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Discussing life matters, because life matters

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Fall Updates

We're nearing the end of our Fall 40 Days for Life activities. We hope to see you at the closing rally on Sunday! We welcome new people even at the closing rally, so welcome friends and family to join you! In fact, it might be easier, since you can tell them there's pizza afterward. It's on the day we get an extra hour of sleep as we set our clocks back an hour the night beforehand. Spend the extra hour with us!

We had great turnout for this year's Life Chain. Thank you all who attended. We even had some real roses available afterward, and hope people enjoyed them. Some people even got some balloons.

I wanted to get through more of the abortion site analysis articles, so I put a double set of articles in this issue.

As we near an election, remember to vote on/by November 3rd!

KEEP PRAYING! DO NOT STOP! We want PP to sell their Cedar Rapids site. But until then, we pray outside their gutted building.

Upcoming Events

First Mondays
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CFLI Board Meetings (1st Mondays)

Get involved in our organization!
Where: Contact us.
More: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

Sep 23 – Nov 1
1-hour time slots

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

Join us in praying for an end to abortion in a peaceful prayer vigil!
Where: Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood
3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA
More: https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids

Sun, Nov 1
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

40 Days for Life Closing Rally

Join us in praying for an end to abortion in a peaceful prayer vigil!
Where: Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood
3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA
More info: https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids

Sat, Nov 21
Doors Open: 5 p.m.

Pulse Life Advocates Christmas Gala

Hear Jim Caviezel at this year's gala! ($150)
Where: Iowa Events Center Hall B
730 3rd St, **Des Moines**, IA 50309
More info/Sign-up: https://pulseforlife.org/christmas-gala-2026/







PP Affiliate: Twin City Metro

The sites within the PP affiliate within of the Twin Cities metro area of Minnesota include:

1. Eden Prairie
2. Little Canada
3. Brooklyn Park
4. Minneapolis
5. Saint Paul

I listed them in the order I would expect future closures, unless circumstances change. The sites for #2 and #3 are hard to place, and could easily be swapped.

Eden Prairie is the easy city to list as number one in the list. It is the only PP site in the metro area not providing abortions after 3 weeks. It's a southwest suburb of the Twin Cities, and it's hard to compete with sites providing abortions.

Little Canada is home to the Rice Street site, considered part of Saint Paul, but technically in Little Canada. The population of Little Canada is barely over 10,000 people, so "Little" makes sense in its name, even though it's in a metro area of roughly three million people. The site provides pill-based abortions, and could be considered a bit redundant of the Saint Paul site.

Brooklyn Park is northwest suburb of the Twin Cities. Of the sites providing abortions, this would give them access to people at a greater distance than the others, which are based near the center of the metro population. PP also tends to be in areas with lower incomes and minority populations. Brooklyn Park seems like a better fit for them than places higher in the list.

This leaves two sites. Minneapolis is the bigger city, but Saint Paul's site was made to perform lots of abortions. Both of these sites remain open more hours than a standard 40-hour workweek would afford.

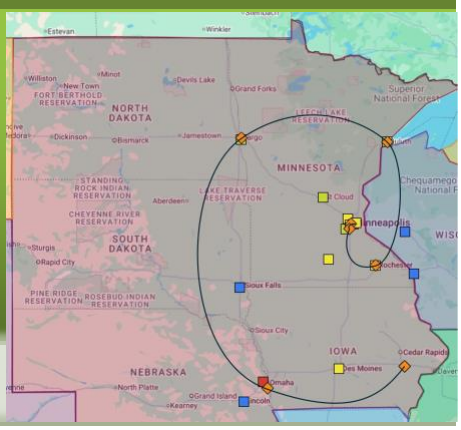
The Saint Paul site is situated between two colleges. It has easy access to mass transit. As already mentioned, it was made as an abortion super-center. I would expect this to be the last site to remain open within the entire affiliate, and not just among the Twin Cities metro area sites. Therefore, the Minneapolis site appears earlier in my list, because the Saint Paul site has more going for it by nearly every measure.

Because of the strength of the Saint Paul site, it is the site where 40 Days for Life occurs within the Twin Cities. I wish more of the suburbs would challenge the other sites in the metro area. But all focus seems centered on the Saint Paul site. Yet, if only one site has 40 Days for Life, it makes sense to apply it where it does the most good. I just wonder if one or more other sites may have been able to close if efforts were also present outside the other PP sites.

This article concludes my glimpse of the various PP sites within the affiliate covering Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota. I hope it was informative. I hope you pray about these sites.

As I pointed out before, the affiliate has Twin City metro sites, other Minnesota sites, and out-of-state sites. They tend to keep a somewhat similar number across these three categories. Even though I listed the order I would expect closures within each of these three categories, I could see Saint Cloud and Eden Prairie closing one after another, rather than the first two on any of the lists. One or two per list at a time could go, while spreading the losses across the lists.





Independent Abortionists

The independent abortion sites within the Planned Parenthood (PP) affiliate region include:

1. Emma Goldman, Iowa City, IA
2. Clinics for Abortion and Reproductive Excellence, Bellevue, NE
3. Red River Women's Clinic, Moorhead, MN
4. Women's Health Center, Duluth, MN
5. Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
6. Whole Women's Health, Bloomington, MN
7. Meadowbrook Women's Clinic, Minneapolis, MN

Unlike prior articles, this list simply starts in Iowa, then Nebraska, and ends in Minnesota. It has no other sorting.

The Emma Goldman site in Iowa City was the first abortion business to open after the Roe vs. Wade ruling was handed down in 1973. It's in one of the smaller population areas in the list, but the population makes it a harder challenge to end abortions in Iowa City. While PP has struggled, especially after the Dobbs ruling, Emma Goldman has made more money than they know what to do with. They make very sizable profits each year. With PP leaving Iowa City, their profits are bound to go even higher.

The Bellevue abortion site is run by a business that moved in after LeRoy Carhart died and his business closed soon afterward. It is close enough to Omaha to gain access to a population of millions of people. It's just across the river from Iowa, and even closer to Missouri than the Omaha PP is.

The independent providers in Minnesota are spread throughout the state. Moorhead provides access to the western parts of the state, plus North Dakota and parts of South Dakota. Duluth provides access to the 4th largest city in Minnesota, and the northeast part of the state. Mayo Clinic brings with it a good medical reputation, even when doing evil. It's based in Rochester, which is the 3rd largest city in Minnesota. It provides access for the southern parts of Minnesota.

The other two are in the Twin Cities metro area. Bloomington is a southern suburb of the Twin Cities. When one drives toward the cities from the south on I-35, one enters Bloomington once you cross the Minnesota River. Its northern limit is I-694. It's known for the Mall of America, but it also has an abortion provider in the city (not in the mall).

The other site is in the heart of the cities, in the state's largest city– Minneapolis. Roughly half of the population of Minnesota lives in the Twin Cities metro area. Thus, these last two sites have access to roughly three million people. That's roughly the population of Iowa.

Independent sites are tricky. They may join abortion networks of businesses, but are generally stand-alone sites or smaller chains than PP formed. If a stand-alone business struggles, it can go out of business, since they lack affiliation with others to help them through tough financial times. But such providers sometimes focus on other services. An OB/Gyn can make a living without performing abortions. So, if they offer abortions as an individual doctor, and abortions are outlawed or drop significantly for other reasons, they can just focus on the rest of their business. PP depends on abortions.



Government Update

National

There are still many federal candidates pushing the pro-abortion rhetoric. Many of them push for abortion at any stage for any reason. Politics polarizes this issue.

Ballot Initiatives

The states of Idaho, Nevada, and Virginia have ballot measures that could make abortion legal in broad circumstances. Nevada requires two votes of the people to accomplish this, and they previously approved the first attempt.

Missouri also has abortion on their ballot, but it's an effort to repeal what voters put in place in 2024. In 2024, voters approved a pro-abortion measure. Many vague pro-abortion ballot measures get passed, which apply to all abortions, while people focus on some hard cases. Missouri might flip things back to protect life.

North Dakota aims to protect their state constitution if Measure 1 passes. It would require 60% approval to amend their constitution, similar to Florida.

Iowa

This is an election year when we will elect a new governor and U.S. senator. We also have many unchallenged seats for the Iowa House in the Cedar Rapids area. State and national happenings could swing votes. We encourage people to become active in the political process. Some pro-life groups are paying people when you get involved with helping the pro-life movement in a political way.

Someone showed up at my door to promote pro-abortion candidates. I made it clear I cannot support such candidates. They didn't think their candidate had any substantial stance on the abortion issue. I proceeded to point out multiple instances when his stance was clear and solidly supporting abortion. I just can't support candidates for office who seek death to Americans. I'm not calling out candidates by name or party, but **our children are our future, and we need to stop killing our future!**

Vote!

On November 3, we have a critical election. Make sure to vote, and vote pro-life! Get other pro-lifers out to vote, too.

Utah (Active Abortion Case)

Utah has an abortion case addressing constitutionality. This case could decide if life is protected from conception or not. Abortion is allowed up to 18 weeks (most abortions are legal) for now. This case could go on for several more months.

Keep Praying

Pray for the protection of human life throughout the states. Pray for an end of the culture of death. Pray for the protection of life to prevail in governments in our nation and world. Pro-life lawmakers help, but don't always prevent them from achieving good things. We need to pray and to contact lawmakers to let our voices be heard. The abortion industry adapts. It's important to achieve results this year!



Foreign Governments Update

Lichtenstein

Prince Alois of Liechtenstein vetoed a bill that would have legalized abortion for any reason up to the 3rd month of pregnancy. The bill narrowly passed their parliament. This is one of a couple nations in Europe that have been solidly pro-life, and which are at the edge of allowing abortions in at least some circumstances. It helps to have veto power in a position held by someone who protects life.

Poland

Poland's parliament narrowly voted in favor of a bill to legalize abortion in circumstances where such a change in law is unnecessary. The bill faces a very likely presidential veto.

The bill addresses cases where the mother's life is in danger, and in cases when there are fetal anomalies. Why do I say these difficult circumstances would not require a change of the law? One does NOT need to intentionally kill the child in the womb to save the life of the mother. One can induce early delivery or address the medical issue without killing the child. The child may not survive. But that's different than a direct abortion.

In cases of fetal anomaly, allowing the child to die a natural death tends to be more compassionate, allowing the family to love the child as long as they can, and know they weren't implicated in killing their own child. We shouldn't attack or kill someone because of a disability. Also, there have been countless situations where a prenatal test indicated a serious medical issue, and where the parents chose to raise the child, and the test was wrong and/or the child survives for many years without serious issues. Prejudging the quality of life isn't a valid justification for taking the life of a child.

Poland is another country which has stood firmly opposed to abortion for many years. But there is growing pressure to make abortion legal.

Switzerland

Switzerland's government is forcing Christian care homes and hospitals to engage in assisted suicide. These sites have previously had a right to refuse to commit those actions on their premises. This will likely take effect next year. In the past, a person could choose a care facility that would care for them, rather than kill them. Assisted suicide is always a concern. Aside from its own moral issues, if the rules are followed for assisted suicide, it would still require the request and action of the patient to initiate their death. But we've seen so many cases where rules are broken wherever assisted suicide is legal. This means some people can die without their approval or action.

Canada

A perfect example of assisted suicide devolving into euthanasia appears in Canada. Canada lawmakers are introducing bills to allow euthanasia in cases when someone is unable to consent via advance requests. If someone has a medical condition involving degraded capabilities, they can provide advance directives to enable euthanasia for a future time when they are disabled.

Pro-Life Challenge



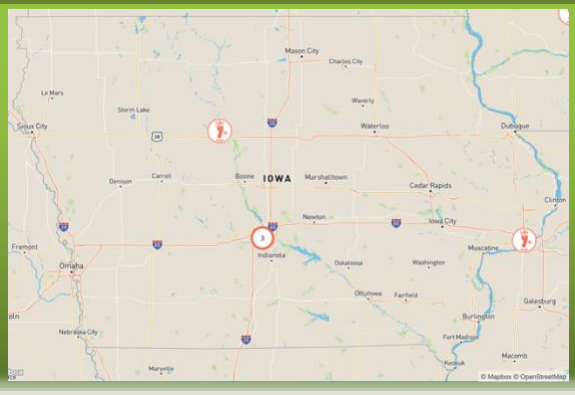
Please pray for God to work in the lives of people, in particular:

For people to prioritize the value of human life; Students for Life in Iowa; lawmakers & judges; religious leaders; success for other pro-life groups



Help Us!

Use your skills to help pro-life efforts, and invite friends and family to attend our events. Invite them to help us out. Many hands make for light work!



Iowa's Safe Haven

The Safe Haven Baby Boxes have made more news, lately. Davenport just became the location of Iowa's most recent Safe Haven Baby Box. The new location is at MercyOne Genesis Davenport Medical Center at 1227 East Rusholme Street, Davenport, IA 52803. They had a ceremony to bless and inaugurate the new box on Monday, October 19th. This is the fifth Safe Haven Baby Box in Iowa, and the 481st in the country.

All of the other boxes are more centrally located in the state. The Des Moines area has three boxes, and Fort Dodge has one box. So, the Davenport box is the first in Eastern Iowa. This could serve a vast area.

At a different location in Iowa, a baby girl became the most recent child protected using the safe haven laws. Some people use the boxes, while others hand over their child face-to-face at a hospital or one of the other approved locations. The boxes help bring attention to the programs more than if they didn't exist. They provide the option of handling things anonymously.

We are working on getting a Safe Haven Baby Box in our part of Iowa. The company who provides them takes matters very seriously. They make sure the facility meets the laws for handling such a box. After the installation, they ensure there are frequent tests to make sure the boxes work. It can take a while to find a suitable site where responders are willing to meet the requirements. But once a box is in a community, it can make a huge difference.

Safe Haven laws enable the parents of a newborn to entrust their child to hospitals, fire stations, police stations, and other sites with emergency responders. The baby boxes are installed in those types of facilities to ensure responders are available as soon as possible when the child is placed in a box.

Many parents don't feel ready to raise a child, and they can be abortion-vulnerable. Safe Haven laws allow parents to have another option that's not lethal to the child, and doesn't result in penalties. The Cedar Rapids and Iowa City corridor has a high population, and could use a box.

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