



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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**We welcome newcomers
to our meetings and
events**

Sudden Activity!

Iowa Right to Life organized a rally in a matter of days, so we organized a bus to attend their rally. Your generosity enabled us to get a bus on short notice. Thank you! More than 300 protests at Planned Parenthood facilities took place one week later, and we organized one of our own.

Viral (extremely popular) videos continued to come out. This keeps the attention on things Planned Parenthood does. But it keeps the focus on a narrow range of potentially illegal activities. It's given momentum to the cause of protecting life, but there are so many other issues in the abortion industry, and we want to make sure we keep making progress in other aspects of the pro-life movement. We need to build on this momentum, while broadening it to the other issues in the abortion industry and other life issues. It's easy to lose ground in other areas if we draw focus away from all aspects of life. We can't afford to lose ground in matters of life and death!

We see so many opportunities to make progress. We could use your help!

- Coalition for Life of Iowa Board

Upcoming Events

TUE
Sep 8

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

CFLI Board Meeting

Get involved in the decisions that guide our organization!

Where: St. Patrick's Common Grounds Coffee Shop
120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

TUE
Sep 22

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CFLI Working Meeting

Get involved in planning the activities for our organization!

Where: St. Patrick's Common Grounds Coffee Shop
120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

WED
Sep 23

SUN
Nov 1

7 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

Join us in praying for an end to abortion!

Where: Sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood
3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: http://lifeiowa.org/40_Days_for_Life.html

THUR
Oct 1

6:30 p.m.

Iowans for Life Banquet

Dr. Ray Guarendi is the keynote speaker at this annual banquet!

Where: Holiday Inn

6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA

More info: <http://www.iowansforlife.org>

SAT
Oct 17

10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Pro-Life Training

Iowa Right to Life invites you to learn from one of the best pro-life apologists, Scott Klusendorf!

Where: New Hope Assembly of God Church
4425 70th Street, Urbandale, IA

More info: <http://www.iowartl.org>

The last two events on this page have costs associated with them.
The links for more information provide details of the costs.



Truth Exposed Rallies

Iowa Right to Life organized the #TruthExposed Rally in Des Moines in a matter of a week and a half. With little time to react, we brought dozens of proliferators from Cedar Rapids to the event.

We showed a copy of the BloodMoney documentary on the bus ride to the event. The movie reveals many aspects of the abortion industry. Riders were offered free copies upon arriving back in Cedar Rapids.

We showed the Voices in the

Desert video on the return trip. It does an amazing job of revealing the solutions to reproductive health issues that few people know about. After hearing about the issues with Planned Parenthood, it was great to make sure people realize the real options for reproductive health that don't aim to shut down the reproductive system.

The rally itself was great! The governor and lieutenant governor both made clear that there is no line item for

Planned Parenthood funding, so they couldn't simply veto the funding of one organization.

Speakers informed the 1,300 people in the large crowd about what Planned Parenthood is doing. The content of recent videos was a major part of the event. But people learned what is being done about it. We were called to action when we heard of similar societies who handled worse situations and turned things around.

Protest Planned Parenthood

We turned the national day of protesting outside Planned Parenthood into an opportunity to have our August prayer flash mob. We offered less advanced notice than usual. But several dozen people showed up.

We may have another prayer flash mob in the month ahead. But we normally avoid months that include 40 Days for Life, and that starts in September.

It was great having so many

people show up to what is likely the last flash mob of the year! Many newcomers participated in our first Saturday flash mob. Continue to invite new people to our events!



Updates on Court Cases & Bills

Iowa PPH Funding

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (PPH) spans Iowa, Nebraska, Arkansas and part of Oklahoma. Arkansas is cutting funds to PPH. People who attended the #TruthExposed rally in Des Moines heard that there isn't a line item to veto regarding the funding for PPH. Even if such a line item existed, vetoing it wouldn't prohibit funding if PPH qualified for funding in other areas. It would only cut funding earmarked specially for PPH. Lawmakers would need to write a bill and pass it through both chambers of the legislature. But the current state senate is highly unlikely to pass such a bill. Some of Linn County's senators don't plan to run for reelection. Our chances of getting such bills through the senate will improve if pro-life candidates win those open seats.

Federal Bills

HR7 (**No Taxpayer Funding for Abortions Act**) and HR36 (**Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**) still sit, waiting for the Senate to act upon them.

Joni Ernst introduced a bill in the Senate. The bill would have eliminated federal funds for all Planned Parenthood facilities in the nation. The arguments for the bill pointed out how any funds being cut would go to the community health centers that greatly outnumber Planned Parenthood facilities. The arguments against the bill ignored that, and claimed it would hurt women's health.

As we have pointed out in the past, there are many community health centers that offer more services at a lower cost. Such health centers provide mammograms that Planned Parenthood still doesn't provide!

Women can get real help for reproductive health through

NaProTechnology, which addresses underlying problems. NaProTechnology uses morally good ways of treating medical problems with the best treatments science has to offer.

Arguments against the bill cited a few individuals who received good service that helped them at some time in the past. They cited the percentage of women who used PP at some time in their lives, even if those women had bad experiences and never went back again.

Ironically, one of the best cases against funding PP came from a lawmaker trying to argue against the bill. A woman went to PP, which doesn't offer mammograms, so she had to get referred to a place that did them. She found out she had breast cancer, and was treated. In other words, PP did nothing, while real clinics saved her life. There weren't enough votes to end debate and bring the bill to a vote.



Ice Bucket Challenge

It was just a year ago that researchers seeking a cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) benefitted greatly when someone came up with the ice bucket challenge. The challenge went viral last year.

It went viral by having each participant challenge three friends on social media, while posting a video of that challenge. Participants were supposed to either donate money to cure ALS, or dump a bucket of ice water on their head. The natural tendency to avoid extremely cold water led many people to give. Many people donated money AND got soaked by a bucket of ice water.

Many organizations that research cures for ALS engage in unethical forms of research.

Some of them use Embryonic Stem Cell Research (ESCR) or Fetal Stem Cell Research (FSCR). Even the University of Iowa sought funds a few years ago for a building to perform research on things like cloning. We find ourselves in the fortunate position of living very close to one of very few research organizations that only engages in ethical research.

The John Paul II Medical Research Institute is based in the Iowa City/Coralville area. They spend a majority of their donations on research, while many well-known organizations spend 15-20% of their donations on research. It's great having a wonderful organization nearby.

The research institute plans to raise funds again this year with

the ice bucket challenge. Dr. Alan Moy founded the organization and is pictured above with water pouring over his head from last year's challenge. There hasn't been much talk about the ice bucket challenge nationally, even though organizations want to do this annually. So it's good to see the John Paul II Medical Research Institute promote it. Several people donated to the John Paul II Medical Research Institute last year. Information about donating to the institute appears on their website. If you prefer a bucket of ice water on your head, you can always do that instead!

Visit the John Paul II Medical Research Institute site here:

<http://www.jp2mri.org/>

24th week of development

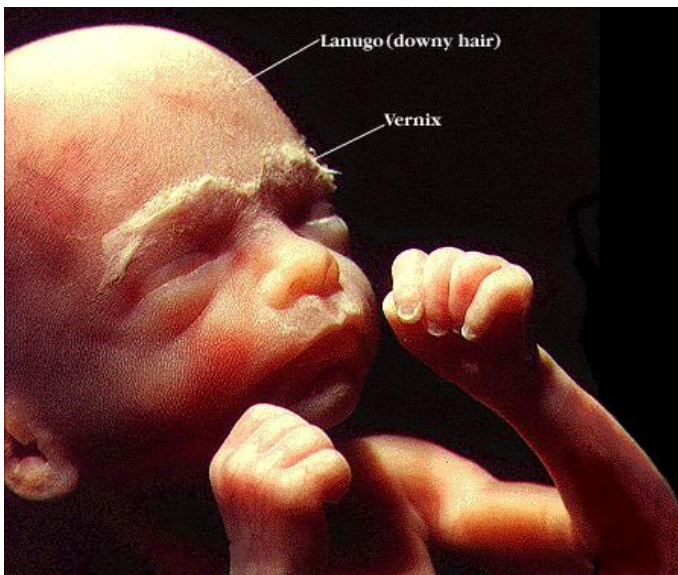


Stages of Life: Weeks 21 - 24

The developing child becomes viable during weeks 21-24 of growth. Some children survive when born in the 22nd week. The images for this month include a photo of a child in the womb and a child after premature birth. Both children are at 24 weeks of development. But viability depends heavily

upon the technological capabilities of the doctors taking care of them. It also depends on the child's unique development. Viability is a vague term, since the percent chance of surviving increases when a child is born later. It doesn't go from zero to 100% suddenly.

The hair and eyebrows that began growing last month are filling in more noticeably. Baby's sense of taste and smell develop at this time. Rapid Eye Movement (REM) sleep begins at this point. The baby may react to noise in the latter part of this month.



The baby is more active, moving around frequently. The blood vessels visible last month start filling with red blood cells that the bone marrow begins to produce. The heart pumps the blood through the body.

The child starts gaining weight more quickly, which will accelerate in the weeks ahead. Much of this is in the form of fat, but various organs continue to develop. The baby is now roughly 8 inches in length from rump to crown. This makes it difficult to fit the entire child in an ultrasound image.

Pro-Life Challenge



Life!

Speak Life!

Share the pro-life message with at least one new person in the month ahead.



Share Pro-Life Messages

Share pro-life messages on social media.



More Videos

We included an article about videos from the Center for Medical Progress in last month's newsletter. More videos came out, and more than a month's worth of videos remain to be released.

Some of the more recent videos focus on the cases where Planned Parenthood provides fully intact children from abortions for the purposes of research. The seventh video included a woman saying that the heart was beating in one child after someone tapped the heart. Imagine if someone performed CPR after you died, but they harvested you for organs after getting your heart beating again! It's bad enough if you are dead. But reviving a child to some degree just to harvest parts is sickening.

The same informant mentioned in the sixth video that many

women don't consent to the donation of their children's body parts, yet they took them anyway. Other people who left the abortion industry made it sound like this was common.

The CEO of StemExpress was in the eighth video. Most content about StemExpress was suppressed when the company tried to use the legal system to prohibit the release of any incriminating videos. They probably knew the kinds of things that were caught on video.

The video makes it clear that Planned Parenthood provides many fully intact bodies of children. The marketing materials StemExpress used makes it clear you can profit from such sales, despite the fact that it's illegal to do so. We await future videos.

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