



LifeLine

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*Pikes Peak 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 Efforts Make an Impact Here, There, and Everywhere

Many voices are lifted each day to protect and defend human life across our country and around the world. When we learn from each other, cooperate, and support one another, pro-life warriors achieve amazing results!

Each of us have an important role in the fight for life – from our own Pikes Peak Citizens for Life educating the local community, to the Center for Medical Progress videos revealing the ugly activities at Planned Parenthood – or the national awareness efforts that local PPCFL volunteers support and promote (such as Life Chain, 40 Days for Life, or Students for Life) each effort is important. As pro-life groups succeed, our whole human family benefits.

Below are highlights of two national pro-life groups with whom we cooperate and share common cause.

Students for Life

PPCFL volunteers promoted the Students for Life's #WomenBetrayedRally in Colorado Springs in July.

In the 2014-15 school year, these courageous students:

- **Started 120 new groups** - maintaining 901 active groups in 49 states plus DC, Puerto Rico, and Canada
- **Saved more than 48 babies**
- Conducted 428 events and **trained 8,152 students**
- **Traveled 152,928 miles** to train and equip pro-life high school and college students
- Mentored 142 *Pregnant on Campus Initiative* groups
- **Visited 27 medical schools** with the *Med Students for Life National Speaking Tour*
- **Visited 421 individual campuses**, distributing 263 activism kits (including "Planned Parenthood Project", the "We Care Tour", the "Fetal Pain Display" and "When do Human Rights Begin?")

Reference: <http://supporters.studentsforlife.org/2015/07/01/by-the-numbers-2014-2015-school-year/>

40 Days for Life

Since the first coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign took place in 2007 through the end of 2014, local campaign leaders have reported these blessings:

- **3,588 total campaigns**
- 579 cities
- **30 countries**
- 650,000 individual participants
- 17,500 churches
- **10,331 lives saved from abortion**
- **118 abortion workers quit**
- **60 abortion facilities closed**

Reference: <https://40daysforlife.com/results/>

PPCFL Promoting Life Issues in the Local Public Square

Reminding the public of critical pro-life issues is a key element of the PPCFL mission to *promote, foster, encourage, uphold, and support reverence and respect for human life without regard to condition, age, race, religion, or color, whether born or unborn.*

Look and listen for Our Fall Media Campaign in the following venues:

Radio 93 pro-life spots will air Sept 28 to Nov 6 on KKPK, KZNT, KVOR, and KRDO AM/FM

TV Baja Broadband Cable Network, Fort Carson

Print Targeting Cheyenne/Woodman, Black Forest

Bill Boards

Look for our latest billboard campaign at eight locations in the Colorado Springs/Pikes Peak area.

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life...

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*PPCFL Board meets the 2nd Monday of
each month at 7:00 p.m.
Come and see what we do.*

We're an All-Volunteer Organization

Join us as a volunteer!!

Staff our office once a week.
Assist with computer work.
Become a PPCFL Church Contact.
Assist with educational programs.
Help staff our educational booths or assist
in fundraising.
Bring fresh ideas or "Chair" a project.
The opportunities are never-ending.



Pikes Peak Citizens for Life posts daily stories of news and inspiration on Facebook. Because it is a public page, even if you are not a Facebook "member" you can access our page.
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pikes-Peak-Citizens-for-Life/117592004967788>

Newsletter Available by Email

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter by email rather than traditional mail? If so, then e-mail your name and address to contact@ppccitizensforlife.org

The President's Corner

As we come to the end of another summer, **I want to thank all of you who helped us in our numerous informational booths at the El Paso County and Colorado State Fairs, at regional events and conferences, and even at the Citadel Mall.**

We have learned that the person-to-person contact that occurs at these booths is particularly effective in communicating the pro-life message. Hence, these booths are at the front lines of the culture war.

Also this summer, more than 600 people gathered in Colorado Springs for the August 22nd demonstration against Planned Parenthood, in response to the undercover fetal baby part trafficking videos. This witness further communicates our fervent desire to overcome the culture of death that subsists in our city.

Yet, surprisingly, I still find people who have no idea what Planned Parenthood does. So, as we move into fall, remember that we each can serve as an informational beacon to those around us, even if we are not in a booth or at a pro-life rally. Thank you for your pro-life witness!

Matt

October is "Respect Life Month"

As we once again celebrate, Respect Life Month across the United States, we encourage pro-life advocates to support the wide variety of activities throughout the Pikes Peak region.



In addition to the *40 Days for Life daily prayer vigil* in front our local Planned Parenthood (Sept 23-Nov 1) and the *Life Chain* (Oct 4) which are highlighted on Page 4, there are three major fundraising events which deserve your support and consideration:

Roses for Life – Each year, during Respect Life Month PPCFL representatives are welcomed into churches across the Pikes Peak region to share our message of hope and defense of life through the "*Roses for Life*" program.

This year PPCFL will hand out 5000 roses in 24 churches in the Pikes Peak region in order to foster pro-life awareness and invite donations to help fund our activities throughout the year. Every penny stays right here in our community and is used solely to promote God's greatest gift - LIFE!!

Life Network Annual Gala – Saturday, October 10

Silent Auction 5:30 P.M., Dinner Program: 6:30 PM. To purchase tickets, or donate items for the silent auction, call 719-355-1183.

Bishop's Respect Life Dinner – Monday, October 26, 2015

Bishop Michael Sheridan of the Diocese of Colorado Springs invites people of all faiths to attend the Fifth Annual Respect Life Dinner at the Broadmoor Hotel International Center. For tickets (\$50 per person or \$450 for table of 10), please call Mary at 719-636-2345.



Congressional Hearings: Abortion Survivors Testify National Right to Life Lawyer: *Planned Parenthood Likely Broke Law*

On September 9th, the House Judiciary Committee held the first in a series of hearings entitled *“Planned Parenthood Exposed: Examining the Horrific Abortion Practices at the Nation’s Largest Abortion Provider.”*

Three congressional committees (Energy and Commerce, Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform) have launched investigations to determine:

1. Are abortion providers profiting from the sale of fetal tissue?
2. Are abortion providers changing procedures in order to maximize the harvesting of fetal tissue?
3. Are patients giving sufficient informed consent when fetal tissue is donated?
4. Were federal laws violated and whether federal law sufficiently prohibits these barbaric acts?
5. What congressional action is necessary to further respond to these horrific acts?
6. Was the Department of Justice aware of these practices and DID IT properly enforce the laws that prevent these acts?¹

Melissa Ohden², abortion survivor and founder of the Abortion Survivors Network, testified: *“You wouldn’t know it by looking at me today, but in August of 1977, I survived a failed saline infusion abortion...”*

“For days, I soaked in that toxic salt solution, and on the fifth day of the procedure, my biological mother, a 19-year old college student, delivered me, after her labor was induced. I should have been delivered dead, as a successful abortion.

“In 2013, I learned through contact with my biological mother’s family that not only was this abortion forced upon her against her will, but also that it was my maternal grandmother, a nurse, who delivered me... Unfortunately, I also learned that when my grandmother realized that the abortion had not succeeded in ending my life, she demanded that I be left to die.”

I may never know how, exactly, two nurses who were on staff that day... found out about me, but what I do know is that their willingness to fight for medical care to be provided to me saved my life.”

Abortion survivor, **Gianna Jessen**³ asked the congressional lawmakers: *“If abortion is about women’s rights, then what were mine?”*

Jessen further testified: *“Planned Parenthood receives \$500 million dollars of taxpayer money a year, to primarily destroy and dismember babies.”*

“Do not tell me these are not children. A heartbeat proves that. So does 4D ultrasound. So do I, and so does the fact that they are selling human organs for profit.”

“Do not tell me this is only a woman’s issue. It takes both a man and a woman to create a child...”

“I wish to speak to the men listening to me: You are made for greatness, not passivity. You were born to defend women and children. Not use and abandon us, nor sit idly by while you know we are being harmed. I am asking you to be brave”

“If abortion is about women’s rights, then what were mine?”

James Bopp⁴, the general counsel for the National Right to Life Committee, testified:

“Recorded conversations, released by the Center for Medical Progress reveal many legal issues with Planned Parenthood’s procedures and practices regarding fetal tissue procurement.”

“These procedures and practices of Planned Parenthood, and their tissue procurement partners, show that federal laws when applicable have been and are continuing to be violated during the procurement and sale of human fetal tissue.”

“Comments made by employees of Planned Parenthood and tissue procurement employees raise credible concerns that infants are born alive after an induced abortion at Planned Parenthood . . . this is an area that needs further investigation.”

The pro-life attorney asked the lawmakers to consider: *“Is Planned Parenthood really protecting women or are they trying to protect their bottom line by ensuring they can get the most money they can out of each abortion?”*

Reference: U.S. House Judiciary Committee Testimony – 9 Sept 2015
1 - http://www.gop.gov/solution_content/plannedparenthood/#Information
2 - http://www.judiciary.house.gov/_cache/files/38cc6128-84f3-4752-9c57-438096d3e3bd/melissa-ohden-testimony.pdf
3 - http://www.judiciary.house.gov/_cache/files/889e0f37-2d07-4ec1-919c-6006b0897cb3/gianna-jessen-testimony.pdf
4 - http://www.judiciary.house.gov/_cache/files/a915b51a-589d-40d1-b2c2-d0d7c67b4fc4/boppplannedparenthoodhearingtestimonyfinal.pdf

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National Life Chain – October 4th
*“Choose life so that you and your
descendants may live!” ... Moses*

What: Please join us for 90 minutes of silent, humble prayer in public witness to the over 57 million innocent lives lost in America during the 42 years of legal, unlimited abortion.

When: Sunday, October 4 – 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Where: Pikes Peak Area* Locations:

Colorado Springs:

Academy Blvd at Austin Bluffs Pkwy - *Official Life Chain signs available on both sides of Academy.*

Tri Lakes (Palmer Lake/Monument/Woodmoor):

Along Highway 105 connecting Palmer Lake, Monument, and Woodmoor– *Pick up signs at 12:30 in the Safeway parking lot, the old Park & Ride (west of I25 overpass) or Park & Ride on Woodmoor.*

***For additional locations in Colorado or nationwide, visit www.lifechain.net**



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Wed Sept 23 – Sun Nov 01

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing the consequences of abortion in our own neighborhoods. It draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program:

- Prayer and fasting
- Constant vigil
- Community outreach

Over the course of 40 days, hundreds of people will come and pray at the sidewalk – one or two at a time, or in large church groups... for an end to abortion in our city.

The Fall 2015 **40 Days for Life** vigil will be held **Sept. 23 – Nov. 1** on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at **3480 Centennial Blvd in Colorado Springs. Please join us for life!**

For a map, and to learn more about “40 Days”, visit: www.40DaysforLife.com/coloradosprings or call Michelle at 719-659-2097.