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Missouri Right to Life "Show Me Life" Pro-Life Action Days

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Tuesday, April 5, 2016**

Missouri State Capitol Jefferson City

We need you to ACT!

- Plan now to come to Jefferson City on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 and Tuesday, April 5, 2016, for "Show Me Life" Pro-Life Action Days to encourage your legislators to pass pro-life legislation.
- On February 9, registration begins at 11:00 a.m., 1st Floor Rotunda.
- On April 5, registration begins 10:00 a.m., 1st Floor Rotunda.
- On both days, lobby your legislators and join the noon rally at the Capitol Rotunda.

Priority Legislation

- Ban Dismemberment Abortions
- Abortion clinic inspection bill that requires at least one annual on-site inspection of abortion facilities and requires an accounting report for the disposition of all tissue from aborted babies
- Redirect federal funding of family-planning dollars to qualified health centers and state rural health agencies for expanded health care for women

Transportation from many areas of the state will be available. Contact the Missouri Right to Life State Office, 573.635.5110, or visit www.missourilife.org for transportation possibilities. Additional information regarding Pro-Life Action Days is also available from the state office.



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LIFE in the News



72-hour reflection period making a difference

In October 2014, Missouri established a 72-hour reflection period after counseling before a woman may have an abortion.

And it is saving lives!

Coalition for Life St. Louis' executive director said the sidewalk counselors have seen a difference in traffic at Planned Parenthood in the past several years.

"Our shifts are becoming a good kind of boring," said Brian Westbrook, referring to his employees and volunteers who stand outside the clinic to hand out information and speak to women on alternatives to abortion. "In 2009, the parking lot was packed, no matter what time of the day it was. This year, we've noticed that the parking lot is maybe half full, especially in the past two to three months."

Last year, the organization saw 392 turnarounds and this year to date have witnessed 323. Turnarounds include women who, on their way into Planned Parenthood for an abortion or abortion-related service, decide to leave and instead go to a nearby pregnancy center.

Thrive St. Louis president Bridget VanMeans said there is empirical evidence women are coming to Thrive after visiting Planned Parenthood and being told they have to wait three days before getting an abortion.

"This is creating space around the woman to make a decision and to give the people around her a chance to help," said VanMeans.

Birthright St. Charles' counseling director Sheri Petruso said that while the number of visits has held steady in the last few years, the number of abortion-minded women are being tracked more closely. In 2014, 93 women who visited Birthright St. Charles were either abortion-minded or inquired about abortion. From January through October 2015, the number is already at 91.

The biggest impact of the law is

slowing down the decision-making process, said Petruso. "It qualifies the magnitude and significance of the decision being made," she said. "The counselors are there to validate their feelings, but also to answer questions so they can make informed decisions. This is a serious decision and deserves the time and thought process to make a decision not based on fear or pressure."

Information compiled from
St. Louis Review - Jennifer Brinker
11/11/15

Abortion Reversal Treatment Saves More Than 100 Babies' Lives

If you or someone you know is considering an abortion or is in need of immediate assistance, Abortion Pill Reversal can be reached at their 24/7 hotline: 877.558.0333.

A North Carolina doctor has developed a treatment that can reverse chemical abortions, providing an option for women who regret taking the abortion pill.

Since Dr. Matthew Harrison developed the Emergency Abortion Pill Reversal Kit, he has saved over 137 babies who were born without complications, television station Fox 46 reported. Currently, there are 76 pregnant mothers who were able to stay pregnant after using the kit.

"It's exciting, mainly because I see it empowering these women," Harrison told Fox 46. "I mean they were in a hopeless and dark place at one time, they thought there wasn't any hope."

Autumn Barnes is one of these mothers who was able to save the life of her now 5-month-old son by using the reversal kit.

When Barnes discovered that she was unexpectedly pregnant with her second child, she felt scared and decided to have a chemical abortion. Immediately after taking the pill, however, she regretted her decision.

"It just kept running through my mind, I just killed my baby, I have a little girl at home, how is it fair that I just took an innocent child's life?" she said.

After using the reversal kit, Barnes was relieved to discover that it had saved her baby when she went for an ultrasound appointment the next day.

The abortion pill (also known as RU486, or mifepristone) starves the child of progesterone, the hormone it needs to grow. After 48-72 hours, this procedure is

followed by a labor-inducing drug (Cytotec) to expel the baby's dead body from the mother's womb.

When administered within 72 hours of taking the abortion pill, the reversal kit can effectively counterbalance it by flooding a woman's system with progesterone. To be successful a woman must use the reversal kit before she takes the labor-inducing drug. If a mother uses the kit after taking Cytotec, there's a slight (5%) chance that the baby could be born with birth defects that would affect the development of a baby's face and hands.

There are over 300 medical centers nationwide that work in tandem with Abortion Pill Reversal to provide information about the reversal kit to mothers. To get the kit, women should call the website's 24/7 hotline, and volunteers will connect them with a nearby medical center to administer it.

Editor's note: Doctors are desperately needed in this service! E-mail recruitment-fourapr@gmail.com for information.

The Federalist 11/4/15

Pro-Life Billboard on Times Square Exposes How Planned Parenthood Betrays Women

A pro-life student group put up a huge pro-life billboard in the middle of Times Square that let Americans coming to the high-profile tourist spot know that the Planned Parenthood abortion business betrays women.

"Students for Life of America is making sure that Planned Parenthood's clients and would-be clients get the message loud and clear that they are being betrayed by the nation's largest abortion provider. SFLA has taken that message to one of the most prominent places in the entire world to run an ad: Times Square," Students for Life told LifeNews.com about its new electronic billboard.

The electronic ad is a 10-second spot that ran once an hour from 6am-2pm for one week in November. The billboard is a massive screen in the heart of Times Square Plaza.

"The atrocities that Planned Parenthood has committed deserve the widest stage possible, and we are bringing the message that they betray women to one of the biggest in the world: Times Square," SFLA president Kristan Hawkins told LifeNews.

LifeNews.com 11/12/15

Thank you for seeing the beauty in Life!

From the Vice President ~

The sacrifices you make day after day

J get such a charge out of attending our semi-annual statewide membership meetings in Jefferson City!

At the most recent November 14th meeting, I exchanged stories with a younger (than me) gentleman who asked me, "So what led you to get involved in Right to Life?" "Well," I said, "I was a young mother of our 11-month-old firstborn when I heard the news of the 1973 Roe v Wade decision on the 6:30 a.m. radio news while my husband and I were eating breakfast. It made me angry."



Therese Sander

"You heard the actual news report?" he asked, sounding somewhat incredulous.

I immediately thought of a conversation with the woman I had talked to at National Right to Life earlier in the week when I was seeking a bulletin insert for Respect Life Sunday in January. I described a piece of literature on my bulletin board that we used as a bulletin insert probably 30 years ago. It has a photo of a baby in an amniotic sac and above the photo are the words, "Abortion Means No Judge, No Jury, No Trial, No Appeal." Then below the picture it continues: "And No Stay of Execution." I added, "It says copyright 1982 on the photo."

"Oh," she responded. "That's the year I was born!"

I was struck by the fact that I was talking to someone who has never known a world without legalized abortion.

Later in the meeting, we heard two dedicated leaders from the Southwest Region report that they had succeeded in re-starting chapters in Springfield and Joplin -- chapters that had been active and vibrant when I stepped away from pro-life work 15 years ago to serve in the legislature.

Returning to pro-life work with Missouri Right to Life, things have changed in certain areas of the organization, but I still recognized a lot of the faces of our statewide leadership team. How I appreciate the dedication of the MRL volunteers, old and new, who continue unflaggingly to work in the trenches day after day. I often feel that pro-life volunteers don't receive the gratitude they deserve for the sacrifices they make day after day, so I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You!!" to all who have carried the torch of pro-life dedication through the years.

Christmas Blessings,

Therese Sander



Missouri to Hold Presidential Preference Primary

Presidential Preference Primary - March 15, 2016

Last Day to Register to Vote in Presidential Primary - February 17, 2016

YOU are making a difference

Missouri abortion numbers continue decline in 2014

Lowest numbers since Roe v Wade

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' annual vital statistics report shows that abortions decreased by 7% in 2014.

Last year, 8,129 Missouri resident pregnancies were aborted compared with 8,740 in 2013.

The 2014 number represents a 32% decrease from 2004, and a remarkable decrease of 62% since Missouri's highest resident abortions in 1980 of 21,671.

Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri Synod Lutherans Stand Against Sale of Baby Parts

Joint statement reaffirms shared teaching on respect for human life

The leaders of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) have released a joint statement which reaffirms their shared teachings on the respect for human life and expresses shock over the content of recently released undercover Planned Parenthood baby body part videos.

The statement from Archbishop Robert Carlson and Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison says, in part: "Like millions of Americans, including those in the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we have been shaken to the core by what we have witnessed: intact babies, at times still alive, having their body parts harvested as a commodity. We are shocked at the image of tiny hands and feet seen in a glass pie plate. We are horrified at what we have seen and heard. Such actions and attitudes have no place in our society."

The statement goes on to make clear that the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Missouri Synod are ready "to offer resources to help parents of any faith background who are in need of medical, financial, or social service assistance both during pregnancy and after."

In closing, the two leaders make clear that they are committed "to all life in all its stages from conception to natural death."

The full statement can be found at stlrespectlife.org.

You Might Want to "Just Say No" to Girl Scout Cookies

January is Girl Scout cookie season in most of our state.

You might think that by ordering some thin mints or trefoils you are supporting young women, but think it over before purchasing those munchies.



A couple of things to consider:

- Girl Scouts USA's curriculum and online materials promote women and organizations that publicly advocate for abortion rights, including Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, Hillary Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Population Council.
- Girl Scouts USA is a member (alongside International Planned Parenthood Federation) in the Coalition for Adolescent Girls, which includes "abortion-related care" among its goals.

Because of significant, well-researched information about Girl Scouts USA activities and affiliations, Missouri Right to Life reminds you of our policy statement issued in 2013 and recently updated:

Because Girl Scouts USA promotes, both directly and indirectly through other organizations, policies and behaviors clearly contradictory to the goals and purposes of Missouri Right to Life, Missouri Right to Life urges citizens to consider carefully whether to participate in Girl Scouts or support them in any way.

Further information is available on Missouri Right to Life's website, www.missourilife.org. On the homepage, the drop-down box for "Policies" lists Girl Scouts USA which includes several helpful documents.

Another helpful, well-researched website is <http://mygirlscout-council.com>.

American Heritage Girls is a good alternative for families wanting a wholesome group for their young girls. Many troops are in Missouri and may be found on their website, www.american-heritagegirls.org.

Encouraging "faith, family, and fun," their vision statement notes that American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement.

Now that's something we can all support!



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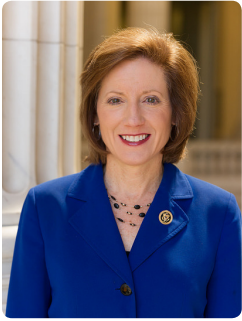
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Missouri Congresswoman Hartzler Moved to Tears Recounting Story of Student Coerced into Abortion

By Laretta Brown

At a Capitol Hill briefing announcing the theme of March for Life 2016, “Pro-Life and Pro-Woman Go Hand in Hand,” Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-Mo.) cried as she related her experience as a teacher discovering that one of her students had



Congresswoman
Vicky Hartzler

been coerced into having an abortion.

Drawing on the pro-woman theme of the event, Hartzler related some stories from her 11 years as a teacher in Missouri,

which she said were “prime examples of how the other side is not really pro-woman even though they claim to be.”

Hartzler recounted that she had a student who requested not to attend a unit she was teaching on child development because she had recently had a miscarriage. After complying with the girl’s request, Hartzler learned the truth in a parent/teacher conference later that month.

“Sherrie (name changed) came in with her head down looking absolutely miserable with her mother,” Hartzler said. “We looked at her grades and talked about assignments.”

Hartzler recounted the mother saying, “‘Well I wanted to thank you for giving Sherrie another alternative assignment, because you know when she told us she was pregnant, I told her we are not having a child in this house, and then we’re going to go down to the clinic, and we are going to take care of that, and we did – whether you like it or not.’”

Hartzler said the mother then complained about her daughter “blubbing right now.”

“I tell you it was all I could do to restrain myself. I just wanted to embrace the girl,” Hartzler said, crying as she recalled the experience. “It’s so important

that we get to the kids and the parents with accurate information as well.”

Hartzler also told a story about one of her students, who “shared with me that she was pregnant and that she had gone to Planned Parenthood the day before.”

The student was “about three months along,” she said.

“She had asked them, ‘Well what does it [the unborn baby] look like,’ and they had said to her, ‘Oh, don’t worry about it. It’s just a blob of tissue,’” Hartzler said.

The girl asked Hartzler for pictures of an unborn child three months along, since Hartzler taught child development at the time.

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“She said, ‘Why would they tell me that?’ Well, I didn’t have an answer for that,” Hartzler recounted. “She said, ‘I don’t want to have this abortion,’ and her parent was encouraging her to do that, and fortunately, she had a neighbor who that night took her to a maternity clinic in the area, and she ended up staying there, choosing life.”

“It is so

important that we get knowledge out to people about the truth about abortion and about baby development, and that’s one thing I’m working on,” Hartzler emphasized.

She cited these encounters with young girls in crisis pregnancy situations as her reason for introducing a bill Tuesday (November 3) to recognize “National Pregnancy Center Week,” to recognize and raise awareness for local crisis pregnancy centers.

“Pregnancy Care Centers are a shining example of what we should be doing more as Americans -- individuals and communities working together to protect and promote life,” Hartzler said at the bill’s introduction. “These centers and the teams of dedicated people working tirelessly to assist women in need and save unborn lives – they deserve our admiration and support.

“From medical help, guidance, housing and material assistance, parenting lessons, emotional support, and promotion of life over abortion, roughly 2,500 pregnancy care and resource centers in America provide support and care to millions of women

each and every year. It is an honor to dedicate a week to recognize their tireless efforts,” she added.

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***Christmas, my child,
is love in action.
Every time we love,
every time we give,
it’s Christmas.***

~ Dale Evans

***Your Christmas gift in the enclosed envelope
helps build a culture of LIFE!***



Pro-Life Across Missouri

save date

Jan. 21 -23, 2016 43rd National March for Life - Washington, DC. Missouri Life Caravan buses will depart from St. Louis and other locations around Missouri. See information on the back page or contact the state office, 573.635.5110.

Feb. 9, 2016 **Pro-Life Action Day** - Missouri State Capitol. We need you in Jefferson City! This will be the day to let our legislators know we want legislation passed to Stop Planned Parenthood. (Information on front page)

Apr. 5, 2016 **Pro-Life Action Day** - Missouri State Capitol. We Need You in Jefferson City Again! This will be the day to emphasize De-funding Planned Parenthood. (Information on front page)



Look at these happy faces and the wonderful message on the banner that the Sedalia Chapter-MRL members are carrying as they prepare to walk in the Sacred Heart Parish Homecoming Parade -- one of the many events that this chapter undertakes to proclaim the message of life!

Taking the long view...

Have you considered placing a charitable gift to Missouri Right to Life in your will?

If not, you're not the only one.

Adding a charitable bequest is easy.

And it could be, by far, the largest gift you are ever able to make to Missouri Right to Life.

But research shows fairly few donors do so.

And the number one reason that otherwise loving donors don't make a charitable gift in their wills?

Research conducted in the UK over the last few years is perhaps not surprising: making a charitable bequest simply never occurs to the majority of people.

Yet a gift in your will could be the most important gift you ever make to this cause you believe in -- protecting innocent life!

For information or to request a confidential consultation, contact Patty Skain at 573.635.5110.

My Last Will...



East Central Area Chapter-MRL ... at it again! This fall's 40 Days for Life at St. Louis Planned Parenthood found several chapter members holding vigil. Chairman Dan Schwartz even reports a baby saved while they were there! Such joy!

Memorials

In memory or in honor of a loved one or a friend, these gifts were made to Missouri Right to Life.

In memory of ~

Alicia M. Brauer
Wanda Goedeker

Given by ~

John & Audrey Brauer
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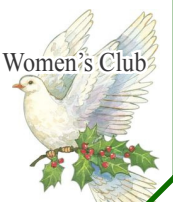
In honor of ~

Susan Klein
Ann Verhulst

Given by ~

Kansas City Republican Women's Club
Mary Ernstmann

Missouri Right to Life thanks those who honor their deceased loved ones or who celebrate an important event by making a gift to MRL.



ELECTION OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE DELEGATE-AT-LARGE

Every two years, MRL members elect a Delegate-At-Large to represent them on the State Board of Directors. This is in addition to the participation encouraged at the chapter, region, and state board levels. It is again time for members to elect their representative to the Missouri Right to Life State Board.

To cast a vote, please check the box next to a name. Vote for only one candidate. If there are two members in the household, boxes are provided for each. Use this ballot to vote; do not copy it. Your name, address, and member number appear on the back of the ballot and will validate your vote/votes.

The candidates nominated to serve the 2016-2018 term are:

1st Voter **2nd Voter** **Each member may vote for only one candidate.**

☐ ☐ **Maryann Peale.** Maryann has long been involved in pro-life work. She currently serves on the Missouri Right to Life Western Region Board of Directors. Maryann is also the manager of the Missouri Right to Life-Western Region office, and she has responsibility for coordinating the many activities of that region.

☐ ☐ **Pam Manning.** Pam is currently the *Missouri Right to Life News* editor. She served on the MRL-Eastern Region board for 18 years, including several years as its chairman. She has served on the Missouri Right to Life State Board for 32 years, including four years as president. She has served as the 2nd and 3rd Congressional District MRL PAC coordinator and was the MRL PAC chairman for six years. She is the current Delegate-at-Large.

The ballot must be received in the State Office by December 31, 2015. Clip and return it to:

Missouri Right to Life, P. O. Box 651, Jefferson City MO 65102

If you weren't there, you missed a great pro-life gathering!

Missouri Right to Life Statewide Meeting -- fellowship, education, information

A beautiful mid-November Saturday in Jefferson City was the setting for Missouri Right to Life's semi-annual statewide meeting for MRL leaders, members, and interested pro-lifers. These gatherings have become the place to be for updates on information and events happening in our state. And what a great opportunity to meet and chat with those doing the same important work that you are doing -- building a pro-life community!



Above - Zina Hackworth of *This Race Will Self-Destruct*, an informative and entertaining guest for the meeting, speaks from her heart to help us better understand how to reach out to the black community with the importance of the pro-life message.

Right - Attendees listen as information on pro-life legislation is presented by Legislative Director Jerry Nieters and Legislative Liaison Susan Klein.



Above - Among those attending are (left to right) Jerry Nieters, Susan Klein, Patty Skain, Zina Hackworth, Maggie Bick, Therese Sander and Dave Plemmons.

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU



Missouri Life Caravan
Annual Bus trip to Washington, DC
43rd Annual National March for Life

January 21-22-23, 2016

Join us and thousands of others from across the nation for this huge pro-life gathering in the nation's capitol.

- **REGISTRATION/TRIP COSTS:** \$165 per passenger (meals not included; bring extra spending money).
- **DUE BY:** All reservations must be received by January 4, 2016. After December 24, 2015 there will be a \$15 late fee added to the original price. This will result in an increased total of \$180.
- **LOCATIONS:** Buses are available from several pick-up points around the state.

Have questions? Need additional information?

In the St. Louis metro area, call Missouri Right to Life-Eastern Region at 314.434.4900 or email mrl.eastern@yahoo.com.

In other areas, call the MRL State office at 573.635.5110.

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Every so often people ask us

how to avoid making contributions to organizations that support abortion, embryonic stem cell research, or other anti-life activities. As year-end gifts are considered, two sources of information are American Life League and Life Decisions International which have both researched charitable organizations to learn their current positions.

Missouri Right to Life is not in a position to give any opinion about particular organizations mentioned.

American Life League's information may be accessed at <http://www.all.org/charities>, and Life Decisions International's information is at www.fightpp.org/projects/corporate-funding-boycott/.