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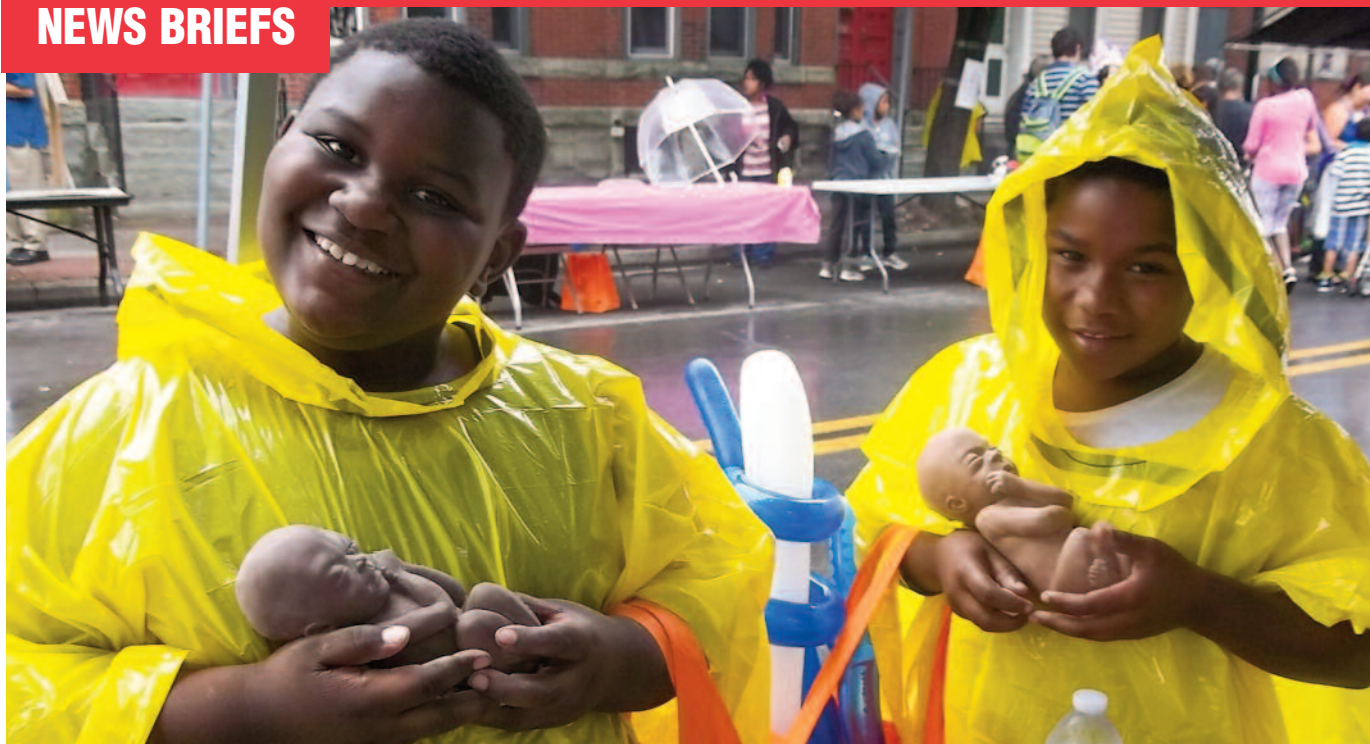
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## EXPANDING OUTREACH to Latino Communities

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is proud to have been a participant in the Latino/Hispanic American Heritage Month Block Party this fall in Harrisburg.

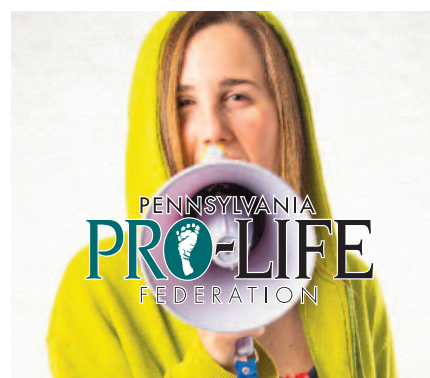
The festival attracted people of all ages and ethnicities and proved a success — despite the fact that it had to be cut short because of heavy rain. While there, our staff met a woman whose college-age daughter was considering having an abortion. The woman was grateful that we were there to pass along critical life-saving information. Pro-life outreach to Pennsylvania's racially-diverse communities is incredibly important, since statistics show the abortion industry targets minority populations.

*If you would like to have us come to your Latino outreach event please contact Executive Director Michael Ciccocioppo at 717-541-0034.*

### Speaker Paul Ryan: Tax Dollars Should Not Be Spent on Planned Parenthood

The Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives has made it clear where he stands on the issue of taxpayer funding of abortion giant Planned Parenthood. In an interview with news outlet CNN, Paul Ryan stated that the mega-abortion operation **should not receive "one red cent"** of taxpayer funds. The Congressman further stated, "I've always believed that,

even before these disgusting videos came out" *(Read more about the Planned Parenthood video scandal on p. 8).* Ryan also supports the special committee that has been created in Congress to investigate Planned Parenthood, which performs more than 300,000 abortions each year. *During his tenure in Congress, Ryan has amassed a 100 percent pro-life voting record.*



### Attention Students! Be a Voice for the Voiceless!

Talented teens are invited to take part in our annual **pro-life Essay and Video Oratory Contests**. The essay contest is open to Pennsylvania students in grades 7 through 12. Contestants must write a pro-life essay about abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. Word limit is 500 for grades 7-9 and 750 for grades 10-12. Each essay should include a cover page with the student's name, address, phone number, grade, and school *(or if the student is home-schooled)*. Deadline for entries is Monday, March 7, 2016. Essays can be emailed to [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org) or mailed to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, 4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102, Harrisburg, PA, 17109-1741. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Meanwhile, the video oratory contest is open to high school juniors and seniors, with 9th and 10th graders eligible to compete in the novice division. The grand prize in the video oratory contest is an all-expense paid trip to the national contest, which will take place during the National Right to Life Convention which runs July 7th through 9th in Herndon, Virginia, near Washington, D.C.

Contestants must write and deliver a five to seven minute pro-life speech which they record on video and submit to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. Deadline for entries is Monday, April 11, 2016. For information on how to submit video entries, along with complete contest rules, please email [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org) or call us at 717-541-0034.

### World Meeting of Families

The City of Brotherly Love literally welcomed the world to its streets during the **World Meeting of Families** in Philadelphia in September. The **Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation** gratefully partnered with **National Right to Life** to staff a table at the event, which preceded the arrival of Pope Francis in Pennsylvania.

Passersby from throughout Pennsylvania and around the world marveled at our soft-touch fetal models, which showed the development of the unborn child in a mother's womb. In fact, our staff members were able to show the unborn baby's development to a Croatian family who spoke no English — the fetal models were our single mode of language. A number of Spanish-speaking attendees were also grateful for our popular full-color "Life Before Birth" handout which has now been translated into Spanish.

If you would like to order this free resource for Spanish-speakers in your area, please contact us at 717-541-0034 or email us at [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org).



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# MARCH FOR LIFE 2016 WILL WARM YOUR HEART!



By Maria Gallagher,  
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The largest peaceful annual demonstration in the U.S. is about to step out once again in Washington, D.C., site of the massive, but miraculously orderly, **March for Life 2016**.

It is an event known for both its **maturity and vitality** — some of the hundreds of thousands gathered are marking more than 40 years of marching on behalf of those who never caught a glimpse of the sun, or their mother's sweet face, because their lives were lost to

**Roe v. Wade.** Others may be only a birthday party or two away from the womb, having first attended the march when their mothers were pregnant.

It has been called a **gigantic family reunion**, with busloads of people traveling from all around the country to come together once again to provide cheerful witness to the sanctity of innocent human life from conception to natural death. But it is a mix of emotions that march-goers experience as they walk along the streets of the nation's Capitol. For while the young marchers (it's been estimated that the majority of attendees are under the age of 30) are filled with enthusiasm for the cause of life, they can also often be

seen quietly huddled together, praying for preborn babies at risk of abortion...pregnant mothers facing serious health challenges... and fathers who are mourning the loss of their children to the ravages of **Roe**.

The family reunion-style atmosphere can make one wish that all the marchers could just sit down and enjoy a family picnic — admit-

tively, though, that's tough to do when temperatures can creep below freezing and Nor'easters and other wintry mayhem are often in the forecast. And yet, despite the bitter chill, it can be said that there is a

tremendous warmth which fills the march route. It is the warmth generated by smiles...

...the smiles of **babies** cuddled in their mother's arms...

...the smiles of **adoptees** of all ages, races, and faiths who give thanks to the mothers who bore them and the families who nurtured them.

...the smiles of **students** cheering those rally speakers who bravely proclaim the truth about the inherent and insidious dangers of abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide, and euthanasia...

...the smiles of **husbands and wives** who courageously formed a family following news of an unexpected pregnancy...

...the smiles of **grandmothers and grandfathers** who can journey back and remember the happy tears which came with the birth of each child who has graced their homes...

...the smiles of the uniquely **beautiful children with special needs** who are like the critical garlands of yarn which hold their vibrant family tapestries together...

...the smiles of **passersby** who cannot help but be touched by the enthusiasm of a crowd which is, quite literally, **full of life**...

So if you're looking for a winter getaway filled with sunny people — head to the **2016 March for Life!** You may not get a suntan — but your heart will be warmed by all those willing to sacrifice their time, talent, and treasure so that all the marching can become a happy memory, as America once again fully embraces the most vulnerable lives among us — especially those who are so small they cannot even be seen along the march route.

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# EQUIPPING YOUNG LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE:

## The National Right to Life Academy

By Emily Derois, graduate, 2015  
National Right to Life Academy

This past summer I left my little town in Pennsylvania and journeyed to Washington D.C. with one intent: to learn how to become a voice for the voiceless. Just what this entailed, I had no idea. The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation and the Knights of Columbus Council 15351 generously offered me partial scholarships to attend the National Right to Life Academy. So with only a basic understanding of what the next five weeks would hold, I applied. Now that the experience is over and my work completed, I would heartily



Emily Derois receiving her scholarship from NRLC President Carol Tobias and Academy Director Burke Balch (above); and PA ProLife Federation Executive Director Michael Ciccocioppo (right).

recommend the academy to any students interested in the pro-life movement.

### Empowering Youth

We live in a society so focused on being politically correct, most of us hesitate to take a stance against the injustice of abortion and euthanasia. Yet it is imperative that we defend the unborn and helpless. If you're anything like me, these grand words are too abstract and distant. After all, what can the average student actually do to make any real impact?

**The academy empowers the youth, as they teach practical and real strategies that further the movement.**

### Life at the Academy

The academy is held in Washington D.C., at the National Right to Life headquarters. The course involves five fast-

paced weeks of reading, practicum, and hearing from leaders in the pro-life movement. The topics covered deal not only with abortion, but also physician-assisted suicide, stem-cell research, and the history of the pro-life movement. I found the pro-life

movement's history surprisingly helpful, as you recognize the mistakes made and learn from the implications of these failed strategies. There is also a weekend

spent learning Robert's Rules of Order, providing students with the skills to conduct structured meetings. After this brief course in parliamentary procedure, you will become a registered member of parliamentarians. The five weeks is well utilized, as each subject is studied in depth. Each of the students left confident in our thorough understanding of these core life issues.

### Learning from the Leaders

Leaders in the movement, such as Dr. David Prentice and Burke Balch, give the lectures. And the practicums prepare each student to successfully defend life against every attack used by abortion advocates.

Several times a day, the

student will give an impromptu speech or answer pro-abortion questions while being filmed. The videos are replayed so the student can hear and see his or her arguments and receive advice.

Although the initial thought of practicum was intimidating, this is extremely helpful and necessary preparation. It is a very friendly environment, and the criticism is constructive. Everyone is trying to achieve the same goal, and the focus is on giving you the skills needed to effectively defend the helpless.

### An Invitation to Students

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is offering partial scholarships to Pennsylvania college students interested in the academy. Contact the Federation at 717-541-0034 to request this financial help. Please encourage students to consider taking this incredible course. **National Right to Life equips students with the knowledge and skills to become leaders in the pro-life movement.** You can apply and find further information about this course by visiting National Right to Life's website at: <http://www.nrlc.org/academy/>.



Emily Derois

Emily Derois with her 2015 Academy Graduates and Interns.



# Kayla's Story

## Kayla's Story Underscores the Truth that Lies Behind Abortion

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SEVERAL DAYS AFTER ONE OF OUR PRO-LIFE EVENTS, I FOUND A LETTER WAITING IN MY EMAIL INBOX. IT WAS FROM A WOMAN WHO HAD ATTENDED THE EVENT AND FELT CALLED TO SHARE THE STORY OF HER ABORTION WITH ME. COMPELLED TO HELP SAVE OTHERS FROM THE PAIN AND REGRET OF ABORTION, SHE BRAVELY AGREED TO LET US SHARE HER STORY WITH THE PUBLIC.

THIS IS HER STORY, AS TOLD THROUGH THE EYES OF HER PREBORN BABY GIRL, KAYLA. I HOPE IT TOUCHES YOU, AS IT DID ME.

**"S**ince I never had a voice my mother decided it was time for me to speak. Sixteen years ago my mother made a choice which has been **devastating in her life.**

"My name is **Kayla, which means beloved.** My mother named me in a rage of tears, torment, anger, brokenness and suicidal thoughts, years after my life was taken. But it was her choice, her right and her body — isn't that what they told her?

"I was a shameful, dirty church secret. What would the church think about my parents who were committed Christians...? The truth of the matter is that love was waiting for the three of us and my birth would have been a testimony; but my parents told no one. They avoided God, church and therefore there was no conviction about taking my life.

"In fear she began to plan the cover-up. She told my father, *'Let's pretend this is not happening.'* No tears streamed down her face, no thought about being a mother. ...

"Days later my mother was required to obtain an insurance referral for permission to abort me. All day my mother tried to have courage and she said to herself, don't go, just don't go — but she did. She arrived at the hospital's insurance office and the woman who wrote my mother's insurance referral was playing gospel music. ... she was at the end of her rope and needed that woman to say, 'Don't do this' or 'I will pray for you' but the only voices my mother heard was gospel music playing. That day my mother called her doctor's office and made the appointment. The abortion had to take place

before her doctor went on vacation; (otherwise) that meant a later abortion and by then I would have been 12 weeks old. The thought of that made my mother anxious and ill. The lie of being a blob with no heartbeat was acceptable before 12 weeks of life. But a painful discovery occurred years later when my mother researched and realized my heart was beating at seven weeks.

"My mother met with her doctor's nurse and my mother sat there in tears wanting to be rescued. The nurse then said, 'It's OK. I had one before and it's not a big deal. You will be OK.'

"The morning of December 20, 1999, my mother arose to voices from her television speaking about abortion heartache and the consequences of abortion on the lives of women, God was speaking again. She ignored those voices ...

"When she arrived at the hospital, she checked in and heard the sound of gospel music playing at the front desk and Christians talking about the Lord. I heard my mother whisper, **'Just get up, just leave, just do it. You can do it.'** And then her name was called.

"... as my father walked away, she looked back at him and **my mother wanted him to rescue her.** As my mother walked in the room there were several people and a table with stirrups. My mother felt trapped. As she looked at the ceiling with her eyes closing, it was too late.

*"The truth of her choice, she remembers me at baby showers. The truth of her choice...my mother marked a calendar each month until my due date.*

*The truth of her choice,...*

she remembers me when flowers are presented to women in church on Mother's Day. *The truth of her choice...she wants to hold me. The truth of her choice...she hears my cries. The truth of her choice...my mother is in emotional, unprocessed pain; and the truth of her choice...she wasn't told the truth.*

"When you see my mother, talk to her, hug her, tell her she is forgiven by God, and **tell her to forgive herself.** You've seen my mother. She sits next to you in church. She believes she has sinned so much in her life that you will never accept her. She is angry, she is in pain. She feels she has nothing because she doesn't have me, but she misses me.

"When you see my mother, allow her to breathe. Reach out to her in the moments when you see her heartache, allow her to scream from the pain of taking my life, walk with her so she may forgive the deeper roots of her pain, love her beyond the unforgiveness she feels about me. Comfort her tears even if you don't understand. Stand in the gap before God, believing she can be healed ... and **don't give up on her.**

**"... that is my mother's love, sharing her secret pain so she may be healed and you may be healed."**

♥ Kayla\*

Please answer Kayla's call and consider getting involved in our pro-life outreach. Contact us at [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org) or call 717-541-0034.

\*Please note that due to space restrictions, her story has been edited for length.



## 2015 Celebrate Life Banquet Proved an Inspiration



Windsor Bauders and her mother Ruth Graham stand as courageous leaders in the nation's pro-life cause.

### One of America's Most Famous Families Gives Stirring Testimony for Life

What do members of an iconic and beloved American religious family do when faced with a teen pregnancy?

What do they do when faced with a second teen pregnancy?

What do they do when faced with a wanted pregnancy when medical problems are detected with the preborn child, and the doctors say abortion would be a solution?

What do they do when the mother of all these children faces her own medical problems with a diagnosis that promises to severely impact her life?

### Pro-Life Champions Ruth Graham and Windsor Bauders Keynote

The answers to those daunting questions came at The Pittsburgh Marriott North in Cranberry Township, which provided the venue for the 2015 Celebrate Life Banquet on October 20. Right to lifers from as far away as Philadelphia, Altoona and Erie made the trek to share in this traditional pro-life event of the year for the Commonwealth

with hundreds from southwest Pennsylvania. And everyone's expectations were surpassed.

**Ruth Graham** started with a few words about her father, the world-renowned evangelist, **Billy Graham** who recently turned **97 years old**. She thanked God for every day his family has with him. And she expressed concern for our society that places less and less value on those whom they perceive may have a lesser "quality" of life than themselves. She is happy for every new day they have with their dad until the day when the Lord calls him home.

Then **Graham** began the story of her then-16 year old daughter, **Windsor**, when she became pregnant to a man who wanted nothing to do with the child. **Bauders** then took her mother's place at the podium and picked up the story from there.

**Bauders** confessed that there were no possible options that weren't considered, even in their family. She decided to give birth to her daughter and to give her to a loving

couple she had chosen who desperately wanted to adopt a child whom they were well-positioned to love, nurture and provide for. But she left home and state during the pregnancy and lived with a couple who helped her through the whole process.

### Adoption

Though **Bauders** said that she knew she was unprepared to provide for her child, this did not stop her from changing her mind over and over about allowing her baby to be adopted or keeping and raising her child. As she



Students from Duquesne University were thrilled to meet speakers Ruth Graham and her daughter Windsor Bauders.

described her constant anguish about this, which continued until the happy couple drove off with her daughter and beyond, I had one of those "ah ha" moments. Maybe others in the audience did too.

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Banquet attendees were amazed at the incredible story of the Graham family and the challenges they've faced in defending life.

Executive Director Michael Ciccocioppo and former Education Director Micaiah Bilger





The choice to place a child for adoption is selfless and loving, but it can also be daunting for a birth mother.

Clearly, we need to respond with respect, empathy and love to reassure them that we understand that this can be an excruciating decision. But it is a decision which gives the child a shot at life and brings everlasting joy to the adoptive parents.

That story in itself was so compelling, but, as Bauders said at the banquet, "There's more!"

## More to the Story

Seven months after the birth of her daughter, she became pregnant again to a man who wanted nothing to do with her child. And though her circum-

stances were no better than the first time, she was determined to keep this baby boy. There were struggles along the way, but it looked like we were ready for a happy ending.

But Bauders said, "There's more!"

She fast-forwarded to a time much later when she was happily married to the love of her life and became pregnant. Such joy the news of this pregnancy was to the happy couple — so different than before. They were so excited! Then her physician told her that the baby in her womb would not be "normal." She was asked if she wanted to carry the baby to term. She chose life. That little boy still has significant health challenges, but is a

< Board President Susan Rogacs with the winner of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Lifetime Achievement Award, Sandy Choate Faucher, president of the Rosetta Foundation, which established the website, Teen Breaks.com

joy to those who know him. **Another happy ending!**

Not so fast. Once more Bauders told us, "There's more!"

## An Unexpected Twist

She revealed that she has been diagnosed with a debilitating disease that now promises to threaten her health for the duration of her life. **The audience was stunned.** But she assured everyone that she will do whatever is necessary to deal with this. And I believe it was clear to everyone that she intends to fight for life until the day when the Lord calls her home.

Graham returned to the podium as the audience gave Bauders a sustained applause of support and solidarity as she made her way back to her seat.

Graham shared her own motherly reflections on what it has been like living

through all that her daughter has gone through. Then she delivered her strongest endorsement to the life-saving mission of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. She acknowledged that this work relies solely on the free will donations of pro-lifers across the state. And she asked everyone to give as generously as possible.

## Epilogue

The 2015 Celebrate Life Banquet included awards presentations, sponsor recognitions, and practical examples of the outstanding work of the Federation, its chapters and volunteers, in addition to the inspiring witnesses to life by our mother/daughter co-presenters. We are already at work planning for the **2016 Celebrate Life**

**Banquet in the Harrisburg area.** Watch for details as they become available—you won't want to miss it. Visit [www.paprolife.org/state-events](http://www.paprolife.org/state-events) periodically for updates.



Tim Broderick of Erie's People for Life accepting the 2015 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Leadership Award.

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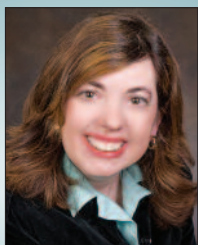
# Shocking Planned Parenthood Videos Prompt Congressional Investigations –

## But Media Blackout Prevents National Discussion on Reality of Abortion



### **WARNING:** **THIS ARTICLE** **CONTAINS GRAPHIC** **MATERIAL —** **READER DISCRETION** **IS ADVISED.**

*The subject matter is grisly, gruesome — the type of discussion that might seem better suited for the dialogue in a horror movie. But perhaps most horrific are the images — the parts of precious preborn babies, picked through as if they were sections of a frog dissected in biology class. A heart, a leg, kidneys, a stomach.*



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At one point, the Planned Parenthood worker exclaims, “Another boy.”

#### **A National Scandal**

This is just one of the graphic scenes depicted in undercover videos of Planned Parenthood facilities released by an organization called the **Center for Medical Progress**. The non-profit organization describes itself as a team of citizen journalists which monitors medical ethics. The group opposes any procedures which “exploit the unequal legal status of any class of human beings.”

In the series of videos that have been released so far, the chief issue centers on the exploitation of preborn babies — specifically, the possible harvesting and sale of baby body parts.

High-ranking Planned Parenthood officials and their allies are caught cavalierly discussing the butchering of a baby while eating salad and sipping wine. They appear to be haggling over the per-specimen price of baby body parts. They speak in casual terms about harvesting a baby’s intact head.

This is not the euphemistic language generally associated with Planned Parenthood, which has crafted its telegenic image based on words such as “choice” and “women’s rights” and pictures of

smiling women, men, even babies.

But the undercover videos have pulled back the curtain on the **stark reality of abortion** — and how the actual truth does not compute with Madison Avenue-style advertising campaigns.

#### **Lingering Questions**

Five Congressional investigations have been launched in the wake of the scandal — yet polling has shown that many Americans are still unaware of the controversy. While the initial videos sparked some mainstream media interest, by the time the eleventh video rolled out, coverage appeared scarce. In October, Planned Parenthood did release a policy change announcing a halt to reimbursement for the procurement of baby organs for questionable research practices. But questions about possible baby parts trafficking linger.

#### **The Keystone State Connection**

The full footage of one video depicts an official with Planned Parenthood Keystone in Pennsylvania demonstrating a desire to become involved in harvesting baby body parts for sale, although Planned Parenthood has claimed that no facilities do so in Pennsylvania. A review by the Wolf Administration backed up Planned

Parenthood’s claim.

And yet, some Pennsylvania lawmakers are questioning the breadth and scope of the Commonwealth’s review, given a report that a Planned Parenthood official offered the Governor “talking points” in the wake of the release of the outrageous videos. *The Tribune-Review* newspaper reported that Planned Parenthood tipped off Governor Tom Wolf’s office in email communications. The Wolf Administration has denied using the Planned Parenthood talking points and has further denied that any baby body parts are being sold in Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, Senate President Pro Tempore Joseph Scarnati (R-Jefferson County) told the *Tribune-Review*, “It’s something that sickens me, and we haven’t gotten a real answer.”

#### **What We Can Do**

While we may not set the agenda for daily newscasts and hourly updates at the nation’s news organizations, there is much we can do to get the truth out about the Planned Parenthood videos.

First of all, **VIEW THE VIDEOS** at <http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/blog/>. Share them with your email lists. Post them on social media outlets such as **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

**Write a letter** to your local newspaper expressing your outrage about the insensitivity to innocent human life depicted in the videos — and about the barbaric manner in which preborn children are treated by the abortion industry.

**Share your concerns with your Congressional representatives and U.S. Senators.** If you need contact information for your legislators, please visit <http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/home/> or call us at 717-541-0034.

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# ELECTION 2016

## Candidates Offer Stark Contrasts on the Life Issues



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If you were to play a game of name association with someone using the phrase “Election 2016,” what would come to mind? Trump? Hillary? Atlantic City? Benghazi? Analysts have already labelled this election cycle as one of the most unusual in history, where a neurosurgeon (Dr. Ben Carson) and a television reality star (Donald Trump) lead the Republican field while a former First Lady/ U.S. Senator (Hillary Clinton) and a senior citizen socialist/Independent (Bernie Sanders) top the Democratic leader board.

### Role of the Keystone State

With Pennsylvania’s primary not occurring until Tuesday, April 26, it is far too soon to say who each of the party standard bearers will be. But what we do know is that the long list of candidates from both sides of the political aisle have remarkably different views on abortion and government funding of entities that perform abortions.

### Hillary Clinton: 0 Percent Pro-Life Voting Record

Perhaps abortion is truly the untold story of this election, because chances are most Americans do not know how radical some of the candidates are when it comes to their defense of the practice. For instance,

frontrunner Hillary Clinton maintained a 0 percent pro-life voting record while serving as a Senator from New York. In other words, she voted against the pro-life position at every opportunity. Clinton went so far as to oppose a ban on the outrageous practice of partial-birth abortion, in which an unborn baby is partly delivered, then killed.

### Just How Radical Are Other Candidates on the Issue of Abortion?

But it would be a mistake to say that Hillary Clinton is the only Presidential candidate with a radically pro-abortion stand. Bernie Sanders, a U.S. Senator from Vermont, has voted against the pro-life position more than a hundred times during his federal career. Meanwhile, Martin O’Malley, the former Governor of Maryland, supports the current *Roe v. Wade* policy of abortion on demand.

*This means that all the Democratic candidates for President oppose even basic legal protections for preborn children and their mothers.*

### The Republican Field

Nearly all of the GOP candidates for President support protection for the preborn and oppose abortion on demand during all nine months of pregnancy (a policy which is sadly the result of the disastrous 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Roe v. Wade*.) The only ones that fail to meet that pro-life marker are Former New York Governor George Pataki, who has a mixed record on life, and former

Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore, who would only restrict abortion after the first eight weeks of pregnancy.

Consider the following quotations, which are in no particular order, but demonstrate the commitment of various Republican

Presidential hopefuls to safeguarding human life. (Please note: For a complete list of Presidential candidates and their stands on the life issues, visit [www.nrlpac.org](http://www.nrlpac.org)).

“I am unabashedly and entirely pro-life. Human life begins at conception and innocent life must be protected.”— Former neurosurgeon Ben Carson

“The dignity of each and every human life is fundamental.”—Florida U.S. Senator Marco Rubio

“I’m pro-life but I changed my view a number of years ago. It really, really troubles me, and it really bothers me, the whole concept of abortion.”

—Billionaire businessman Donald Trump

“When we see life not yet born, we should welcome it with love. When we see life compromised by disease or near its natural end, we should treat it as a treasure, not a burden.”

— Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush

“I just stand on my record. I mean, I’m pro-life.”— New Jersey Governor Chris Christie

“I am proudly pro-life. I believe that every human life has potential and that every human life is precious.”

— Former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina

“(I) always have been and always will be in favor of defunding Planned Parenthood and their destruction and now exploitation of human life.”— Former Pennsylvania U.S. Senator Rick Santorum

“There is no place for taxpayer funding of organizations that profit from taking away innocent life, much less profiting off the bodies of the lives they have stolen.”

— Texas U.S. Senator Ted Cruz

“John Kasich had a strong pro-life voting record in the 18 years he served in Congress.”

— National Right to Life speaking about the Ohio Governor

“As Governor, I promoted and signed a fetal protection act...a ban on partial-birth abortion, established waiting periods, created parental notification requirements.”— Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee

“There is no part of society more vulnerable and in need of our protection than the unborn. The inalienable right to life of every innocent human being is an essential element of a civil society.”— South Carolina U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham

“(He pledged to)...do whatever I can to stop them and will introduce an amendment to pending Senate legislation to immediately strip every dollar of Planned Parenthood funding.”

— Kentucky U.S. Senator Rand Paul





# Chapter Events Across the State Inspire Hundreds

Over 40 local volunteer chapters of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation educate, excite and inspire pro-lifers at the county level. Their outreach changes hearts and minds for life and saves innocent lives year-round.

The Federation guides, promotes and supports the chapters in many ways. Our website, [www.paprolife.org](http://www.paprolife.org) has an entire section devoted to promoting chapters to citizens across the world. Space does not permit full coverage of every chapter event. But in this issue we highlight three inspiring events that took place this fall.

## Crawford County

The Crawford County Citizens for Life held their annual Pro-Life Banquet in Saegertown on November 6. Federation Executive Director Michael Ciccocioppo was on hand to offer congratulations for so many accomplishments since the chapter was founded in 2004.

Dr. Paul Kengor, professor of political science at Grove City College and renowned author of over a dozen *New York Times* best-selling books, offered the keynote address. Reflecting on the breakdown of families in the 21st century, he posited that the roots of this go back to the Communist Manifesto of 1848 which called for the abolition of the family.

He noted, "Nothing is worse for families than abortion."

Kengor traced the history of abortion in

Chapter leader Paula Valesky leads singing at Crawford County Event

Communist Russia where it was free of charge by 1920. By 1934 when the founder of

Planned Parenthood visited Russia, the country was experiencing three abortions for every one live birth. Interestingly,



Above: Dr Frank Schell, Chair of the Board of Pennsylvanians for Human Life Northeast Region and Father Frank Pavone, inset photo, address banquet crowd



Dr. Paul Kengor with Executive Director Michael Ciccocioppo

Margaret Sanger returned to the U.S. and reported that she was appalled by the abortion rate there where Moscow alone had 100,000 abortions a year.

So Sanger was against abortion before she was for it. Ironically, her Planned Parenthood today is the largest single provider of abortion in the world — and they want the taxpayers to pay for it!

## Luzerne County

The Wyoming Valley Chapter, Pennsylvanians for Human Life, held their Annual Respect Life Banquet in Wilkes-Barre on October 19. Chapter Vice President Christopher Calore served as the toastmaster.

Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, presented the keynote address. Pavone commended the chapter for a range of projects it does to reach out to the community to motivate pro-lifers and to speak truth to everyone, especially about abortion. He said,

"We are not here to cut the number of abortions, but to stop abortions."

Pavone noted that truth cannot be suppressed forever. This is why the truth about the selling of the body parts of aborted babies by Planned Parenthood is being exposed. He said that when people practice abortion, then they have no respect for life. But they also have no respect for proper business practices or anything else. And these vices will be exposed as well.

## Cambria and Somerset Counties

Citizens Concerned for Human Life of Cambria and Somerset Counties held their annual Pro-Life Breakfast in New Germany on October 31. Federation Executive Director Michael Ciccocioppo served as

Heidi Bence and her son Dominic - she is co-educational director of CCHL Cambria/Somerset.



Above: Speaker Delores Euker addressing attendees

master of ceremonies and encouraged pro-lifers from across the two counties to continue their ongoing outreach.

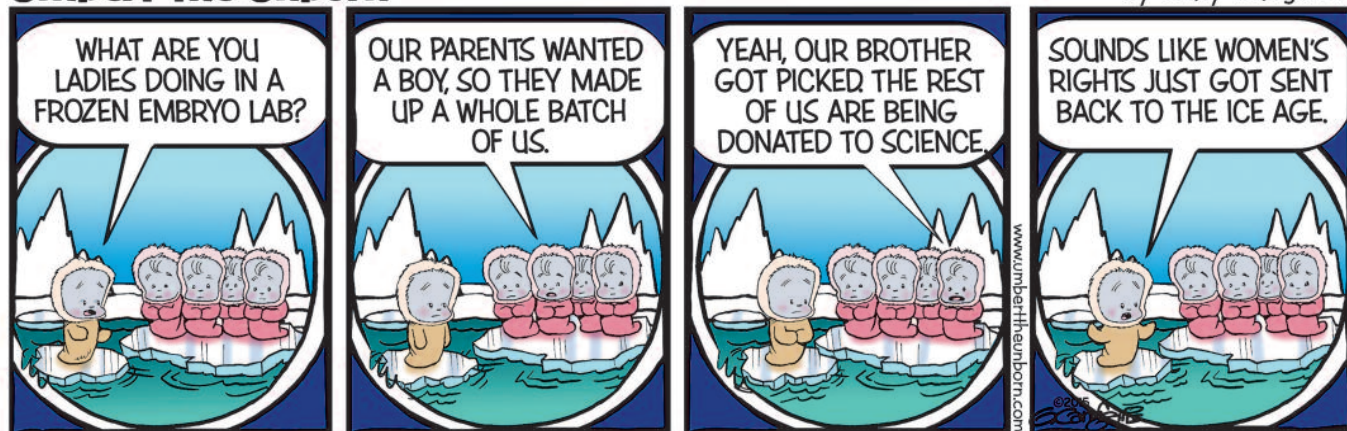
Delores Euker, pro-life activist and recipient of the 2014 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Lifetime Achievement Award, gave the keynote address. She began by admitting that she was not always an activist. Then she heard that if one is pro-life and does nothing about it, then they are pretty much the same as someone who is pro-abortion and does nothing about it. **This motivated her to get involved.**

Through a series of true stories of her experiences as a pro-life activist on many levels, Euker demonstrated that if she, a shy person at heart, can get out and make a difference, then anybody can. For those who don't think they have what it takes, she offered this quote: "God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called."



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by Gary Cangemi





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# New Era in Chapter Development



Franklin County Chapter President Jeff Myers conducting a chapter meeting

The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation approved the affiliation of **three new chapters** on October 20. This means that pro-lifers in these counties now have a way to become active in the pro-life movement in their home areas.

## Franklin County

Early this year, **Jeff Myers** of Chambersburg contacted Federation Executive Director **Michael Ciccocioppo** to ask how he could get involved in the pro-life movement in his home county. Ciccocioppo explained that there was no chapter in Franklin County. Jeff then asked, "Can I start one?"

After spending some time at the Federation's state headquarters to learn about the work of local chapters, Jeff affirmed his desire to start a chapter. He organized an informational meeting in the community to see if there were more people interested. **Nearly 50 people showed up** in May. Officers were selected to lead a steering committee.

Chapter members began doing outreach even before the affiliation was approved. This included sponsoring pro-life education tables at community events, and getting involved with **Forty Days for Life**, **Life Chain** and the local pregnancy resource center.

Members came up with a novel name for the chapter: "Life 30:19." When people ask about the name, it gives members the opportunity to talk about the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 30, verse 19.

## Schuylkill and Carbon Counties

During his 2014 campaign for the U.S. Congress, **Dr. David Moylan** had the opportunity to attend events sponsored by chapters of the Federation. After the campaign, he decided that he wanted to focus his energies on starting a local pro-life chapter. He consulted with Ciccocioppo and then organized a chapter start-up meeting. **Over 20 people attended.** Officers were selected to get the process rolling.



Chapter President Dr. David Moylan conducting a meeting



Chapter Officers with Federation leaders: President Dr. David Moylan, Vice President Dolores Pitts, Federation Executive Director Michael Ciccocioppo, Treasurer Albert Nastasi, Federation Legislative Director Maria Gallagher, and Secretary Marilyn Barrett



Chapter members staffing a pro-life education booth at the Shippensburg Fair

Even while monthly organizational meetings continued through the summer, members began doing outreach at some local public events. They have even established an office for volunteers in donated office space in New Philadelphia near Pottsville. They named the chapter: **Pennsylvanians for Human Life Schuylkill/Carbon Chapter.**

## South Hills of Allegheny County

The Allegheny County **Pennsylvanians for Human Life – South Hills** chapter decided to disband in August 2014. However, this fall the former president of the chapter, **Pauline Donnelly, RN**, contacted Ciccocioppo and said the chapter wanted to reestablish themselves and re-affiliate. They made a formal request and the Federation board approved.

## Help your Local Pro-Life Chapter

If you are ready to help your local pro-life chapter and you live in any of these counties or any other county, visit our website at <http://www.paprolife.org/join-one/> or call or email the Federation's state headquarters in Harrisburg at 717-541-0034 or [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org).

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