

## **A Letter to the Post Abortive Mother and/or Father**

Twenty-six years ago, my biological mother [at the age of 13] had an abortion when she was pregnant with me. **The abortion took the life of my twin but miraculously, I survived.** I know that I survived for a reason. I'd like to think it was so that I could share love, forgiveness and truth with people who have been affected by abortion, especially those who have had one.

I hold no anger towards my biological mother; I know she was doing what she had been told and thought was best. I know that is common for many. I am aware that the clinics that offer abortions do not tell their clients about all of their options in a loving and open-minded way. They have one goal in mind – to sell the abortion. I also know that hurtful words can keep parents who have experienced an abortion from healing and forgiving themselves.

When I think of my biological mother (whom I have met), I think of the girl who was lied to, who was treated with disrespect by doctors who saw a dollar sign on her forehead and my heart aches for her. **I wish I could have hugged her on that day, held her hand and comforted her.**

I want her to live in the present, to be free of the pain and see herself as the beautiful woman that she is. She is caring, talented and gifted. She is an incredible mother to my three half-sisters and I am so grateful that she raised them to be the women that they are becoming today. She is a loving grandmother. I am so glad she gets to experience the joys of little ones running around every day. She deserves that!! When I see her face in a picture, I see Jesus. **He created her flawlessly! He, too, has forgiven her.**

Excerpts: Culwell, Claire; "If you've had an abortion..."; LifeNews; 28 July 14

*LifeNewsNote: Claire Culwell knows what it's like to be a survivor. She struggled on life support as she dealt with a myriad of medical issues following her birth. Despite the obstacles she has had to overcome, Claire is actively sharing her story – urging people to choose life instead of abortion [and to forgive!].*

## **Arms Around Each Other**

From a former abortion mill worker: "A woman came in to complete her abortion of quadruplets. She'd been given a heavy dose of Misoprostol.

Three of the four babies fell out of her. Two of them had their arms wrapped around each other. The fourth was suctioned out.

"I remember sobbing with a co-worker as we sorted through the remains of the fourth baby boy. We cradled the tiny intact babies in our arms and cried for them. I knew that I could no longer do this work. I was done."

She contacted Abby Johnson's organization. Four other workers ended up leaving, as well.

Excerpts: Terzo, Sarah; "Aborted..."; LifeNews; 7 August 2014

## **Volunteer at Life Network?**

It's a different setting than PP Citizens for Life.

Perhaps it is a special calling for you. They will be having a Fall training session in September so that you will feel equipped to minister to those who walk through their doors.

Also, they are looking for those who are fluent in Spanish who would be willing to translate for them as they meet with Spanish-speaking clients.

For information in this area, call Cindy at 719-355-1185.

Go to **[www.elifenetwork.com](http://www.elifenetwork.com)** for more information. There are many different ways you can serve. You can make a difference in many lives.

## Memorial Gift

In memory of  
*Mary Rita Groth*

from  
Gerald Groth  
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Thank you

## **Thank You All!**

We are most appreciative of you who shared – and continue to share – your “treasure” with us! Gifts of any size are a great help in our work to defend all human life. God bless you all!

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

**Please volunteer!** Become a part of our Board and meet with us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Please call us at 630-1999.

## The President's Corner

The language we use is important in conveying the gravity of a subject. Abortion supporters have long understood this point and have often prevailed in setting the language of the debate.

So, “termination of a pregnancy” and “a clump of cells” are phrases used to cover over the reality that a child is killed in an abortion. Even the term “abortion” is used as if it is akin to having a polyp removed instead of a child killed.

“Death with dignity” is employed to make physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia sound positively humane even though murder is the reality.

So, we should use language that reflects reality. When abortion or physician-assisted suicide/euthanasia is the topic, our language should clearly express the reality that the topic is about life and death.

*Matt*

## Who would YOU vote for?

Pro-abortion Colorado Senator, Mark Udall, has released a campaign ad trashing prolife Congressman Cory Gardner who is challenging the senator in one of the hottest Senate races in the country.

The TV ad features a woman holding a girl that looks about five or six years old while discussing abortion. After the ad’s narrator criticizes Gardner’s “history supporting harsh anti-abortion laws,” the mother with the girl in her lap, says: “I want my daughter to have the same choices I do.”

According to Colorado Citizens for Life: From voting in favor of unlimited abortion funding for businesses like Planned Parenthood, to refusing to support parental consent laws for minors, Udall holds an extreme abortion-on-demand view and will not protect the women and children of Colorado.

“Congressman Cory Gardner has a 100% prolife voting record and is dedicated to protecting the women and children of our great state; voting to ban painful late-term abortion; taxpayer funding of abortion businesses [and voting against Obamacare].”

The Colorado Senate race is expected to be one of the closest in the country. As of August 4, the Real Clear Politics polling average has Udall at 45.5% and Gardner at 44%.

Excerpts: Ertelt, S.; “Democrat Uses...”; LifeNews; 5 Aug 14

## Our Ongoing Proposition

If you have e-mail, would you like to receive your newsletter in that mode? If so, e-mail your name & address (for positive identification) to “join the crowd!” to [contact@ppcitizensforlife.org](mailto:contact@ppcitizensforlife.org)

## Post Abortion Stress Syndrome – PASS

Susanne Babel is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with a PhD in Psychology. She also is a psychotherapist with an emphasis on Trauma and depression.

**“PASS” is her name for the symptoms many women experience after having an abortion.**

Even though the National Abortion Federation calls PASS a myth, Babel asserts that “any event that causes trauma can indeed result in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and abortion is no exception.”

Babel lists **“guilt, anxiety, numbness, depression, flashbacks, and suicidal thoughts”** as symptoms of PASS.

Writing for *Live Action News*, Christina Martin tells of her experience with a post-abortive women. “She sat across from me, tears streaming down her face. This woman struggled to discuss it [her abortion].

“She thought about her child. She wondered how old he or she may be. As she reflected on her past, she wrestled with feelings of regret.

“She admitted to choosing abortion without knowing all the facts. She felt rushed into the decision, wishing now that she would have gathered more information before she decided.

**“I personally believe there is an undeniable, emotional, physical, and even spiritual connection between a mother and a child.**

“We live in a society that views abortion as a private decision which women need not regret.

“Women with negative experiences find them-selves in a difficult place. They suffer from the pain of their abortion, all the while living in a society that tells them that pain isn’t real or necessary.”

Organizations like Rachel’s Vineyard and groups like Silent No More and Project Rachel are safe places for women who need healing after their abortion. Check out *Afterabortion.org*. Also, locally, Life Network does post-abortion counseling.

Excerpts: Martin, Christina; “Tears Streamed...” LifeNews; 30 July 14

## “Fifty Shades of Grey”

Written by a British author, E. L. James, **100 million copies** of this book have been sold. What is it? Pornography! **The main character, Christian Grey, treats females as sexual objects.**

Dr. Gail Dines, a professor of sociology and women’s studies at Wheelock College in Boston, relates that when speaking to groups of women who loved the book, **they all grow deathly silent when she asks them two simple questions:**

**“Would you want your daughter to be in a relationship with Christian Grey? Would you want your son to turn into Christian Grey?”**

According to Dr. Dines, “The most likely real-world ending of *Fifty Shades of Grey* is **fifty shades of black and blue.**

“The awful truth in the real world is that women who partner with [such a man] often end up [in] a battered women’s shelter with traumatized kids in tow. **The less fortunate end up in graveyards.**”

What does this book and the BDSM “activity” [bondage, domination, sadism, masochism, discipline, submission, humiliation and spanking] say about the value of women and girls?

What does it say to boys about how they should treat girls?

Van Maren, Jonathon; “To the Christians...”; LifeSiteNews; July/August 2014

**We must work to protect the innocent!!**

## Sherri Shepherd ‘s Baby

“Ms. Shepherd had been excitedly anticipating the arrival of a baby the end of July; carried by a surrogate. The baby was conceived through in vitro fertilization (IVF) with an egg donor and her [now estranged] husband’s sperm.

“Following the acrimonious breakdown of her marriage, Sherri no longer wants anything to do with the unborn child.”

UK Daily Mail.

According to bioethics attorney, Wesley J. Smith, **“This is the culture we are allowing to emerge.** If she wanted the baby, it’s hers by right of contract. **She doesn’t want the baby? Well, it’s only a purchased product anyway.”**

Excerpts: Smith, Wesley; “Sherri Shepherd Bought...”; LifeNews; 11 July 14

## **On the "Today" Show – Wow!**

An amazing new video was shown on the Today show showing life before birth. We, in the pro-life movement already know that **unborn babies are capable of truly astonishing things** and this report confirms it.

Dr. Bill Fifer, a professor of psychiatry at Columbia University and a leading expert on fetal and newborn learning, appeared on the program and said: "Everything that a newborn baby does, a fetus has pretty much done already.

**"They are exquisitely able to sense information** over all parts of their body, although some [parts] are more sensitive than others, like around the mouth, around the feet and around the hands."

Among so many things babies before birth learn nursery rhymes from their moms while in the womb. So much for just being blobs of tissue!

Excerpts: Ertelt, Steven; "Amazing..." LifeNews; 31 July 14

To watch this video, go to "[LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com); [7/31/14 – Amazing Video Shows Life Before Birth.](#)" Relax and enjoy this wonderful journey into what it's like to be an unborn baby in "Hotel Womb."

## **2014 - Fall Life Prayer Chain**

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

**What:** Ninety minutes of silent prayer in public witness to the over 56 million innocent lives lost in the Abortion War on the Unborn.

**When:** **Sunday, October 6 – 2:00 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.

### **40 Days for Life – Fall, 2014**

### **September 24 – November 2**

Join together with other believers in prayer and fasting for the end to abortion. Spend an hour each week in front of Planned Parenthood, 3480 Centennial Blvd.

For more info, call Michele – 719-659-2097