



Transforming society to respect and protect all innocent human life.

You did it! ***Congratulations***

The votes are counted and pro-life candidates won! They won in Missouri. They won across the country.

Polling from National Right to Life shows that the pro-life issue was important to far more people than ever before. This provided a tremendous advantage for pro-life candidates. Your prayers, work, and votes made it possible!

This is what you did:

- Elected pro-life President Donald Trump and pro-life Vice President Mike Pence!
- Re-elected our pro-life U. S. Senator Roy Blunt to return to a pro-life majority in the United States Senate!
- Re-elected our 6 pro-life Congress members to return to a pro-life majority in the U. S. House of Representatives!
- Elected a pro-life official to every statewide office up for election!
- Elected a super pro-life majority in both the Missouri Senate and the House of Representatives!

Your prayers, work, and votes are allowing our nation another opportunity to get it right.

Pray for our President-elect. He has vowed to promote the sanctity of life in his Supreme Court appointments and in his government policies. He will be under great pressure and will face unprecedented criticism, but he has shown throughout his campaign that he fights for what he believes in and will not be strangled by political correctness nor frightened by the media into abandoning his promises.

Pray for our great country. God has been merciful in giving us a chance to turn back to Him, yet we know that no matter who is president or who leads our state, the battle to protect life will continue.

Save the date!

Missouri Right to Life

“Show Me Life” Pro-Life Action Day

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

(registration begins at 10:00 a.m.)

Missouri State Capitol

1st Floor Rotunda

Jefferson City

Guest Speaker

Melissa Ohden

Melissa is the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977. Despite the initial concerns about Melissa's future after surviving the attempt to end her life at approximately seven months gestation, she has not only survived but thrived. With a Master's Degree in Social Work, she has worked in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence and sexual assault counseling, and child welfare.



In 2012, Melissa founded The Abortion Survivors Network (ASN). ASN seeks to educate the public about failed abortions and survivors while providing emotional, mental, and spiritual support to abortion survivors. Since ASN's founding, Melissa has been in contact with over 206 survivors.

Fulfilling the purpose that she believes God set out for her when He saved her from the certain death of the abortion attempt, Melissa is truly a voice for the voiceless.



Adult stem cells restore eyesight

Doug started losing his eyesight when he was 32. He describes his vision then as like “a honeycomb of blind spots.” He could not discern his wife’s face while walking alongside her; he could not read under normal lighting; he could not exercise. He almost hit two pedestrians in a crosswalk while driving into town.

After being declared legally blind, Doug suffered both mentally and emotionally. He even considered ending his life. Doug suffered from maculopathy, which he was told had no known treatment or cure. But the same doctor who told Doug that there was no hope for a cure later told him, “If there is going to be a solution to your problem, it’s not going to be in genetic therapy, it’s going to be in stem cells.”

Doug was treated with adult stem cells taken from his own bone marrow, and his vision was gradually restored.

You can watch the story of Doug’s recovery from macular degeneration to the point that he now can see the “beautiful sparkle” in his wife’s blue eyes at www.youtube.com/watch?v=qz3OLbkW9aI.

Many others like Doug are currently being treated using ethically-derived, non-controversial adult stem cell transplants, which do not require the destruction of young human life. In fact, well over one million patients worldwide have been treated using adult stem cell transplants. In 2014 alone, nearly 20,000 bone marrow and umbilical cord blood transplants were performed in the United States.

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40 Days for Life fall campaign

Nineteen coordinated 40 Days for Life campaigns have now taken place. With prayerful hearts, we will now be going forward with our next international effort from **March 1 to April 9**. We don’t know

what surprises the Lord has in store in the future ... but we’ve certainly seen His hand at work thus far in response to your prayers!

Latest campaign....

The most recent campaign was conducted from September 28 to November 6. In answer to prayers from around the world, God’s mercy was clearly evident:

- 367 locations
- 24 countries
- 105,000 participants
- 4,700 churches
- 872 lives saved from abortion
- 8 abortion workers quit

Cumulative totals....

Since the first coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign took place in 2007 through the end of 2015, local campaign leaders have reported these blessings — God’s answers to their prayers:

- 4,535 total campaigns
- 675 cities
- 40 countries
- 725,000 individual participants
- 19,000 churches
- 12,668 lives saved from abortion
- 141 abortion workers quit
- 75 abortion facilities closed

40daysforlife.com

Sweeping victories for pro-life Republican Party across the nation

Voters in the 2016 election turned to Republican candidates at federal and state levels resulting in sweeping victories for the pro-life Republican Party. At the top of the ticket Donald Trump was elected to be the next President of the United States promising to select pro-life justices to the Supreme Court, sign into law the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act to end painful late term abortions, defund Planned Parenthood if it continues to perform abortion and instead allocate funding to community health centers that provide comprehensive health care for women, and make the Hyde Amendment permanent law so taxpayers do not have to pay for abortions.

Pro-life majorities were elected to both the U.S. House and Senate; expectations

are high for the advance of legislation to regulate abortion including the banning of horrific late term abortion methods.

Pro-life Speaker of the House Paul Ryan was unanimously elected to return as Speaker by the 239 Republican House Members, along with the rest of the leadership team, all opposed to abortion. Kevin McCarthy remains Majority Leader, Steve Scalise as Majority Whip, and Cathy McMorris Rodgers as Republican Conference Chair.

Senate Republicans re-elected their leadership team, also all pro-life. The 51 Republican senators re-elected Senators Mitch McConnell as Senate Majority Leader, John Cornyn as Majority Whip, John Thune as Conference Chair, **Roy Blunt as Conference Vice Chair**, and John Barrasso as Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee.

On the state level, Republicans increased governorships to 33. This historic control of state governorships has not happened since 1922.

State legislatures are also at an all time high with 68 out of 99 state legislative chambers in Republican control, including 33 states where Republicans control both chambers. This includes the state of Nebraska which has a single-chamber legislature.

It is highly anticipated that state legislatures will continue the pro-life trend of the last five years during which 334 pro-life laws were enacted to save preborn children from abortion.

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We wish you a Merry Christmas!

From the President ~

“WHAT JUST HAPPENED?”

That's the question everyone was asking on election night. The press and the experts got it wrong. And now, weeks later, the same press and experts are trying to explain it, and they're *still* getting it wrong.

They're getting it wrong because they aren't giving *you*, pro-life Americans, any credit. But they don't know that you were inspired by God as you listened and watched over the last two years of campaigning.

You watched as President Barrack Obama got bolder and bolder in his assault on life.

You watched as Hillary Clinton seemed to revel in her disdain for the sanctity of life.

You watched the videos that exposed Planned Parenthood for selling baby body parts.

You watched as Hillary Clinton, referring to abortion, said, “Deep seated religious beliefs have to be changed.”

You watched as Hillary Clinton said that she would repeal the Hyde Amendment and would *force* Americans to pay for abortions.

You watched as she said that a child in the womb, right up to the moment of birth, has no constitutional rights.

And then *you* -- pro-life Americans -- went out and witnessed on the sidewalks in front of Planned Parenthood and thousands driving by saw you.

You watched as the United States Congress introduced the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and a bill to defund Planned Parenthood.

You watched as the Missouri Senate formed the “Sanctity of Life Committee”.

You watched the third candidate debate when Donald Trump said, “According to Hillary, in the ninth month, you can take the baby and rip the baby out of the womb of the mother, just prior to the birth of the baby in the ninth month, on the final day. And that's not acceptable.”

You educated yourself by reading the Missouri Right to Life Newsletters and your pro-life arguments gained strength.

You manned the MRL booth, wrote letters to the editor, called your legislators, spoke at your churches and civic events, spread the pro-life message on social networks. And you prayed.

And on November 8th, you voted.

God has rewarded your commitment to defend His most innocent among us -- the child in the womb.

The press doesn't get this. They're pointing to the economy, immigration, and taxes.

We don't care if the press doesn't get it. God gets it. And we're doing this for Him, not for them.

Thanks for all that you do for Life. God bless you and God bless America!



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You did what this year?

You were at the Washington DC March for Life!



You were in Jefferson City for Pro-Life Action Days!



You were at fairs, festivals, and conferences!



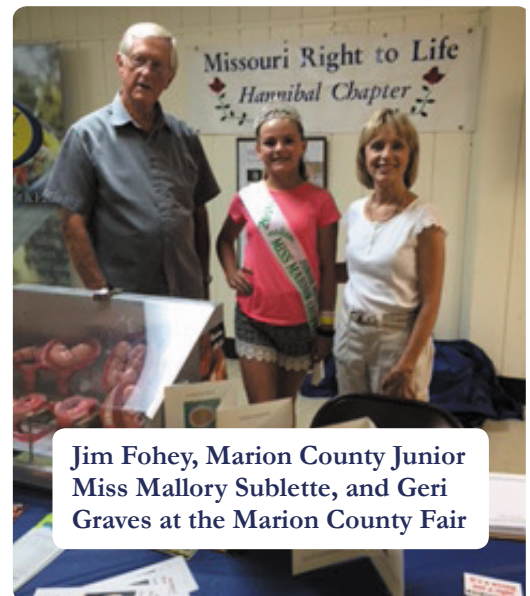
Tracy Burns and Jerry Nieters at Kirkwood's Greentree Festival



Mary Beatty and Bonnie Diefendorf at the Missouri State Fair



Carl Schimek at the Alliance for Life Conference



Jim Fohey, Marion County Junior Miss Mallory Sublette, and Geri Graves at the Marion County Fair

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something."

You assured a constant presence on the highways!



You made sure pro-life concerns were heard at the Republican National Convention!



You attended MRL Statewide meetings to stay up-to-date on pro-life issues!



You supported moms and their babies at 40 Days for Life!



You joined others in Life Chains across the state!



And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."

~ Edward Everett Hale



Susan Klein
Legislative Liaison

As 2016 draws to a close, we reflect on what is now history, and we look to 2017 to begin making a future for those whose lives are in danger from abortion and unethical research.

In 2016, we saw what Missouri Right to Life has been saying for some time -- that the abortion industry and the research world are more closely connected than what is publicly known. We will be working closely with our federal

and state legislators as well as our statewide office holders to pass life-saving legislation. It is time to stop this culture of death!

Missouri Right to Life calls on our state legislature to pass abortion clinic inspections that demand accountability from Planned Parenthood, from pathology labs reporting abortions to the state, and from research facilities that would push a market for aborted baby body parts.

We also ask for our federal and state legislators to pass a pain capable unborn child protection act preventing abortions on babies that feel pain during an abortion. Additionally, we ask our federal and state legislators to defund Planned Parenthood.

We are thankful this Christmas season for the blessings received in 2016 and mindful -- from the statistics below -- that our work is not done. May God bless us in 2017 and keep us focused on the work to which *He* has called us.

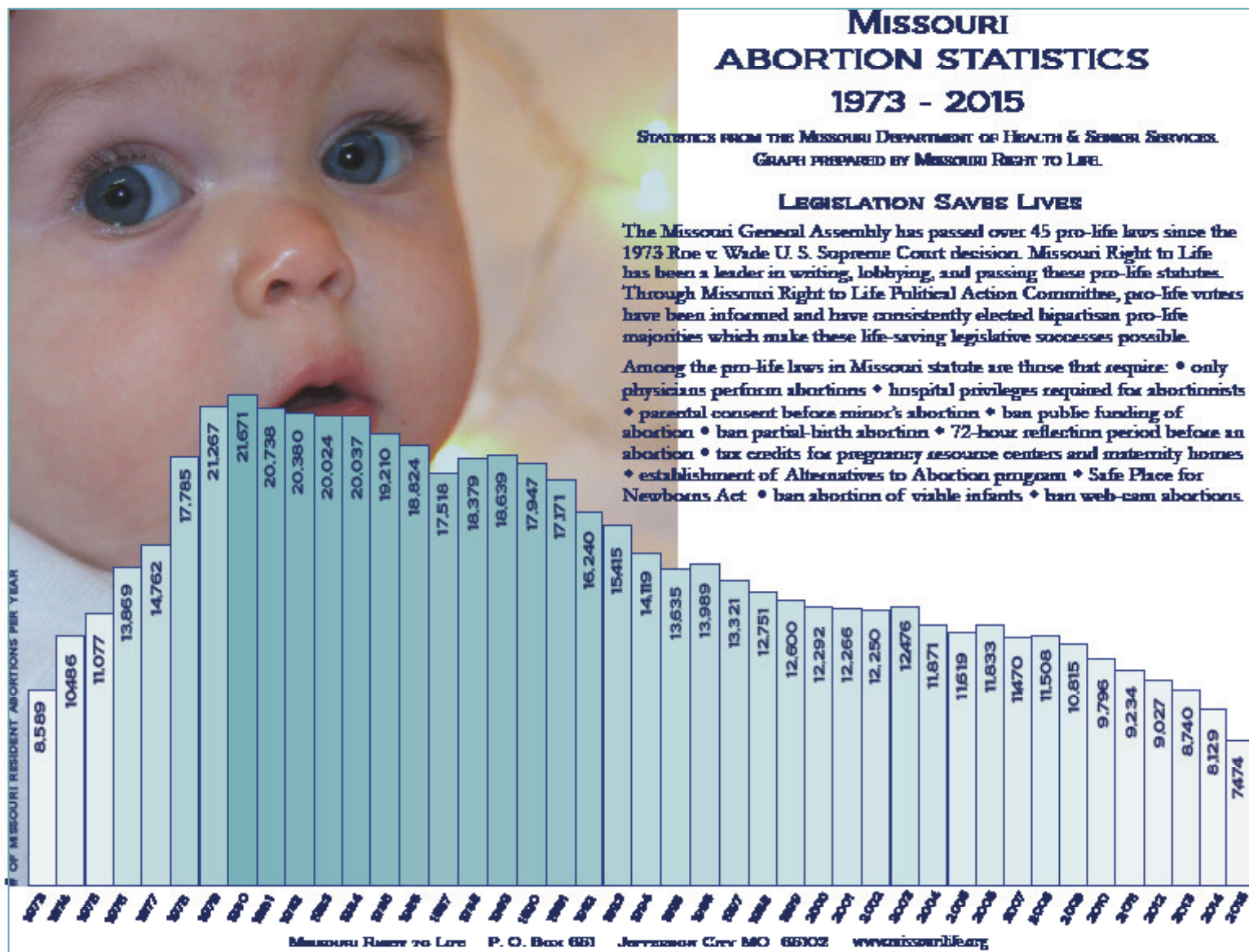
Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services numbers show abortions continue to decrease for Missouri residents

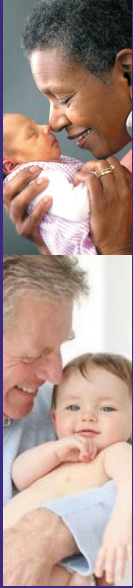
As shown on the chart below, Missouri resident abortions continue their downward spiral. From a high of 21,671 in 1980, the 2015 total of 7,474 is the lowest since 1973 when abortion on demand became the law of our nation via the U. S. Supreme Court decisions *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton*.

The work of Missouri Right to Life in the legislative and educational arenas, MRL PAC's efforts to elect pro-life legislators,

the work of pro-life legislators, the hours given by sidewalk counselors and peaceful demonstrators, the intervention of pro-life pregnancy counseling centers, and prayer, prayer, prayer have all contributed to protecting unborn babies and their mothers.

Let's use this encouraging news as impetus to continue our struggle until every baby and every mom is shielded from the evil of abortion. Never - *never* - give up on LIFE!





Celebrate a lifetime of giving...

...by giving *beyond a lifetime!*

A planned gift to Missouri Right to Life through your will, trust, or an annuity is a gift that lives on -- and saves lives.

For information or to request a confidential consultation, contact Patty Skain at 573. 635.5110 or e-mail patty.s@missourilife.org.

MRL Hires Field Development Director Kaley Graves

Missouri Right to Life is continuing to expand and grow in different communities around the state. In an effort to facilitate that expansion, MRL has hired Kaley Graves as our new Field Development Director.

Kaley is passionate about the pro-life issue and wants to make this type of advocacy her life's work. She is a graduate of the University of Missouri with a degree in Political Communication. After a stint with ACT for America, Kaley returned home to Missouri and reached out to Missouri Right to Life.



Field Development Director Kaley Graves is introduced at the MRL November Statewide Meeting.

In her capacity as Field Development Director, Kaley will be supporting existing chapters, setting up new chapters in strategic places, and developing a strategy for increasing membership. She will be promoting Missouri Right to Life and our life-saving agenda throughout the state.

Kaley's commitment to the pro-life issue is strong. "I believe when a society values life and puts it first, then everything else will fall into place. We have been indoctrinated with the warped ideology that human life is expendable, that it's just another trivial 'choice' you make amid the average, mundane day."

She continued, "It is a dismal reality that your life is only validated if another imperfect human deems it so, rather than by the unalienable, God-given rights assumed by every born and unborn person. Human life cannot be compromised.

"The gift of existence, even in its earliest forms, must be celebrated. We should be pursuing the opportunity for all of life's joys to be experienced by a newborn child, rather than extinguishing them under the guise of 'women's rights.' Until we learn that lesson, then we will never learn the true value of any life."

Welcome to Missouri Right to Life, Kaley!

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 ~

Given by ~

James Babka

Marianne Tyrrell

Carolyn Bax

The Carolyn Bax Family.

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Kathy Swan

Robert & Janet Land





Wishing you
Blessings
this Christmas & Always



Missouri Life Caravan

Annual Bus trip to Washington, DC
44th Annual National March for Life

January 26-27-28, 2017

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

COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM AT MISSOURILIFE.ORG

- TRIP COSTS: \$190 per passenger (meals not included; bring extra spending money). After December 23, 2016, the price will increase to \$205.
- DUE BY: All reservations must be received by January 3, 2017.
- LOCATIONS: Buses are available from several pick-up points around the state.

Have questions? Need additional information? Want to sponsor someone to go on the trip?

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.

