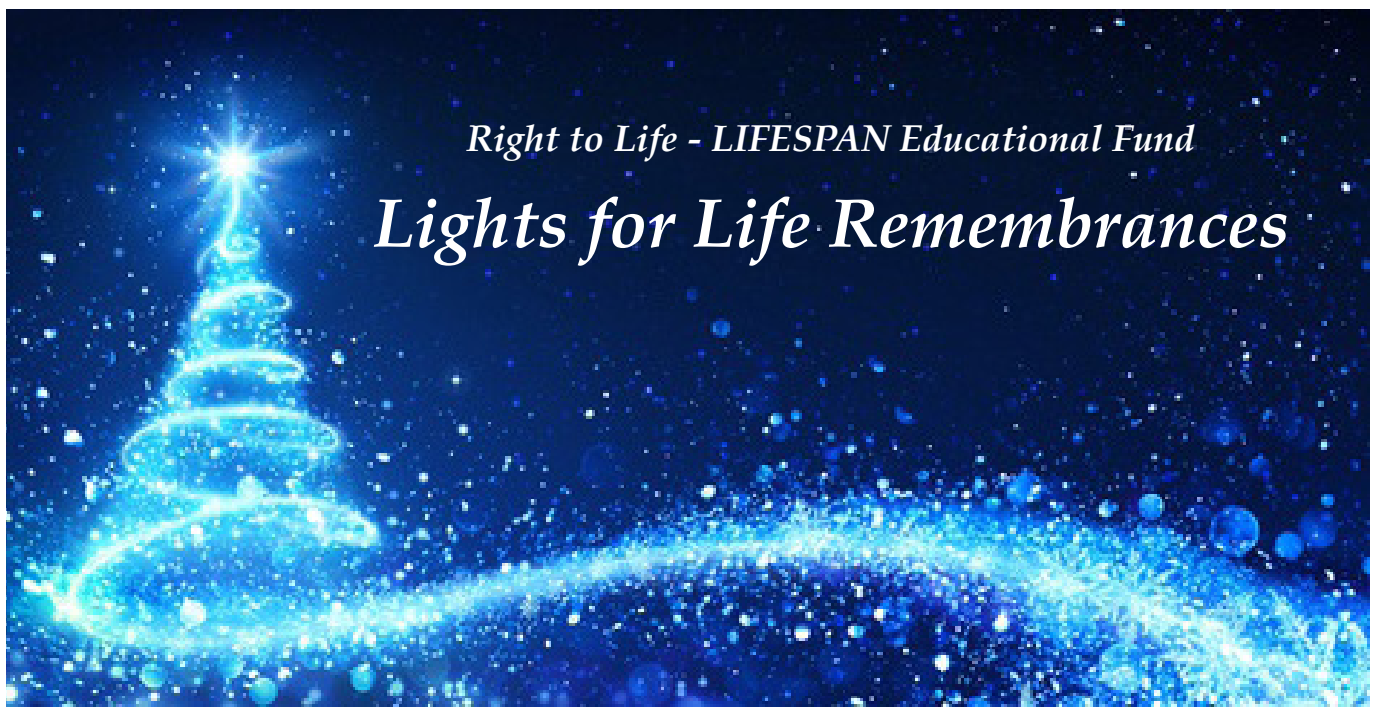


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Words of Wisdom

Abortion Business CEO Claims Aborting a Baby is “The Same as the Loss Through Miscarriage”

Micaiah Bilger

British abortion activist Ann Furedi’s new book, “The Moral Case for Abortion,” has received a lot of media attention since its release earlier this year.

The CEO of the abortion chain British Pregnancy Advisory Service, Furedi attempts to argue that an abortion—which she readily admits is an act of killing—is a moral action and should be a legal choice for women at any stage of pregnancy.

But her arguments fail on multiple levels, *Catholic World Report’s* Fiorella Nash points out in her review of Furedi’s book. Nash says there are numerous flaws with Furedi’s arguments, and her zeal on the matter is similar to that of a religious “fundamentalist.”

“For all its intellectual posturing, at no point is there any real attempt at facing the arguments against abortion in any depth; the pro-life side is just assumed to be wrong...” Nash writes.

Several times in her book, Furedi compares abortion to miscarriage—an argument that not only is hurtful to women who have lost babies to miscarriage, but also is a false analogy, Nash writes.

She continues:

[Furedi] attempts on more than one occasion to conflate abortion and miscarriage: “in effect, the abortion pill causes a miscarriage much the same as the loss through ‘natural’ spontaneous miscarriages experienced by millions of women around the world.” Comparing the two experiences is wrong on so many levels, but using miscarriage as some kind of justification for abortion is hurtful to those very millions of women who go through the misery of losing a baby. It is also blatantly illogical. Millions die of disease every year, but this sad reality would hardly justify rounding up and hanging the same number of individuals.

Abortion and miscarriage are two entirely different things, even though the result is similar. In an abortion, an unborn child is directly and deliberately killed; in a miscarriage, the unborn child experiences an unintended death due to natural circumstances.

In another section of the book, Furedi claims that unborn babies are property, according to Nash:

Few people today, I suspect, would assert that children are the property of their parents in the same way that an adult might own a bookcase or a potted plant...But it is precisely this incredibly anachronistic belief that parents own their children and have absolute rights over them that Furedi

upholds in her defense of abortion. “The contents of her womb are hers and hers alone, by virtue of their location in her womb. How she values the embryo or fetus that she carries inside her body is for her to decide.” Geography is not and has never been an adequate defense of extermination—a baby is no more “the contents of the uterus” than my children are the contents of my house. Clearly the fact that the baby develops inside the body of a woman is highly significant and must always be taken into account within both the abortion debate and with regard to the treatment of pregnant women by society (for an in-depth analysis of the symbiotic relationship between mother and baby, see Dr. Helen Watt’s scholarly work on the ethics of pregnancy), but the baby’s absolute state of dependency does not end with birth, and few advocate the “termination” of newborns.

Nash refutes more of Furedi’s arguments point-by-point in her thorough, well-reasoned review.

Along with writing and debating, Furedi also is actively involved on a practical level as she pushes for late-term abortions in the UK. In her book and in the public square, she argues that getting an abortion should be as easy as buying condoms, and that abortion is a “safe, effective means of birth control” that should not be restricted in any way.

Currently, in England, abortions are allowed for any reason up until 24 weeks when the unborn baby is viable outside the womb, and after that in certain circumstances. However, some British abortion activists are pushing for even more radical legislation that would allow women to have abortions for any reason up until birth. Furedi is one of them.

A strong majority of people oppose mid- and late-term abortions. A 2016 Marist poll found 61 percent of Americans, including those who identify as “pro-choice,” support laws banning abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy. An unofficial reader poll on the *UK Metro* recently showed 84 percent of its readers saying England should keep its current abortion limits and 16 percent saying the abortion time limit should be scrapped.

—*LifeNews.com*, November 25, 2016

Fiorella Nash is a researcher and writer for the London-based Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and has over ten years’ experience researching life issues from a feminist perspective. She makes regular appearances at both national and international conferences and has appeared on radio and in print discussing issues such as abortion, gendercide, maternal health and commercial surrogacy. Fiorella is also an award-winning novelist and has published numerous books and short stories under the nom-de-plume Fiorella De Maria, including Poor Banished Children, Do No Harm, and We’ll Never Tell Them.

Why Talk About Abortion?

By Nancy Valko



Many years ago when I worked in home health and hospice, I cared for a very cranky, elderly woman I will call "Rose" who had rejected all the other nurses in our agency. Even her own doctor had problems with her and told me that he could not understand why she was even still alive because her end stage congestive heart failure was so severe. Part of my assignment was to measure her abdomen and legs to adjust her diuretics (water pills).

As I got to know Rose over several visits, she softened towards me and began telling me about her life. But one day, while I was measuring her abdomen, she burst into tears and told me she hated looking nine months pregnant because of the fluid retention in her abdomen. Rose said she knew it was God punishing her for the abortion she had 60 years before!

Rose had never told anyone, not even her late husband, about the abortion she had before marrying him. She felt that baby was the boy she never had but she didn't feel worthy to even name him. She also told me that she knew she had committed the "unforgivable sin" and was afraid to die because she justly would be sent to hell. My heart went out to this woman who was suffering so much, more emotionally than even physically.

We talked for a long time and in a later visit about God's love, confession and forgiveness. I told her about Project Rachel, a healing ministry for women (and even men) wounded by abortion. I gave her the phone number and offered to be with her to meet a counselor or priest but she insisted that my talking with her was enough to help. I felt it wasn't but she seemed to achieve a level of peace and she even started smiling.

Rose died suddenly and apparently in her sleep about a week later. I only had a few visits with her but I feel she finally felt ready to meet her Lord.

I have told this true story to priests and clergy who tell me that they are reluctant to speak about abortion in homilies for fear of causing further pain to a church

member who may have had an abortion. I tell them that they may tragically miss the chance to tell a hurting woman like my Rose about Project Rachel.

Also, by speaking about the many resources available through individual churches, local and national organizations like Birthright and the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, this may help another woman to choose life for her baby instead of abortion. And, of course, talking about pro-life resources may help church members get involved in volunteer work.

WHY NONE OF US SHOULD BE AFRAID TO TALK ABOUT ABORTION

There are great pro-life news outlets like *Life News* that email daily or weekly updates on news about all life issues. There are many positive and even amazing stories such as those about babies who defy the odds against them, grateful parents who choose life in difficult circumstances as well as important pro-life news, education and upcoming events.

I have shared many of those stories myself with friends, family and people on my email lists and this has led to many great discussions and crucial referrals.

But what I have found most effective is a sincere interest and willingness to help when encountering people struggling with an abortion decision for themselves or someone close to them. For example, a new colleague of mine was considering abortion after her obstetrician recommended abortion and listed all the birth defects that could affect her child after being exposed to a virus early in pregnancy. Getting a second opinion and the support of her coworkers gave my colleague the confidence she needed to reject abortion. She ultimately gave birth to a healthy daughter.

Why talk about abortion? Because we never know who may need to hear the truth.

—National Right to Life News Today, November 28, 2016

SAVE THESE DATES!

2017 LIFESPAN Events (January-October)

January 26 – "Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip

March 12 – 28th Annual LIFESPAN Baby Showers

May 9 – Annual Dinner and Auction

May 14 – Mother's Day Flower Sale

June 18 – Father's Day Candy Sale

September 9 – National Day of Remembrance

for Aborted Children

October 8 – LIFE CHAIN

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The Next Step? Abortion by Overnight Mail

By Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D.
NRL Director of Education & Research



Clinics have been closing, abortions have been dropping, and the abortion industry is having difficulty enlisting a new generation of abortionists to replace those that have retired or exited in scandal. Should we expect them to abandon the cause? Hardly.

What they're doing is trying to come up with ways to do abortions without clinics, without hiring new doctors, to sell and deliver abortions to communities where abortion was never a serious option.

The latest project? Taking the use of chemical and webcam abortions a step further: have women do an online interview from their home computer and then have abortion pills shipped to them by overnight mail.

Currently, the "abortion by mail" option is being made available in four states—Washington, Oregon, Hawaii and New York—as part of a "study" by Gynuity Health Projects. The *New York Times* calls it a "nonprofit research group focused on reproductive health services that seeks to improve women's access to medical abortions" (11/10/16).

The idea is that eventually a couple of online abortion consultants and a shipping department can handle hundreds or thousands of orders from all over the United States. No need to buy property, get zoning, build a clinic, train and hire an abortionist and staff, or court controversy in a community where you aren't welcome. The abortionist and the clinic are as near as your computer and your mailbox.

Gynuity is headed by Beverly Winikoff, formerly of the Population Council, where she was instrumental in

bringing the abortion pill, RU-486 (mifepristone) to the United States.

In what Gynuity has dubbed the "TelAbortion" study, a woman somehow (via a story on the news, a computer search, word of mouth?) hears about the study and contacts Gynuity. If she is interested in the abortion by mail option, after a short "Video Evaluation" in which some basic medical questions are asked, the "provider" will help the woman find places near her where she can get the tests (an ultrasound or pelvic exam, possible blood tests) she needs to qualify.

Once a consent form is electronically signed, the tests performed and the results sent back to the "study provider," a package with mifepristone, misoprostol, ibuprofen and a medication guide is overnighted to the address given by the patient, if the abortionist determines the woman to be eligible.

These pills are to be taken by the pregnant woman according to the instructions at a time and place of her choosing.

The abortion-by-mail method is an obvious extension of the web cam abortion process pioneered by Planned Parenthood in Iowa a decade earlier. We have written about webcam abortions on many, many occasions.

Here, again, is the video consult with the abortionist back in some metropolitan hub. Only this time, she does the consult on her own computer and the drugs are mailed to her home rather than unlocked from a desk drawer at the local clinic where she has gone for her video interview.

Like the abortion industry in general, Gynuity tends not to dwell on the difficult and painful part of the chemical abortion process. It does admit that "Side effects of medical abortion are common; they include vaginal bleeding and abdominal cramping, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and mild fever."

They do not talk about how much bleeding these involve (more than a standard first-trimester surgical abortion and it may last for days, or even weeks) or how that the pain and cramping may be intense. Instead they reassure patients, "These side effects usually last a short time and can be treated with over-the-counter medications."

Gynuity tells women that serious risks such as heavy bleeding and infection are rare. Not mentioned is that more than a dozen women in the U.S. are known to have died after having chemical abortions with these pills.

Though promoted as a method that allows women to avoid going to the abortion clinic, it is not clear they will be able to do so with the study. Their video consult is with one of Gynuity's three participating abortion clinics. (We know from the TelAbortion website that these are The Choices Women's Medical Center in Queens, NY, the Hawaii Women's Health Research Center, in Honolulu and the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland.) They must have certain tests performed before

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LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

Here are 12 things to do in 2017 that might make our world a better place and enrich our lives in the process—one thing each month.

- H**elp others who are struggling
- A**nticipate adventure
- P**rayer brings peace
- P**eace makes way for love
- Y**esterday is gone—
don't live in the past
- N**ever give up!
- E**xpect exciting opportunities
- W**ishes can become reality
- Y**ou can do it!!
- E**nable others to succeed
- A**ppreciate friends
- R**emember those who have encouraged you



The Board of the Oakland/Macomb Chapter of LIFESPAN wishes you a New Year filled with blessings, happiness and the Love of Life!

Thank You

We would like to thank all of you who responded so generously to our letter following the recent election. We have an opportunity to move the cause of Life forward, and with your help we will succeed!

Light a Candle and Dispel the Darkness

Each year, on the evening of January 21st, we encourage everyone to illuminate their driveways and/or porches with a simple white candle in memory of the hundreds and thousands of lives lost to abortion.

This year, we have reason to hope that the light might shine a little brighter than in previous years. These next years may save the lives of countless unborn babies and save their families from the aftermath.

If you would like to “light one little candle” (or more), please call the office, **248-816-1546**. We have a supply of candle kits that can be used to light the darkness.

The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.

—Thomas Jefferson

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Resolutions We Can All LIVE With!

Nurture your relationships. You can change hearts and minds by simply living a life full of pro-life meaning.

Enlighten someone about pro-life issues through a conversation, bumper sticker on your car or pin on your shirt/coat.

Wonder what is currently happening with pro-life issues in the state, nation or world? Contact LIFESPAN to find out!

You are needed to make the pro-life movement stronger! Get involved by volunteering, writing letters to the editor—call LIFESPAN for ideas!

Educate yourself and others. Sometimes, all it takes is one conversation to help change a heart and mind. Educational materials, supports and speakers are available at LIFESPAN.

Advocate for LIFE for all! Our “quality of life” is always one moment away from changing through health issues, accident or just natural aging. When you advocate for LIFE for all, you could be saving your own life!

Respect those who have challenges in their day-to-day lives. When you support people with different abilities created by birth, accident or age, others learn compassion and empathy.

Memorial Luminary Kits

Luminary kits will again be available at our office. The kits include instructions, candles and luminary bags.



Each candle lit throughout the night creates awareness of the almost 59 million lives lost through abortion in the United States since the decision of *Roe v. Wade* on January 22, 1973. This U.S. Supreme Court decision made abortion legal from conception until birth for any reason.

Want to spread even more education and awareness? Write a simple fact about abortion on the bags, such as: “Adoption is the Loving Option,” “End Abortion,” “miL-IFESPAN.org,” “Choose Life,” “Almost 59 MILLION Babies Killed by Abortion since 1973,” etc. Call our office for more info!

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Wee Care

Dear Friends,

Happy tears, smiles and holiday hugs filled our days leading up to Christmas with so much joy!

Both the moms receiving, and the beautiful people donating, experienced this overwhelming love. The month was filled with so many of these touching moments THANKS TO YOU!

In just two of those special days, we were able to give over 200 packages to some very precious babies. Come



Christmas morning, they will be snuggled in their mothers' arms wearing a tiny Christmas outfit and wrapped in a soft blanket. They will have received clothing, diapers, bedding and so much more to start the new year.

You have given these moms the gifts of hope, peace and love. May you all enjoy these same gifts in the New Year!

Thank you for loving my babies. You truly share the love and spirit of Christmas year round! God bless you.

Love, Karen



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Generation Truth Update

Dear Friends of Life...young people, parents, college students and young adults, teachers, principals, youth ministers and group leaders, deacons, priests, pastors:

As the New Year of 2017 arrives, the wheels on our LIFESPAN buses will get revved up and ready to roll out as we go to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 27th, 2017, one week after Mr. Donald J. Trump will be taking office as our 45th President of the United States.

Perhaps our new President and/or our new VP will greet us through Skype or another means the day of the March, letting us know they are supporting our being there for the largest annual Pro-Life event in the country. I have been attending the March for Life about 15 years now, and it will be so good to hear encouraging words once again after much silence for the last eight years for us, while praise went to the pro-abortion industry from our leadership.

My numbers keep changing for the Youth Bus Trip, but I have a few seats left in case anyone wants to still go on the trip. The dates of our trip: Leaving the evening of Thursday, January 26th, arriving back home the morning of Sunday, January 29th. Our "Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip is focused on young people ages 12 to 18 (Jr. High and High School), 19-24 (college or out of college).

We will stay at host churches the night after the March, and on Saturday we will do some touring in the area that will include our important first stop at the Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Interesting, how it all happens, as the buses start to fill up with people who return and new people coming on board with us! We welcome new groups from Trinity

Baptist Church (Grand Rapids), a mom and two of her daughters from Divine Child, students and chaperones from St. Catherine of Siena Academy and students and chaperones from Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Returning groups include Shrine H.S., Our Lady of the Lakes H.S., Regina H.S., U of D Jesuit H.S., Brother Rice H.S., St. Mary's, Royal Oak, St. Mary's, Port Huron, St. Anastasia, Ss. Cyril and Methodius, FISH (homeschool group), Immaculate Conception (Ira), St. Christopher, Our Lady on the River, St. Edward (Lakeport), St. Mary Queen of Creation and St. Paul of Tarsus. And, for the first time, we have gone across country, with a student from TX, registering to be on the bus with her two MI cousins, and international, with an exchange student from Poland and an exchange student from Tibet!

Thank you to all those who registered for the trip already! I look forward to traveling and Marching with you on January 27th.



March for Life Washington, DC 2015

Over 500,000 people in attendance (young people everywhere!)

*—Lynn Gura, Youth Director
248-816-1546*



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 Please check here if you DO NOT want your ad to be published online.

Deadline for submission is Friday, March 24, 2017.

- Due to the difficulty of working with various formats, we prefer to receive pdf files, at 300 dpi, all fonts embedded, sent by email to: mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org, indicating "LIFESPAN Resource Book Ad" in the subject line. In the case of electronic submissions, please send contract and check via post to the address below.
- You may also send a hard copy, camera-ready ad.
- If you are not able to submit camera-ready work, we will help you with your ad, just call us!
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their abortions to qualify and tests after their abortions to determine if the abortion process is complete.

We don't know if a woman's choices for her testing are limited to doctor's offices or clinics selected by Gynuity, but those locations do have to cooperate with Gynuity for Gynuity to get the woman's medical records and evaluation and process her results for the study. Local abortion clinics working with Gynuity are the obvious choice here, although it is clear that Gynuity has in mind that these tasks can be carried out by any doctor or clinic.

For its part, Gynuity does not promise that the woman's case will be handled by a doctor, but only the "abortion provider." According to the *New York Times*, that could be a doctor "or other clinician such as a nurse practitioner."

In truth, with the new protocol from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the only requirement is that the whole process is somehow under the supervision of some "certified healthcare provider." That could be anything from a trained surgeon to a certified medical assistant with only a few health classes from a local community college.

Who will be responsible in her local area if a woman having a mail-order abortion begins to hemorrhage or contracts a deadly infection or has a ruptured ectopic pregnancy is also unclear.

Does she return to the site where she had her ultrasound or blood tests? Would they necessarily be prepared to handle a hemorrhage or a ruptured uterus? Or will that become a problem for the local ER to figure out and solve?

All such details will probably be carefully monitored for now while the study is in process. And in a few months, barring no unforeseen publicly disclosed disasters, one can expect to see a report of the study published claiming that everything went swimmingly, that women were "satisfied" with their experiences (a not entirely unexpected result, given that their abortions were paid for, even if they had a surgical abortion after the "medication" failed), with a recommendation that the method could be safely duplicated anywhere in the country.

If all goes as planned, abortion, while not easier or safer, will become more widely available.

Abortion by mail will open a whole new market for the abortion industry, giving them access to whole new populations of women in communities where there is no abortion clinic anywhere nearby.

But it's worth noting that while abortion will become more widely available for such women, it won't necessarily become any easier or safer. In fact, it will likely make things much more dangerous.

And it certainly won't be of any benefit to the unborn child.

—*National Right to Life News Today, November 15, 2016*

Think Before You...Eat and Drink

Life Decisions International has released a revised edition of their Boycott List. This lists corporations and companies that support Planned Parenthood. Below are a few cafes and markets you might want to think twice about before visiting their establishment.

Starbucks—Operations: beverages (nonalcoholic: coffee, iced/frozen, Tazo Teas), foods (snacks), retail outlets. Contact: Mr. Howard M. Schultz, Chm., Pres. & CEO, Starbucks Corp., 2401 Utah Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98134, 206-447-1575, starbucks.com.

Whole Foods—Operations: markets/supermarkets. Contact: Mr. Walter E. Robb III, Co-CEO, Whole Foods Market Inc., 550 Bowie St., Austin, TX 78703, 512-477-4555, wholefoodsmarket.com.

Remember: It is important that you stop doing business with boycott targets. This is the first step. The second step is to contact these organizations and tell them why you are no longer supporting them. We have included the contact person for each company.

For more information, contact Life Decisions International: website: fightpp.org or email: ldi@fightpp.org.

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Taxpayer-Funded Planned Parenthood Paying People \$1600 Per Week to Protest Donald Trump

By Kirk Walden

Before we point fingers at those who are protesting the results of the most recent election, all of us in the pro-life community must begin with some reflection.

Eight years ago, when abortion-proponent Barack Obama won the White House, the pregnancy help community took our grievances to the streets. We smashed windows. We stopped traffic. We sought to overturn the results.

Ummm, no. We did not. In the days after the 2008 elections, we went back to work to serve those who needed us most. We had no time for “taking it to the streets” (with all due respect to the 1976 song by Michael McDonald and the Doobie Brothers).

Such is not the case for Planned Parenthood today. Apparently, the abortion giant has plenty of time on its hands, and plenty of money.

It seems Planned Parenthood’s Community Outreach Group was paying for protestors to go full Stompy Feet over the election of Donald Trump. If you are interested in making up to \$1,600 per week, Planned Parenthood needs you to go outside, wail and bewail, hold up a sign and perhaps destroy property (is there a bonus for that?) in an effort to keep its federal funding.

Yes, it’s true. Through Craig’s List, Planned Parenthood’s own social action organization was soliciting protestors to “stop Donald Trump.”

Planned Parenthood of course, will deny any tax dollars are being used for these protests. These are “private funds,” right? And perhaps they are. But no one can deny our tax dollars (well in excess of \$500 million per year) pour into Planned Parenthood’s coffers, freeing up “private” funds for its massive political action machine.

And this machine is more than happy to pay \$15-18 per hour to Stompy Foot Protestors-for-hire in Boston.

It’s rich, isn’t it? Planned Parenthood was founded by a eugenicist and racist (and Hitler devotee) in Margaret Sanger. This is not even open for debate as the evidence is overwhelming. And now, the very organization she founded is paying protestors, some of whom will likely scream that Donald Trump is a racist and a Hitler wannabe.

I’m no Donald Trump defender. Anyone can read my past columns and find my reservations over his apparent pro-life conversion, and at times, his defense of even Planned Parenthood (“They do good things”). I am not sure how Donald Trump will govern; we shall see.

But surprisingly, Mr. Trump could become the president who finally brings down Planned Parenthood.

He now has every reason to do so. The Trump administration, through the Center for Medical Progress, is the first declared pro-life administration to have video evidence of Planned Parenthood’s illegal actions regarding the sale of human body parts.

Maybe it is time we forced Planned Parenthood to “do good things” on its own, without living off the federal dole.

Is the time drawing near? Conservative pro-life Gov. Mike Pence, our Vice President-Elect, heads the transition team.

And House Speaker Paul Ryan, a cost-cutter, will be a key player in writing the first budget as the Trump administration takes control. Want to save \$553 million Mr. Ryan? We have an idea.

Another thought, floated by many, including Matt Walsh of *The Blaze*: Take that \$553 million and fund those organizations which truly assist women in need. Pregnancy help organizations don’t have a habit of asking for much in taxpayer assistance (most never ask at all), but if the \$553 million must go somewhere, giving each of the 2,600 pregnancy help locations across the country an average of \$230,000 could help a lot of women.

Once the story of Planned Parenthood’s plan to hire protestors got out, many—if not all—of the ads were pulled. I guess Stompy Feet are fine until someone recognizes who is funding the mayhem.

But the truth is out there. And it is time someone asks, “If Planned Parenthood has the money to hire rabble rousers, does it really need our tax dollars?”

Kirk Walden is a senior writer with Pregnancy Help News, where this originally appeared, and an Advancement Specialist with Heartbeat International and author of The Wall.

—LifeNews.com, November 17, 2016

NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

Last month, the front page of our newsletter asked the question, *What Do We Do Now?* With the new administration in Washington, DC promising to protect human life, we will be offering ideas for action by you. It will change with each newsletter, and, hopefully, will raise awareness for the need to protect human life at all its stages.

January 2017—Write a brief letter, email, postcard (emails are best) to our new president, thanking him for his promise to appoint Supreme Court Justices who will uphold the Constitution. This is just an example. Feel free to use it or use your own words:

Thank you, Mr. Trump, for promising to appoint Justices to the United States Supreme Court who will uphold the Constitution rather than engage in judicial activism such as occurred in the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973.

**Email: president@whitehouse.gov
U.S. Mail: President Donald Trump
The White House, Washington, DC 20500
Fax: 202-456-2461**

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I have had many conversations over the years with the pro-life community regarding boycotting those who would give money to programs, businesses or politicians that support anti-life issues. The influence on our society by those who promote abortion and euthanasia is sometimes overwhelming. I ask myself, on more than one occasion, is it possible to stop the pro-abortion movement from taking over so many of our institutions because they have so much money? The constant influx of money to support their cause comes mostly from big business, big government, Hollywood and the media elite.

As the years pass, it gets harder to believe that they will be stopped. The reality is that there will always be people who will give money to be used directly or indirectly to destroy another human person. There will always be times when money we spend will be used for activities that go against our moral values. The truth of the matter is that it is almost impossible to live in our society without dealing with a company, a government entity or using a media source that has participated in giving money to an anti-life causes.

That is why so many people feel that boycotting may not stop the flow of funds used in the killing fields. We need to continue to try to stop these funds by using our own freedom to buy from or participate in only those who support Life issues. It is important to remember that we may not be able to boycott everyone. So pick out the ones that are obvious and easy for you. Write a letter to the CEO of that company explaining why you no longer will use their company. Don't expect that you will always be able to refrain from participating in companies not in line with our thinking.

I truly believe that the biggest impact we have is to support locally those businesses and people who are pro-life. Due to the expense, LIFESPAN is unable to survey all our businesses, especially our doctors, to know who is pro-life. However, you can help. We all deal with a doctor, a pharmacy, cleaners, a flower shop, a local restaurant, etc.—are they pro-life? In this newsletter, on page 8, you will see an ad flier for our Resource Book 2017. Take

it to your local businesses, ask for ads. This will do two very important things: 1) You will be able to influence directly a person or business with which you associate. It's a teaching moment to share your pro-life views. By asking them for an ad, it is a un-confrontational way to discover their views on issues we hold so important. 2) It will allow you to share with fellow pro-lifers those local businesses which are pro-life. What a gift—knowing where we can safely spend our money. This may have a bigger impact than boycotting.

I want to leave you with this. There is always hope. So, when we think things are just too big, remember, "politics starts locally." All great and good changes in our lives start within our circle of family, friends and associates. Let us start locally! This we can do! May God give us the strength!

—Diane Fagelman, President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, Inc.

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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because...

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - LIFESPAN will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts. Send donations to your local LIFESPAN office.

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(unless different date noted)

to benefit local Pregnancy Help Centers

Drop-Off Baby showers will be held at the following locations.

Bring new or gently used baby items.

For more information, call *Right to Life – LIFESPAN* at 734.524.0162.



Gift Suggestions

Sleepers, onesies, socks, receiving blankets, crib sheets, diapers (size 1 to size 4), baby wipes, wash cloths, towels, pacifiers, bottles, bibs, personal hygiene items for baby, gift cards, cash donations!

In alphabetical order by City:

Auburn Hills Christian Center

2592 E. Walton Blvd., **Auburn Hills**

March 12th - 16th

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

3400 S. Adams Rd., **Auburn Hills**

Resurrection Parish

48755 Warren Rd., **Canton**

Guardian Angels Church

581 E. 14 Mile Rd., **Clawson**

Church of the Divine Child

1055 N. Silvery Lane, **Dearborn**

Weekends of Mar 4th-5th & 11th-12th

St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Catholic Church

13540 Gould St., **Dearborn**

St. Anselm Catholic Church

17650 W. Outer Drive, **Dearborn Heights**

Weekend of Mar 11th & 12th

St. Gerald Catholic Church

21300 Farmington Rd., **Farmington**

St. Fabian Catholic Church

32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., **Farmington Hills**

Throughout the Lenten Season

The River and Faith Churches

Goodrich, Grand Blanc, Holly & Waterford

Mother's Day - Sunday, May 14th

St. Colette Catholic Church

17600 Newburgh Rd., **Livonia**

Weekend of Mar 11th-12th

St. Edith Catholic Church

15089 Newburgh Rd., **Livonia**

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church

1955 East Commerce Rd., **Milford**

St. Stephen Catholic Church

18800 Huron River Dr., **New Boston**

Our Lady of Victory Church

770 Thayer, **Northville**

Throughout the Lenten Season

Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church

3750 Commerce Rd., **Orchard Lake**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

47650 N. Territorial, **Plymouth**

St. Kenneth Catholic Church

14951 Haggarty Rd., **Plymouth**

Weekends Mar 18th - Apr 2nd

Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church

17116 Olympia, **Redford**

Weekends Mar 4th - Mar 12th

St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church

2675 John R Rd., **Rochester Hills**

Weekends of Mar 11th-12th & 18th-19th

Living Rock Church

33200 Ecorse Rd., **Romulus**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church

38750 Ryan Rd., **Sterling Heights**

Sunday, March 5th

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church

26440 Ryan Rd., **Warren**

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Choose a location near you, drop off some new (or clean, gently used items) and help our local moms and their babies. Sometimes, just knowing that there are resources available through local pregnancy help centers means the difference between aborting a baby and giving a baby LIFE!

Does your church/organization want to co-host a Baby Shower for one of the 18 Metro Detroit Pregnancy Help Centers, but don't see your name listed? Please contact us today at the LIFESPAN Main Office and we'll get you everything you need! 734.524.0162 or mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org.