

## The April Anniversary

April 25<sup>th</sup> marks the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the infamous Colorado legalization of abortion.

Introduced by then newly-elected Rep. Dick Lamm; signed into law by Gov. John Love, this made Colorado the first state to legalize abortion.

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

As a State, we led in the legalization of abortion;  
**let us now lead the way to Life and repentance.**

*“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.”*

2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV

## The “Human Rights Tour”

The Human Rights Tour was developed by the Students for Life of America, our nation’s largest pro-life youth organization, to educate and challenge college students on when human rights begin.

This national tour includes a six panel display, traveling 10,217 miles to 27 universities in 14 states during this spring semester.

While the display itself never uses the word, abortion, it is designed to get to the central questions of the abortion debate.

What is the pre-born? What value does the pre-born baby have? If living humans have human rights, then why don’t the pre-born have those rights?

To see the tour schedule go to:  
<http://studentsforlife.org/human-rights-tour-schedule/>  
Kristan Hawkins, Students for Life, 17 Feb 2015

## A Lesson for Us All

Michael and Kelly Yudt were thrilled to be expecting their second baby. A 20-week-scan revealed a one-centimeter cyst at the base of the baby boy’s brain.

According to the National Institute of Health, intracranial cysts discovered during prenatal screenings are central nervous system malformations involving different brain regions; possible indicators of other fetal abnormalities.

The Yudts reached out to friends and family for prayer. Two days later they visited a specialist for a more detailed ultrasound. The cyst could not be found!

Michael said, “There are only two possibilities. Either the first ultrasound was a mistake or God healed our son. “[We] truly believe that God chose to heal Joshua and for that, we are eternally grateful.”

He was asked if his wife would have an abortion. “For my wife and me, this was never even a question, let alone a choice on the table.

“That life is now four years old and his name is Joshua Alan. In speaking to my neighbor that day, God reminded me of something.

“Too often, our culture can drift to a mindset that discards the value of life because it doesn’t match our hopes, our expectations, or our timing.

“It’s clear from God’s word that He values all life and does not make a distinction between lives that are more or less worthy of protection. And neither should we.”

Excerpts: Zagorski, S; “Asked if...”; LifeNews; 20 Feb 2015

“Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants, we can justify getting that person out of our lives. Abortion and racism stem from the same poisonous root, selfishness.” ~ Alveda King

## ***The President's Corner***

Xenotransplantation is being touted as “a new life-saving procedure that harvests the organs of aborted children and transplants them in animals, where they can grow and then be made available to patients” for transplants.<sup>1</sup> How utilitarian!

Proponents of xenotransplantation declare it will “end the human donor shortage.”

These proponents ask: “Would you accept an organ from a pig, cow, baboon or a chimpanzee to save your child’s life, or your own?”

The question is misleading, though, in that the organ is really from a child who was murdered *in utero*.

It is scary to think that abortion may be encouraged as a means to provide transplants! In our culture of death the depravity of killing one person to save another is utterly unrecognized!

It is vitally important that we restore our society to a culture of life.

<sup>1</sup> Bob Unruh, “Scientists grow kidneys of aborted babies in animals,” *Wnd.com*, 3 March 2015.

## ***Becoming an Organ Donor***

“What can you do to protect yourself from a potentially unwanted organ donation? First of all, know the facts. It is necessary to do your own research since fact sheets often provide only minimal information when you sign an organ donor card while you are renewing your driver’s license or checking off a box in your advance directive.

“Therefore, **you may not be giving the truly informed consent** such a momentous decision requires. Keep informed about new strategies being proposed such as **“presumed consent”** which is the assumption that everyone is willing to donate his/her organs unless there is evidence that they would not want to donate.

“There are alternative ways to donate that people who are uncomfortable with brain death and/or non-brain death donation might consider. One is becoming a living organ donor for a kidney or part of the liver. While there are risks to such a surgery for the donor, living organ donation avoids the ethical concerns about determining death.

“Another alternative is donating tissues like bone or corneas that can be taken even hours after death is certain. This can be discussed with family or put into writing. Also, there is hopeful medical research involving adult stem cells to repair organs and building artificial organs that may someday replace the organ donation we have now.

“Having a daughter-in-law who currently needs a living donor kidney transplant, I am aware of how much such a “gift of life” can mean, but I believe it should not be at the expense of ethics or informed consent.”

*Excerpts: “Non-Brain Death Organ Donation”*

Nancy Valko, RN, ALNC, has been a registered nurse for 45 years and is a spokesperson for the National Association of ProLife Nurses.

## ***Memorial Gifts***

In loving memory of

*Ann Sullivan*

From

Tom Mason  
Ann’s Nephew & Godchild

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Ann Burger

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Cleta Jasper

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Thank you.

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## ***Abortion Deaths***

According to Joseph Meaney, Human Life International, more than **two billion babies** have been **aborted worldwide**.

Excerpts: Ertelt, S; “Over the Past...”;  
*LifeNews*; 6 Mar 15

## **“Incompatible with Life”**

Whether it’s an unborn baby, an infant after birth, someone who is disabled, elderly, or a terminally ill person – the human spirit and fight for life is often more resilient than even experts could predict.

In Oklahoma, Sarah Rodriguez prayed to God to find a way to take care of her little girl, 2-week-old Ellis Rodriguez, who had contracted bacterial meningitis in November and had significant brain swelling as a result.

Little Ellis had been placed on a ventilator and doctors informed the girl’s mother that her situation was “incompatible with life.”

Having been a Christian her entire life, abandoning God wasn’t an option for Sarah.

The doctors removed Ellis from the ventilator two weeks later and expected the worst. Sarah rocked her, telling her “You get to meet your daddy today”

Sarah’s husband had died of kidney cancer in 2013.

But Ellis continued breathing, defying the very prognosis – and the baby continues to beat the odds months later.

The story of Ellis Claire Rodriguez’s life has been one of miracles! Read all about this sunshine girl’s latest miracle at <http://jouneyofsarah.com>.

Excerpts: Ertelt, S.; “Doctors said...”; LifeNews; 20 Feb 2015

## **Pray to End Abortion Wherever You are**

During each 40 Day for Life campaign, praying at locations where abortions are being performed is emphasized. It’s a powerful opportunity to be the last sign of hope before a woman has an abortion – and the first sign of mercy if she goes through with it.

For years, in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Jim Ball has led two 24-hour-a-day campaigns each year, without missing an hour of coverage! The blustery overnight hours were covered by a group of faithful men who refer to themselves as the Sleep No More team, due to their willingness to forgo a good night’s rest in service to abortion-vulnerable mothers and babies.

As time has passed and some “warriors” could no longer join in the nighttime segment, Ball decided to recruit off-site prayer warriors to bolster his effort. “One of our Sleep No More vets works closely with inmates in the Brown County jail. He has offered these men the hope of praying for us, as we pray for them.”

No fewer than 15 men working to turn their lives around have adopted a prayer shift from a distance – praying in solidarity with specific individuals, churches and groups who will be at the vigil site.

Excerpts: Karlen, Steve; “Pray to end...”; LifeSiteNews; 6 Mar 15

## **Colorado Legislation**

On March 3, the House Public Health Care & Human Services Committee killed the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act (HB15-1112) with a seven to six vote.

The bill would have ensured that any child born alive during the course of an abortion would be entitled to appropriate and reasonable medical care and treatment.

Colorado Springs legislators, Lois Landgraf – who co-sponsored the bill – and Janak Joshi voted in favor of this prolife bill. Please thank them. Lois Landgraf – 303-866-2946; Janak Joshi – 303-866-2937

Please pray for all prolife legislators – state and national. They need continuous courage, strength, and protection in their work.

## **Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal**

“Louisiana was named the most pro-life state for the fifth year in a row. In Louisiana, we promote a culture of life and protect the weakest and most vulnerable among us,” said Gov. Jindal.

Remarkably, Jindal has always been completely honest about his pro-life views. He had a 100% pro-life voting record during his three years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Since Bobby Jindal has been Governor of Louisiana for the past six years, it would be fair to say his leadership, at least in part, has created a more pro-life Louisiana.

## *A Dear Friend of "Life"*

We regret to report that Ann Sullivan passed away on February 28. Ann was a dear friend and a tireless worker for Life. She "retired" from PPCFL in April, 2011.

Ann was on our Board of Directors and served in multiple ways within our organization prior to her retirement – staffing our office once a week; chairing the County and State Fair booths, setting up and scheduling volunteers.

Moving to our city in 1990, Ann prayed in front of Planned Parenthood on Saturday mornings and served as the Respect Life coordinator at Holy Apostles Catholic Church.

She enjoyed participating in the leadership and politics with the El Paso County Republicans. Ann traveled to Denver for hearings and pushed hard for all legislation which protected human life, especially the pre-born babies.

Always optimistic, Ann had a great sense of joy. Surely she was greeted with great joy by the many babies she worked so hard to save.

## *In Memory of Jack Willke*

Jack Willke was born on April 5, 1925, in Maria Stein, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati medical school in 1948. He died in his home in Cincinnati, on February 20. He was 89 years old.

He retired from his medical practice in 1988 to devote more time to the pro-life movement, participating in protests and testifying at congressional hearings; lobbying against *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion.

In 1971, he and his wife wrote the "Handbook on Abortion," which sold an estimated 1.5 million copies and became a touchstone for the pro-life movement; bringing to life immense numbers of crusaders for Life.

His calling as a physician – a healer – propelled him to a deeper, broader work that would impact and save millions of lives, while influencing hundreds of thousands of life-savers. He was a hero and he isn't alone.

Excerpts: Hartshorn, Peggy; "Dr. Willke's legacy..."; LifeSiteNews; 24 Feb 15; also: Langer, Emily; Washington Post; 24 Feb 15