



# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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## Bad Month for PP!

The most relevant news this month involves Planned Parenthood of the Heartland. They are facing multiple multi-billion dollar lawsuits for various violations of law. After the closing of the Dubuque facility, they haven't had the increase in business here in Cedar Rapids that they thought they'd have. But it's not good for us to become complacent.

In fact, we want to step up our 40 Days for Life activities this fall. We are looking for anyone who is willing to do more than they have in the past. We will make it easy, and we will really appreciate the help.

- Coalition for Life of Iowa Board

# Upcoming Events

<p><b>Tue, Aug 16</b>                  7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.                  Tue, Sep 13                  Tue, Oct 11                  Tue, Nov 8                  Tue, Dec 13 (tentative)</p>	<p><b>CFLI Board Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays)</b>                  3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday this month</p> <p>Get involved in the decisions that guide our organization!  <b>Where:</b> St. Patrick’s Common Grounds Coffee Shop                  120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA  <b>More info:</b> <a href="mailto:coalitionforlife@gmail.com">coalitionforlife@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Tue, Aug 30</b>                  7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.                  Tue, Sep 27 (tentative)                  Tue, Oct 25                  Tue, Nov 22                  Tue, Dec 27 (tentative)</p>	<p><b>CFLI Working Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)</b>                  5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday this month</p> <p>Get involved in planning the activities for our organization!  <b>Where:</b> St. Patrick’s Common Grounds Coffee Shop                  120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA  <b>More info:</b> <a href="mailto:coalitionforlife@gmail.com">coalitionforlife@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Tue, Sep 27</b></p>	<p>40 Days for Life Kick-off Rally</p>
<p><b>Sep 28 – Nov 6</b></p>	<p>40 Days for Life</p>
<p><b>Sat, Oct 1</b></p>	<p>Bridgheaven’s “In Her Shoes 5K Fun Run &amp; Walk”</p>
<p><b>Sun, Oct 2</b></p>	<p>National Life Chain</p>
<p><b>Fri, Oct 7</b></p>	<p>Going Natural Conference</p>
<p><b>Sat, Oct 8</b></p>	<p>NFP/NaProTechnology Event</p>
<p><b>Thurs, Oct 13</b></p>	<p>Iowans for Life Annual Fundraiser featuring Tim Staples</p>
<p>— 2017 —</p>	
<p><b>Tue, Jan 10</b></p>	<p>CFLI Board Meeting</p>
<p><b>Sat, Jan 14</b></p>	<p>Midwest March for Life in Des Moines, IA                  Featuring Kristin Hawkins from Students for Life</p>
<p><b>Tue, Jan 24</b></p>	<p>CFLI Working Meeting</p>
<p><b>Fri, Jan 27</b></p>	<p>National March for Life in Washington, D.C.</p>
<p><b>Mar 4-5</b></p>	<p>Scott Klusendorf in Iowa City</p>



## Planned Parenthood & HIPAA

We reported on the closing of the Dubuque Planned Parenthood facility a few months ago. What has come to light since then reveals yet more concerns about Planned Parenthood's operations.

Planned Parenthood removed anything of value from the facility before they left. Much of the contents from the facility ended up in unused space in the Cedar Rapids facility. But they left behind records of their clients in Dubuque! The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) prohibits the release of medical information, whether intentional or out of negligence. This is not a trivial matter.

Leaving behind thousands of records for the new owners of the facilities to find could result in penalties of \$3.8 BILLION.

Fortunately the new owner is the pro-life Clarity Clinic. They respected the privacy of Planned Parenthood's clients better than Planned Parenthood did. They avoided opening the records.

Planned Parenthood made efforts to notify their clients about the potential disclosure of their personal medical data. The odd thing is that Planned Parenthood identified the potential violation at least 10 days before they attempted to recover the client records.

This is yet another multi-billion dollar legal issue for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland. Their issues tend to arise from their operations in Iowa. We've reported on the legal case alleging massive fraud against the government with regards to low-income clients.

The Heartland affiliate spans Iowa, Nebraska, Arkansas, and roughly half of Oklahoma. Other abortion facilities from Kansas to Maryland have improperly disposed of the medical records of their clients. Like most issues in the abortion industry, this is not an isolated incident. How much could they care about their clients?



## Government Update

Sue Thayer's multi-billion dollar lawsuit against Planned Parenthood of the Heartland is moving forward. Sue blew the whistle on Medicaid fraud carried out by her former employer. Planned Parenthood has significant financial resources and good lawyers, so few people bother to sue them. But this case of fraud has similarities to another case of massive fraud.

P. Victor Gonzalez was a former vice president of a Planned Parenthood affiliate in California. He blew the whistle on Planned Parenthood's fraudulent overbilling of state officials. He won his case earlier this decade. Even the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit sided with him. If there was any place in the country where Planned Parenthood would be protected by bias in the courts, it's in that jurisdiction. But their fraud is obvious and runs rampant.

In Sue's case, the judges included the following in the ruling, "We conclude that Thayer has pled sufficiently particularized facts to support her allegations that Planned Parenthood violated the [False Claims Act] FCA by filing claims for (1) unnecessary quantities of birth control pills, (2) birth control pills dispensed without examinations or without or prior to a physician's order, (3) abortion-related services, and (4) the full amount of services that had already been paid, in whole or in part, by 'donations' Planned Parenthood coerced from patients. Thayer adequately alleges the particular details of these schemes, such as the names of the individuals that instructed her to carry out these schemes, the two-year time period in which these schemes took place, the clinics that participated in these schemes, and the methods by which these schemes were perpetrated.

Moreover, she alleges that her position as center manager gave her access to Planned Parenthood's centralized billing system, pleads specific details about Planned Parenthood's billing systems and practices, and alleges that she had personal knowledge of Planned Parenthood's submission of false claims."

Sue said, "It is with great anticipation that we look to the next phase of this case. Planned Parenthood's long history of fraudulent billing practices must be exposed. While I am disappointed that even a small part of the case was dismissed, I am thankful that two parts of the suit will proceed to a hearing. I have always believed that it is every Iowan's right to know exactly where their hard-earned taxpayer dollars go and am confident that the truth will come out."



John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute

## Universal Adult Stem Cells

There are many ways to solve problems. We often find ourselves considering what we can do, and then balancing that with what we should or should not do. In the medical field, lots of unethical research is done. Once a cure or treatment is found, it's hard to justify spending more money to find a more ethical cure.

We are very fortunate to have the John Paul II Medical Research Institute (JP2MRI) in Coralville. They adhere to some of the strictest ethical standards. When they find cures, it's unlikely anyone would refuse to use their cures.

JP2MRI has only been around a few years, but it's already had a dramatic impact on the lives of people with some rare genetic disorders. Their mission is to find better treatments and cures while upholding the dignity of life. Now, the Institute is busy working on creating a cutting edge universal adult stem cell for

treating all patients. They believe this unique stem cell they have discovered has the potential of not being rejected and will not form tumors when used for clinical trials, much in the same way a mother's placenta protects a growing fetus from being rejected by her own immune system. To prove their initial findings, our Institute must conduct additional preclinical validation and safety studies that the FDA requires. To meet their initial milestone and offset some of the costs of these necessary studies, they must raise \$100,000 in the next 6 months.

As always, their stem cell therapy will not involve embryonic stem cells or aborted fetal tissue. Currently, there are clinical trials unfortunately already underway that involve embryonic stem cells and aborted fetal tissue. Sadly, the government, academic centers, industry and private foundations sponsor these trials. If these treatments enter

the market, patients suffering from deadly illnesses will have to make a difficult moral choice: live with their disease or accept an unethical cell therapy. This dilemma could result in an unfortunate repeat in history, similar to the current vaccines derived from aborted fetal tissue research.

Although the Coalition for Life of Iowa always appreciates your donations, and we have some ambitious projects ahead, we wanted to make you aware of these efforts of the JP2MRI. They are asking everyone to make a meaningful donation and consider signing up for a monthly donation of \$10 or more to help them meet their goal. Your donations are tax deductible. The Institute anticipates completing the initial research milestone by the end of the year if their fundraising campaign is successful. Please share this information with others. Thank you for your support and for supporting pro-life cures!



## Tree of Death: Leaves

In our last issue, we saw how the tree of death branches out in many directions. Now we will see what results from abortion's devaluing of life and immoral scientific advances.

As already mentioned in the last issue, scientists began performing research on tissues and cells acquired from abortions. Regardless of the type of tissue, the abortion industry gained a new source of income that was brought out more publicly with the undercover videos of Planned Parenthood appearing to sell baby body parts. They get paid to do abortions, and then get paid to sell human body parts. It's quite the business.

Fetal organs and tissues offer more mature samples. But embryonic cells offered an ability to replicate and become any kind of cells in the body. This made some people raise expectations for embryonic

research. But the cells were so immature; they would create tumors, random body parts, and were generally unstable.

This doesn't mean they aren't without possible cures in the future. But it presently requires the death of a child to acquire the cells, and we would have to endure many years of terrible things to hope to find a cure.

Even if a cure is found, patients receiving a cure would require a lifetime of anti-rejection drugs, or more immoral actions would need to occur. Cloning is a common method used to minimize the chance of rejection. But cloning also involves taking life and manipulating humans in immoral ways.

Cloning is a natural result of applying what was learned while providing In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF). IVF typically involves fertilizing

eggs outside of the body and implanting the strongest zygotes that result. The vast majority of zygotes never reach birth. Many are never implanted. Many more are aborted to minimize the risks associated with pregnancies involving multiple children.

By injecting sperm into the eggs, it starts down the path of cloning, where the entire nucleus of the cells get transferred.

Further manipulation is leading to 3-parent embryos. The nuclear DNA comes from father and mother, but the mitochondrial DNA comes from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. This continues to distort the union between parents to form a child. It makes it sterile.

We see science offering many things we COULD do. But we need to ask what things we SHOULD do.

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## Pro-Life Challenge



### Pray for Our Activities

Please pray for our upcoming 40 Days for Life effort. Pray that we find people who will help lead the various parts of the effort. Discern how you can play a greater role.



### Pray for Conversion!

We pray for more people to be exposed to the good pro-life arguments. But even more important is to pray for them to be open to the pro-life message so they can have a conversion of heart.



## Tree (continued)

NaProTechnology is morally acceptable and is much more effective than IVF at achieving pregnancy, and it is less costly. It doesn't carry with it the increased risks that create pressure to abort. It avoids giving women insane levels of hormones.

Research can avoid the immoral approaches. Adult stem-cell research has offered more than 100 treatments and cures. There are methods of making cells function with the benefits of embryonic cells, but without many of the disadvantages.

It avoids the layers of immoral actions that plague the medical field now. Why do you think embryonic research was pushed so heavily a few years ago? You can patent a cell line from

embryos, since the child dies. You can't patent a cell line from adult cells, where the donor lives.

So abortion providers make money by performing abortions. They reduce medical waste, saving them money. They sell parts, earning them money. Businesses would receive funds to perform research. They would patent their cell lines. They would alter their cell lines with cloning. They would make money for individual treatments. And countless children would die. WOW! That's a long chain of profits! But researchers got tired of performing research that yielded no results, while watching others achieve results using morally acceptable methods, such as adult stem-cell research. So things quieted down. This tree is deadly.

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