

## A Local Lawsuit Against PP

In February, on behalf of Ayanna Byer, Doug Romero, a Denver lawyer with the Colorado Christian Defense Counsel allied with Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) filed a lawsuit against Planned Parenthood in Colorado Springs.

“A woman’s life is more important than Planned Parenthood’s bottom line,” said Romero. “What PP did to Ayanna is beyond the pale. They clearly put her through extraordinary cruelty and jeopardized her life.”

Byer had changed her mind about having an abortion after she was informed that she could not be given the agreed-upon IV anesthesia. The abortionist proceeded with a suction abortion, telling Byer it was “too late to stop.”

She was fully awake and felt the full pain of the abortion. She was sent home from Planned Parenthood with pain pills. Two days later, she went to the emergency room at Penrose Hospital.

The doctor who assisted her said that she “was septic with high fever and elevated white count”...requiring an “immediate high-risk surgery” to remove parts of her baby’s body which were still inside her.

The ER doctor called Planned Parenthood the next day, asking about pathology results but was told that no pathology is done on abortion patients.

Additionally, he was told that “The doctor performing the abortion ‘looks’ at the tissue and makes a diagnosis.” The ER doctor calls this lack of care an “abandonment” of the patient.

Prolifers are called to stand in prayer for Ayanna, not only for her protection and well-being; but also expressing our thanks to her for coming forward.

Alan Sears, President and CEO of the Alliance Defense Fund asks for prayers for their attorneys as they take on this massive and powerful organization, [Planned Parenthood] and for all their efforts to preserve the sanctity of life in America.

## A Warrior for Life

Irena Sendler, Warsaw, Poland, Died May 12, 2008 at the age of 98.

During World War II, Irena got permission to work in the Warsaw ghetto as a Plumbing/Sewer specialist.

From there Irena smuggled Jewish infants out in the bottom of the tool box she carried. She used a burlap sack in the back of her truck for larger kids.

Irena kept a dog in her truck that she trained to bark when the Nazi soldiers let her in and out of the ghetto. They wanted nothing to do with the dog and the barking covered the kids/infants’ noises.

She managed to smuggle out and save 2500 kids and infants. Ultimately, she was caught, however, and the Nazi’s broke both of her legs and arms and beat her severely.

Irena kept record of the names of all the kids she had smuggled out in a glass jar that she buried under a tree in her back yard.

After the war, she tried to locate any parents who may have survived. Most had died in gas chambers.

Those children she helped were placed into foster family homes or adopted. In 2007, Irena was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, but was not selected.

Today, many in the world claim the holocaust to be a “myth.” It’s imperative that the world never forgets.

*“There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.”*

Elie Wiesel, author and Holocaust survivor

*“The world is a dangerous place to live – not because of the people who are evil but because of the people who don’t do anything about it.”*

Albert Einstein

## **Remembering a Strong Advocate for Life**

MG John H. Mitchell (USA Ret) died on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. He had a career filled with many well earned achievements and accolades.

But to us, he was a special friend who will always be remembered and missed.

*Jack & Bernadette Johnston*

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We are most blessed to receive both prayer and financial support for the love of Life. Both are vitally important and most welcome any time.

## **A U.S. Mecca**

Affluent couples around the world are determined to have a baby boy. Though outlawed in many nations, sex selection is legal in the United States.

Dr. Jeffrey Steinberg, of Fertility Institutes in Los Angeles and New York City, has “treated” thousands of couples from 147 nations.

For only \$45,000 British couples “conceive” the child of their choice. Chinese clients have greatly increased. 98% of them ask for a boy. Excerpts: Devine, D.J.; “Boy Crazy;” World, 6 Oct 12

## **The President’s Corner**

Nationally, over the past year, there have been several stories demonstrating pro-abortionists’ lack of concern for women. In case you do not know, there are also recent local stories that communicate the same lack of concern.

In this newsletter there is the account ... of a lawsuit against Planned Parenthood in Colorado Springs. A woman told the abortionist that she did not want an abortion. The abortionist disregarded her expressed desire and forced an abortion on her (and botched the abortion as well).

In a different context, I testified at the state capitol for a bill that would have banned sex-selective abortions. The pro-abortionists declared that they too were against sex-selective abortions.

Hypocritically, though, they defeated the bill. Keeping abortion unrestricted was much more important to them than the fact that many more girls are aborted each year than boys.

This year Pikes Peak Citizens for Life will endeavor to document the consequences of abortion in our community. In addition to your much needed financial help, please make us aware of any stories you might know regarding the effects of abortion in the Pikes Peak region.

*Matt*

## **Anna’s Story – Part 2**

*Continued from our February newsletter*

They arrested him and took us to the hospital for some tests; then we had to go in for questioning ourselves. In the end he was sentenced to 10 years in prison for molesting not only me but also my sister.

If he had not killed my first baby, my sister and I would have been free an entire year earlier. This is how I know that abortion protects pedophiles.

I was told by therapists, friends, teachers, family, and even strangers that it would probably be best if I had an abortion; but I couldn’t.

Earlier that year, I had learned in my science class that a child’s DNA comes from both parents and that meant that this child was also half mine. I also figured that since I was the one who would carry her in MY body for the next several months, that made her mine, not his.

I knew from my first pregnancy that he didn’t want me to have the baby. I knew that if I had an abortion, I would be doing just what he wanted, and he would win again. He would not only have killed all of my innocence, he would have killed my daughter.

*To be continued in the May newsletter...*

## **No More “Pro-Choice” for PP**

Planned Parenthood is changing its strategy. Apparently, “pro-choice” doesn’t reflect the complexity of making decisions regarding “reproductive health” and no longer resonates with the younger generation.

Watch for “reproductive justice,” a term originally used to attract pro-abortion African-American women. Hmmm. Life Issues Institute, 1 Mar 13

## **Dr. C. Everett Koop - R.I.P.**

Called a “pro-life giant”, former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, 96, died on February 25. He helped to energize evangelicals about the issues of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.

He called abortion to protect the life of a mother a “smoke screen.” “In my 36 years of pediatric surgery I have never known of one instance where the child had to be aborted to save the mother’s life.” May he rest in peace.

## **China & it’s One-Child Policy**

China’s health ministry released figures in March, showing 336 million babies have been aborted since 1980.

According to the London Telegraph, there are more than 13 million abortions a year, or 1,500 an hour, in China.

The one-child policy has resulted in a sky-high suicide rate for Chinese women who faced such a brutal and terrorizing regime.

In addition to abortion, 196 million men and women have been sterilized since 1971.

Excerpts: Ertelt, Steven; “Report: 336 Million...” LifeNews; 15 Mar 13

## **Planet of the Apes**

It is now safer in Spain to be a monkey than to be a human. Thanks to a new law, the Great Apes are now protected from the moment of conception against abortion and fetal experimentation.

Human embryos, on the other hand, remain unprotected and the subject of scientific research.

Excerpted: Polo, Carlos; “Planet of the Apes”

## **U S. Abortion Rate Falls**

We’re talking about surgical abortions. Since there is no statistical reporting on the numbers of chemical abortions, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) figures are far from complete.

Some decline could be due to shifting attitudes and growing prolife activism. The past decade has seen the rise of prolife movements such as 40 Days for Life and an increase in crisis pregnancy centers.

In 2012, Gallup found only two out of five Americans described themselves as pro-abortion – a record low for the polling group.

Excerpts: “U.S. Abortion...” World, 15 Dec 12

## **The Story of Life from a Great Grandmother**

“It was their first child. The mother had a severe hemorrhage at four months. Their little girl was born in the hospital and weighed fourteen ounces.”

The great grandmother was called to be with the mother in the hospital. She held the tiny baby girl in her hand while the baby lived. The baby’s heart was beating.

“Her tiny face was a baby’s face. She had fingernails and tiny toes and was so beautiful,” said the grandmother, as she wept: “I get so mad...”

from Evelyn French

## **Reducing SIDS**

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) researchers in Berlin have developed a circuit board which can be put inside baby’s clothes and monitor the breathing of the infant.

If the child stops breathing, the device alerts parents who can then render first aid and save the baby before it is too late.

This intervention can be vital, because a child can be only 4 to 5 minutes without oxygen before brain damage and then death occurs.

Both easy and cheap to produce, the board is lightweight. Hopefully, this new technology will be available in the United States soon.

Excerpts: Terzo, S.; “New Invention...,” LifeNews; 3 Feb 13

## **April 25 in Colorado**

April 25<sup>th</sup> marks the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the infamous legalization of abortion in Colorado, the first state to pass such a law.

The struggle to protect and defend the most innocent, defenseless and vulnerable of our human family is ongoing.

PPCFL continues to work to educate the public about the reality and value of all human life from fertilization until natural death.

Pro-abortion Princeton professor, Peter Singer, who supports life only for the perfect and the wanted predicts that by 2040:

“Only a rump of the hard-core, know-nothing religious fundamentalists will defend the view that every human life, from conception to death, is sacrosanct.”

May he be proven wrong by the renewed commitment and vigor in the prolife movement, not only in Colorado but also around our nation.

## **Abortion Recovery Awareness**

The month of April has been designated as Abortion Recovery Awareness Month by Abortion Recovery InterNational, Inc. (ARIN).

The President of ARIN is Stacy Massey, a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors, as well as a keynote speaker, consultant and author.

Ms. Massey knows personally the grief of abortion and miscarriage and dedicates her work to all of the unborn children in heaven.

During the month of April, ARIN is urging its supporters around the world to learn more about how to reach out to their friends and neighbors to provide comfort and guidance after abortion.

The organization information can be found at: <http://www.arininc.org>. The 35 personal testimonies that rotate on that site are actual statements from clients that have been personally affected by an abortion (directly or indirectly) and have completed the abortion recovery process.