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BORN TO RUN - A VERY SUCCESSFUL & FUN EVENT



If you didn't participate in Born To Run on November 3rd, you missed a fun time and an opportunity to financially support the Right to Life Committee's Educational Trust Fund. It is nice when we can combine fun and fundraising. We all know about the serious problems our society offers us on a daily basis. To relieve the stress and to go to the source of our real wealth, we turn to our families and friends. We offer up our laughter, camaraderie, and our hope in today and the future. This was accomplished on November 3rd.



The other aspect of fundraising is essential for the continued work of The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico. **THE ONLY MONEY WE RECEIVE IS FROM DONORS AND MEMBERS!** If the good people who read this newsletter do not support us, then the agenda of stopping abortion and euthanasia and supporting positive solutions so that all innocent human life is protected will not come to fruition. We are making a difference and want to continue to do so, but that includes you and the new people we hope to get on board.

In the near future, you will receive a letter for the "Five Alive Program" This helps us establish a budget to meet our monthly needs. Without this budget, we live one day to the next hoping donations will come in to cover rent and other office needs. So please read the letter carefully when it arrives and consider being on the Five Alive team.

PETITIONS... YOU CAN HELP GET SIGNATURES

The enclosed petition is being circulated for signatures that we can present to our state legislature in January. There is a possibility that a bill that has been introduced in Congress will be introduced in the New Mexico's 2008 30-day legislative session. This bill is called the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA). If passed, it would prevent any past or new laws, regulations, or policies to put any restriction on abortion. We the people need to let our legislators know that such a law would provide abor-

tion on demand and that we the tax payers would pay for them. The unborn child would have no protection.

There are instructions on the back of the petition. Please follow them carefully. If we can't read signatures, etc., neither can your legislator. We need all the information so that we can contact you in the Primaries to let you know what candidates in your district have been endorsed by the Right to Life Committee of New Mexico's Political Action Committee. Thus, we need name, address, city, zip code, e-mail, if one is available, and political party so that you will know about the candidates in your party in your district. Without this, we cannot supply that information.

WE DO NOT GIVE OR SELL OUR NAMES TO ANYONE. ONLY RTLNM USES THIS INFORMATION.

I know you can do a great job. The petition opposing embryonic stem cell research in New Mexico garnished 13,000 signatures. Let's meet or pass that mark. If you have questions, please call Dauneen Dolce at 505-881-4563.

A FOND FAREWELL TO A PRO-LIFE LEGISLATOR

Rep. Manuel Herrera, a very pro-life legislator, has passed away from prostate cancer. This brave and lovely man represented his district as one should. He once said, "When I am at the legislature I am not a Democrat, I represent my people, and I work with the other legislator, Rep. Dianne Hamilton (R), in serving my district." He fought pressures that wanted him to vote against pro-life bills and remained faithful to the cause. We will miss you Rep. Herrera. Please rest in peace.

WISHING YOU AND YOURS A VERY *Happy Thanksgiving!*

As has been the record, we have asked for help in this issue of *Viva Life*, and will ask for help in the future. However, we want to take a moment to say ***Thank You!***

We are well aware that without your time, your donations, your prayers and your presence our organization would have gone by the wayside a long time ago. *You* are the Right to Life Committee of New Mexico.

You are the heart and soul of our cause and the organization. *You* are our hope and source of love. *You* make it all happen.

You are wonderful people and truly are appreciated for all you do and everywhere you do it. So to you we give our eternal *Thank You*. Have a wonderful holiday with all the blessings of life.



NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

Jr. Essay contest – Grades -7-9
Sr. Essay Contest – Grades 10-12

FIRST Prize - \$200
SECOND Prize - \$150
THIRD Prize - \$100

Write an original 300-500 word pro-life essay on one of the following topics: abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. Winning essays will be printed in NRL News and the 2008 Convention handbook.

For Information: michellefishbach@yahoo.com
or call Michelle Fischbach at 320-243-7052

STEM CELL RESEARCH - WHY IS THE TRUTH KEPT FROM US?

Recently there was an article in the *Albuquerque Journal* that stated that there has been no significant progress in using adult stem cells for heart disease. Not only is this inaccurate, but it gives no hope to those who can and will benefit from the research that has already taken place and is ongoing. In England they not only have repaired heart muscles but are working on growing cells to replace the whole heart muscle.

ABC ONLINE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

In Australia, a small trial using patients' own stem cells to treat heart disease has been termed a success with all six patients showing "significant" improvement after six months without side effects, according to the *Australian Daily Telegraph*.

Researchers at John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle, New South Wales used a technique developed by the Melbourne biotech company Mesoblast to draw stem cells from the patients' bone marrow, culture them for about eight weeks, and then reinject the cells into the patients' heart muscle, the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported. Dr. Suku Thambar, the study's principle investigator, said the results were extremely positive. The six patients previously had heart attacks of angina. After the patients received the cells in March, Thambar told the *Morning Herald*, "all of the patients had heart muscle recovery, four of the six had reduced heart failure, three showed significant heart function, and five had less chest pain and needed less medication."

The special bone marrow cells used in the trial called mesenchymal precursor can transform into other types of cells and rebuild damaged hearts. "They turn into blood vessel cells. They also secrete a variety of growth factors, which have the ability to stimulate new blood vessel growth," Thambar told the *West Australian*. "If you improve the blood supply to the heart, then it improves heart function, and also it can salvage existing heart muscles, which are at risk of degenerating more."

The researchers' next plan a larger trial using mesenchymal precursor cells obtained from donors rather than the patients themselves. The cells are drawn without any harm to the donor and could help patients who would normally be too sick or elderly to use their own cells.

"The bone marrow in older people is not the best, and they are usually the ones who require the coronary care, so we are very much looking forward to a trial which uses cells from healthy donors," Thambar told the *Morning Herald*.

If the technique proves to be safe and effective, the researchers hope that one day it could be used as an immediate heart disease treatment. "People who have a big heart attack would be able to have stem cells injected into the damaged area a few days later." Thambar told the *Daily News*.

This story was reported on ABC Online and the National RTL news – September 2007 edition

Enthusiasm is the keynote that makes us sing and causes other people to sing with us.

RUDY GIULIANI'S HEALTH CARE PLAN

Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani is offering a consumer-oriented solution to the nation's health care woes that relies on giving individual tax credits to purchase insurance.

Critical to Giuliani's plan is a \$15,000 tax deduction for families to buy private health insurance instead of getting insurance through employers. Any leftover funds could be rolled over year-to-year for medical expenses. Giuliani said his goal is to give individuals more control over their health care. The former New York mayor said as more people buy plans, insurers will drop their prices making insurance affordable to those who lack it now.

"Government cannot take care of you. You've got to take care of yourself," he said. "As more of us do that, the cheaper it will become and the higher in quality it becomes."

Giuliani offered the broad outline of his plan, but his campaign did not provide more specifics. Asked how much his plan would cost and how many of the people without insurance it would help, Giuliani said he won't have those answers for two or three months.

He also acknowledged that it could take years for insurers to drop their prices and make insurance affordable to those who don't have it.

"We've got to solve our health care problem with American principles, not the principles of socialism," he said. "I know Democrats will say this is unfair. I know they'll squeal...But I'm a realist. I face reality, which is: if you take more people and have government cover it, it's called socialized medicine."

Giuliani also spoke in favor of tort reform, saying those who are legitimately injured by doctors should be compensated, but damages should be capped, and those who file frivolous lawsuits should have to pay the physician's legal fees.

"If a person gets injured, he should be compensated, but he shouldn't get the brass ring or win the lottery," Giuliani said.

Giuliani acknowledges that the U.S. healthcare system has flaws but said it is still the best in the world and would benefit from a market-based solution to the insurance issue.

OTHER SUCCESS STORIES DEALING WITH THE HEART

FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL REPORT: AUGUST 23, 2007

Recent years have seen the emergence of successful adult stem cell treatment for those who have suffered heart attacks and heart failure. Dr. Andreas M. Zeiher, Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Frankfurt, and Dr. Stefanie Dimmeler, head of the Division of Molecular Cardiology at the same institution, conducted a study of 28 heart attack patients in 2003.

The subjects received a transplantation of their own blood and hematopoietic (blood-forming) stem cells into their heart arteries an average of 4.7 days after their respective heart attacks. Two of the patients experienced difficulties arising from personal arterial conditions. The remaining 26 demonstrated higher levels of heart-pumping capability.

The researchers reported that the heart's ability to pump blood increased from 44.1% to 48.9%. The report also indicated the average amount of dead tissue for the subjects decreased by 20% within four months of the stem cell implantation.

In a French study, doctors found that skeletal muscle stem cells taken from a patient suffering from heart disease and implanted back into his heart successfully treated the condition. This was the first adult stem cell treatment that successfully treated cardiac degeneration. Another study investigating 14 patients in Brazil showed that there was notable improvement in heart capacities after implantation of their own stem cells. Scientists stated that oxygen capacity increased from 17% to 24%.

The capability of adult stem cells to regenerate a damaged and malfunctioning heart was clearly seen in the case of Dimitri Bonnville. A 16-year-old from Almont, Michigan, Dimitri was accidentally shot in the chest by a nail gun while conducting housework on February 1, 2003. The injury was exacerbated by cardiac arrest a few days later.

Dimitri's family examined the available effective treatment options. Physicians informed the parents of the possibility of a heart transplant or the use of extended medication while noting the risks and failures of such procedures. The doctors also notified the parents of a procedure that involved stem cell extraction from Bonnville's own body and subsequent transplantation into his heart. Predicting success, they determined to go forward with the surgery under the direction of Dr. Cindy Grines, Dr. William O'Neill, and Dr. Steven Timmis at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. The treatment had never been conducted on a human patient in the United States prior to this occasion. Within a week of the February 21 surgery, Bonnville's heart pumping capacity had increased from its previous 25% to 35%.

Similar procedures have been conducted in Europe and Hong Kong. Scientists pursuing stem cell therapy at Heinrich-Heine University in Dusseldorf, Germany showed that ten human subjects experienced improved heart regeneration shortly after hematopoietic stem cell transportation. The cells were extracted from the subjects' bodies and their own cells given back to each patient, precluding transplant rejection.

WASHINGTON POSTONPOST.COM – HEALTH DAY REPORTER
AMANDA GARDNER, NOVEMBER 14, 2006 — AMNIOTIC STEM
CELLS OFFER HOPE AGAINST CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS

A young-mother-to-be learns her five-month old fetus has a congenital heart defect. Today, this news is met with anger, sorrow, and denial. Doctors will watch the unborn baby

closely and may even be able to correct the problem. But the fact remains that congenital heart disease is responsible for more deaths in the first year of life than any other birth defect, the National Institute of Health reports.

But if findings from a Swiss study prove true, in the future doctors will be able to use a simple procedure to extract stem cells from the mother's amniotic fluid and use them to make a new heart valve ready to place in the baby as soon as it is born.

"We have demonstrated that, based on a cell source which you can obtain prenatally, you can fabricate a living heart valve from these cells, which may be ready to use at the time of birth," said study senior author Dr. Simon Hostrup, Director of Cardiovascular Research and the Division of Regenerative Medicine at the University in Zurich. "This may open a whole new therapy concept for the treatment of congenital heart disease." Hoerstrup presented his paper at the American Heart Association's annual meeting in Chicago.

According to Hoerstrup, some 1% of newborns have congenital heart problems, and one-third of these babies need surgery for a heart valve. "It's a substantial group of patients," he said.

Malformation of the heart or one of its valves can be diagnosed by ultrasound in the 20th week of pregnancy. Amniotic stem cells can be obtained as part of a routine procedure already in use to search for genetic problems, especially in women over the age of 35.

For this study, Hoerstrup and his colleagues extracted amniotic stem cells, created miniature heart scaffolds, and then watched them grow into functional valves.

"The concept is that we can obtain cells during pregnancy and use the cells to create a living heart valve replacement, which is ready to use at birth," Hoerstrup said. "Advantages are that they are made from the baby's own cells and are living and can grow with this baby later on."

Although not yet transplanted into a baby, the valves created by Hoerstrup did function. "We saw a very nice opening-and-closing behavior," he said.

IN CONCLUSION

Isn't it a shame that the truth is not made public so that more people will know this? Isn't it a shame that legislators at the state and national level have been lied to about embryonic stem cells and about the other stem cells (adult) that ARE being used successfully and all without the destruction of another human life, which takes place in using embryonic stem cells?

We hope New Mexico legislators reading this will think twice about supporting embryonic stem cell research or any legislation that will lead to the use of embryonic stem cells. A vote for this destructive research will be considered an anti-life vote. Please support research and funding for adult stem cells, for it is working and in time will be greatly used by all of us.

*Expecting the best never improves your chances
of getting what you want, but it'll make
waiting for it much more pleasant.*

POLITICAL PROFILES

In the September and October issues of *Viva Life* we have profiled Senator Barach Obama, (Governor) Mike Huckabee, Congressman Tom Tancredo, (Senator) Mike Gravel, and Congressman Ron Paul on their pro-life positions. You may look on our web site www.rtlm.org to read these profiles.

In this edition we will profile Representative Duncan Hunter, Senator Chris Dodd, (Senator) Fred Thompson, Senator Hillary Clinton, and Senator John McCain.

Representative Duncan Hunter (R-CA): Representative Hunter has a 100% pro-life voting record. Here are some of his pro-life remarks. “I would amend the U.S. Constitution and provide blanket protection to all unborn children at the moment of conception by prohibiting any state or federal law that denies the personhood of the unborn. When introducing the “Right to Life Act” in 2005, Hunter stated, “I firmly believe that at conception the preborn child deserves all the rights and protections afforded the American citizen.” When asked if the repeal of *Roe v. Wade* would be a good day for America, Hunter responded, “Yes.”

Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT): Senator Dodd has a 100% pro-abortion voting record. Here are some comments from Senator Dodd. “I have always believed in a woman’s right to choose. It is a decision that should be safe, legal, rare and – above all – between a woman and her doctor. For 26 years in the U.S. Senate, I have never wavered in defending a woman’s right to choose.

“As president, I will fight to ensure that fewer women will be faced with this decision in the first place. The fact is, a majority of Americans support *Roe v. Wade*, yet for too long this issue has divided our political leadership. That is why if elected I will fight to improve access to safe, affordable, and effective contraception through Title X. I will work to expand coverage of pregnant women under Medicaid and S-CHIP. And I will seek to expand the adoption tax credit. With these steps and others, we can support women and families by reducing the pressures and circumstances that too often lead to unintended pregnancies.”

“Throughout my career I have believed that abortion should be safe, legal, and rare. I am troubled by today’s Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of the Partial Birth Abortion Act of 2003, a decision which will needlessly endanger women’s health throughout the country.”

(Senator) Fred Thompson (R-TN): Fred Thompson has a 100% pro-life voting record. Here are some of his pro-life remarks. “I think *Roe v. Wade* was bad law and bad medical science. And the way to address that is through good judges. I don’t think the court ought to wake up one day and make new social policy for the country. It’s contrary to what it’s been for the past 200 years. We have a process in this country to do that. Judges shouldn’t be doing that. That’s what happened in that case. I think it was wrong.”

“I think the Supreme Court was absolutely right in this abortion decision, the partial birth abortion decision. The very idea that we could even have a debate over whether or not that atrocious activity should be allowable is very unfortunate, to say the least.”

“I am pro-life. I have a 100 percent voting record on the pro-life issues that come there. I must say – I’ve told people this before –intellectually and politically and from a policy standpoint, I’ve always voted that way every since I’ve been in the Senate and felt that way.”

Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY): Senator Clinton has a 100% pro-abortion voting record. Here are some of her comments on abortion. “I believe in the freedom of women to make their own decisions about the most personal and significant matters affecting their lives. That is why I strongly support *Roe v.*

Wade. I also believe that abortion should be safe, legal, and rare and that the government should do much more to support women so that the right guaranteed in our Constitution is exercised in rare circumstances.”

“Throughout my career, I have worked to increase access to the full range of reproductive services for women at every income level, to increase access to international family planning, and to reduce teenage pregnancy. In the Senate I have championed the Prevention First Act and led a successful three-year fight to secure over-the-counter access for Plan-B emergency contraception.” (Note: This is the morning after pill.)

“As President, I will promote policies and judicial nominees who will uphold our Constitutional liberties. I will lead us on a different course, one that affirmatively promotes women’s health and well-being.”

Abortion “should be a constitutionally protected decision made not by the government, not by the majority but between a woman, her doctor, and her faith in God.”

“Women’s right to make choices about their reproductive health has been systematically challenged, and family planning and contraception are under attack. All women must be able to make their own choices about their reproductive health. At the same time, we must work for the day abortions are truly rare. That means preventing unwanted pregnancies and doing everything we can to ensure that all women have access to family planning, contraception, and the medically accurate information they need and deserve.”

“This decision marks a dramatic departure from four decades of Supreme Court rulings that upheld a woman’s right to choose and recognized the importance of women’s health...it is precisely this erosion of our constitutional rights that I warned against when I opposed the nomination of Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Alito.”

BOOK REVIEW BY ED WYCKOFF

Periodically, we will present a book review so that you may be aware of pro-life books that provide much information. You will be seeing many articles on Planned Parenthood in *Viva Life* editions. If you are new, you may not know the role this organization has played in the culture of death that exists in this nation. To learn more, please read this review of *Grand Illusion* by George Grant.

Grant’s *Illusions* is, to be sure, a wild ride: it is a hard-hitting, take-no-prisoners exposé of the entire international Planned Parenthood enterprise. In Grant’s rendering, Planned Parenthood is not merely a string of abortion mills dotting the landscape; it is an oppressive leviathan with multiple tentacles seeking to conform the entire globe to its own peculiarly dark worldview – while making millions in profits. Like a relentless prosecuting attorney, Grant lays out the elements of this evil enterprise: grade school education programs that promote sex among teenagers while handing out ineffective birth control devices, anti-choice counseling services that steer patients away from adoption and toward money-making abortions, a public relations and litigation machine that squelches unfavorable reports and plays up organization initiatives, and the unceasing solicitation of taxpayer and corporate dollars to combat a “teen pregnancy crisis” that Planned Parenthood itself has been front and center in creating.

Grant’s assault on Planned Parenthood is not only comprehensive but also highly detailed. Indeed, by extracting from scattered chapters of *Illusions* Grant’s damning portrait of Margaret Sanger (whose own words, the author argues, convict Sanger of racist and eugenic ideals that continue to under grid Planned Parenthood’s mission), one could easily produce a

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free-standing biography of the organization's founder and heroine. There are also absorbing discussions on the "Newspeak" of Planned Parenthood, where words like "responsible" define teens committed to engaging in uninhibited pre-marital sex, and "morality" is associated not with virtue but ignorance, fear, and prejudice.

All this information is delivered in what can best be described as a crazy quilt of writing styles, including straight narrative, polemical attacks, sermonettes, sentimental vignettes, and literary asides. Along the way, adjectives such as "wicked", "shocking", and "scandalous" ring out regularly from the pages of *Illusions*.

Even while allowing for a measure of overzealousness, it must be admitted that the book has its share of weaknesses. *Illusions'* bombastic approach to the abortion issue, its assumption that all of its readers are committed Christians (there are literally hundreds of Scriptures cited in the volume), and that any effective solution to the problem must come from a Christian perspective may be off-putting to more moderate and secular audiences. Also, most of the truly electrifying anecdotes in the book (including, for instance, the story of a girl who attends a Planned Parenthood indoctrination seminar, becomes pregnant there, aborts the baby, and then commits suicide) are wholly undocumented. This in a book with well over 1,000 end-notes! Although we are assured by Grant in his introduction that, on his personal honor, all the anecdotes are true, such explosive claims should be backed with reference adequate for other researchers and critics to confirm.

Note: In the December *Viva Life*, Ruff's *Aborting Planned Parenthood* will be reviewed.

LIFE STORIES: BETTY TEKLU'S STORY

LOVE & AND SUPPORT WILL OVERCOME GENOCIDE IN THE BLACK POPULATION.

If asked, Betty Teklu of North Minneapolis will tell you she has five children. **Left unspoken is the fact that one of them was aborted.**

Betty's story is not uncommon. A young, African American woman – already a single mother – is persuaded to have an abortion.

PRESSURED TO ABORT

"They are so convincing," Betty says now of the abortion center staff. **"They told me it would be a mercy killing, and my baby would be better off not being just another child in the system. They just tear you down!"**

Alone and scared, Betty says it was easy to be convinced she was making the right choice. She is not alone. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, African Americans made up only 4% of the Minnesota population in 2006, yet they accounted for 22% of all abortions.

BLACK DECIMATION

One out of every three African American babies is aborted nationwide. Fourteen million have been legally slaughtered since 1973, more than every other cause of death combined.

The targeting of urban, minority-based communities for abortion is not new, but it has become more aggressive. According to the Guttmacher Institute, African American women are now three times more likely to have an abortion than Caucasian women.

NO OPTION BUT ABORTION

Through her church outreach and community volunteer work, Betty has counseled many young African American

women targeted by the abortion industry. "These girls are not given the option of adoption," says Betty. **"They are told that nobody wants to adopt black babies,** especially with the assumption that so many of them are crack babies." Abortion seems to be the only choice.

TRAUMA IS REAL.

Betty knows all too well the traumatic effects of this myth. "They don't prepare you for the sadness and depression that follows the abortion," she explains. "I would have nightmares and wake up hearing the sound of the vacuum" that was used to kill her child. The nightmare, low self-esteem, and depression continued for years affecting her schooling, parenting, and relationships.

"PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW"

It was her faith and the support of others that eventually brought Betty from a place of grief to forgiveness. And through her healing process, she has found a new sense of convictions that her story must be shared.

"People need to know what these clinics are telling girls," Betty stresses. "There is nothing beneficial about abortion. There is nothing beneficial about killing your child!"

PLANNED PARENTHOOD - THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS ANTI-LIFE ORGANIZATION

For many people reading this newsletter for the first time, they do not know about Planned Parenthood and its major role in the destruction of human life and their influence over young people in regards to their sexuality in a negative way. We often share information about this organization that leads all organizations in the abortion industry. It is important to know thy enemies.

The 2005-2006 Annual Report from Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) confirms the nationwide abortion chain's abortion carnage and establishes quite plainly that the abortion giant stands on the verge of becoming a billion dollar corporation.

In 2005 PPFA performed 264,943 abortions, the highest total ever reported for this group, this while abortions have been declining in the U.S. since the 1990s. PPFA is now responsible for 20% of all U.S. abortions. In 2005-2006 fiscal years, the report says that Planned Parenthood had \$902.8 million in total revenues. Thirty-eight percent or \$345.1 million of that came from "Health Center Income" or clinic revenues. Another 34% or \$305.1 million came from "Government Grant and Contracts" coming out of the pockets of taxpayers via their federal, state, or local governments.

At \$162.3 million, "Private Contributions and Bequests" accounted for only a quarter (24%) of the group's revenues, and income from the Guttmacher Institute, Planned Parenthood's special research affiliate, was at \$7.2 million. "Other Operating Revenue" at \$33 million constitutes the remaining 4%.

Planned Parenthood listed broad categories of how the money was spent. The \$520.8 million spent on "Medical Services" includes the abortion services but may also include funds for research on "medication abortion" - abortions done chemically with abortifacients such as RU-486 instead of surgically. The report says that "Today, one in four American women turns to Planned Parenthood for healthcare at least once in her life."

The \$46.1 million PP spends on "Sexuality Education," according to the pages referenced, appears to include PP's websites, *plannedparenthood.org* ...and *teenwire.com*. Both websites offer ways for visitors to get involved in defending "reproductive rights" or to contact their nearest Planned Parenthood for an appointment.

In the last two annual reports, PP has begun referring to itself not simply as the nation's "leading women's healthcare provider" but as its "leading women's healthcare provider *and advocate*" (emphasis *(continued on pg. 6)*)

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Planned Parenthood spends \$45.2 million on "Public Policy." Under this subject PP crows about the "abortion bans" the group challenged in court and the fight they led against "anti-choice justices" John Roberts and Samuel Alito. PPFA says that it "worked collaboratively with 19 pivotal states that are part of our Mobilizing to Win initiative, which identifies and organizes grassroots supporters to protect access to abortion care." Through this mobilization and media campaign, PP stated "Stand with the States petition drives, mobilization events, and door-to-door canvassing successfully halted abortion bans in nine of the 12 states."

"Services to Affiliates" received \$23.5 million. This was used by the PPFA's "Clergy Advisory Board" that "speaks out about the theological basis for choice and mobilizes fellow-clergy and lay religious leaders to join PPFA Pro-Choice Religious Network, a national membership organization advocating the right of women and men to make free, informed, and morally responsible choices about their reproductive lives."

PPFA's college outreach program Voices for Planned Parenthood via a MySpace.com site, "educated and energized nearly 5,000 supporters who participated in activities and high-visibility events, primarily in response to abortions access." The same web page also highlights PP's work with "Republicans for Choice" and PPFA's "Board of Advocates" - Hollywood stars and other celebrities that promote PP's agenda.

Planned Parenthood is vague about how much of the \$8.2 million it spends on "International Family Planning Programs" (PPFA-I) goes for abortions. Local groups receiving grants from and partnering with PPFA-I "provided safe abortions and post-abortion care services to almost 18,500

women." Planned Parenthood mentions "post abortion care" offered by PPFA-I in Africa and "safe abortion care" and "post-abortion procedures" done by non-governmental organization (NGOs) partners in Latin America. But these are not quantified. PPFA-I's partner to Asia "trained 173 doctors and mid-level providers and provided 7,843 safe abortion services." Neither these nor the 18,500 mentioned above appear to be counted as part of PPFA's own total.

If the organization's latest tax return is any guide, the \$102.6 million PPFA spends on Management and General includes solid six figure salaries to Planned Parenthood's top executives. \$42.9 million goes into the groups' Fundraising. An additional \$11.5 million went to the Guttmacher Institute and to "Payments to Related Organizations."

Abortions account for 28.5% of all clinic revenues, which accounts for \$98.5 million if one assumes all abortions to be standard \$372 first trimester suction curettage abortions. This is an extremely conservative estimate. Planned Parenthood clinics advertise and perform considerably more expensive (and more dangerous) later abortions, and this figure does not include bundled services such as pregnancy or STD tests or contraceptives that may be sold along with the abortion.

The salary of the current president Cecile Richards isn't listed on PPFA's tax return, but past president Gloria Feldt received over \$935,000 in total salary and benefits for that year. Salaries of other PPFA top officers ranged from \$106,000 to \$258,000.

Note: This information was taken from National RTL News, July 2007 edition. There will be much more written about Planned Parenthood who is in our school-based clinics in New Mexico and who teach sex education in Albuquerque Public Schools. We must know who and what they are and be prepared to fight back.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I understand that the Right To Life Committee of New Mexico (RTL CNM) is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization dedicated to the right to life of all innocent human beings from fertilization to natural death; that this organization takes a stand only on those issues that are directly related to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

I support the goals of RTL CNM, including a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and hereby make application for membership (renewal) as follows:

- Individual — \$20.00
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- Family — \$30.00
- NRL News Subscription (\$5.00 with paid membership)

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- Republican Democrat
- Other

Signature Required

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