



Miami County Right to **Life News**

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MIAMI COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL PRAYER VIGIL JANUARY 19, 2014

Oh, let me live
Please Mommy let me live.
So I can grow up to know Jesus
Let me live.
Although you may not want me,
Jesus loves me still
So let me live, please Mommy let me live.



Oh let me live, please Mommy let me live,
I'm asking you, please Mommy,
Let me live!

Lyrics from song "Let Me Live" by Tammy Hemmerle



Thanks to all that organized and/or participated in our prayer vigil on January 19th at the Hayner Cultural Center. Some endured the cold and some could not participate because of travel conditions but we thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers.



We would like to express our thanks to all that made donations for the artificial **Roses For Life** the weekend before or after the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Your donations will go to those in need in the Miami County and to spread the truth about the **value of each LIFE**.

Thanks also to all those that helped with this activity and to all those that braved the weather and joined the March for Life in Washington, D.C.



ABORTION FROM A SEVEN YEAR OLD'S PERSPECTIVE

Weeks ago, my parents and my seven year old sister came to hear me speak during a pro-life rally in our area. Though my little sister may not understand the details about abortion, she knows that abortion kills a baby in its mommy's belly.

But during the rally, my sister heard something that she had never thought about before—abortion centers.

As her innocent mind processed the thought, she looked up and asked my mom, "is that where they kill the babies?"

"Yes," my mom answered.

"Do they kill children there too?" my sister asked.

"No," my mom replied. "Just babies in their mom's bellies."

"But they don't kill children?" my sister asked again.

"No, it's against the law to kill children," my mom said.



My sister's question came from a logical conclusion. If babies aren't protected then children must not be either, because there is no significant difference between a baby and a child that would justify killing one and not the other.

It didn't make sense to her why some people are protected and valued in our society and others aren't. Human life can't both be valuable and not valuable. It either is or it isn't. That abortion's legal told her that human life isn't protected—and those who can't defend themselves are the most vulnerable. So, a child like herself could be killed, too.

Should there be a line that determines when humans have value? Some say it's at viability, others say when there's a heartbeat, and others say at birth. Some even argue that the ability to reason should be the dividing line, which would make killing infants ok, too.

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These lines we draw are so arbitrary, meaningless. My seven year old sister gets that. Human beings are valuable because we are human beings. And it's as plain and simple as that.

Taken from lifenews.com, 2/10/14

Written by Micaiah Bilger



CANADIAN 'BRAIN DEAD' WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO HEALTHY SON



"A Canadian father and husband is experiencing an impossible mix of emotions at the birth of his first child followed by the passing of his wife; she was declared 'brain dead' by doctors in December, after suffering a massive blood leak to her brain. Baby Iver Cohen Benson shot to international fame after his father, Dylan, requested that doctors keep his wife Robyn on life support to give his unborn son what he called 'a chance of survival,' was born Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, at a Victoria hospital at 28 weeks gestation. Doctors told Benson that Iver's birth would be followed by his wife's death, since they would disconnect her from life support. Benson himself found it hard to believe that his wife was actually dead while his child continued to thrive inside her: 'She still looks so beautiful, and for the most part, she looks like she's sleeping; I miss her so much. I'm so proud of her for how strong she is holding up for Iver. I could not be more impressed with her strength, and I am so lucky to have known her.' She will live on forever within Iver, and in my heart."

Taken from LifeSiteNews.com 2-11-14 by Peter Baklinski

MOM CHANGES HER MIND ABOUT ABORTION AFTER SEEING PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD

by Steven Ertelt | LifeNews.com | 2/6/14 4:16 PM

Thousands of pro-life billboards dot the countryside in cities and towns across America and the pro-life groups that put them up often wonder if they make a difference in changing hearts and minds — or in saving any unborn babies from abortion.

A news story out of Arkansas can help the pro-life movement take heart that their efforts are not in vain. A young mother saw a pro-life sign in North Little Rock and changed her mind about having an abortion.



[From local news reports:](#)

[Every20seconds.org](#) has purchased a board on Interstate 30 in North Little Rock. In addition to the call to action, the group also offers assistance to pregnant women.

“We show up at the abortion clinic each week here in Little Rock and we try to speak out in love and compassion,” Childress said.

And it was that connection to others that changed a choice for a soon-to-be mom, who wishes to remain anonymous.

“I felt like it wasn’t the right time for a baby, so my first instinct was to get an abortion,” she said.

After meeting folks from 20seconds.org, she changed her mind.

“I have been so blessed, the Lord has been on my side this entire pregnancy, and I’m glad that I made the decision that I made,” she said.

Now when she passes the billboard, she said she will have a unique reaction.

“I am part of that 1 percent, and when I pass that billboard, and when I see it, I say, ‘Thank you Jesus,’” she said.



FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014 THRU SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014

WOMEN'S MEDICAL CENTER

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KETTERING, OHIO

PROVEN RESULTS!

- 522 cities
- 21 countries
- 8,245 lives saved
- 88 workers quit
- 44 clinics closed

PLANNED PARENTHOOD TO PAY \$2 MILLION IN WRONGFUL DEATH OF TONYA REAVES

Chicago, February 7, 2014 Planned Parenthood has agreed to pay \$2 million to the family of Tonya Reaves, a 24-year old woman who died of a botched abortion in July, 2012.

Under the terms of the agreement, three plaintiffs—Planned Parenthood of Illinois, Northwestern Hospital, and Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation—must pay \$2 million to the next of kin, her son Alvin Jones III. He was just one year old at the time of his mother’s death. “All sums set forth herein constitute damages on account of personal injuries and sickness,” the settlement states.

When the abortionist and staff at the Loop Health Center Planned Parenthood facility, located at 18 South Michigan Avenue, could not stop or control her bleeding, it was clear something had gone terribly wrong. Reaves lay on the table, writhing and bleeding for 5 1/2 hours before staff arranged to have her transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Rather than call 911, they had Reaves transported by ambulance at 4:30 p.m. There is no evidence they informed Northwestern medical staff of the cause of her bleeding. When she arrived at the hospital, the doctors found she had as much as a liter of blood in her abdominal cavity. An ultrasound found that the abortion had not been complete and that the uterus had been perforated. A second abortion was performed at the hospital to remove the remains of the child. The doctors performed an emergency hysterectomy in a desperate attempt to save her life, but Reaves died.

Taken from lifesitenews.com, by Ben Johnson, 2-7-14



DECEMBER, 2013

JANUARY, 2014

Baby clothes-bags	81	Maternity clothes -items	17
Blankets		Mattresses	
Books	18		
Car seats	3	Misc. items	30
Christmas toys	244	New clients	
Clients	131	Pack and Play	1
Married Clients			
New Clients	11		
Pregnant Clients			
Cribs		Pregnancy Tests	1
Diapers (packs)	158	Strollers	
Food (jars/boxes)	47	Swings	1
Formula (cans)	21	Toddler beds	
Gift bags	15	Toys	41
Gifts		Walkers	2
High chairs			

Baby clothes-bags	96	Maternity clothes-items	4
Blankets	23	Mattresses	2
Books	24		
Car seats		Misc. items	38
Christmas toys		Pack and Play	1
Clients	128	Pregnancy Tests	
Married Clients			
New Clients	14		
Pregnant Clients			
Cribs	2	Strollers	
Diapers (packs)	153	Swings	
Food (jars/boxes)	91	Toddler beds	
Formula (cans)	40	Toys	37
Gift bags	9	Walkers	
Gifts			
High chairs	3		

INNOVATIVE PROGRAM TRAINS YOUNG PRO-LIFE ACTIVISTS TO BE FUTURE LEADERS

by Andrew Bair | LifeNews.com | 2/7/14 10:39 AM

In just a few months, a group of young pro-life leaders will meet in Washington, D.C. for an unforgettable summer that will equip them with the knowledge and skills to lead the pro-life movement into the future.

At the National Right to Life Academy, an intensive five-week training program, pro-life convictions are transformed into action. The curriculum for the program covers abortion, euthanasia, health care reform, stem cell research, bioethics, human development, legislation, history of the pro-life movement, media relations and grassroots organizing.

What truly makes the Academy stand out is the hands-on training for effectively articulating the pro-life message. Students do not just learn about the issues, they are challenged to argue the issues! In a series of exercises, program instructors play abortion proponents and pose the tough questions to the students who then defend the pro-life position drawing from their lessons. In addition, students receive training in persuasive writing, speech delivery and media interviews.

Academic credit is available for students who successfully complete the program. Students have the opportunity to earn 3 college credits from the Human Life Studies program at the Franciscan University Steubenville.

Applications are still being accepted for the 2014 National Right to Life Academy, which runs from June 26-August 1, 2014. Interested college students should contact academy@nrlc.org. More details about the program are available at www.nrlc.org/academy.

Since the program's inaugural year in 2007, nearly 75 students have graduated. Empowered by the Academy, those graduates are making a real difference across the country for life! Graduates are working for state right-to-life groups, forming local chapters, volunteering for pregnancy resource centers and organizing pro-life student groups on their college campuses.

Devyn Nelson, the executive director of North Dakota Right to Life and a 2010 graduate, said of the program, "The National Right to Life Academy served me well in preparing me for this position. Not only did the Academy give me a thorough understanding of all the life issues, it helped me become comfortable and confident in speaking the truth about the life issues in public."

Heather Wilson, the Southeastern Regional Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, said this upon her graduation from the Academy, "I know that I will draw on the knowledge and experience of this Academy's training for years to come."

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM MIAMI COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Be with us in the circle of our love,
Even if by chance you are alone.
Our greetings we have hope your heart will move,
Uniting our good wishes with your own.
Remember there are those who think of you,
Vested in the will to be a friend.
As distant hills give depth to what we view,
Let These words some grace to your day lend.



Each life is lived behind a sheltering veil,
Not lifted but for love. Yet when we will,
There is a wind that shifts the rampart frail,
Invading with sweet scent the spirit still.
Now may we all enjoy this fragrance fine,
Each other's secret Valentine.

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