

# LifeLine

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**PP Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family – young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.**

## Pro-Life Victories in 2013

At least **97 life-affirming measures** were enacted in 35 states; with 69 of those laws specifically concerning abortion.

The prolife victories include **North Dakota's** prohibition of abortions because of a genetic abnormality such as Down Syndrome.

**Arkansas, North Dakota and Texas** banned abortion after 20 weeks when babies are capable of feeling great pain – along with the greater risks to the health of the mother.

**Florida** passed a born-alive infant protection act due to the Kermit Gosnell case that showed the barbaric treatment of aborted babies born alive.

**Alabama, Indiana, North Carolina, North Dakota and Texas** passed tough regulations on abortion clinics. **Alabama and Texas** require abortuaries to meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers.

By the end of November, the Integrity Family Health in Philadelphia was the 47<sup>th</sup> abortion clinic closed in 2013. Now, there are **616 surgical abortuaries remaining in the U.S. from a high of 2,176 in 1991; a 72% decline** in the past 22 years.

For lists of current and recently closed abortion clinics, visit [AbortionDocs.org](http://AbortionDocs.org).

According to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, **the number of abortionists has declined about 24.6% since 1992.** A steady stream of [surgical] abortionists continues to leave the practice.

Others, however, have picked up the deadly practice with **chemical** abortifacients like RU-486. **Prayers and actions are still of vital importance!**

Excerpts: LifeNews; 26 & 27/November 2013

## One Adoptee to Another

In a letter to Elijah, Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation speaks beautifully to 8-year-old Elijah, **confirming the love that Elijah's father has for him.**

"God wove together every thread that would become Elijah. And He knew that the mommy who would give you Life, loved you enough to know that she wanted a better life for you than she could give.

"She never even considered abortion, because **she knew, deep in her heart, that God had great things in store for you.** So, she gave the most awesome gift to your parents. **You!**

"When you truly love someone, you always try to do what's best for them. And your birth mom made a brave decision. Mine did, too. It was the best thing for us!

"(We even created a new website to show many others who are just like us at [www.adoptedandloved.com!](http://www.adoptedandloved.com!))

**"Your parents love you beyond your imagination,** Elijah. **More than chocolate. More than movies.** ☺ More than anything your lil' mind can come up with.

"They chose you, even though your caramel color is different than their own and your hair may not look like theirs.

"And when they held you for the first time – just like my mom and dad – **BOOM!** That was it. Nothing could ever break that bond of love.

**"I am special. And Elijah, so are you!** From one adoptee to another, I created the video "ONE IN 7 BILLION" to tell you that there is **no one** like you." [emph. added]

Excerpts: Bomberger, Ryan; "From One Adoptee..."; LifeNews; 22 Nov 2013

## *The President's Corner*

With the New Year comes another anniversary of the disastrous *Roe v. Wade* decision. This year also brings a redesigned Pikes Peak Citizens for Life web site intended to enhance our ability to communicate with you.

We will be regularly posting local pro-life news to the web site as well as referring you to national and international pro-life news that is relevant for the Pikes Peak region.

You are now able to respond to us by appending your comments to posts on the site. We encourage you to share your pro-life thoughts and experiences with the larger pro-life community in the Colorado Springs region.

Our resolution at Pikes Peak Citizens for Life has always been to educate the local community about the preciousness of Life and the means to protect it.

It is our hope that the new web site, in conjunction with our other education efforts (billboards, newspapers, radio, television, event booths, seminars and presentations, and this newsletter), will quicken the day we celebrate the repeal of *Roe v. Wade*.

*Matt*

### *Former Attorney General Under Siege*

On December 3, a 92-page motion was filed with the Kansas Supreme Court on behalf of former Kansas Attorney General, Phill Kline, asking for a rehearing of an ethics case against him, or a modification of the Court's ruling indefinitely suspending his license to practice law.

From 2003-2008, Kline investigated abortion clinics operated by George Tiller in Wichita and Planned Parenthood in Overland Park. Pro-abortionists inside the state government, many appointed by former Gov. Kathleen Sebelius [a radical supporter of unrestricted abortion] **obstructed his investigations.**

Kline eventually filed 30 criminal charges against Tiller and 107 criminal charges against Planned Parenthood. Both cases were dropped by political enemies of Kline's.

"Reading Kline's motion for a rehearing or a modification brings home the injustice that continues to reverberate throughout Kansas," said Operation Rescue President, Troy Newman.

"We stand behind Phill and against the shameful, corrupt abortion politics that have crushed his career for the purpose of ensuring that innocent blood of babies will continue to spill in Kansas. We pray that Phill Kline and his family will seek comfort in their strong Christian faith."

Please urge any friends or family in Kansas to support Phill Kline in his continued uphill battle against political persecution.

Excerpts: "Kansas Suspends..." Sullenger, Cheryl; LifeNews; 18 Oct 2013

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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](mailto:contact@ppcitizensforlife.org)

### *Are You Being "Called"?*

If you have strong feelings toward promoting and defending Life, come be a vibrant, new voice for the voiceless.

PPCFL is in need of fresh talents and committed hearts to join in our work.

Come sit in on one of our monthly meetings, which occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at our office.

For directions, call 630-1999. We look forward to hearing from you!

## **Abortion & Breast Cancer**

Women who've had an abortion have an increased risk of breast cancer. A powerful recently published study from China presents comprehensive evidence that an abortion leaves women with a **significantly increased risk of breast cancer.**

A meta-analysis combined the results of 36 studies from 14 provinces in China in an internationally recognized peer-reviewed journal, *Cancer Causes and Control*.

**One induced abortion increases the risk of breast cancer by 44%! Two abortions increase the risk to 76% and three abortions raise the risk to 89%!**

**"Women have been deceived by the abortion industry and are paying with their health and lives.** It's critical that this deception be confronted with sound factual information.

**"Women deserve to know the truth about how abortion can have a devastating impact on their long-term health."** Brad Mattes; Life Issues Institute

## **Starving Margot Bentley**

In Vancouver, Canada, a lawsuit has been brought against operators of Maplewood Seniors Care Society to stop their spoon-feeding of 82-year-old [Margot] Bentley.

Bentley's living will states she does not want "nourishment or liquids" if she suffers from an incurable disease. Diagnosed with Alzheimer's, she has been in a vegetative state for three years.

Bentley's husband, John, and her daughter contend that Bentley's wishes are being ignored.

Excerpts: *Vancouver Sun* blog post by Pamela Fayerman

**Margot Bentley is voluntarily swallowing. No one is forcing water down her throat.**

Spoon feeding is NOT tube feeding; it is basic humane care. Feeding tubes are deemed medical treatment in that they involve minor surgery and the formula provided has a medical component.

If the plaintiffs win this case, one need not have a vivid imagination to understand the potential for naked abuse and abandonment of such vulnerable patients.

Excerpts: "Family's Lawsuit..." Smith, Wesley J., LifeNews 22 Nov 2013

## **The "Morning-After" Pill**

"Plan B" is an abortifacient drug produced to "avoid" pregnancy by blocking ovulation or preventing a fertilized egg from implanting.

[Not allowing that brand new human being to implant **is an abortion.**]

Taken up to 72 hours after sex, this emergency contraceptive (EC) was supposed to be the "magic bullet" for women and girls.

A 2011 British study, after the U.K. started offering "Plan B" free to teens, found that teenage **STD rates climbed 12%** and the teen pregnancy rates remained **unchanged.**

A 2012 Washington state study found that making Plan B available over the counter led to a statistically significant increase in gonorrhea diagnoses in both males and females **but had no impact on abortion or unplanned birth rates.**

Contraceptives such as Plan B, or Ella, do nothing to protect a woman from sexually transmitted diseases.

As of June 21, 2013, the FDA approved Plan B "as a nonprescription product for all women of child-bearing potential." So, 11-year-old girls can purchase the drug at their local pharmacy without a prescription.

In videos created by Students for Life, filmed in Ohio, South Carolina, and Arizona, women posing as 15-year-old girls attempt to purchase both Plan B and Sudafed, a cold medicine.

When the "girls" say they don't have any ID, they are told they cannot purchase Sudafed – but **they are allowed to purchase Plan B.**

In two cases, the mothers of the "teenagers" returned the Plan B and asked the cashier why the drug is being sold to minors.

According to Students for Life President Kristan Hawkins the FDA's policy is contradictory.

"Young girls are able to purchase an abortion inducing drug without their parent's permission but aren't able to buy cold medicine. **The logic makes zero sense.**"

Excerpts: LifeNews; LifeSiteNews: Jansen; Ertelt; Anderson

## Commemorating Roe v. Wade

Wednesday, January 22, 2014, is the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the infamous U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing the killing of pre-born babies.

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life will be remembering in prayer the 55 to 60 million babies killed by surgical abortions since that terrible day – along with the estimated 150 million babies who have died from chemical abortions.

Observe with us the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

**Sunday, January 19, 2014**

You are invited to join in an

**Hour for Life**  
**1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

South of the old El Paso County Courthouse,  
known as the

**Pioneers Museum,**

at

217 S. Tejon

Bring and share your thoughts and prayers.

Light refreshments will be provided.

## No “War on Women”

Speaking at the Values Voters Summit meeting in October, Dr. Ben Carson insisted that **there is no “War on Women”** as claimed by the pro-abortion activists.

“There is no war on women; **the war is on their babies**; babies [who] cannot defend themselves. Over the past few decades, **we have destroyed 55 million of them.**”

“And we have **the nerve** to call other societies of the past heathen. What we need to do is re-educate the women to understand that they are the defenders of these babies.”

Dr. Ben Carson, columnist and retired neurosurgeon who pioneered the successful separation of conjoined twins joined at the head.  
LifeNews; 16 October 2013

## Life Group Devotions

There is a never-ending risk that the evil of abortion will become just another statistical measure of our decaying culture. Don't give in to that mindset. Take time today to grieve the loss of a single child, the loss of a vessel worthy of receiving God's infinite love.

LIFE Runners; Rob Rysavy; 2 Dec 2013