

LIFE LINES

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Abortion:
One Dead. ONE Wounded.

Pregnant? Need Help?
1-800-848-LOVE



www.righttoliferoch.org

RARTL is pleased to announce that the billboard design above went onto billboards at the beginning of September for two months, in six different locations around the city. It is an effort to suggest that abortion is not a solution but a compounding of existing problems and it is an offer of help. The helpline refers callers to the nearest pro-life Rochester area pregnancy resource centers. The areas targeted for our pro-life billboards were the same ones that abortion providers are likely to target.

Women may feel very lonely after an abortion. If they are suffering from some of the possible emotional complications, they may not feel that they can talk about their regret, nightmares, personal relationship issues that have come up, or recent problems with alcohol or drug abuse. A woman may have had the abortion because the boyfriend issued an ultimatum to choose between him and the baby. And now he may have gone anyway, leaving her with no boyfriend and no baby.

Women tend to suffer alone and in silence, thinking that nobody else has experienced the same complications. They are also afraid of being scorned as a weakling if they admit to emotional difficulty following their abortion.

There is help for women who are having difficulty "getting on with their lives." We hope that (1) pregnant women will consult pregnancy centers for resources that will allow them to have their babies and that (2) women hurting from a past abortion will find their way into programs that will help them.

We hope that women will instead choose the path of life, with the help of one of the many pregnancy resource centers in the area.

The creative work for these billboards was done by Bowers Communications. We are pleased that they captured the loneliness that is part of the whole issue.

As you drive around town, if you see one of these billboards please breathe a little prayer of thanks for the benefactor whose contribution made these possible.

Locations

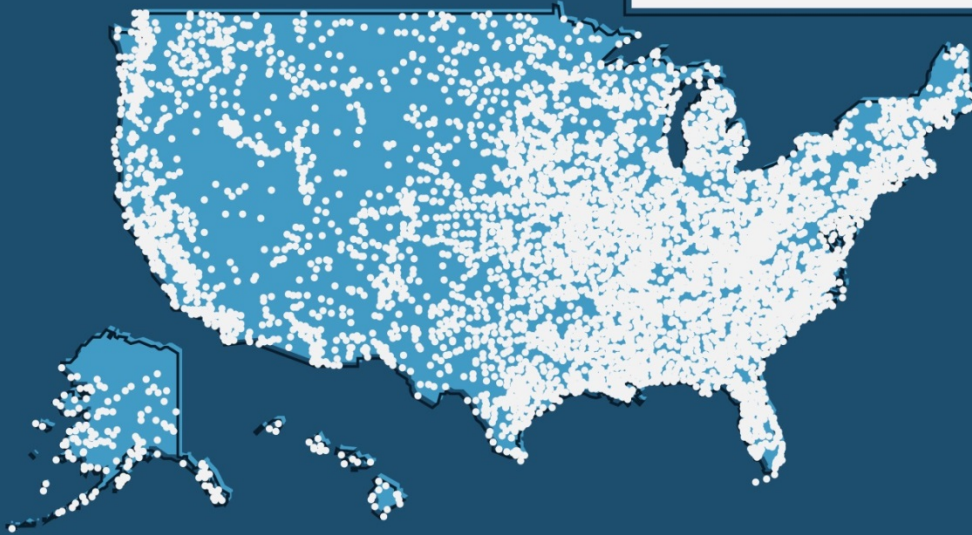
North Street north of the Inner Loop, facing north
East Main Street west of Palmer Street, facing east
Seneca Avenue north of Norton Street, facing south
Emerson Street west of Mt. Read, facing east
South Clinton south of Gregory Street, facing north
west
West Main Street west of Willowbank Place, facing
north east

Don't forget to register for the Convention right here in Rochester!

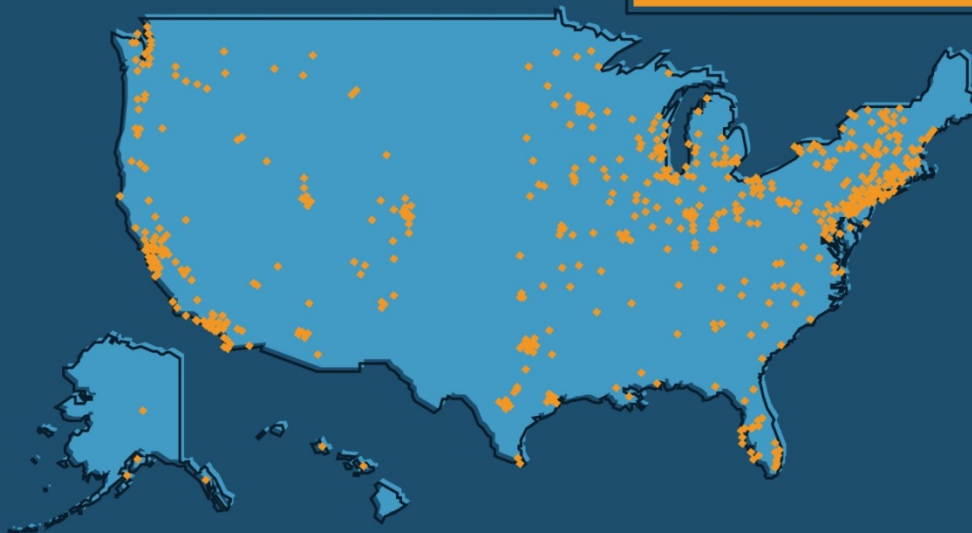
WOMEN HAVE REAL CHOICES

There are 20 community health clinics for every Planned Parenthood.

13,540 FQHCs AND RURAL HEALTH CLINICS*



665 PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOCATIONS



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* Data based on information provided by <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/minProducts/Downloads/rhclistbyprovidername.pdf> (last visited Sept. 3, 2015) and <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/Data/datadownload/hccdownload.aspx> (last visited Sept. 3, 2015). Federally Qualified Health Centers ("FQHC") and "Look Alikes" provide primary and preventive medical care and enabling services. Rural Health Clinics also offer primary and preventive medical services. Note: this map does not include the thousands of additional private health providers who accept Medicaid for women's health needs.

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RARTL is a single-issue, nonsectarian, pro-life organization that focuses
on abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia, which are all immediate threats to innocent human life.

Where will women go for general healthcare if Planned Parenthood is defunded?

The Charlotte Lozier Institute, in cooperation with Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), points out that there are many health clinics serving low-income populations. They state:

“If Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider, were to be defunded from receiving over [\\$500 million in taxpayer funds](#) per year, there already exist over 13,000 non-abortion providing Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) service sites and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) that could receive this sum instead and continue to provide comprehensive primary and preventive healthcare.”

They have published a pair of maps (left) showing the locations of 665 Planned Parenthood locations and 13,540 of what we might call better healthcare alternatives, mentioned above. Note that the on the maps, blue space shows non-resourced areas. The map showing the life-preserving FQHC’s is almost filled with white, indicating there are more areas offering healthcare that does not include abortion than there are areas that do provide abortions.

In New York State, there are 58 Planned Parenthood locations and 625 better healthcare alternatives.

So the answer is: women will go where they can get genuine comprehensive healthcare. If they have a problem finding such a place, a new website will help them: www.getyourcare.org.

www.lozierinstitute.org/health-clinics-nationwide-compared-to-planned-parenthood-centers/
www.adflegal.org/issues/sanctity-of-life/beginning-of-life/planned-parenthood-the-whole-story/

Planned Parenthood videos outrage pro-lifers and others

It started with a video by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) on YouTube, featuring Planned Parenthood personnel unguardedly discussing the sale of fetal body parts. They thought they were dealing with a representative from a company similar to their current contractor Stem Express. As of the publication date there are now 10 episodes on YouTube.

Here are some highlights.

David Daleiden spent several years gathering information in interviews on the “donation” of fetal body parts by abortion centers to companies that would pay for them. After editing the lengthy raw footage, he put the results into a series of YouTube videos ranging from 8 to 15 minutes, releasing them one at a time over a period of many weeks.

Planned Parenthood has objected to the videos, understandably, because many statements made by their personnel are crude, callous, and focused on profit.

Stem Express at one point requested and received a temporary injunction to prevent CMP from releasing additional footage of Stem Express interactions. According to a statement made by Daleiden, Stem Express executives had admitted that they sometimes receive intact fetuses from abortion facilities. This raises the possibility that there was a live birth. The injunction was later lifted and the video was published.

However, soon afterwards, Stem Express said they felt it “prudent to terminate activities with Planned Parenthood.”

These videos have stoked Congressional efforts to defund Planned Parenthood federally and many states such as Louisiana have already taken decisive steps to do so within the state.

Some of the people most outraged may be those who were unaware that Planned Parenthood does abortions.

www.jillstanek.com/2015/07/breaking-bombshell-daleiden-tells-cnn-stemexpress-fully-intact-fetuses/
www.politico.com/story/2015/08/planned-parenthood-fetal-tissue-company-cuts-ties-videos-121371
www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2013/04/most-say-they-are-familiar-with-planned-parenthood-but-dont-know-planned-parenthood-performs-abortion

Bobby Jindal used videos

Gov. Bobby Jindal had defunded Planned Parenthood within Louisiana. On a day when protests against abortion clinics were taking place all over the US, a group of abortion supporters staged a counter protest very close to the governor’s mansion. In response, Jindal set up screens and speakers nearby to show the CMP videos so that people would know why he took the steps he did. In their turn, the protesters moved farther away from the mansion and the video display. Perhaps they found the videos as disgusting as have many pro-lifers.

www.eaglerising.com/22797/abortion-activists-protest-in-bobby-jindals-front-yard-what-he-does-in-response-is-awesome/

Austin has to pay pregnancy centers

Pro-life pregnancy centers sued the city of Austin, Texas, for a regulation mandating misleading signage. With the help of pro-life law organizations, they claimed that, among other things, it violated their rights to free speech and free exercise of religion. Austin lost and had to pay \$461,000 to the attorneys of the pregnancy centers.

www.lifenews.com/2015/08/26/austin-forced-to-pay-pregnancy-centers-461000-after-trying-to-shut-them-down

LEGISLATION

Washington, DC: Pain-capable protection

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act passed in the House and went to the Senate. Unfortunately, the Democrats, on a mostly party line vote, blocked its passage to the floor. The House also passed HR 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act, to defund it for a year while an investigation could be done and HR 3504, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

Albany, NY: Assisted suicide

The NYS legislature has adjourned, will return in January. When they come back in session, we can expect efforts to legalize physician-assisted suicide. The promoters, of course, have no intention of stopping there. If it is legal for physician-assisted suicide, then it is only fair to legalize physician-provided death for those who cannot do it themselves. That follows.

Dutch lawsuit

Holland's liberal standards for euthanasia notwithstanding, a Dutch doctor is being threatened with a lawsuit for refusing to approve euthanasia.

Milou de Moor, a 19-year-old woman suffering from lupus, had requested euthanasia three years ago. Although it was initially approved, at the last minute, the doctor retracted her approval. The patient committed suicide and as a result the family has filed a complaint to sue the doctor for what in the US would be malpractice.

Michael Cook, editor of BioEdge, offers this thoughtful comment: "If the doctor is censured, will this effectively lead to euthanasia on demand in the Netherlands? Rather than fight to have their professional judgement respected, I'll bet that most doctors will just rubberstamp every request that passes across their desks. It will be interesting which the Dutch respect more: the informed consent of the patient or the informed consent of the doctor." www.bioedge.org/bioethics/dutch-doctor-in-hot-water-for-refusing-to-approve-euthanasia/

Euthanized for grief

A cautionary tale from Belgium: a woman euthanized because of the death of her daughter.

"FIVE minutes after Simona de Moor heard her daughter had died from a heart attack, she decided she wanted to end her life, too. The 85-year-old mother, who was considered healthy by doctors and was not taking any medication, made arrangements to be quietly put to death."

A reporter observing the euthanasia said, "I have no doubt Simona wanted to die that day. But I can't help but wonder if she'd feel the same in a few months when the initial shock and pain of her daughter's death has lessened."

The reporter wondered. The doctor who performed the euthanasia apparently didn't wonder or didn't care.

www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/the-reality-of-euthanasia-when-people-with-psychological-problems-choose-to-die/story-fnu2q5nu-1227529139414

www.nationalreview.com/human-exceptionalism/424068/belgian-mother-euthanized-grief-wesley-j-smith

A victim of the physician-assisted suicide movement

Nancy Valko says, "My daughter was the victim of assisted suicide, but she is not the only one."

She continues: "Right now, a law hurriedly pushed through the California legislature after multiple defeats sits on the desk of Governor Jerry Brown and awaits his signature. As both a mother and a nurse I beg Governor Brown to veto it."

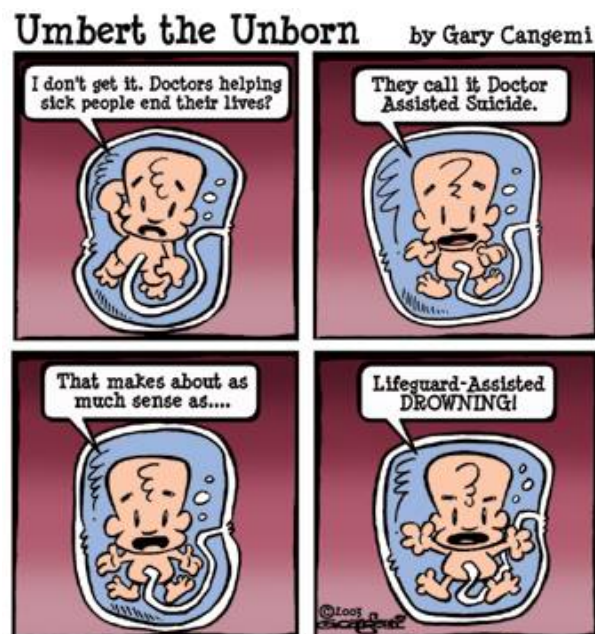
Nancy's daughter Marie killed herself at the age of 30 after battles with issues including drug abuse. She says, "Adding to our family's pain, at least two people close to Marie became suicidal not long after her suicide. Luckily, these two young people received help and were saved, but [suicide contagion](#), better known as 'copycat suicide,' is a well-documented phenomenon."

Her article is detailed and well written article and the title carries the whole thought in a nutshell: **Governor Brown, do not sign the death warrant of unhappy people.**

Nancy Valko is spokesperson for the [National Association of ProLife Nurses](http://NationalAssociationofProLifeNurses.org).

Recently retired from bedside nursing, she is now an advance legal nurse consultant. She writes and speaks on ethics issues around the US, and blogs at [A Nurse's Perspective on Life, Healthcare and Ethics](http://ANurse'sPerspectiveonLife,HealthcareandEthics).

www.mercatornet.com/careful/view/governor-brown-do-not-sign-the-death-warrant-of-unhappy-people



Please see the attached sheet for the convention registration form.

Our software did not permit its insertion here.



Will you be eligible to wear this on Election Day?

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. This year the elections are local, and the entire Monroe County Legislature will be on the ballot, as well as some other local city and town offices. Most of the state and federal legislators started out locally, so to have pro-life legislators in the higher offices we must first support them at the local level.

Normally in this issue you would find the list of endorsements published as a paid political ad. Due to scheduling issues, the endorsements will come to you this year as a separate mailing, arriving very shortly.

If you have any questions prior to receiving the separate mailing, please don't hesitate to call the RARTL office at 621-4690 and a PAC person will call you back.

Baby Jaxon turns one

Baby Jaxon Emmett Buell has microhydranencephaly, which means that he is missing a large portion of his brain and his skull is correspondingly small. When doctors noticed the anencephaly before birth, they suggested abortion. Parents Brittany and Brandon Buell refused, even though they were told that Jaxon would die shortly after birth.

Jaxon was born even more handicapped than predicted and his health remains precarious. However, he just celebrated his first birthday and has outperformed all the earlier predictions about him. His parents love interacting with him. (See the cute video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4uKRgIjOzs&feature=youtu.be)

Friends set up a GoFundMe page (www.gofundme.com/eldlog) when Jaxon was born, which now helps with his medications and allows his mother to stay home to care for him. Well-wishers have donated over \$90,000. www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3247851/Miracle-baby-Jaxon-Emmett-Buell-defies-odds-born-brain-skull.html

Arise Sweet Sarah, red carpet event

The red carpet Rochester release of *Arise Sweet Sarah* took place Saturday, September 12 at the Dryden Theatre. A throng of about 250 enthusiastic people watched the first public screening and afterwards attended the gala reception held in the attached George Eastman International Museum of Photography and the George Eastman House.

Arise Sweet Sarah is the film adaptation of the Life Ballet's live touring show, which many Rochester residents have seen and enjoyed. The film tells the story of a despairing descent into reproductive "choice" and a subsequent recovery to joy.

Producer Sandy Arena said that the purpose of the film was to reach more people with this powerfully healing story. She is delighted to have sold movie licenses in Texas and Mississippi and to find herself working with local and non-local churches and healing groups to set up showings. She can be reached to make arrangements through www.thelifeballet.org.



"End the filthy campaigns..."

"We implore you to end the filthy campaigns that promote a civilization of death on our continent..."

Thus begins a fiery statement by the bishops Africa and Madagascar. They are concerned with what they call the "moral decadence" of developed countries as it flows into their countries. They decry the effort to force Western values into the African culture by making aid contingent on such acceptance, calling it new colonialism and attributing it to the "transnational reproductive rights lobby." Their immediate concern was the new UN Sustainable Development Goals.

According to C-Fam: "The new Sustainable Development Goals are the result of three years of negotiations at the UN. Two goals, on health and gender equality, will direct funds to groups that promote abortion, early sexualization, and homosexuality."

www.c-fam.org/friday_fax/african-bishops-denounce-filthy-campaigns-and-new-slavery-before-un-summit/
"Common Declaration of the Bishops of Africa and Madagascar"

Suggested prayers

Please become a **prayer partner**. Spend 5-10 minutes daily in prayer about life issues to provide a 24-hour prayer shield over our area. Join in the following monthly prayer themes:

October: For healthy pregnancies and safe deliveries for troubled or challenged mothers and their infants.

November: That as more information about the fate of aborted babies comes out, the hearts of our government leaders break and their eyes open.

December: That those with chronic, debilitating conditions feel touched by God to continue living, through loving care from His people.

January: That in matters of life and death, we look to the Holy Spirit for guidance, rather than man.

February: That with gentleness and courage, respect and faith, pro-life individuals continue to trust God's Word and promises.

In Memory

Lena Wilk

mother of board member Marylee Wilk



Saving a life

Typical of how a life is saved is this quote from a man in Ontario Canada who walked up to a volunteer a few days ago and said:

*"We were going to have an abortion and when we got here someone was outside with a sign and praying and because of that **we decided not to have the abortion.**" He said they saw this vigil participant as a sign that they should not go through with the abortion.*

Many times that's all it takes - without even saying a word you can have an impact on a woman contemplating abortion.

From Rochester organizer Rick Paoletti. For more information visit the local website at 40daysforlife.com/rochester.

Planned Parenthood "doesn't do abortions"

One reason why we need the 40 Days for Life, especially with people out on the street praying with signs.

In a poll of 1000 people, 88% said that they were familiar with Planned Parenthood. However, 55% of those polled did not know that Planned Parenthood performs abortions.

www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2013/04/most-say-they-are-familiar-with-planned-parenthood-but-dont-know-planned-parenthood-performs-abortion/

RTL MEMORIAL/HONOR TRIBUTE

You are welcome to remember an event/achievement or a deceased loved one with a memorial/honor/tribute, tax-deductible donation to the **RARTL Education Fund**. A card in your name will be sent to the family/person you designate; contribution amount is confidential.

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Events of interest to pro-lifers

Now! 40 Days for Life is ongoing through November 1. Public prayer and witness with friends, legal, peaceful, in front of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Avenue. Sign up online at

www.40daysforlife.com/Rochester. For other signup methods, more information, and volunteer opportunities, call Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 or email Roc40DFL at gmail.com

(Are you in Buffalo? Then try

<http://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/buffalo/>

Saturday, October 17 NYS Right to Life Convention, this year in Rochester. Come join us! Register using the form on page 5, call (518) 434-1293, or go to www.nysrighttolife.org/ for more information.

Friday, January 22 March for Life, Washington DC
<http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2016/>

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Black pastors request removal of Sanger bust

A list of notables including Bishop E.W. Jackson and Dr. Alveda King signed a letter requesting the removal of Margaret Sanger's bust from a Smithsonian exhibit entitled "Struggle for Justice." They cited her "support of black eugenics," giving details of her projects and activities. They also held a small rally outside the Smithsonian.

CNS News said: *A spokesperson for the gallery admitted the "sometimes deplorable beliefs" of Sanger, Fox News Channel reported, but added that the director "respectfully declines" to remove the bust because Sanger is being honored for her contributions to women's healthcare.*

Currently, African-Americans represent 13 percent of the population, but almost three times that amount (37 percent) of women who have abortions are black, Jackson said. "Margaret Sanger would truly be satisfied," he told the group.
www.cnsnews.com/news/article/penny-starr/black-pastors-ask-smithsonian-remove-bust-planned-parenthood-founder
www.newsmax.com/US/planned-parenthood-margaret-sangers-black-pastors/2015/08/27/id/672303/

Medicare to penalize hospitals with the sickest patients

As of October 1, hospitals will be penalized if patients have to be readmitted too often, on the assumption that the hospital failed to provide proper care the first time. A new study shows that readmission is more related to the patient population. Sicker, poorer patients will tend to be readmitted at a higher rate and the hospitals they go to will be more likely to be penalized.

Hospital programming to combat the readmission rate "threatens to deplete hospital resources available to improve overall quality for populations at high risk of poor outcomes."
www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/09/major-medicare-penalty-set-to-hit-2600-u-s-hospitals-will-disproportionately-affect-sickest-patients/

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