewalk.

Student leaders from CSU Pueblo PPCC, and UCCS joined leaders from Colorado and New Mexico to travel to D.C. for the March for Life and SFLA National Conference in January.

In February, we organized, testified, and lobbied legislators to support the Life at Conception bill, Ultrasound bill, Dismemberment Abortion Ban, and Defunding Public Universities that Traffic Fetal Body Parts. Sadly, each bill died in committee, but the students’ testimony was still powerful (one of them was an adoptee who is the president at UNC SPL).

We also hosted the Women Betrayed Display at UCCS in February and this is the story of one of the women:

“I’m going to cry... I had an abortion.” The words weren’t said out of spite or anger, but out of deep grief and sadness. I had hardly started to explain the mental health effects of abortion to a student who had paused at the Women Betrayed Display debuting today in the Rocky Mountain Region at the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs. Soon her story unfolded. She was a college student when she got pregnant, and chose abortion - just four weeks along. She opted for the abortion pill. It was horrific. Nauseating, excruciatingly painful, and the bleeding lasted weeks. But that wasn’t the worst part. Her abortion led her into depression, causing her to drop out of college. She turned to heavy drinking.

Though she’s been through therapy now and has stopped drinking, she said that her friends don’t even know about her abortion. Then she remarked, “People can do what they want to do, but if someone were to ask me if she should get an abortion, I’d definitely tell her not to.”

I listened to her story and shared about the local Bridges of Hope Program at LifeNetwork and our Pregnant on Campus Initiative to help students stay in college and have their children. This is why I do what I do. Because abortion hurts women, both those born and preborn.

Last month the SFL group at the Community College of Aurora become official! We’ve also added groups in public high schools near Albuquerque NM and Gunnison CO.

Prayer Requests: We don’t have a club yet at Colorado College. We also need more students to step up to lead at PPCC. There is such a need there to help pregnant and parenting students!
Worth Noting…

May is Mental Health Month, observed in U.S. since 1949. Research reveals that post-abortive women experience an 81 percent increased risk for mental problems. They are 34 percent more likely to develop an anxiety disorder, 37 percent more likely to experience depression, 110 percent more likely to abuse alcohol, 155 percent more likely to commit suicide, and 220 percent more likely to use marijuana. Abortion harms women.

May 25: National Missing Children’s Day has been commemorated in the United States since 1983, when it was first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan after a series of high-profile missing-children cases. From the DOJ office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency website:

“Missing Children’s Day is dedicated to encouraging parents, guardians, caregivers, and others concerned with the well-being of children to make child safety a priority. It serves as a reminder to continue our efforts to reunite missing children with their families and an occasion to honor those dedicated to this cause.”

National Missing Children’s Day is an opportunity to remember all our missing children - born and unborn – and pray for wounded and grieving families.