

# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 10 Coalition for Life of Iowa  
Monthly Meeting

Saturday, July 21 Iowans for LIFE's Annual  
Benefit Dinner; more at:  
<http://iowansforlife.org>

Ongoing Join us on the sidewalk  
outside of Planned  
Parenthood!

Summer Enjoy the summer!

## Our New Mission Statement

Our board recently approved a new mission statement for the organization. We shortened the mission statement considerably, hoping to align with the "less is more" approach. Some of the wording has been fine tuned to be more specific to what we do, while still giving us some room to grow. Prayer has been prioritized since it is a large part of what we do. May God use us as his instruments to stop abortion. We also want to raise the level of awareness of the respect life issues. Our new mission statement is:

**The Coalition for Life of Iowa promotes respect for human life from fertilization until natural death through prayer, education and raising awareness.**

I hope you agree that our new mission statement is well suited to the Coalition For Life of Iowa.

Sue Martinek  
President of the Board



## Powerful Influence

How Komen managed to raise more money, offend pro-lifers, and then made Planned Parenthood even stronger

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# Abby Johnson Events

## Hundreds Hear Abby Speak at Local Events

Abby Johnson spoke at the Bridgehaven banquet and an event at Kirkwood within the last month. The talks were very different from each other, so people who attended both events heard her speak on a wide range of subjects over the two nights.

She pointed out that 60% of Planned Parenthood's income comes from taxpayer funds. She also wanted to make sure that we know more about what the abortion industry does. With all of the lies and spin focused on trying to make them

look good, we need to understand what really occurs.

At Kirkwood, she brought out lots of emotion from over 160 attendees. The event drew many college students. We hope to reach even more people in the future.

## Roses for Moms on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day weekend, we handed out 1,675 roses at local churches to honor mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, godmothers, and mothers who lost a child during pregnancy.

It's always a joy to see the smiles on mothers' faces. Many locations handed out the roses outdoors, since the weather was beautiful that weekend.

We thank everyone involved, and we hope even more people take part in even more churches next year.

We hope to incorporate an activity for Father's Day in the future. On that note, we wish a happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there.



## Powerful Influence

Komen funds PP, announces a change that draws in money, and then funds PP again... but their latest move adds credibility to PP



Earlier this year, the Susan G. Komen Foundation announced a change in their grant offerings that made it clear that Planned Parenthood (PP) would no longer qualify for grants. This ended the boycott many pro-lifers had for the organization and the pink items associated with the effort.

PP depended on the grants to boost their reputation as a medical provider. Despite the fact that PP didn't own a single mammogram machine anywhere in the country, they managed to rally people to their cause to protect the funding for mammograms they didn't provide.

The Komen board was divided on the matter. But they felt pressure as members of their board resigned. PP supporters flooded their servers with emails and other messages demanding they grant funds to the number one abortion provider in the nation (despite the link between abortion and increased breast cancer risks that has been shown by more studies than not). Komen even experienced cyber attacks against their systems.

With the overwhelming pressure that threatened to destroy their organization, Komen gave into the coercion. The people who often

tout the idea that people should have freedom to choose managed to develop a crisis that left Komen feeling they had no choice but to do what PP supporters wanted.

Just days after the original announcement, Komen made a new announcement that seemed to reverse the original statement, but was worded in such a way that left some room to still do what was right. It left many people in a wait-and-see mode. Many people donated significant funds to both organizations for a little while. Pro-lifers that wanted to support Komen for years had just given in the few days the policies

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Source Information:

<http://www.lifenews.com/2012/05/04/komen-grant-funds-first-ever-planned-parenthood-mammograms/>

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had changed. Pro-abortion advocates moved up their giving to PP to raise more money in just a few days than PP received from Komen over several years.

As time drew on, we would eventually see what Komen had in mind. The change they had made earlier in the year suggested they would only focus on organizations doing things that directly perform services like mammograms that help detect breast cancer. So PP should still not qualify for funding through the grants.

But that's where Komen took things a step further. To enable PP to qualify for grants in the future, Komen granted PP funds to acquire mammogram equipment.

Although most PP facilities would still lack such equipment, people could no longer say that PP doesn't have a single mammogram machine after the program to acquire a few of them ends. The net effect gives PP a better reputation, since they will have more good things to list to distract people from the abortions they

provide.

This experience offers several lessons. Trust actions more than words. Good news can quickly become bad news.

—The boycott resumes—

A boycott list exists containing a list of businesses and organizations that support PP. We have access to this list, but if you want to know more about it, you may visit the following site:  
<http://fightpp.org>

Many companies discontinued their support as a result of this boycott.

## Donating to Planned Parenthood Leads to More Abortions

Two recent articles caught my attention, and it seemed appropriate to apply it to any donation made to Planned Parenthood. One examined the correlation between government funding of Planned Parenthood and the number of abortions they

performed. The other compared Planned Parenthood to health clinics.

Many people point to the good things Planned Parenthood does to justify donating to them or to justify continuing as a client.

As the statistics on the next page indicate, the more money Planned Parenthood receives, the more abortions they perform, even when the funds come with terms that prevent using them for funding abortions. Imagine what happens

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Sources: <http://www.lifenews.com/2012/05/08/de-funding-planned-parenthood-helps-poor-women-get-health-care/>  
<http://www.lifenews.com/2012/03/08/analysis-planned-parenthood-business-model-abortion-based/>

## Pro-Life Challenge



### Wear the Pro-Life Message

If you have shirts or pro-life pins, like the precious feet pins, wear them to public events. It's summer, and it's a great way to keep life issues in the forefront. It also shows support for life, which makes more people willing to discuss the issue.



### Don't have such items?

Many items work best when bought in larger quantities. Contact us, and the next time we do a bulk order of something, we can keep you in the loop. If we know what you are looking for, it can guide what we order next.

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with funds without limits.

Regarding the funding of Planned Parenthood, a report found the following positive correlations:

- 99% correlation between government support of PP and the number of abortions
  - Increase their funding and abortions go up
  - They perform 949 more abortions for every \$1,000,000 they receive
- 81-87% correlation between PP distributing contraception and performing abortions

If people believe Planned Parenthood is needed in a community, consider what health clinics accomplish. They provide more services at a lower cost in more places. The government funds both, but there's no reason we should. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) make more sense. Additionally, in Cedar Rapids, we have clinics for low-income families.

- PP reported receiving \$487 million to serve 3 million patients at nearly 800 facilities in 2010
- In the same year, FQHCs received roughly \$2 billion to serve 19.5 million patients at 8,100 facilities

What does this mean in comparison?

Patients:

- PP receives \$162 per patient
- FQHCs receive \$102 per patient

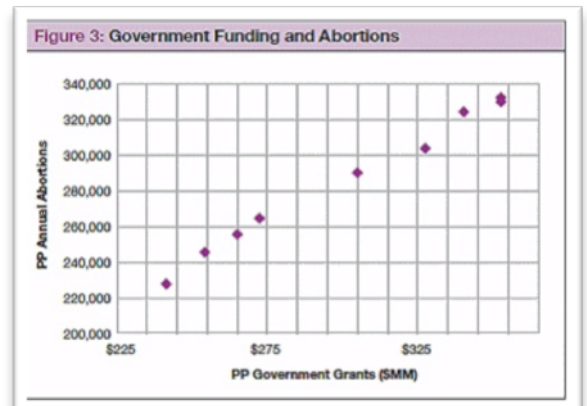
Facilities:

- PP receives \$608,750 per facility
- FQHCs receive \$246,913 per facility

Therefore, compared to comprehensive, non-abortion-performing FQHCs, Planned Parenthood receives:

- 58-63% more taxpayer dollars per patient
- 2.46 times the taxpayer dollars per facility

So, if you wish to donate to improve health in a community, FQHCs make more efficient use of your money and aren't likely to increase the number of abortions in the community the way Planned Parenthood does.





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