

MICHELLE MALKIN TO KEYNOTE FOUNDATION FOR LIFE BANQUET



Mark your calendar for **Saturday, November 7, 2009** for our Annual Banquet and Auction at the Marriott Town Square in Sugar Land! Our speaker, Michelle Malkin, is an award-winning conservative columnist and best-selling author. She has written three books and has recently published her fourth. Because of her unwavering support of life issues, Ms. Malkin has been a guest speaker at pro-life events throughout the nation. She also has two widely read conservative blogs: michellemalkin.com and hotair.com. All the proceeds from the banquet go to our Maternal Assistance Program, which since 1982 has offered help and positive alternatives to abortion to women in crisis pregnancies. Tickets for this event can be purchased online at lifeadvocates.org or by calling 713-682-LIFE.



UPDATES

Due to the skyrocketing costs of bulk mail postage, it is necessary to change the format of our newspaper, The Life Advocate, which has been published by Foundation for Life since 1976. **We will be going to an email format** and ask that you allow us to stay in touch with you by email during these difficult times for the pro-life movement and for our nation. We must be informed on the issues and learn what each of us can do to help make a difference, right from our own homes, by email. Please send your name and email address to lifeadv@flash.net with subject title "Pro-Life Updates".

Boycott List

If you are interested in knowing which companies are major contributors to Planned Parenthood, (which still has an annual budget of over a billion dollars), you can go to Life Decisions International's website at www.fightpp.org. They have a list of corporations to boycott including JP Morgan Chase, Whole Foods, Susan Komen Foundation, Nike, Sonic, and Johnson & Johnson. You can order a boycott list, which includes a checkbook size list to carry with you when you shop. They also have on their website a celebrity watch, a list of TV channels and radio stations that are boycott targets as well.

2009 March of the Surviving Youth

The 3rd Annual March of the Surviving Youth will be held on Saturday morning, October 10. The march is held each year to encourage teens and other young people to remember all their brothers and sisters in Christ who have been killed by abortion. Participants will meet at Elizabeth Baldwin Park in downtown Houston and process to Planned Parenthood, 3601 Fannin, for a Jerico March around the clinic. This is a peaceful, prayerful event. For more information and to register, please call Houston Coalition for Life at 713-395-1330.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We are in need of **AUCTION ITEMS** for our upcoming banquet. If you have an item to donate and/or would like to help assemble baskets for the auction, please call us at (713) 682-5433.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to all who have expressed an interest in volunteering at our office. We need you!! Here are some suggestions for helping:

- Teach a class or babysit while classes are conducted.
- Banquet- if you would like to help coordinate before hand or help the day of the banquet, we always need as many hands as possible.
- If you have expertise in a certain field and you would like to use your skills to help, let us know. Perhaps you might answer the counseling lines after hours two or more times a month.
- Hold a diaper or clothing drive at your church or child's school.
- Sort donated items in our distribution area.
- File articles in our research library.

At our office, we have an extensive number of files covering a variety of issues related to life and the family. We also try to keep records and information on doctors who perform abortions, on Planned Parenthood, stem-cell research, etc. If you would like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you. Call 713-682-5433.



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A GLIMPSE OF LIFE AT THE LIFE OFFICE

You may wonder exactly what we do here at the Life office and how we make use of your (greatly appreciated) donations. Besides paying for rent, phone, office supplies, etc. a portion of our funds pays for our advertisement in the Yellow Pages, under "Abortion Abuse Advise & Information". Our ad is on page one and we hope you will take a look at it. Though small, especially when compared to the full page abortion clinic ads, it helps tremendously in being able to reach abortion-minded girls before they walk into a clinic that will only take their money and end the life of their unborn child. We have two 24-hour crisis lines that ring often enough to keep us and our volunteer counselors quite busy! Many times, after counseling with the girls on the phone, they come in for a free ultrasound and further counseling at our office. This is a major incentive for these abortion-minded young women because abortion clinics require an ultrasound. They are never free and the pregnant young woman is never shown her baby's picture. In fact, several of our clients have told us clinic workers say they are not allowed to do so. The reason

is obvious. They are worried that an expectant mother might change her mind upon seeing her baby on the screen. Many abortion-minded girls who come to our office do choose life after hearing a heartbeat and watching their baby move on the screen. We are extremely blessed to be able to offer free ultrasounds because of your donations, and especially because of the generosity and dedication of Dr. Clayton Young, who reads our ultrasounds. In the past fiscal year, we provided 960 free ultrasounds and helped a total of 1,703 clients, a majority of whom were considering abortion.

Another part of our budget is spent on pamphlets which cover a variety of topics, including abortion information, chastity, natural family planning, and post-abortion information. These are displayed in the lobby of our office where clients are encouraged to browse through and choose those that may be helpful to them. We also mail brochures to clients we have counseled over the phone, who are unable to come to our office. Every effort is made to stay in contact with our

clients as there may be continuing pressure from a boyfriend or parent to abort. Some clients are in need of referrals or need some other type of assistance. Others, especially single moms whose families have shunned them, are in need of financial assistance and we have often helped a client by paying rent the month her baby is born and she is unable to work.

We also offer free classes at our office, typically from January through September. They are held once a week, usually for six weeks. Classes have included childbirth, nutrition, breastfeeding, parenting, budgeting, relationships, job readiness, and decision making. In this way our clients not only learn new skills but also make new friends. For every class they attend, they earn a coupon to spend in our distribution area, to "buy" gently used items such as baby clothes, strollers, cribs and more. Diapers and baby wipes are always a hot commodity. We also provide free babysitting while our moms are in class; our playroom is almost always full of little tikes.

WHAT THE MEDIA NEVER TOLD YOU ABOUT DR. GEORGE TILLER



We would like to reflect not only on the loss of Dr. George Tiller's life but on the lives of those he took. Dr. Tiller had boasted of aborting "60,000 fetuses over 24 weeks." For the past several years, to mark the Roe vs. Wade anniversary, he offered free first-trimester abortions to underprivileged women. However, his specialty was late-term abortions for "defective fetuses". In five years alone, he performed 10,000 late-term abortions, of which only 800 had fetal "anomalies" (an anomaly could be cleft palate, Down syndrome, or even twins). The 9,200 others were healthy babies, whose only "defect" was being unwanted. Even more sickening is that he presented his practice as "humane and Christian". He would give the aborted baby's parents a certificate of "premature miscarriage" with "closure services" including dressing the dead baby in

a Christening gown and having pictures taken with his or her parents. One woman who worked for Dr. Tiller said, "As I sat and worked at the computer, I could not help but notice the horrible smell of burning human flesh." The employee, who had no previous problem with abortion before, became so disgusted with Dr. Tiller's practices that she left and spoke out against him.

As happy as we are that Tiller's abortion clinic has been permanently closed, it is bittersweet because it did not happen through a conversion or through legal means, but through violence and a loss of life. Pro-lifers throughout the country were harshly criticized in the days and weeks following Dr. Tiller's death. The violent act of one person resulted in the condemnation of millions of Americans who have worked tirelessly, through legal and peaceful means, in an attempt to restore the right to life to the unborn. Unlike Dr. Tiller, we are in the business of saving lives, not taking them.



2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS WITHOUT PRO-LIFE VICTORY

Nearly every Tuesday during the past legislative session, a group of pro-lifers traveled from the Houston area to the State Capitol in Austin to lobby. Several of the bills they worked to pass during the session were the ultrasound bill, the "Choose Life" license plate bill, and a bill that would have established an Adult Stem Cell Research Consortium.

co-sponsored by Sen. Dan Patrick and Rep. Frank Corte would require that any woman seeking abortion first be given the option of seeing her unborn baby on the ultrasound screen. At present, women are not allowed this choice, but are simply told how much their abortion will cost.

If passed, the Choose Life license plate bill would have allowed drivers to pay an extra fee to have that message on their license plate as one of more than 130 options the state presently offers. There would have been no extra cost to the state and the proceeds from the sale of the "choose life" design would go to help adoptive parents and birth moms.



Scientists working on adult stem cell research would have been able to collaborate more easily if SB 73, by Sen. Jane Nelson, had been passed. This legislation would have helped develop a framework

to promote cooperation between organizations involved in finding medical cures through adult stem cell treatments.

All three of these bills had enough sponsors and support to have had an excellent chance of passage. However, because of filibustering in the House on the last days of the session, none of these life-saving bills even had a chance to be brought to the floor for a vote. Liberal House members, including State Rep. Garnet Coleman (son of the late abortion doctor, John B. Coleman), did not want the Voter Identification bill to come up for a vote. They knew the bill, which would have reduced voter fraud by requiring a photo ID, had an excellent chance to pass. As a result of the filibuster, time ran out. The session ended and any chance to pass pro-life legislation ended with it. At the cost of over sixty thousand dollars a day, a special session was called by Gov. Rick Perry to address the narrow issue of extending, by two years, the date at which TxDOT and several other agencies expire.



Back Row: Joe Najarian, Judy Najarian, Joe Pojman, Friend
Front Row: Terice Richards, Judy Vatterott, James Najarian

When the House State Affairs Committee met to hear testimony on the ultrasound bill, the room was overflowing with pro-lifers in favor of the bill. This legislation,

ABORTIONINFORMATION.NET

We have launched a new design for our abortioninformation.net website. Foundation for Life sponsors this website as an educational tool for abortion-minded girls. It provides not only abortion information, but resources for Houston area pregnancy help centers (including the services we offer through our Maternal Assistance Program). The website includes information about abortion risks, abortion procedures, abortion alternatives, and information on knowing your legal rights if you are injured by abortion.

THE UNFORTUNATE BOND BETWEEN BAYLOR AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Over the years, it seems that an unfortunate bond has grown between Baylor and Planned Parenthood. One would think that Baylor College of Medicine, having been a long time affiliate with Baylor University, would be one of the more conservative medical schools in Texas. This is not the case, at least not in the ob/gyn department. Not that Baylor College of Medicine performs abortions, but they make sure to teach their residents how to perform them. On their website, abortion is listed second on their list of objectives for residency students. Planned Parenthood has become not only the clinic Baylor refers to for abortions, but as part of their ob-gyn experience, all 3rd year medical students are required to complete a one day rotation at Planned Parenthood. Any student who objects must sign a form stating they do not wish to participate and there is a huge stigma attached to anyone who voices an objection. Residents who decline to go are sometimes mocked for their moral objections.



We know of eight of the more recent doctors who have worked at Planned Parenthood including Paul Fine, Damla Dryden, Jeff Dungan, Aleksandar Rajkovic, Alan Rosen, Beth Kropf, Regan Theiller, and Kevin Brader. The first four listed are faculty members at Baylor College of Medicine and Dr. Rosen completed his residency there. Dr. Aleksandar Rajkovic is the director of research at Baylor and has a specialty in prenatal diagnosis. Baylor is considered to be on the forefront of pre-natal technology. In 2008 they had a major breakthrough in DNA testing for screening of fetal abnormalities, which when found usually result in abortion. At least eighty percent of babies diagnosed with Down Syndrome in utero are aborted. After an unborn baby is found to have an abnormality, where are women often sent to get an abortion? Planned Parenthood - the same Planned Parenthood that will open the largest late term baby killing center in America later this year. This building, all 78,000 square feet of it, will be dedicated to killing bigger babies in the womb and making bigger profits than ever! No wonder their building resembles a cash register.



Prayer Requests

We try to send out an email prayer request usually on a weekly basis. It lists brief, anonymous descriptions of some of our clients' situations that are the most urgent and dire. These women really need the grace and strength of God through your prayers. If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please e-mail us at lifeadv@flash.net



MATERNAL ASSISTANCE CLIENT EXPRESSES HER THANKS

Dear Foundation for Life,

My name is Jane*, and I am a guest who visits your Center for the help that you offer. I have to say that my experience there was above and beyond great. On April 4th I visited your office on the Northwest Freeway. I was treated so kind and nice. Time was taken to mentor, to answer and explain questions and set my mind at ease for the small things that were bothering me. I honestly had no hope, being a young African American teenager without a job and single. Ashamed and feeling hopeless, I thought the only way out of being in the "Black Woman Stereotype" and just another statistic, was to get an abortion. First time pregnant, I thought that was my only (way) to freedom, although (I had) pain, sleepless nights, crying, anger, and worry. Fortunately I found your center, a place to provide me with a free ultrasound and help as well as counseling. I changed my mind completely when I saw that innocent being alive and continuously moving inside of me. So now I have high goals to soon find a job and help young women as well. I honestly

can't explain how truly deep down inside I feel; to have people besides my family who don't know me be able to give me hope and really open up my eyes to show me how blessed I am. I receive calls from you to see how I'm doing and I'm able to express my thoughts, which is great. Most of all I know that you people really care. It's not just the fact that everything you offer is free. It's really that you give girls like myself hope, courage, assurance, and most of all confidence to succeed and believe more than ever that everything that comes to (you) has to go through God and that He'll never put more on you than you can handle. So for that reason I hope to be able to interact with your center in the future to further better myself physically, mentally, and emotionally. You are highly appreciated and again I say thank you and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Jane*

* Name of client has been changed to protect her identity.

NEW KROGER NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR CARD GOOD JULY 1, 2009 - APRIL 30, 2010.

Present this newsletter with our organization's barcode to your cashier upon checkout. After they have scanned your Kroger Plus Card you will be enrolled for the current year of the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program. Every time you shop at Kroger and use your enrolled Kroger Plus Card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation fund. Once a card is scanned with the barcode, it will be active for the remainder of the program year.



ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC CHURCH & K. C. COUNCIL #14617 COME TO THE RESCUE

St Angela Merici Catholic Church is a new parish in Missouri City, and though they are in the midst of trying to build a church, they have already hosted two diaper drives for our Maternal Assistance Program! This is such a blessing because we stock our distribution area entirely with donations. Many of the women we counsel or who come to our classes are already receiving food stamps and baby formula, but they find the diapers, baby clothes, car seats and other items we have in our distribution center, are a God-send. Jerry Tomasello, a member of the church's Knights of Columbus Council #14617, has delivered not only all of their church's donations of diapers, etc. to our office, but also brought lunch for our entire staff! What a treat! Just recently their K.C. Council and several of their Knights came to our rescue once again after hearing that Lia, one of our long-time volunteers, suddenly had a 4 mo. old baby girl

and 4 year old girl placed in her custody by CPS. Without diapers, clothes or formula for them, Lia notified us. We sent out an email and the response was overwhelming! Our sincere thanks not only to St. Angela Merici Church, their pastor, Fr. John Rooney, their Knights of Columbus Council #14617 for their financial donations, but to all those who responded so quickly and generously. We also received many wonderful donations of toys and clothes! These children are sure to be the best dressed girls in town. Your caring support has been truly overwhelming!



Baby Maria, Lia & sister, Kathya.