

The Demise of ESCR

At the beginning of the 21st century embryonic stem cell research (ESCR) was considered the magic bullet for combating multiple diseases and conditions. Proven to be a “pipe dream” the use of embryonic stem cells has had **NO** success.

In 2011, after many false starts and a year after launching a human trial for spinal cord injuries to cure people like Christopher Reeve, the California-based biotechnology firm, Geron, pulled the plug on all of its embryonic stem cell research to focus on cancer drugs.

Adding to the demise of ESCR is the fact that non-embryonic stem cells have successfully treated more than **75 diseases!**

In 2007, Japanese researcher, Shinya Yamanaka, showed that it was possible to create stem cell lines from skin cells without destroying embryos. Spurning ESCR as unethical, Yamanaka won the Nobel Prize in Medicine last year.

Rob Waddell needed a kidney transplant due to polycystic kidney disease. Rob was able to participate in a clinical trial where he received bone marrow adult stem cells from the kidney donor. He now lives a full life without any anti-rejection drugs.

A 2-year-old boy with cerebral palsy, known as L.B., suffered a cardiac arrest. He was treated with his own stored umbilical cord blood stem cells. After months, he was able to speak and move and continues to improve.

Using a variety of successful stem cell treatments, scientific evidence allows us an even stronger voice for unborn babies by advocating for ethical, non-controversial adult stem cell research.

Even though embryonic stem cells are unpredictable, unreliable and have not shown any promise for future research, the Obama administration is still funding ESCR with our federal taxes.

Excerpts: Cook, Michael; “Not with a bang...” Mercatornet.com; 4 June 13; & Life Issues Institute

The NAACP & Abortion

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has been transformed into an abortion advocacy organization under the presidency of Benjamin Jealous.

The NAACP defended Planned Parenthood after videos were released showing PP staffers helping alleged sex trafficking ring operators.

According to Hilary Shelton, of NAACP, “The NAACP has never taken a position on abortion. We simply support a woman’s right to choose.”

Hence, they have opposed prolife bills across the nation, including some which would have prohibited gender and race-based abortions.

Do they really care about the Black population?

Star Parker, a nationally syndicated prolife black columnist writes: “Blacks, about 12% of our population, account for almost 40% of the abortions that are performed nationwide each year.”

Excerpts: Bomberger, R, “NAACP Fights...” LifeNews, 5 Sept 2013 and Ertelt, S, “NAACP Pres. Quits...” LifeNews, 9 Sept 2013

U.S. Population Falls Again

The U.S. fertility rate fell to 1.88 in 2012, another low. It takes 2.1 children per woman for a given generation to replace itself. U.S. births have been below replacement level since 2007.

According to Anna Higgins of the Family Research Council, “The economic backlash taking place in China [with their one-child policy] can be prevented by encouraging strong families.

“In order to strengthen our society and our economy, we should remove obstacles in the path of married couples who wish to have children and instead do more to support and encourage those who are raising children.”

Excerpts: Ertelt, S; “US Population...” LifeNews, 10 Sept 13

The President's Corner

In the May newsletter, I bemoaned the lack of pro-life victories in Colorado this year. We now have a success to report.

As our next billboard campaign will communicate, the Planned Parenthood facility on the east side of Colorado Springs has been closed.

According to a Planned Parenthood source, at least one of the factors leading to the closing of this facility was the pressure put on the organization by the Personhood effort, a movement that has unsuccessfully tried to extend the legal definition of a person to include pre-born children.

Clearly, the "unsuccessful" effort was more successful than we realized! This situation is not unlike hearing from a woman who reports a year or more later that the pro-life witnesses on the sidewalk changed her mind about her scheduled abortion.

So, do not lose heart when it appears your efforts are not bearing fruit. It could very well be the case that you are saving lives.

Matt

Thoughts for October – Respect Life Month

"Cowardice asks the question, is it safe?
Expedience asks the question, is it politic?
But conscience asks the question, is it right?"

And there comes a time when one must take a position
that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must make it...
...because their conscience tells them it is right."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stories from the Booth at the State Fair

Tuesday: One 19-year-old said his mother was 14 when she gave birth to him. He was delighted that she did NOT abort him despite her very young age!!! Another young man said his Mom gave him and his siblings up for adoption and he's very pro-life!!!

Sunday (Fiesta Day): Two young men stopped by the booth at different times. Each one was adopted. Both were very pro-life! A very attractive young woman saw our display. She took a 12 week baby and lots of literature – and told her sad story.

Her alcoholic father had abused her; she was pregnant at 15. He took her to the abortion mill, told her to get an abortion and sent her inside. She wanted to leave.

She cried most of the time, she said, and knew she was being forced to kill her 3-month-old unborn baby. After she told her story her face showed that the pain was still with her even after 10 or 15 years.

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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.

Our Ongoing Proposition...

If you have e-mail, would you like to receive your newsletter by that mode?

If so, e-mail your name and address (for positive identification) to "join the crowd!"
contact@ppcitizensforlife.org

Our Deepest Appreciation

Our special "thank you" goes out to the wonderful people who staffed our prolife booth at the El Paso County fair and at the Colorado State Fair.

Staffing a booth requires a "donation" of time along with a friendly disposition and a welcoming smile.

Our educational brochures speak for themselves, as well as our "babies" which can be touched and held.

Please do keep us in mind next summer.

Standing up for Life

The World Medical Association (WMA) again stated its **opposition to euthanasia**.

“Euthanasia – that is the act of deliberately ending the life of a patient, even at the patient’s own request or at the request of close relatives – is unethical.

“This does not prevent the physician from respecting the desire of a patient to allow the natural process of death to follow its course in the terminal phase of sickness.”

Similarly, the WMA opposes **assisted suicide**. “Physicians-assisted suicide, like euthanasia, is unethical and must be condemned by the medical profession.

“Where the assistance of the physician is intentionally and deliberately directed at enabling an individual to end his or her life, the physician acts unethically.

“However, the right to decline medical treatment is a basic right of the patient and the physician does not act unethically even if respecting such a wish results in the death of the patient.”

Established in 1947, the WMA represents more than ten million physicians worldwide.

Excerpts: Dr. Peter Saunders, LifeNews; 19 Aug 2013

“Pretend I’m a Tree...”

Coming from one of the most pro-abortion areas in Colorado, Boulder County may have already passed a “nature rights” law, giving the birds and the bees, the flowers and the trees a right to life equal to humans.

According to a *Denver Westword News* story, “Boulder County has a reputation for leading the state in matters of open space, animal rights, environmental protections and all-around tree-hugging.”

The LifeNews article included a picture of a young woman, holding a sign, containing the words, **“Pretend I’m a Tree & Save Me”** with a picture of a pre-born baby. How cool!

...and our work goes on to protect all innocent human life from the beginning to the end.

Excerpts: Smith, Wesley; “Boulder, Colo...” LifeNews 12 Sept 2013

Why We Need Medical “Non Discrimination” Laws

Doctors no longer take the Hippocratic Oath. With the potential of rationing of health care under ObamaCare, discrimination against the medically vulnerable can be expected.

Oklahoma’s “Non Discrimination in Treatment Act” is a good model law for our entire nation. Included in the bill is the following:

“A. A health care provider **shall not deny to a patient a life-preserving health care service** the provider provides to other patients, and the provision of which is directed by the patient or a person legally authorized to make health care decisions for the patient:

“1. On the basis of a view that treats extending the life of any elderly, disabled, or terminally ill individual as of lower value than extending the life of an individual who is younger, nondisabled, or not terminally ill; or

“2. On the basis of disagreement with how the patient or person legally authorized to make health care decisions for the patient values the trade-off between extending the length of the patient’s life and the risk of disability...”

Excerpts: Wesley J. Smith, J.D.; “Killing the Disabled...” LifeNews; 15 July 2013

A North Dakota Victory

Last March, North Dakota’s Gov. Jack Darymple signed into law a prolife proposition, which included a ban on gender-selection abortions and abortions for genetic abnormalities, such as Down Syndrome.

The Red River Women’s Clinic – the only abortuary in the state – filed suit against that law.

Recently, a U.S. District judge dismissed that portion of the lawsuit without prejudice; meaning the clinic can revive a legal challenge later.

According to Americans United for Life (AUL) President, Charmaine Yoest, “Sex-selection abortion is gender-based violence generally targeted toward females.

“Likewise, abortion performed solely because of genetic abnormalities is discriminatory and devalues the lives of [people with disabilities.]”

Excerpts: Ertelt, Steven; “Judge’s Ruling...” LifeNews, 12 Sept 2013

Time Got Away from Us

The Fall **40 Days for Life** campaign, world-wide, began on **Wednesday, September 25**, and will conclude on **Sunday, November 3rd**.

As you can see, there are still many days during which you can commit to spending some time in prayer for the protection of pre-born babies and their mothers; and...

...the release from bondage of all those who have given their lives to works of death and destruction.

If possible, commit to a special time of public witness and prayer each week beside Planned Parenthood at 3480 Centennial Blvd.

Please share this positive, prolife message with your church pastor, your friends and your neighbors.

For further information or signing up for a time slot, contact Michele Mason at (719) 659-2097 or go to www.40daysforlife.com/coloradosprings.

2013 - Fall Life Prayer Chain

"Come, Be Not Afraid!"...God

What: One hour of silent prayer in public witness to the over 55 million innocent lives lost in the Abortion War on the Unborn.

When: **Sunday, October 6 – 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

Where: Academy Blvd. & Austin Bluffs

Signs can be picked up at 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Rocky Mountain Calvary Chapel, 4285 N. Academy Blvd or across Academy in the parking lot of Old Chicago. If you cannot join the Life Chain in person, please do so in spirit.

Spend part (or all) of that hour in prayer for the babies whose moms and dads believe abortion is the only way they can cope with 'their' pregnancy. Pray, too, for our nation.

Why: *"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:14