



Lifeline

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.

Pikes Peak Citizens For Life

July 2019

Don't Miss the Next Great CSPGS Pro-Life Event: Stork Fest!

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

In our [June Newsletter](#) we asked you to save the date for an amazing event at the end of the summer. Now we are ready to share the exciting details.

Save The Storks will hold the first of what they hope will be an annual event: Stork Fest. The afternoon of August 31st, Glen Eyrie Castle and its grounds will be filled with folks having fun and supporting life in our Colorado Springs Community.



The day's activities will include a vendor fair, a kids' fun run, a color run/walk, a Christian rock concert featuring 10th Avenue North, hot air balloon rides, a climbing wall, a petting zoo, great food, and much, much more.

Proceeds from the event will support Save the Storks in their mission to effectively connect with abortion-vulnerable women in communities around the nation and locally. STS has also pledged to donate significant portions of the proceeds from the event to Life Network, Pikes Peak Citizens for Life, and other Pro-Life organizations and activities in our community.

Sign up for the event at StorkFest.org and be sure to indicate that you heard about the event from Pikes Peak Citizens for Life. For each registration that so indicates, STS will donate \$25 to PPCFL!

Once you visit the site to sign up, you can also see more details about the event, a fun video, and more details about Save The Storks.

Life Network's Walk for Life 2019

It's a wrap! On June 1st nearly 2000 people gathered at Memorial Park to celebrate *LIFE*.

It was a beautiful day in many ways. As always, the kids' fun run was wildly entertaining. The bouncy castles were overflowing with happy, laughing children. The traffic in front of the information booths was brisk. In fact, our Pikes Peak Citizens for Life Booth was busy throughout the morning.

We had many great conversations, lots of compliments on our new banner, and **over 20 folks signed up to receive our monthly newsletter or to VOLUNTEER for LIFE.**

Participation in the run and walk was at an all-time high with over 300 more walkers than the 2018 Walk. If you missed the walk, never fear, **it's not too late to donate to Life Network** and the great work they do. Visit <https://www.elifenetwork.com/> to discover their current needs and to donate.

The numbers are still being calculated, but currently Life Network is a little shy of their \$375,000 goal. In the coming year they have plans to increase the days on which they offer professional counseling as well as open a Thrift Shop, so **I know they'd appreciate any support you can continue to offer - to make these plans a reality.**



PPCFL Life Education Booth Expands to Chapel Hills Mall!

After extended discussions and effort to work through the requirements, PPCFL recently held our FIRST Life Education Booth at the Chapel Hills Mall!

Many thanks to Mall Booth Coordinator, Joe Hourigan, for the inspiration and dedicated effort that it took to expand our educational outreach to shoppers and visitors on the north side of town.

We will continue to alternate between the two malls - with even numbered months at the Chapel Hills Mall and odd numbered months at the Citadel Mall.

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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.



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The President's Corner

Recent events have illustrated the inroads being made by the culture of death in our world.

Governor Polis has [signed House Bill 19-1032](#), the so-called "Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education" bill, which will teach our young children that killing children (through abortion) is an equivalent choice to adoption or parenting a child and other detrimental lessons as noted in [our April newsletter](#).

Pinterest, a social media site, falsely labeled the account of *Live Action*, a pro-life organization, as pornography, and subsequently permanently suspended the account. [LifeSiteNews reports](#) Pinterest's faulty censorship reasoning: "We don't allow harmful misinformation on Pinterest. That includes medical misinformation and conspiracies that turn individuals and facilities into targets for harassment and violence."

A Netherlands teenager, suffering from the trauma of multiple sexual assaults, sought out *euthanasia* as an option for her distress, [as reported in The Daily Signal](#). Why did she even consider such an option? The legalization of euthanasia in the Netherlands has dulled their society into thinking the killing of a patient is a valid option. In the end this teenager, Noa Pothoven, rejected other treatments, and, after her parents and doctors "resigned themselves to her decision to kill herself," she committed suicide.

Not only has the culture of death brought about the false and deadly decisions in each of these cases, it has promoted itself so that further false and deadly decisions will be made in the future.

Children should **not** be taught that they are expendable. The pro-life message should **not** be blocked from the public. Young people should **not** ever consider self-murder to be an option for *anything*, and their families and doctors should **never** give up on them.

Clearly, we are called to counter the damage caused by the culture of death. This is, in fact, the very mission of Pikes Peak Citizens for Life.

Matt

The Bias Against Life-Preserving Treatment in Advance Care Planning

Advance care planning emphasizes helping patients determine when to accept or reject life-preserving medical treatment. In a recent [report](#), the Powell Center for Medical Ethics reveals a **disturbing bias against life-preserving treatment**.

*"...promotion of advance care planning is less about discovering and applying [patients'] own wishes than about **pushing them to accept premature deaths.**"*

They describe common tactics for **"selectively presenting facts in a distorted and unbalanced manner to "nudge" unwary patients to reject cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), IV fluids, and medically assisted feeding."**

The financial motive is clear, *"health insurers frequently tout the money it saves them... Aetna hired the "Center to Advance Palliative Care," which proudly reported that the result of its efforts was an average reduction of more than \$12,000 annually in benefits for senior citizens covered by the insurance company."*

American Medical Association Reaffirms Opposition to Assisted Suicide

For years, the assisted suicide movement has been pressuring medical associations to assume positions of “studied neutrality” about the legalization of assisted suicide. Never mind that taking no position on one of the most important medical-ethical controversies of our era is a cowardly abdication of doctors’ crucial leadership role in society. The knees of some organizations — such as the California Medical Association — have buckled.

Despite intense pressure from the assisted suicide movement, the American Medical Association (AMA) recently [reaffirmed](#) its unequivocal opposition to assisted suicide.

Rather than the “studied neutrality” promoted by death-proponents, the AMA chose to reaffirm their long-held position. Specifically asserting:

“Physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks.”

The 65- 35, vote was a huge margin of victory for doctors who oppose using medical methods to intentionally induce a patient’s death.

Liberal WP gives “4 Pinocchio’s’ for Abortion Claim

In a recent social media post, Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America, made note of the fact that some “liberal” media outlets are finally beginning to call out the lies pitched by Planned Parenthood:

“Even the Washington Post is now admitting what we’ve been saying for decades. Before Roe, thousands of women DID NOT die every year from illegal abortions. In 1972, the year before Roe was decided, the CDC recorded the number of deaths in the United States from legal abortions at 24 and from illegal abortions at 39.

In the fact-check piece referenced, Washington Post’s Glenn Kessler gave Planned Parenthood’s President Leana Wen, M.D. “Four Pinocchios,” for making statements “derived from data that is decades old.”

He went on to assert that abortion advocates “hurt their cause” with such unproven claims.

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## Calling BOOTH Volunteers for FAIR & CONFERENCE Season

If you can staff a 3 to 4 hour shift during any of the following fair or conference dates, please contact our new fair booth coordinator **Janet Campbell** at 719-660-0048 or [janetcampbell729@comcast.net](mailto:janetcampbell729@comcast.net)

**El Paso County Fair (Calhan) July 13-20**

**Thomas Aquinas Conference (CSPGS) July 31- Aug 4**

**Colorado State Fair (Pueblo) Aug 23 - Sep 2**

## MALL BOOTHS: Citadel or Chapel Hills

If you enjoy sharing the GOOD NEWS for LIFE, join us for *all or part of a shift* at either local shopping mall. Please call or text mall coordinator **Joe Hourigan** at (719) 963-1365 to sign up.

Mall Booths are held year-round on the SECOND SATURDAY of every month from NOON to 5PM – alternating between the two malls – with even numbered months held at the Chapel Hills Mall on N. Academy Blvd. and odd numbered months held at the Citadel Mall on S. Academy.

Upcoming booths for 2019:

**Citadel Mall Booth (CSPGS) July / September / November**

**Chapel Hills Mall Booth (CSPGS) August / October / December**



## TRAINING

Sidewalk Advocates for Life will hold two Basic Training Sessions in the coming months.

The first will take place over two days: **Friday, July 19, 5-8pm and Saturday, July 20, 2:30-5:30pm** at the conference room in the Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center - Westside (3925 Centennial Blvd, COS)

The second will be **Saturday, August 24, 9:30am-3:30pm** at Hope House near Holy Trinity Church (3101 Poinsetta Dr. COS)

To sign-up for the training via *Sign Up Genius*, reference: [julie@baileypeople.com](mailto:julie@baileypeople.com). (Our local *Sidewalk Advocates for Life* Program Coordinator Julie Bailey's email.)

Training fee is \$10 for program materials and equipment.