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Office Move, Consolidation Mark 10th Anniversary of Erie Abortion Facility

Last May we learned that it would be necessary to vacate our Alternative Choices for Women office in the 1611 Peach St. Professional Building by the end of June. A major rearrangement of our W. 26th St. office was then required, as well as the transfer of all the office equipment and lots of other materials from the Professional Building. It was amazing to see how much stuff we accumulated during our 10 years at ACW!

The extra office space at the Professional Building was very helpful, but our mission to deal with the American Women's Services abortion facility that had been established there was fully completed.

It is now a relief to have all of our operations once again located under one roof.

We think our tenure at the Professional Building was largely responsible for the demise of the abortion facility, and the one in State College as well. Space does not allow for a full retelling of the story, but suffice it

to say that, thanks to information we were able to uncover, two of the four doctors who did the baby killing in Erie were investigated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. One of the two was fined \$50,000 and had his medical license revoked and the other moved to South Carolina soon after being investigated. We were also able to quickly identify another doctor who never returned to the abortion facility after we arranged to have 100 people picket of his office in Meadville.

The baby-killing finally came to a halt in February of 2007, and American Women's Services fully vacated the Professional Building in December 2011.

The W. 26th St. office (what we were previously calling the Main Office) will now be open on most weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please drop in to say hello and check out the recent upgrades. Don't make a special trip, though, unless you call ahead to make sure that someone will definitely be there.

The Erie and northwestern Pennsylvania pro-life communities fought a good fight against American Women's Services and its owner Dr. Steven Brigham. Much pro-life work remains to be done, however.

Our battle with the abortion facility was only a skirmish in the larger battle to protect those being led away to slaughter and to restore a sense of compassion for the most defenseless among us. We remain up for the fight, with new recruits and more young blood joining our ranks all the time.

The truth is that AWS and its owner Dr. Steven Brigham are, relatively speaking, minor symptoms of the evil afoot in our nation. The vital center of the anti-life monster is to be found in the institutions of government and pro-abortion government officials that ensure the killing will continue unabated. The biggest obstacles at the moment are pro-abortion majority on the U.S. Supreme Court and, of course, the profoundly pro-abortion Obama administration.

Pro-Life Breakfast 2014: Another great speaker

The special guest speaker for People for Life's 2014 Pro-Life Breakfast will be Dr. Angela Franks, the author of *Margaret Sanger's Eugenic Legacy*.

An internationally acclaimed expert on Sanger and the origins of her brainchild, Planned Parenthood, Dr. Franks has a Ph.D. in theology and an M.A. in philosophy. She is the director of the Master of Theological Studies Program at St. John's Seminary in Boston.

Dr. Franks is in high demand as a speaker on a variety of topics including abortion, eugenics, population control, feminism, and of course Margaret Sanger.

She lives in Boston with her husband David. They are the proud parents of six children, all of whom are homeschooled.

The Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on January 18, 2014, once again at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center.

Tickets can be ordered now. The cost is \$14.00 for teens and adults and \$7.00 for kids 3-12. Mail a check to People for Life, P.O. Box 1126, Erie, PA 16512 or use your credit card over the phone or online. For online orders, use the "Donate" button on the front page of www.peopleforlife.org.

There is no cost for children under 3. Free, fun childcare will be available.



Pennsylvania rejects Obamacare abortions

As Pennsylvanians sign up for federally-subsidized and managed health insurance through the Obamacare insurance exchange, they will not have to worry, as will many other Americans, about being forced to pay

abortion surcharges or struggling to find a plan that does not pay for abortion.

That is because overwhelming majorities in both houses of the Pennsylvania General Assembly along with pro-life Governor Tom Corbett enacted H.B. 818 earlier this year. The new law prohibits insurance plans offered through the federal exchange from

paying for abortion, except when necessary to prevent the death of the mother and in properly-reported cases of rape or incest.

H.B. 818 was approved by a nearly 3 to 1 margin in the state House and a nearly 2 to 1 margin in the state Senate. Governor Corbett signed the bill on June 17.

Federal tax money collected from

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CANDIDATE SURVEY

General Election - October 5, 2013

1. LEGAL PROTECTION FOR THE UNBORN

If changes to Roe v. Wade make it possible, would you favor the enactment of a law prohibiting abortion or prohibiting abortion with exceptions? (Please specify what exceptions, if any.)

2. LATE TERM ABORTIONS

Should abortions be prohibited in all cases where the unborn child is mature enough to survive apart from his or her mother?

3. INFORMED CONSENT

Should abortion providers be required to offer basic information to a woman who is considering an abortion, such as information about the medical risks, alternatives to abortion, the probable gestational age of her unborn child, the availability of detailed information (provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) about fetal development and the possibility of medical assistance benefits if the woman decides to continue her pregnancy? (Currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

4. TIME FOR DELIBERATION

After initially consulting with a physician, should a woman who wants an abortion be given 24 hours to carefully consider her decision before an abortion is carried out? (Currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

5. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

If a woman seeking an abortion is less than 18 years old, should the

consent of at least one parent be required unless a judge determines that extenuating circumstances are involved? (Currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

6. GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Should public funds be used to pay for abortions?

7. ASSISTED SUICIDE

Should physician-assisted suicide be allowed?

8. EMBRYO DESTRUCTIVE RESEARCH

Should government funds be used to pay for research that involves the destruction of human embryos (embryonic stem cell research)?

Survey Table Key

Yes: Y or y No: N or n
Pro-life or more strongly pro-life responses are in UPPER CASE.

b Blank; responded to the survey but did not answer the question

♦ See %Additional Comments+

IMPORTANT: Please note that the list below includes only candidates in contested races who responded to the survey, regardless of how they answered the questions. The list should not be construed as a list of %endorsed+or %approved+candidates.

CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas								
Bill Kelly, Jr. ♦								
Bob Sambroak ♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Erie City Council vote for not more than 4								
Jim Winarski	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
John F. Evans ♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
City of Erie School Director at Large vote for not more than 4								
Ed Brzezinski	Y♦	Y	Y	Y♦	Y	N	N	b

CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Erie County Sheriff								
Eddie Whiteman	Y	Y	Y	Y♦	Y	N	N♦	N♦
Millcreek School District vote for not more than 4								
Lou Aliota	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Northwestern School District at Large vote for not more than 4								
Sam Ring	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N

Candidates' Additional Comments

Ed Brezinski ♦ 1. %ape+ ♦ 4. %At least+
John F. Evans ♦ Returned a letter that is too long to print in its entirety but can be summarized by the following excerpts: %It seems unlikely to me that any significant right to life issue will come before City Council.... Therefore, I do not see any rationale for having a position.... I am concerned that your group would focus on this issue in a local municipal election. By far, the most pressing problem our community faces is vanishing

financial support from the federal and state governments.... However, speaking as a private citizen, I have been a solid right to life supporter....+
Bill Kelly, Jr. ♦ Returned a letter that is too long to print in its entirety but included the following: %would prefer to state my position in a narrative form. I am a Pro Life proponent without reservation. I oppose abortion and assisted suicide on moral and religious grounds.+

Bob Sambroak ♦ Completed his questionnaire during a personal visit to our office while specifically underscoring his support for public policies that respect and protect all human lives, both before and after birth.
Eddie Whiteman ♦ 4. %a minimum of 48 hours, not 24 hours+ ♦ 7. %should not be allowed under any circumstances+ ♦ 8. %embryonic stem cells should be abandoned in favor of alternatives.+

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Pennsylvanians will still be spent, however, to subsidize abortion-on-demand in other states.
 All of our northwestern Pennsylvania state legislators cast pro-life votes in favor of H.B. 818, EXCEPT for state Sen. SEAN WILEY (D-District 49) and state Rep. FLO FABRIZIO (D-District 2), who voted FOR taxpayer-funded abortion on demand.
 Please thank the following state legislators for voting to prevent government-funded abortions in Pennsylvania: Sen. Scott Hutchinson, Sen. Bob Robbins, Rep. Ryan A. Bizzarro, Rep. Michele Brooks, Rep. Patrick J. Patö Harkins, Rep. Gregory S. Gregö Lucas, Rep. Kathy L. Rapp, Rep. Brad Roae, and Rep. Curtis G. Curtö Sonney.

PA Superior Court Race

In the race for Judge of Superior Court, democrat Jack McVay, Jr. is running against republican Vic Stabile. The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is recommending Vic Stabile for the office. No Supreme Court or Superior Court judges are recommended for retention.

Beware of 'pro-life' candidates

When a political candidate tells you that he or she is öpro-life,ö that candidate has in fact told you nothing at all.
 Sean Wiley, campaigning for the state Senate last year, insisted that he was öpro-lifeö and took umbrage at the suggestion that he was not pro-life. He often responded to questions about his position on abortion with a litany of ways in which he was involved with the Catholic Church. Wiley was

officially backed by Planned Parenthood, the nation's biggest abortion provider, and he has already voted for federally subsidized abortion on demand.
 Kathy Dahlkemper constantly hyped herself as a öpro-life democratö during her run for Congress. Her priorities, however were such that she helped enact the largest

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expansion of abortion in history by voting for Obamacare, which included massive subsidies for insurance plans that pay for abortion as routine health care. Last year Dahlkemper actively campaigned for one of the most radical promoters of abortion ever to hold a federal office, as a national co-chair of Catholics for Obama.

A candidate for state representative in west Erie County approached us during Dan Rice Days, just a few years ago, gushing with praise for our pro-life efforts and practically condemning women who had made the mistake of getting an abortion. Asked if he supported legal protection for the innocent unborn, his response went something like: "Absolutely not! We have too many laws on the books already." That candidate continued to pass himself off as "pro-life" throughout the rest his campaign.

Outreach and Education

It was another busy summer for People for Life's community outreach program, with 10 major community events on our calendar: Erie Rib Fest, Corry Fest, North East Cherry Festival, Waterford Days, Dan Rice Days, Celebrate Erie, Wattsburg Fair, Erie County Hispanic Festival (our first time), Waterford Community Fair, and Albion Area Fair.

The centerpiece of our displays is always our fetal models, which show what babies look like from four weeks to seven months after conception. We also have a variety of pro-life promotional items and free literature. Our free balloons and stickers help make a positive impression and provide lots of opportunities to talk with moms, dads, grandparents, and teens about pregnancy, fetal development, and abortion. People often tell us that our booth is their favorite!

To all of our dedicated outreach booth volunteers: Thank you! And special thanks

go to Mark Lichtenberger and his daughter Kayla for helping with nearly all of our booth setups and teardowns.

We also had tables at three church-related events this year: WCTL Women's Expo, Higher Ground Youth Conference, and Catholic Youth Rally in Dubois.

Our most recent *Overview of Abortion* presentations were given to three classes at Mercyhurst Prep, the St. Andrew Church confirmation class, and the teens at the Higher Ground Youth Conference. Call us to schedule a free presentation for your classroom or organization.

Allyson Schwartz

One of the democratic candidates for Pennsylvania governor has already been endorsed by the pro-abortion PAC, EMILY's List. Allyson Schwartz used to run a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Philadelphia, and she has a 100% pro-abortion voting record as a U.S. representative.

Memorials

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Ray & Peg Fitzgerald	Mary Blakeslee	Warren & Christine Beaver	Bill Thomson
Betty & James Dalessandro	Anna Mae Dalessandro	Mark & Lois Borowy & Family	Bill Thomson
Roy & Elaine Braughler	William Miller	Mike & Julia Cooney & Family	Bill Thomson
Maryann & Dale Hannah	Barbara O'Leary	Stacey Valimont	Bill Thomson
Ray & Peg Fitzgerald	Dolores Smith	Jim & Rose Ann Yadeski	Marion Walter
Hamot Surgery Center Sunshine Club	Dolores Smith		
Shirley Ireland	Dolores Smith	<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Honor of</i>
Bobbi & Randy Pace	Dolores Smith	Maryann & Dale Hannah	Doris & Elmer Huey

People for Life is a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-sectarian, citizen's organization committed to affirming the intrinsic value of human life. We are dedicated to advancing true justice by working for the protection of all innocent human lives, whatever the age, race, sex, physical condition, economic status, or place of residence (including the womb). We encourage local involvement through

education and by fostering political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent solutions of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Working together, we are determined to achieve a society in which all human lives are valued and protected. The Erie Echo is published in Erie, PA by People for Life, Tim Broderick, Editor.

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Donations may also be made by using the PayPal button on www.peopleforlife.org or by calling-in your credit card information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ___ Fair Booths
- ___ Phone Calling
- ___ Office Attendant
- ___ Newsletter Mailing
- ___ Sidewalk Counseling
- ___ Literature Distribution
- ___ Public Demonstrations
- ___ Pro-Life Breakfast Worker
- ___ March For Life Bus Trip Worker
- ___ Mother's Day Carnation Project
- ___ Erie March & Motorcade Worker
- ___ Call when you need an extra hand.

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Donate your old cell phones and empty printer cartridges

Thank you to everyone who has already answered our call for empty ink and toner cartridges and used, small electronic items (cell phones, mp3 players, headphones, GPS systems, and digital cameras).

We are going to continue collecting these items, so please save them for us and ask your friends to do the same. This easy project can be a big help to our cause.

March for Life Bus Trip Get your seats NOW and save \$\$\$

The Washington, DC March for Life will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. People for Life is now accepting reservations for our 41st Annual March for Life Bus Trip.

The cost is \$60 per seat, but we are offering a special \$10 discount for all seats purchased by Monday, December 16. The number of available seats will be limited after that date, so everyone is strongly advised to take advantage of the special pricing and get their seats right away.

Our buses will depart from Erie at 11 p.m. on the evening of January 21 and return at approximately 2 a.m. on the morning of January 23.

We are once again encouraging sponsorship donations so we can offer financial aid to students and families on limited budgets. Please consider a donation to assist one or more deserving students or a family. Any amount you can afford will be a blessing.

Reservations and sponsorship donations can be made online using the "Donate" button on our website or by sending a check marked "bus trip" or "bus sponsorship" to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512.

2013 PRO-LIFE DATE BOOK 2014

Nov. 1	Last day to return absentee ballots for PA General Election
Nov. 5	Pennsylvania General Municipal Election
Nov. 23	Outreach Table - Men's Conference, Bayfront Convention Center
Dec. 16	Deadline for March for Life Bus Trip discount pricing
Jan. 11	Erie March for Life - Downtown Erie
Jan. 18	36th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast - Erie Bayfront Convention Center
Jan. 21	41st Annual March for Life Bus Trip departs for Washington, DC
Jan. 22	March for Life - Washington, DC
Mar. 3	Student Essay Contest Submission Deadline
Apr. 19	Northwest Regional High School Pro-Life Oratory Contest - Erie
Apr. 21	General Meeting, 6:45 p.m. - 1625 W. 26th St., Erie
Apr. 27	Pennsylvania High School Pro-Life Oratory Contest - Harrisburg
May 11	Mother's Day
May 19	Election of Officers Meeting, 6:45 p.m. - 1625 W. 26th St., Erie

If you have never been to the March for Life but would like to know more about it, we have a great documentary video that you can borrow. *Thine Eyes: A Witness to the march for Life* gives you a good idea of how awesome this event really is.

Bus Trip Groups Welcome

Now is a perfect time to organize a group from your school or church to bring along to the March for Life. We would be very happy to work with you and help you in any way we can. But don't delay. It is best to make your arrangements before the holidays. It will give people a chance to schedule time off from work, and you will be sure that you can get enough seats for everyone who wants to go.

Holocaust survivor to speak

Temple Anshe Hessed will observe the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass" with a special program featuring Holocaust survivor Leo Silberman on Sunday, November 10, 2013. The program will begin 12:30 p.m. and will be free and open to the public.

Temple Anshe Hessed is located at 930 Liberty St. in Erie.

"Kristallnacht" was a series of coordinated attacks against Jews and Jewish businesses throughout Nazi Germany and parts of Austria on 9-10 November 1938,

carried out by paramilitary forces and non-Jewish civilians.

Next to legalized abortion-on-demand, the Jewish Holocaust during World War II is arguably the most terrifying example of a structured, government-sponsored system of murder in the history of the human race. That human beings' inhumanity toward other human beings can play out on such a massive scale and with such scientific "efficiency" in a modern, industrialized nation is as mysterious as it is frightening. It is good for us to learn and understand as much about these kinds of "organized crimes" as we possibly can.

People for Life Memberships

Please help People for Life continue the fight for life in northwestern Pennsylvania by becoming a member or making a donation today. Membership dues are only \$10 a year for an individual and \$20 a year for a family. Memberships for students and senior citizens are a mere \$5 for a whole year. General donations are also welcome.

Save postage by using our website to pay by credit card, or call our office with your credit card information. You can even use the web site to set up automatic monthly donations of any amount you choose.

We exist almost entirely on modest donations from local individuals. We do not receive any funds from the government or charitable foundations, so your support is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers

People for Life is engaged in a wide range of pro-life projects that require many different talents and skills, and lots of time, energy, creativity, and simple, hard work. Let us know if you would like to help. Students are always welcome to volunteer for service hours.

Volunteers are especially needed during the months of December and January.