



In 2017 Planned Parenthood Aborted 321,384 Babies

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) is the largest provider of abortions in the United States.

Their latest report, "The 2016-17 Annual Report of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America" pegs revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 at \$1,459,600,000.

That's almost 1.5 BILLION dollars.

While the overall number of Planned Parenthood abortions has remained almost constant for several years the number of non-abortion patients has dropped dramatically.

In 2008, PPFA affiliates were seeing 3 million patients a year. Today, they see only 2.4 million—a huge drop of 20%.

PPFA's highly publicized "cancer screenings" fell by almost 2/3rds—from 1,830,811 in 2009 to just 660,777 in 2016.

What about contraception services? They dropped from 3,868,901 in 2009 to 2,701,866 in 2016—a 30% tumble.

How about their much vaunted (but barely existent) prenatal services? From 40,489 in 2009 to just 7,762 in 2016—a decline of more than 3/4s.

PPFA did receive federal and state contributions of \$543.7 million, or 37% of its total in revenues, according to the report. (Excerpts from NRL News Today)

MAKE NO MISTAKE, ABORTION IS A HIGHLY PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

Big Win For Maryland In Federal Court

Jan. 13 - *The Baltimore Sun* reported that a Federal Appeals Court panel upheld 3-0 a ruling Friday against a Baltimore law designed to require pro-life pregnancy clinics that don't provide abortions to disclose that to patients in their waiting rooms.

The city's lawyers argued that the law was designed to protect women from deceptive advertising by the clinics. However the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel ruled against the city, finding that the law violated the religious freedom of a center affiliated with the Roman Catholic church that helps pregnant women but is opposed to referring them for abortions.

The city law was passed in 2009, and was quickly sued by the Center for Pregnancy Concerns, saying its First Amendment rights had been violated.

"We are committed to serving women in need in a way that respects their choices, comforts them in a difficult time and is in line with our mission," said Carol Clews, the center's executive director. "This court ruling means that we can do our job, and the government can't tell us what to say or how to say it."

US Supreme Court to Hear Freedom Of Speech Case

On Nov. 13, the Supreme Court announced it will hear National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) vs. Becerra, arguments in a case with serious implications for free speech nationwide.

This very important case will decide whether pro-life advocates must refer clients to abortion clinics or face fines, penalties, and possible closure.

The basic question the court must decide is whether the government can force pregnancy resource centers to speak a message that they fundamentally disagree with. California says yes. The National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) says no.

None should be forced to follow government speech. The government may as well be able to force Alcoholics Anonymous to advertise for beer, or to force Hindus to advertise the sale of hamburger meat. Sadly, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, denied the request for a preliminary injunction against the state of California. The suit is seeking to have the US Supreme Court declare the law passed by California in 2015 unconstitutional.

Abortion Clinic Closed And Converted To A Life-Affirming General-Purpose Health Clinic For The Poor



Manassas, Virginia Jan. 1 - The only abortion clinic in Prince William County closed last year when the 76-year-old owner retired.

The Archdiocese of Arlington purchased the Amethyst Health Center clinic after its closure and it is now a general-purpose health clinic for uninsured patients in Northern Virginia, run by volunteers.

For many years pro-lifers prayed outside the old abortion center, and even opened a pregnancy help center next door. Their prayers were answered

when the Archdiocese purchased the property.

Few, if any patients of the new clinic know this facility used to be an abortion clinic which ended the lives of 1,200 unborn babies each year.

But the nurses and translators — who volunteer their time operate the entirely free clinic — know. “Everyone was so keenly aware of that, which so energized the community,” Scott Ross [the family medicine doctor] said. “Something good would be coming forth from a place where evil had occurred.”

Right now, the hours are limited, but there are plans to try to enlist other volunteer providers to help out and increase the hours it is open. But Ross, a doctor for Novant Health during the rest of the week, also serves as medical director at the new Catholic Charities clinic. Ross wants to negotiate more agreements with neighboring medical providers so that patients who need more extensive treatment can access care beyond what the free clinic can provide.

(From NRL News Today)

Ohio Becomes Third State To Ban Abortions On Down Syndrome Babies

An Ohio bill to protect unborn babies with Down syndrome from abortion became law today Dec. 23, 2017 as Gov. John Kasich signed the legislation. The measure bans abortions on babies with Down syndrome and it follows bans in North Dakota and Indiana.

The Down Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act (Senate Bill 164) would help prevent discrimination by prohibiting abortions on unborn babies who have or may have Down

syndrome. Abortionists who violate the measure could be charged with a fourth-degree felony or lose their medical license. The legislation was sponsored by Reps. Sarah LaTourette and Derek Merrin and Sen. Frank LaRose.



Suggested Prayers

JANUARY 7 – That the light of truth may shine on those who do not recognize the humanity of the unborn child, we pray

JANUARY 14 – That more people will hear God’s call to be witnesses for the sanctity of each human life, we pray

JANUARY 21 – That this nation may turn back from the false teaching of Roe v Wade and again legally protect the life of the unborn child, we pray

JANUARY 28 – That more people will listen to the prophets who proclaim the dangers of assisted suicide, we pray

FEBRUARY 4 – For women who have had abortions, that they may turn to Christ for healing, we pray

FEBRUARY 11 – For all who work in the abortion industry that God may open their eyes to see the lives they are destroying, we pray

FEBRUARY 18 – That God may lead women who are tempted to have an abortion to people who can offer them life-affirming alternatives, we pray

FEBRUARY 25 – That we may more carefully listen to the Word of God proclaiming the value of all life made in the image of God, we pray

MARCH 4 – That this nation may realize that legalized abortion violates God’s commandment, “Thou shalt not

Suggested Prayers con't

kill,” we pray

MARCH 11 – That religious leaders may speak out and help return this nation to a life-respecting culture, we pray

MARCH 18 – For those who are near death or suffering a serious illness, that we may offer them compassion and care rather than assisted suicide, we pray

MARCH 25 – That as we celebrate Holy Week, we may remember that Christ died for all, not just for the healthy, able and the born, we pray

Suggested Bulletin Inserts

JANUARY 7 – A saint’s view of abortion: “It is a great poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.” St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

JANUARY 14 -In the horrific aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, feminist writer Veronica Bayette Flores tweeted a suggestion that those donating to Harvey relief funds might also consider donating to a Texas abortion fund because the hurricane triggered longer waits and therefore higher costs for abortions that now have to be done further into pregnancy. LifeNews.com, 8/31/17

JANUARY 21 -“The right created by the Supreme Court in Roe is a constitutional right of some human beings to kill other human beings. I do not mean for my description to be provocative, but simply direct—blunt about facts. One need not presume that the human fetus has a right not to be killed in order to recognize that, as a descriptive matter, Roe creates a right for one class of human beings to kill other human beings.” University of St. Thomas Law professor Michael Paulsen

JANUARY 28 – Has everyone lost their senses? Two recent news articles would indicate that: In January 2017, representatives of more than 20 religious groups gathered in D.C. to bless Planned Parenthood’s newest facility in D.C. A representative of that organization said “this confirms the sacredness of what we do.” (Life News 1/12/17) 2) A group of grandmothers has formed a group in Maine called Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights (GRR) to educate women about the pro-abortion agenda.(Life News, 1/13/17)

FEBRUARY 4 In a recent talk Planned Parenthood CEO Cecile Richards said, “*Why should Christians be able to impose their views on women?*” Richards is in effect implying that opposing abortion by Christians is an act of religious bigotry.

FEBRUARY 11 - Tragically, modern medicine is focusing on search and destroy missions using prenatal screening for unborn children who potentially have Down Syndrome. Sadly, too many parents decide they cannot cope with a special needs child and end up choosing abortion. But the true reality is that Down’s children are fountains of love - it is their greatest gift.

FEBRUARY 18—Following her failed presidential election campaign, Hilary Clinton was awarded the “Champion of the Century” award by Planned Parenthood, the nation’s

largest abortion provider. In her speech, Clinton called defending abortion access “an issue of morality” adding, “I wish it were common ground, but I know for sure it is higher ground. And I believe, as you do, that trusting and valuing women is the right and moral position to take.” Loretta Brown in Townhall.com, 5/3/17

FEBRUARY 25- The Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (also known as Micah’s Law in honor of a baby who survived birth at 22 weeks) bans abortion after 20 weeks; 16 states have already enacted similar legislation. During the debate which led to House passage of the bill on October 3, Rep. Sean Duffy of Wisconsin argued, “when you look at these little babies being dismembered, feeling excruciating pain, if we can’t stand to defend these children, what do we stand for in this institution?” LifeNews.com 10/5/17.

MARCH 4 -As recently as 2014, 430 abortion facilities in the U.S. were willing to perform abortions on unborn children 20 weeks and older stated Rep Jim Banks of Indiana speaking in support of a bill banning abortion after 20 weeks, a bill which is projected to save between 12,000 - 18,000 lives per year. The U.S. is one of only seven countries in the world that allows abortion after 20 weeks, in company with North Korea and China, LifeNews.com, 10/3 and 10/5/17

MARCH 11-Commenting on the tragic case of little Charlie Gard whose parents were denied their rights to take him elsewhere for treatment, columnist Ian Tuttle asked, “What duty of care do we owe those who cannot speak for themselves, simply on account of their status as a human being, who are by nature possessed of inalienable dignity ? And, under what circumstance should the tightest bonds of affection—those between parent and child –be subordinated to the judgment of the state? Cited in a column by Jim Geraghty in National Review Online, 7/25/17

MARCH 18 – “The precedent established by Charlie Gard’s case will metastasize...It will be made to apply to children with more-familiar illnesses; it will be used to dismiss the input of parents whose values and priorities when it comes to medical care and end-of-life issues do not align with those of the state. It may be used simply to clear beds for ‘worthier’ patients in a health-care system with very limited resources. This presumably will be ‘compassionate’ too.” Ian Tuttle, cited in Jim Geraghty column in National Review Online, 7/25/17

MARCH 25 – Just as the legalization of abortion began with the “hard cases” of rape, so now legalized euthanasia advocates - not satisfied with killing the terminally ill, are now arguing that other classes of people should be - given the “benefits” of euthanasia. A recent article in the prestigious medical ethics journal, Hastings Center Report, argues for expanding the list of those eligible to those “with severe, treatment-resistant depression.” The compelling reason advanced: “the suffering that patients with major depressive disorder endure is at least as severe as that experienced by patients with a terminal illness.” National Review Online, 9/30/17

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