



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, CFLI Working
Dec 17 Meeting

Tuesday, CFLI Board Meeting
Jan 14

Saturday, Midwest March for
Jan 18 Life, Des Moines

Sunday, March for Life,
Jan 19 Cedar Rapids

**We welcome newcomers
to our meetings**

New Logo

You may have already noticed our new logo. If you haven't seen it on the back of t-shirts and sweatshirts, you'll see it in the upper corner of this newsletter.

We thank André Moorman for developing it, along with many other drafts that the board considered. It offers a nice, clean look. It's brighter and easier to read.

We've already heard many good things from people who have seen it.

Coalition for Life of Iowa Board



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Four More Closings!

On December 12th, Planned Parenthood will close four more facilities in Iowa, including:

- Ankeny
- Fort Dodge
- Mount Pleasant
- Washington

In less than two years, 10 facilities closed in Iowa alone, leaving only 16 facilities.

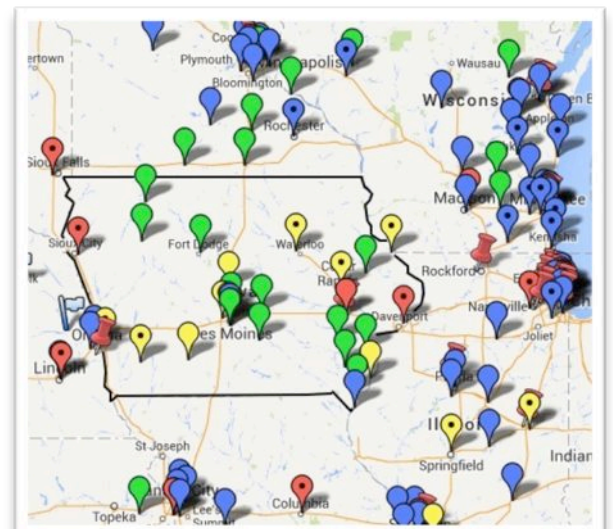
But closings keep happening nationwide. The map shows closures from recent years in green. Surgical

abortions appear in red, while medical/webcam abortions appear in yellow. Other Planned Parenthood facilities appear in blue.

With roughly 40% of their facilities closing in so little time, the opportunities to see more close remain high. But facilities don't close themselves.

People need to hear from you

what really happens at these abortion facilities. Pregnancy Support Centers need your help. We need every helping hand and voice.



New Treasurer

Many of you know Marty Lammers, who has served as our Treasurer and member of our Board of Directors. Marty has resigned his positions with the Coalition for Life of Iowa. He has served us well, offering guidance

for our organization and getting our finances in order.

Marty will continue to participate in our activities, but he will focus on many of his other obligations. We thank Marty for his service.

Russell Yount replaces Marty as our Treasurer. Russell joined the board of directors this past summer. He brings with him a solid background in managing finances. It's wonderful seeing people step forward with needed skills.

Webcam Abortion Ruling

In late August, the Iowa Board of Medicine heard public feedback regarding webcam abortions. Soon after, voted 8-2 in favor of rules that prohibit the current practice. But, Planned Parenthood, the organization that invented the webcam abortion made it clear they would fight the new rules, and did.

The rules should have taken effect in November, but a judge delayed enforcement. So prayers are still needed, since abortions still take place locally. And with their appeal to repeal the rules, the fight for life is not over.

People across the state united in prayer during the public hearing. Some people emailed feedback, while others testified in person. Many concerns were voiced.

A prior Planned Parenthood employee

made it clear that the staff members performing the ultrasounds and exams aren't properly trained. Others pointed out the risks of dispensing a deadly drug far from any medical help, should things go wrong. Women often want to hide their abortions, so unlike complications from medical procedures, the odds the women will not only figure out how much blood and pain is normal, but also call for help and get help in time seems less likely than it would be for non-abortion complications.

Despite these and many other concerns, Planned Parenthood is determined to maintain their ability to perform abortions statewide, rather than just in cities that have larger populations. Cities not only provide enough population to provide them enough demand, but it also



makes it economical for their abortionists. It's hard to be an abortionist in a small town with little clientele. As already pointed out, it's those rural areas that webcam abortions reached that also lack hospitals equipped for the complications of webcam abortions.

Planned Parenthood seems to trivialize what they call the "miscarriage experience." Women who have had miscarriages know they are difficult and complications do arise.

Don't become complacent when Planned Parenthood loses ground; they work hard to reclaim lost ground.

Obamacare Changes Rolling Out

The Affordable Care Act that passed into law a few years back delayed implementation of its many parts. With the complexity of the law, it was considered too complex for most people to figure out what they needed to know.

To address the complexity, “navigators” were chosen to help people navigate through the implications of the law. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland received over \$200,000 to serve as one of three in the state of Iowa. Since then, the local Planned Parenthood added 7 hours/week, and they are open on Thursdays again.

Critics point out that the implementation of the navigators will occur so rapidly that the proper background checks and privacy safeguards won't be in place. This means that employees at the most protested abortion provider in the nation will have access to tax records, social security numbers, and medical records of



American citizens.

With this and other changes, training has begun at the local Planned Parenthood, drawing in trainees from across the state and region.

We can hope there won't be an abuse of power, now that Planned Parenthood could access information on a wide range of people.

The so-called “death panels” that were denied while the bill was debated in Congress have been acknowledged as reality. Rationing healthcare will affect the elderly and disabled the most. We

often focus on life in the womb, but this brings us to the other end of life.

Many people have already lost their health coverage as employers reduced full-time employees' hours to part-time. Others lost the plans they previously signed up for, since they are no longer available.

Watch for more changes as more of the Affordable Care Act rolls out. It's important to understand the implications that have already begun to pop up as people realize what was in the lengthy law.

Pro-Life Challenge



Buy Pro-Life Gifts

Whether for others or yourself, it's a great time of year to buy pro-life gifts. Warmer clothes for praying outside, books or videos that provide pro-life information...they're all good!



Buy CFLI Gear!

We have t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hooded sweatshirts available. We will make order forms available soon.

40 Days for Life and the March for Life

We will host our annual March for Life in Cedar Rapids on Sunday, January 19th. Join us in the St. Matthew's Church parking lot at 2 pm and walk to Planned Parenthood. We will pray there for 30 minutes, and then return. We plan to add a social afterward, so watch for more information in the month ahead!

The next day, dozens of students will depart for the March for Life in

Washington DC. That march occurs on Wednesday, January 22nd. This year, the number of local students attending it will nearly double! To promote such pro-life activity, we offset some of the costs for the students.

On March 5th, we will begin the Spring 40 Days for Life campaign. Last Spring gave us great victories at the end of a very harsh campaign. The community saw our determination.



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