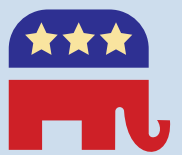


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Constitutional Amendment 1 to Stop State Funding of Abortion

This year, the West Virginia legislature passed a proposed constitutional amendment, which will be on the November 6 ballot.

Please vote for Amendment 1 which says: "Nothing in this Constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion." Its purpose is to cleanse our state constitution on the issue of abortion and allow the state legislature to exercise its appropriate responsibility for control over the funding of abortion.

The state of West Virginia never changed the West Virginia law banning abortion following the federal Supreme Court's abortion decisions in 1973. Women received abortions in West Virginia under the federal constitutional provision found in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Then in 1993, the *Panepinto* Decision "found" the requirement of government funding of abortion in the West

Virginia Constitution.

Over the years, West Virginia has paid nearly \$10,000,000 for 35,000 abortions under Medicaid. However, the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled in 1980 in *Harris v. McRae* that the Court's 1973 abortion decisions created a right to abortion, not a government entitlement, under the federal constitution. Since then, federal Medicaid dollars have been limited to the funding of abortions only in cases that threaten the life of the mother or in rape and incest.

Following passage of Amendment

1, women in West Virginia will still be able to have abortions under the federal constitution. When the law adjudicated under *Panepinto* goes back into effect, our tax dollars would be limited to paying for abortion only in the cases of life of the mother, medical emergency, reported rape and incest and fetal anomaly.

If Amendment 1 passes in November, it will eliminate the *Panepinto* funding requirement and prevent future Judges from "finding" abortion rights in the West Virginia Constitution.

History and Current Legal Status of Taxpayer Funded Abortion in WV

Our opponents have never had the public behind them. They have difficulty succeeding with the people's representatives in the Legislatures. They have used liberal courts to help them establish their political agenda. In the case of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* in 1973, the Supreme Court abortion decisions overturned the laws of all 50 states. We are among only six countries in the world that allow abortion on demand for all 9 months of pregnancy for any reason. And those six include horrible societies like North Korea and China.

The 1973 Court Decisions were an overwhelming attack on the values of Americans. Human rights were destroyed because individual human beings were no longer considered persons with dignity that had to be protected at all costs. It was an attack on our Judeo-Christian belief in the sanctity of all human life. As long as *Roe* and *Doe* are in place, we no longer have the protections discussed in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

In West Virginia, the law banning abortions, which was in place in 1973,

is still on the books. It was never replaced following the Supreme Court decisions. The Supreme Court "found" the right to abortion in the "penumbras" or "shadows" of the federal constitution, and West Virginia women have been having abortions under that federal constitution for 45 years.

Then, in 1993, the state legislature passed a law preventing the funding of abortion with taxpayer dollars. The law limited the funding of abortions only in the cases of life of the mother, medical emergency, reported rape and incest and fetal anomaly. That law was challenged and taken to the West Virginia State Supreme Court. The State Supreme Court, in the *Panepinto* Decision, claimed to "find" the requirement of government funding of abortion in the West Virginia Constitution. Thus, the State Supreme Court overruled our legislative branch of government by declaring a new funding requirement.

However, the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled in 1980 in *Harris v. McRae* that its 1973 abortion decisions created a right to abortion, but not a government entitlement, under the federal Constitution. Since then, federal Medicaid dollars have been limited to the funding of abortions

see *History and Legal Status*, page 3

Vote
yes
on **1**

Abortions! Not with my money!

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WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

The TRUTH IS abortions WILL still be available if Amendment 1 passes in the November ELECTION.

The real question is...

DO YOU WANT YOUR TAX DOLLARS PAYING FOR ABORTIONS?

If your answer is NO, then vote YES on Amendment 1 on November 6.

The truth is West Virginia taxpayers have paid nearly \$10,000,000 for 35,000 elective abortions. Only 16 other states in the nation require taxpayer funding of abortion.

When Amendment 1 passes, abortions won't be paid for with your tax dollars, unless they are for reasons of life of the mother, medical emergency, reported rape and incest and fetal anomaly.

Read the full fact sheet at
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**From the
 President**



Dear Friends,

West Virginians for Life wants to abolish taxpayer funding of abortion in West Virginia. In 1993, the West Virginia Supreme Court put out the *Panepinto* Decision requiring taxpayer funding of Medicaid abortions. Three of the five members of the West Virginia Supreme Court decreed that we must be forced to pay for abortions with our tax dollars.

Over the years, we have paid nearly \$10 million for approximately 35,000 abortions. Most West Virginians do not want to pay for abortions with their tax dollars. We, the people, have the right to have a say in this important issue. In November, you will have your one and only opportunity to vote on abortion.

Amendment 1 was passed by over 2/3's of each house of the West Virginia Legislature. The legislators have courageously voted to give the people of the state an opportunity to make their voices heard. In turn, we, the people of the state, must vote to support Amendment 1 to stop taxpayer funded abortions in West Virginia. You will never have another chance to vote directly to stop the funding.

When Amendment 1 passes, our WV Constitution will be cleansed of abortion. We will no longer be ruled by the tyranny of judges. Our elected

representatives in the state legislature will once again be able to control spending on abortion. We will once again be able to hold our elected representatives responsible for protecting the rights of their constituents. We will once again be free of funding the killing of West Virginia's unborn children.

As West Virginia citizens, we have a moral responsibility to end forced tax payment for the killing. If you are not registered to vote, you must get registered. If you are not used to going to the polls, you must go on November 6. You must get your family members and friends to the polls to vote Yes on Amendment 1. Amendment 1 cannot fail because of you not voting.

Let's join 33 other states that prohibit taxpayer funding of elective abortions.

You will falsely be told that, under Amendment 1, abortions will no longer be available in West Virginia. This is not true. The women of the state will still have access to abortions, as always, under the United States Constitution. Even before *Panepinto*, women had the right to abortion in West Virginia under the federal constitution. Don't be fooled by misinformation. Go to our website at **YESon1wv.com**.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

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only in cases that threaten the life of the mother or in rape and incest.

Over the years, WV taxpayers have paid nearly \$10,000,000 for approximately 35,000 abortions. In recent years, the payments have increased along with the increase in Medicaid recipients due to ObamaCare. This year, the WV Legislature passed a proposed Constitutional Amendment, which will be on the ballot at the November election. You and all your friends and relatives must vote "Yes on Amendment 1." This Amendment says: "Nothing in this Constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion." The purpose of Amendment 1 is to prevent our State Constitution from allowing for abortion and to return to the state legislature its appropriate responsibility for control over

the funding of abortion.

You will hear some hysterical claims about what will happen when Amendment 1 passes. They include:

- Chief Justice Margaret Workman, It "constitutes a discriminatory funding scheme which violates an indigent woman's constitutional rights."

- Margaret Chapman Pomponio, WV Free, "It is clear that this is far-reaching and much more sweeping and damaging than the already terribly onerous restriction taking away Medicaid coverage for poor women. We're talking about all women now."

- Joe Cohen, Executive Director of ACLU of West Virginia, "The proposed amendment is incredibly radical. Proponents are not even trying to hide how radical it is. The language is incredibly clear. I believe once West

Virginians look at it, they'll see how radical it is and vote it down."

- Barbara Fleischauer, 51st District, House of Delegates, "An 11-year-old girl, who has been raped, won't be able to get an abortion if this amendment passes."

However, following passage of Amendment 1, women in WV will still have access to abortions under the Federal Constitution, as always. No rights will be taken away, but **Amendment 1 will prevent future judges from "finding" in the State Constitution either abortion rights or tax funding of abortions.** Under Amendment 1, our tax dollars can be limited to paying for abortion **only** in the cases of a threat to the life of the mother, or in a medical emergency, reported rape and incest and fetal anomaly.

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Pro-Life Patrick Morrissey Endorsed in US Senate Race



This is why the US Senate race is so very important. Senator Joe Manchin has proven himself to be two-faced. In the 115th Congress, his pro-life voting record is a dismal 40%.

The role of the Attorney General is very important to the pro-life movement and our ability to save lives. When pro-life laws are challenged in Court, it is necessary to have an attorney general who will fight for our pro-life laws in order for them to go into effect and save lives.

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey has been that kind of public-spirited leader. He has committed to defending the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act passed

here in West Virginia.

Moreover, he has also joined national lawsuits to support pro-life principles and the “culture of life.” He was part of the winning strategy to support the lawsuit that reversed the denial of conscience rights of the Little Sisters of the Poor. He joined with other Attorneys General to defend the Texas pro-life bill.

Morrissey has most recently joined a 22-state effort to uphold Alabama’s Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act. His Amicus Brief filed before the U.S.



Pro-Life Patrick Morrissey has received the US Senate endorsement of the WVL-PAC.

Circuit Court of Appeals makes the case that the Court should base its opinion on Supreme Court case law, which argues that states have an interest in protecting and fostering respect for human life, including unborn life.

Joe Manchin has a 40% pro-life voting record in the 115th Congress.

The West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee (WVL-PAC) has endorsed Patrick Morrissey for US Senate.

US Third Congressional District Race

The WVL-PAC did not endorse any candidates in the Third Congressional District race, only because there were so many with perfect surveys and/or perfect pro-life voting records.

WVL-PAC, however, is encouraging voters in the 3rd Congressional District NOT to cast a vote for Richard Ojeda. He voted to force West Virginia taxpayers to pay for abortion on demand when he voted against passage of SJR 12. He has also told West Virginians for Life that he supports Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider.

Thanks to these Legislators for sponsoring the Rally Scarves!

Senator Ryan Ferns - Brooke, Hancock, Marshall & Ohio Counties

Senator Roman W. Prezioso, Jr. Marion & Monongalia Counties

Delegate Andrew Byrd Kanawha County

Delegate Joe Canestraro Marshall & Ohio Counties

Delegate Josh Higginbotham Jackson, Mason & Putnam Counties

Delegate Kayla Kessinger Clay, Fayette, Nicholas & Raleigh Counties

Delegate Charlotte Lane Kanawha County

Delegate Chad Lovejoy Cabell & Wayne Counties

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Delegate Ralph Rodighiero Boone, Logan & Wyoming Counties

Delegate Ruth Rowan Hampshire & Mineral Counties

Delegate Kelli Sobonya Cabell County

Delegate Joe Statler Monongalia County

Delegate Robert Thompson Wayne County, District 19



Above see Senate President Mitch Carmichael and House Speaker Tim Armstead holding 35 pounds of STOP STATE FUNDING OF ABORTION petitions with WVL’s President Wanda Franz and Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan. No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion (HB 4012/SB 417) and the Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act (SB 436/HB 4467) were tabled in order to pursue SJR 12, the No Constitutional Right to Abortion Amendment. It successfully passed and will be on the November 6 ballot as Amendment 1. Vote YES on 1!



Holding up one of the free fleece scarves given out to attendees at Pro-Life Rally Day on February 5 at the Capitol

Candidate Surveys and Voting Records

The following charts are a service to you describing the pro-life records of the candidates running in this year’s primary election. The first four columns consist of selected questions from the West Virginians for Life Candidate Survey. The questions for each are presented here. A “yes” answer is pro-life for all four questions. If no response is indicated, a survey was not received. An asterisk (*) indicates written comments were included.

The following four questions were asked:

- 1 = Would you vote to prevent the use of tax funds for abortion other than to prevent the death of the mother?
- 2 = Would you actively support the Non-Discrimination in Denial of Treatment Act?
- 3 = Would you vote for legislation to protect babies born alive during an abortion?
- 4 = Would you oppose the legalization of assisting suicide through lethal prescription?

Dismem Vote = The vote on the final Passage of The Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Act (SB 10) on 2/17/2016 (Senate) and 2/29/2016 (House). Y is a pro-life vote. N is for no. A is for absent.

Gov Ovr = Override vote of Governor Tomblin’s veto of The Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Act on 3/10/2016. Y is a pro-life vote. N is for no. A is for absent.

SJR 12 = Constitutional Amendment to make the WV Constitution abortion neutral and abortion funding neutral (2/9/2018 in Senate and 3/5/2018 in House). Y is a pro-life vote. N is for no. A is for absent.

Register and TURN OUT TO VOTE!

Most Americans know that abortion has gone too far. Yet, some candidates support abortion for any reason.

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, May 8, and before you vote, find out where the candidates really stand on abortion and human life. Vote as if life depends on it ... because it does.

Please vote only for pro-life candidates, even if your ballot says you can vote for more. A vote for a pro-abortion candidate is a vote against unborn babies.

With more than 60 million abortions since 1973, nearly 3,000 daily, abortion has killed more unborn children than those combined who died in the:

- Revolutionary War

• Civil War

• World Wars I & II
- Korean War

• Vietnam
- Persian Gulf War

• War on Terrorism

The list of candidates endorsed by the WVL-PAC will be on the West Virginians for Life website at wvforlife.org the weekend of April 21/22. It is too late to register to vote in the Primary, but the deadline for the November 6 General Election is October 16. You may register online at:

<https://ovr.sos.wv.gov>

THE most important pro-life vote you will ever cast.

The November 6 General Election will be crucial in passing Amendment 1. Your voice is essential to ending taxpayer funding of elective abortions in West Virginia.

Senate														
Senate Candidates		Party	Dist.	County			1	2	3	4	Dismem Vote	Gov Ovr	SJR 12	% pro-life votes
Ferns, Ryan	R	1	Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y	Y	Y	100%
Ihlenfeld, William	D	1	Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio											
Clements, Charles	R	2	Cal, Dod, Gil, Mars, Mari, Mono, Rit, Ty, Wet										Y	100%
Jones, Carla	D	2	Cal, Dod, Gil, Mars, Mari, Mono, Rit, Ty, Wet											
Longwell, Denny	D	2	Cal, Dod, Gil, Mars, Mari, Mono, Rit, Ty, Wet											
Azinger, Mike	R	3	Pleasants, Roane, Wirt, Wood	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y in House	Y in House		Y	100%
Hargus, Simon	D	3	Pleasants, Roane, Wirt, Wood											
Leach, Jim	D	3	Pleasants, Roane, Wirt, Wood											
Drennan, Mark	R	4	Jackson, Mason, Putnam, Roane										Y	100%
Tarr, Eric	R	4	Jackson, Mason, Putnam, Roane	Y	Y	Y	*							
Prim, Brian	D	4	Jackson, Mason, Putnam, Roane											
Lunsford, Larry	R	5	Cabell, Wayne											
Woelfel, Mike	D	5	Cabell, Wayne	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Maynard, Mark	R	6	McDow, Mercer, Mingo, Wayne							Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Blankenship, Wesley	R	6	McDow, Mercer, Mingo, Wayne	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Sammons, Charles	D	6	McDow, Mercer, Mingo, Wayne											
Stephens, Jason	R	7	Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, Wayne	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Johngrass, Gary	D	7	Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, Wayne	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Stollings, Ron	D	7	Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, Wayne							N	N	N	N	44%
Gaunch, Ed	R	8	Kanawha, Putnam	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Hunt, Mark	D	8	Kanawha, Putnam											0% (H)
Lindsay, Richard	D	8	Kanawha, Putnam											
Arvon, Lynne	R	9	McDow, Ral, Wyo							Y in House	Y in House	Y	Y	100%
Roberts, Rolan	R	9	McDow, Ral, Wyo	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Davis, Steve	D	9	McDow, Ral, Wyo											
Quesenberry, John	D	9	McDow, Ral, Wyo	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Williams, Wayne	D	9	McDow, Ral, Wyo											
Wooton, William	D	9	McDow, Ral, Wyo											0% (S)/15% (H)
Ambler, George "Boogie"	R	10	Fayette, Green, Monroe, Summers	Y	Y	Y	N			Y in House	Y in House	Y in House	Y in House	100% (H)
Hill, Dan	R	10	Fayette, Green, Monroe, Summers	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Baldwin, Stephen	D	10	Fayette, Green, Monroe, Summers									N	N	0% (S)/33% (H)
Hamilton, Bill	R	11	Gra, Nich, Pe, Po, Ran, Upshur, Web	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y in House	Y in House	Y in House	Y in House	94% (H)
Karnes, Robert	R	11	Gra, Nich, Pe, Po, Ran, Upshur, Web	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Beckwith, Margaret Kerr	D	11	Gra, Nich, Pe, Po, Ran, Upshur, Web											
Finch, Laura	D	11	Gra, Nich, Pe, Po, Ran, Upshur, Web	Y	N	Y	N							
Cork II, Waymond	R	12	Brax, Clay, Gilmer, Harr, Lewis	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Romano, Mike	D	12	Brax, Clay, Gilmer, Harr, Lewis							N	N	N	N	0%
Oliverio, Mike	R	13	Marion, Monongalia	Y	Y	Y	Y							92% (S)
Beach, Bob	D	13	Marion, Monongalia							N	N	N	N	33%
Sypolt, Dave	R	14	Bar, Gra, Har, Mine, Mono, Pres, Tayl, Tuck	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Zucker, Stephanie	D	14	Bar, Gra, Har, Mine, Mono, Pres, Tayl, Tuck											
Trump, Charles	R	15	Berk, Hamp, Mine, Morgan							Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Folk, Michael	R	16	Berkeley, Jefferson	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y in House	Y in House	Y in House	Y in House	100% (H)
Unger, John	D	16	Berkeley, Jefferson	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Takubo, Tom	R	17	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	75%
Claytor, MaryAnn	D	17	Kanawha											
Ellis, Terrell	D	17	Kanawha											
Salisbury, Justin "Dick"	D	17	Kanawha											

House

House Candidates	Party	Dist.	County				1	2	3	4	Dismem Vote	Gov Ovr	SJR 12	% pro-life votes
McGeehan, Pat	R	1	Brooke, Hancock				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Zatezalo, Mark	R	1	Brooke, Hancock								Y	Y	Y	100%
Magnone, Diana	D	1	Brooke, Hancock											
Swartzmiller, Randy	D	1	Brooke, Hancock				Y	Y	Y	Y				88% (H)
Davis, Grace	R	2	Brooke, Ohio											
Diserio, Phillip W.	D	2	Brooke, Ohio										N	14%
Haas, Dalton	R	3	Ohio				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Storch, Erikka	R	3	Ohio								Y	Y	Y	94%
Tighe, Larry	R	3	Ohio											
Fluharty, Shawn	D	3	Ohio								N	N	N	14%
Reynolds, Charlie	R	4	Marshall, Ohio											
Canestraro, Joe	D	4	Marshall, Ohio				Y	Y	Y	Y			N	60%
Zuckoff, Lisa	D	4	Marshall, Ohio											
Wiley, Phillip	R	5	Monongalia, Wetzel				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Pethtel, Dave	D	5	Monongalia, Wetzel								N	N	N	0%
Kelly, David L.	R	6	Doddridge, Pleasants, Tyler				Y	Y	Y	Y				
King, Alex	R	6	Doddridge, Pleasants, Tyler				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Combs, T. Chris	D	6	Doddridge, Pleasants, Tyler				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Harshbarger, Jason S.	R	7	Pleasants, Ritchie				Y	Y	Y				Y	100%
Lucas, Lissa	D	7	Pleasants, Ritchie											
Anderson, Bill	R	8	Wood				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Bland, David	D	8	Wood											
Hollen, Ray	R	9	Wirt, Wood				Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	100%
Marion, Jim	D	9	Wirt, Wood											
Criss, Vernon	R	10	Wood										Y	100%
Deem, Frank	R	10	Wood								Y	Y	A	100%
Doddrill, Matthew	R	10	Wood				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Erlandson, Jim	R	10	Wood				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Kelly, John R.	R	10	Wood								Y	Y	Y	100%
Daniel, Andy	D	10	Wood				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Deitzler, Harry	D	10	Wood											
Leach, J. Morgan	D	10	Wood											
Atkinson, Martin "Rick"	R	11	Jackson, Roane				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	86%
Pickens, James Alan	D	11	Jackson, Roane				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Westfall, Steve	R	12	Jackson				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Morris, Missy	D	12	Jackson											
Cadle, Scott	R	13	Jackson, Mason, Putnam				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100% (H)
Higginbotham, Joshua K.	R	13	Jackson, Mason, Putnam										Y	100%
Brewer, Scott	D	13	Jackson, Mason, Putnam										N	25%
Butler, Jim	R	14	Mason, Putnam								Y	Y	Y	100%
Solomon, Brianne	D	14	Mason, Putnam											
Foster, Geoff	R	15	Putnam								Y	Y	Y	100%
Hastings, Bryan	R	15	Putnam				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Wade, Casey	D	15	Putnam											
Burger, Chris	R	16	Cabell, Lincoln											
Cannon, Jarred	R	16	Cabell, Lincoln				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Davis, Steven J.	R	16	Cabell, Lincoln											
Dornbos, Andrew	R	16	Cabell, Lincoln				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Linville, Daniel	R	16	Cabell, Lincoln				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Mandt, John F.	R	16	Cabell, Lincoln				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Miller, Vera	R	16	Cabell, Lincoln				Y	Y	Y	N				
Fattaleh, David	D	16	Cabell, Lincoln											
Hornbuckle, Sean	D	16	Cabell, Lincoln								N	N	N	0%
Nelson, Dakota	D	16	Cabell, Lincoln											

Funding Medicaid Abortions May Be Expensive

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., Developmental Psychology

Over the years, West Virginia has paid for almost 35,000 elective abortions at the cost of \$10 million taxpayer dollars. It is likely that these taxpayer-funded abortions have resulted in an increase in subsequent expenditures to the Medicaid system.

This assumption is based on studies performed using the data from California’s Medicaid system – Medi-Cal. This state comprises approximately 10% of the population of the United States and the researchers had access to the entire Medi-Cal system with hundreds of thousands of data points.

The researchers compared women who gave birth in the Medi-Cal system with those who chose to obtain abortions. Women were eliminated from the study if they had received services for psychological problems prior to the pregnancy. Since the data are found in the official records of the Medi-Cal system, the doctors have approved the payments for the purposes indicated.

The researchers concluded that women, who had Medi-Cal funded abortions, had a significantly higher number of subsequent claims for mental health care than women who had given birth.

For Outpatient Care:

- 21% more claims for adjustment reactions
- 95% more claims for bipolar disorder
- 40% more claims for neurotic depression
- 97% more claims for schizophrenia (1)

For Hospital Admissions:

- 90% more claims for depressive psychosis
- 110% more claims for recurring episodes
- 200% more claims for bipolar disorder (2)

These findings suggest that when women have abortions under the WV Medicaid system, they may also put increased demands on the system long after obtaining their abortions. Providing free elective abortions under Medicaid may be costing West Virginia taxpayers more than expected.

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House Candidates	Party	Dist.	County	1	2	3	4	Dismem Vote	Gov Ovr	SJR 12	% pro-life votes
Spurlock, Matt	D	16	Cabell, Lincoln								
Holland, Joyce	R	17	Cabell, Wayne	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Rohrbach, Matthew	R	17	Cabell, Wayne	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Hughart, Christopher	D	17	Cabell, Wayne								
Lovejoy, Chad	D	17	Cabell, Wayne	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Rowsey, Jeanette	D	17	Cabell, Wayne								
Worrell, Evan	R	18	Cabell	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Nance, Karen	D	18	Cabell								
Ross, Paul David	D	18	Cabell	N	Y	Y	Y				
Tighe, Jerry A.	D	18	Cabell	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Ross, Mark	R	19	Wayne	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Hicks, Ken	D	19	Wayne					Y	Y	Y	93%
Thompson, Robert	D	19	Wayne	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	100%
Brown, Nathan	D	20	Logan, Mingo								
Marcum, Barry	D	20	Logan, Mingo	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Dean, Mark	R	21	McDowell, Mingo, Wyoming							Y	100%
White, Phyllis	D	21	McDowell, Mingo, Wyoming	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100% (H)
Jeffries, Joe	R	22	Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Put	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Maynard, Zack	R	22	Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Put	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	100%
Bryant, Bill	D	22	Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Put								
McCallister, Gary	D	22	Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Put								
Lyon, Lawrence "Larry"	R	23	Boone	Y		Y	Y				
Miller, Rodney A.	D	23	Boone							N	40%
Bridges, Jordan Ray	R	24	Boone, Logan, Wyoming								
Lardieri, Allen	R	24	Boone, Logan, Wyoming	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Stone, Aaron	R	24	Boone, Logan, Wyoming	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Freeman, Harry	D	24	Boone, Logan, Wyoming	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Howes, George	D	24	Boone, Logan, Wyoming	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Perry, Susan Shelton	D	24	Boone, Logan, Wyoming								
Rodighiero, Ralph	D	24	Boone, Logan, Wyoming	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Tomblin, Tim	D	24	Boone, Logan, Wyoming								
Paynter, Tony	R	25	McDowell, Mercer, Wyoming	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	100%
Vance, Andy	D	25	McDowell, Mercer, Wyoming								
Cox, David	R	26	McDowell, Mercer	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Evans, Ed	D	26	McDowell, Mercer							N	25%
Vanover, Jennifer	D	26	McDowell, Mercer								
Ellington, Joe Jr.	R	27	Mercer, Raleigh					Y	Y	Y	90%
Lawhorn, Zane	R	27	Mercer, Raleigh	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Porterfield, Eric	R	27	Mercer, Raleigh	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Shott, John	R	27	Mercer, Raleigh	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	90%
Swatts, James "Mike"	R	27	Mercer, Raleigh	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Bailey, Carol B.	D	27	Mercer, Raleigh								
Meadows, Phoebe Jeffries	D	27	Mercer, Raleigh								
Watson, Lacy	D	27	Mercer, Raleigh								
Cooper, Roy G.	R	28	Monroe, Raleigh, Summers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Pack, Jeffrey	R	28	Monroe, Raleigh, Summers	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	100%
Evans, Andrew	D	28	Monroe, Raleigh, Summers	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Shaw, Sandy	D	28	Monroe, Raleigh, Summers								
Cantley II, Ronal Bee	D	28	Monroe, Raleigh, Summers	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Meador, Zachary	R	29	Raleigh	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Steele, Brandon	R	29	Raleigh	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Moye, Ricky	D	29	Raleigh	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Bates, Mick	D	30	Raleigh					Y	Y	N	94%
Adkins, Chanda	R	31	Raleigh, Wyoming	Y	Y	Y	N*			Y	100%
Toney, Christopher Wayne	R	31	Raleigh, Wyoming								
Snuffer II, Richard "Rick"	D	31	Raleigh, Wyoming								
Fast, Tom	R	32	Clay, Fayette, Nicholas, Ral	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Haynes, Austin	R	32	Clay, Fayette, Nicholas, Ral	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Kessinger, Kayla	R	32	Clay, Fayette, Nicholas, Ral	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Kessler, Melvin "Mel"	D	32	Clay, Fayette, Nicholas, Ral	Y	Y	Y	Y				93% (H)
Lively, Luke	D	32	Clay, Fayette, Nicholas, Ral	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Staggers, Margaret Anne	D	32	Clay, Fayette, Nicholas, Ral	N	Y	Y	Y				50% (H)
Vickers, Selina	D	32	Clay, Fayette, Nicholas, Ral								
Hanshaw, Roger	R	33	Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer					Y	Y	Y	100%
Walker, David A.	D	33	Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer	Y	Y	Y	Y				50% (H)
Thompson, Logan	R	34	Braxton, Gilmer	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Boggs, Brent	D	34	Braxton, Gilmer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	87%
Burgess, Edward	R	35	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Capito, Moore	R	35	Kanawha							Y	100%
Johnson, Bill	R	35	Kanawha								
Lane, Charlotte R.	R	35	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	100%
Nelson, Eric	R	35	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Byrd, Andrew D.	D	35	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	94%
Pore, Renate	D	35	Kanawha								
Robinette, James	D	35	Kanawha								
Skaff, Doug	D	35	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y				50% (H)
Jarrett, Matthew	R	36	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Morris, Ethan	R	36	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Pritt, Chris	R	36	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Casto, Clint	D	36	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Elam, James	D	36	Kanawha								
Estep-Burton, Amanda	D	36	Kanawha								
Robinson, Andrew	D	36	Kanawha							N	0%
Rowe, Larry	D	36	Kanawha					N	N	N	13%
Patrick, Richard L.	R	37	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Pushkin, Mike	D	37	Kanawha					N	N	N	0%
Farley, Cindy	R	38	Kanawha, Putnam	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Graves, Dianna	R	38	Kanawha, Putnam							Y	100%
Tull, Tom	D	38	Kanawha, Putnam								
Malcolm, Sharon Lewis	R	39	Kanawha								
Holmes, David "Woody"	D	39	Kanawha								
Urban, Alex	D	39	Kanawha								
Jeffries, Dean	R	40	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Shamblin, Ronald Clinton	R	40	Kanawha								
Tawney, Kenneth	R	40	Kanawha	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Huffman, Melissa Riggs	D	40	Kanawha								
Hill, Jordan	R	41	Greenbrier, Nicholas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Addington, Monica	D	41	Greenbrier, Nicholas								

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Bragg, Duane	D	41	Greenbrier, Nicholas								
O'Dell, Jr., Paul	D	41	Greenbrier, Nicholas								
Tinnel, Nelson	D	41	Greenbrier, Nicholas	Y	Y	Y					
Canterbury, Denny R.	R	42	Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Hylton, Tyler James	R	42	Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers								
Malcomb, Steve	R	42	Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers								
Utterback, Andrew	R	42	Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Campbell, Jeff	D	42	Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers							N	0%
Lavender-Bowe, Cindy	D	42	Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers								
Stanley, Isaiah	D	42	Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers								
Vannoy, Roger	D	42	Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers								
House, Mike	R	43	Pocahontas, Randolph	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Nestor, William "Ty"	R	43	Pocahontas, Randolph	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Hartman, Bill	D	43	Pocahontas, Randolph					Y	Y	N	82%
Isner, Phil	D	43	Pocahontas, Randolph							Y	100%
Thompson, Cody	D	43	Pocahontas, Randolph								
Hanna, Caleb	R	44	Nich, Rand, Upshur, Web	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Karnes, Elijah	R	44	Nich, Rand, Upshur, Web	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Lynch, Dana L.	D	44	Nich, Rand, Upshur, Web	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	78%
McCourt, Don	D	44	Nich, Rand, Upshur, Web	Y	Y	Y	N				
Daniels, Barbara	M	44	Nich, Rand, Upshur, Web								
Kincaid, Robert "Bob"	R	45	Upshur	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Martin, Carl "Robbie"	R	45	Upshur	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Kerner, Matthew	D	45	Upshur								
Martin, Patrick S.	R	46	Lewis, Upshur	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	100%
Stultz, Robert "Bob"	D	46	Lewis, Upshur								
Hart, Derek	R	47	Barbour, Tucker								
Lasky-Setchell, Maureen	R	47	Barbour, Tucker	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Moore, Sr., Lonnie	R	47	Barbour, Tucker	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Phillips, Chris	R	47	Barbour, Tucker	Y	Y	Y	N				
Johnson, Robert "Bob"	D	47	Barbour, Tucker	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Larry, Ed	D	47	Barbour, Tucker	N	Y	Y	N				
Moore, Clayton	D	47	Barbour, Tucker	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Hamrick, Danny	R	48	Harrison, Taylor					Y	Y	Y	100%
Queen, Ben	R	48	Harrison, Taylor							Y	100%
Shrieves, Debra	R	48	Harrison, Taylor								
Waxman, Theresa "Terry"	R	48	Harrison, Taylor	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y		100% (H)
Garcia, Robert "Bob"	D	48	Harrison, Taylor	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Iaquinta, Richard J.	D	48	Harrison, Taylor							N	43%
McIntyre, Derek	D	48	Harrison, Taylor								
Miley, Tim	D	48	Harrison, Taylor					Y	Y	N	47%
Summers, Amy	R	49	Marion, Monongalia, Taylor	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Abel, George Allen	D	49	Marion, Monongalia, Taylor	N	Y	Y	N				
Mallow, Phil	R	50	Marion	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Ward, Guy	R	50	Marion	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	75%
Angelucci, Michael	D	50	Marion								
Caputo, Mike	D	50	Marion					N	N	N	0%
Criado, John "Mike"	D	50	Marion	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Jarman, George "Frank"	D	50	Marion								
Longstreth, Linda	D	50	Marion					N	N	N	21%
Oliver, Jack	D	50	Marion								
Frich, Cindy	R	51	Monongalia	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Shuttlesworth, Roger	R	51	Monongalia	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Statler, Joe	R	51	Monongalia					Y	Y	Y	100%
Warner, Debbie	R	51	Monongalia	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Fleischauer, Barbara Evans	D	51	Monongalia					N	N	N	0%
Hansen, Evan	D	51	Monongalia								
Kennedy, Cory	D	51	Monongalia								
Pyles, Rodney A.	D	51	Monongalia							N	25%
Walker, Danielle	D	51	Monongalia								
Williams, John	D	51	Monongalia							N	75%
Sypolt, Terri Funk	R	52	Preston							Y	100%
Hough, Justin	D	52	Preston	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Jennings, D.R. "Buck"	R	53	Preston, Tucker							Y	100%
Stutler, Caleb	R	53	Preston, Tucker	Y	Y	Y	N				
Chase, Cory	D	53	Preston, Tucker								
Bowen, Jason	R	54	Grant, Mineral, Pendleton								
Funkhouser, Keith	R	54	Grant, Mineral, Pendleton	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Hott II, John Paul	R	54	Grant, Mineral, Pendleton	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Hof, Jon	R	55	Hardy, Pendleton	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Sponaugle, Isaac	D	55	Hardy, Pendleton					Y		N	53%
Howell, Gary G.	R	56	Mineral	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
McKenzie, Luke	R	56	Mineral								
Von Hagel, Charles	R	56	Mineral								
Ryan, Timothy	D	56	Mineral								
Skehan, Will	D	56	Mineral								
Rowan, Ruth	R	57	Hampshire, Mineral	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Cowles, Daryl E.	R	58	Hampshire, Morgan					Y	Y	Y	100%
Hahn, Bibi	D	58	Hampshire, Morgan								
Kump, Larry	R	59	Berkeley, Morgan	Y	Y	Y	Y				100% (H)
Reed, Tally Ranels	R	59	Berkeley, Morgan								
Isner, John	D	59	Berkeley, Morgan								
Wilson, S. Marshall	R	60	Berkeley	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	100%
Faircloth, Sr., Larry W.	R	60	Berkeley	Y	Y	Y	Y				100% (H)
Vitale, Anthony	R	61	Berkeley	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Barrett, Jason	D	61	Berkeley							N	14%
Bibby, Thomas "Tom"	R	62	Berkeley	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Bolen, Kevin	R	62	Berkeley								
Toodle, Cynthia	D	62	Berkeley	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Brush, Pam	R	63	Berkeley	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Hardy, John	R	63	Berkeley	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Jones, Davy	R	63	Berkeley	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Wright, Samson	R	63	Berkeley	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Brown, Sam	D	63	Berkeley								
Bird, Wendy	R	64	Berkeley								
Householder, Eric L.	R	64	Berkeley					Y	Y	Y	100%
Upson, Jill	D	65	Jefferson					Y	Y	Y	100%
Brown, Sammi	D	65	Jefferson								
Clabaugh, Reese	R	66	Jefferson	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Espinosa, Paul	R	66	Jefferson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Dinges, David	D	66	Jefferson								
Moore, Riley	R	67	Jefferson	Y	Y	Y				Y	100%
Swisher, Daniel "Dan"	R	67	Jefferson	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Doyle, John	D	67	Jefferson								0%



SIGN THE “I PLEDGE TO VOTE” PETITION AT YESon1wv.com

Ways YOU Can Help

Pray. Put the YES ON 1 Project on your prayer chains. Prayer has undergirded the long effort to turn back the pro-abortion rulings. Prayer continues to sustain and guide pro-life leaders as we seek to faithfully defend life, abortion-vulnerable families and the unborn.

Contribute. Your financial help is needed to stop state funding of abortion. Tax-deductible contributions can be made.

Invite a Speaker. West Virginians for Life has an updated presentation that can be tailored to your group, class or church. Time frame can be as little as 10 minutes or up to an hour with a question and answer session. Email info@wvforlife.org for more information.

Print out a “I pledge to vote” petition from YESon1wv.com website and encourage your friends to pledge to vote for YES on 1.

Hold a voter registration project in your church or organization. (We provide materials.) Stay Informed. Please join the Facebook and Twitter accounts of WV for Life and YES on 1. The best means of staying up-to-date, sharing information, and taking needed action is through social media.

Write a Letter to the Editor. Talking points are available from WV for Life and using your pen to be a voice for the unborn helps to educate and influence others. Please be sure your facts are accurate and up-to-date.

Volunteer your services and time to promote the protection of Life in West Virginia. Become a YES on 1 Project Liaison for your church or other organizations Spread the Word – Call or email 10 friends about YES ON 1.

March for Life in D.C.

Four out of five of the federal delegation met with West Virginians at the scheduled congressional meeting in D.C. the day of the 45th Annual March for Life. Senator Shelley Capito brought up the Supreme Court choice made by President Trump which was greeted by wild applause.



1st District Congressman David McKinley expressed frustration that the liberals in Washington continue to stymie pro-life legislation.



3rd District Congressman Evan Jenkins is surrounded by those who traveled from several points around the state to take the chartered bus from Morgantown.



2nd District Congressman Alex Mooney conversing with Caiden Cowger and John Fitzsimmons



West Virginians for Life Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan and National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross connected briefly at the rally conclusion.



West Virginians for Life Executive Director Pam Stanley and husband Jeff caught up with some West Virginia teens from the eastern panhandle.



Not only did the Warmans enjoy their first trip to the March for Life, they got to rub elbows with Bill Heffern, who was taking turns having his picture taken with everyone. Celebrity Heffern has only missed one March in 45 years.



One of the highlights of the 45th March was the first time ever that a sitting president live streamed the rally crowd from the Rose Garden.



Adding to the numerous young people at the March, these Mason County teens like to keep coming back.

Rally in Charleston



Senate President Mitch Carmichael, WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz, House Speaker Tim Armstead, and National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross at Pro-Life Rally Day at the legislature



Sen. Sue Cline



Del. Jeff Pack, WVFL Executive Director Pam Stanley, and Del. Dianna Graves



Sen. Mike Azinger



Attorney General Patrick Morrisey



Secretary of State Mac Warner, as is his habit, walked around while quoting scripture to the crowd.



State Auditor John McCuskey



Lead sponsor of SB 417, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, Sen. Patricia Rucker was also a huge SJR 12 proponent.

Rally in Charleston



The lead sponsor of SB 436, the Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act, Sen. Robert Karnes also mentioned SJR 12 at the mic.



Dr. Wanda Franz, Del. Cindy Frich, Mary Anne Buchanan, and scarf sponsor Del. Ruth Rowan (lead sponsor of HB 4467, the Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act)



Del. Rupie Phillips was one of 15 sponsors of the fleece scarves given away to rally attendees.



WVU student Matt Kesterson, Students for Life of America Regional Director Lori Cascio, and Concord College student Sophie Fields all testified in support of HB 4012 at the public hearing earlier in the day. Here they pose with scarf sponsor Del. Kayla Kessinger (far right), lead sponsor of the bill in the House.



Del. John Overington



Del. Ken Hicks



Del. D.R. "Buck" Jennings



Del. Chad Lovejoy was a sponsor of the fleece scarves given away to rally attendees.



Del. Robert Thompson was one of the fleece scarf sponsors.



Del. Tom Fast

20th Annual Rose Dinner



The venue was packed.



In addition to the acclaimed 30-minute documentary I Lived on Parker Avenue, its Executive Producer, Ben Clapper, proved to be an awesome keynote speaker.



Seated are Kristy and Dave Jecklin. Behind are Lois and Jim Troy, Christian and Lauren Jecklin, Debbie Christopher and Gary Smith. Table Sponsor Greer Industries was also responsible for the reception/dinner meals.



L to R: Laura and Kyle Wiggs, Ben Clapper, Dr. Michael Hogan, Fr. Joseph McLaughlin, Ruth and Dennis Ruscello and Wanda Franz



Standing are Bob Kincaid, table sponsors Drs. Greenbrier and Araceli Almond, Marilyn Milem and Dr. Darrell Milem. Seated are Barb Kincaid, Anna Burr and Judy Knorr.



Seated at the Tom Hogan sponsored table are Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hogan and Sandra Costello. Standing are Dianne and Dr. Miklos Auber and Hugh and Jacqueline Costello.



At the table sponsored by Mary Paul, seated are Katie and Eric Huffman and Chuck and Pat Higginbotham. Standing are Jason and Lucy Gizzi and Mark and Claire Mey.



Seated are Jerry and Kathleen Guire. Standing are Jeff and Jennifer Freeman, table sponsor Linda Day, Jodi and Brian McCosky and Rev. Wayde Wilson, who pastors Trinity Assembly of God in Fairmont.



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston sponsored this table. Seated are John Lojewski, Madelyn Romeo and husband Frank Romeo. Standing are Annette Lojewski, Margaret and Dave Puderbaugh, and Pam Krushansky.



Rev. Msgr. Jeremiah McSweeney sponsored this table and delighted in sitting with Kathy and Mike Deely, Ben Perry, Maria Deely, Michael Oliverio III, Margaret Deely and Ruthie Deely.

Pro-Life Profile

by Patricia Johnson

Shirley and her husband Bill have owned and operated an oil and gas production company for the last 32 years in the Clarksburg, WV area. They have three grown children and 5 wonderful grandchildren. Shirley and Bill attend Horizons Church in Lost Creek.

Twenty-seven years ago, Shirley attended a church convention and saw a program presented on abortion. She returned home realizing she had to do something to help the pro-life movement. Shortly afterward, she participated in a Mother's Day Walk for Life in Clarksburg. At the walk she met Linda Oldack, who was the Harrison County Chapter president at the time. Linda invited Shirley to a chapter meeting, the two became close friends and for the next 25 years worked in the pro-life movement together.

Shirley has remained involved in the pro-life movement because she believes it is the biggest issue facing our country today. It is our slavery; it is our genocide.

Shirley has served as both President and Treasurer of the Harrison County chapter, which has a small, core group of very dedicated members.

Shirley feels the biggest challenges the pro-life movement faces today are the large amounts of money the pro-abortion groups receive, and the increasing legalization of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Her hope for the future of the pro-life movement is to continue to educate people in a manner that will touch their hearts and convince them of the value of each and every human life, from conception to natural death.

Also, she believes that in addition to passing laws such as the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which protects and helps to humanize the unborn baby, we also need to provide protection from assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Shirley believes the gains in pro-life sentiment among young people are encouraging and that, hopefully, more will be inspired to become involved.



Harrison County
Chapter Leader
Shirley Bowie

WVFL Treasurer's Article



WVFL Treasurer
Pastor Doug Joseph

Dear West Virginia Pro-Lifers:

Our ongoing struggle for life has certainly had its ups and downs recently. Planned Parenthood (the eugenics-spawned abortion giant that illegally sells babies' body parts) was yet again funded (to the tune of half a billion of the taxpayers' dollars) in the recent 2,322-page, \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill debacle in Congress. Somehow that "happened" despite having pro-life majorities in the US House and US Senate, and despite having a pro-life president, and amidst multiple calls and pledges to defund the murderous monstrosity.

Meanwhile, here at home, our pro-life majorities in the WV Senate and WV House of Delegates came through on giving West Virginia citizens the chance to regain control of our own state constitution in the upcoming election in November. "Vote YES on Amendment 1" must be our steady mantra from now until then. We are headed straight into one of the most crucial ideological battles of our time. West Virginians are overwhelmingly pro-life, but this will be a war of words & worldviews, pitching our educational efforts for truth against the propaganda, distortion, and lies from the generals and armies of the pro-abortion camp. Abortion money is about to flow into our state, resulting in a media blitz of misinformation. The fact is that ever since the WV State Supreme Court's baseless, wrongful 1993 *Panepinto* opinion, claiming that the WV state constitution (which was always neutral on abortion) not only contains a right to abortion for any reason but also supposedly demands an entitlement in which the government must pay for abortions, the floodgates were opened. Some \$10,000,000 of our state tax monies have paid for some 35,000 abortions. We're talking about elective abortions and lots of them. Amendment 1 is the only way to fix the *Panepinto* ruling and regain control of our constitution.

Churches and nonprofits are permitted by law to advocate for any constitutional amendment they wish to support, and they will not lose their tax-exempt status for doing so. They are also permitted by law to conduct voter registration drives, and will not lose their tax-exempt status for doing so. 501(C)(3) monies may be used to advocate for "Vote YES on Amendment 1."

Please help. Visit YesOn1WV.com for information resources, to sign up (aka "enlist") and to help coordinate and ensure LIFE's success in this crucial effort. We're not likely to ever get another chance to fix this. Let's roll!

With determination, Pastor Doug Joseph, WVFL Treasurer

West Virginia

Teens For Life



WV Teens for Life President
Margaret Deely

Dear Teens for Life,

I, Margaret Deely, am proud to announce that I will be taking the place of my sisters, Ruthie and Maria, as the new President of Teens for Life.

If you are a teen who is now old enough to vote and you are registered, be sure to vote YES on Amendment 1 on November 6. Information about Amendment 1 is found in this newspaper.

Thank you to all those who participated in this past year's essay contest. This organization is very grateful for your support and participation. Our essay contest is just one of the ways we get to see you work to be such great examples of young leaders. Remember to keep a look out for new info regarding our next essay contest coming this fall.

Continue to look for ways to get involved with your

local chapters. If they hold Walks-for-Life in the spring or summer, you could participate and bring friends along. You may want to boldly start a Teens for Life chapter in your area or school. We know that Mason County has a great group there. They put pro-life entries in the local parades. Isn't that an awesome way to get the message across?

October 20 is the date of the next State Pro-Life Convention at Trinity Assembly of God in Fairmont. There's a Teen Day Camp parallel with that event. Be looking on the website at wvforlife.org for details as they become available.

I, and the rest of West Virginians for Life, wish you a good rest of your school year!

Your president for life,
Margaret Deely

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you

... to the special
folks who
made the
Rose Dinner
possible!

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2018 Calendar of Events

April 25-May 5

Early Voting in West Virginia Primary

May 8 (Tues.)

West Virginia Primary Election Day

June 14 (Thurs.)

**6th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament,
Lakeview Premier Course, Morgantown**

June 16 (Sat.)

Board Meeting, Clarksburg

September 29 (Sat.)

Board Meeting, Clarksburg

October 20 (Sat.)

Trinity Assembly of God, Fairmont

October 24-November 3

Early Voting in General Election

November 6 (Tues.)

General Election Day

November 17 (Sat.)

Board Meeting, Clarksburg

6th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE TOURNAMENT

Thursday, June 14th

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Registration & Lunch

12:30 pm Putting Contest

1:00 pm Tee Time

Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa

Morgantown, WV

There are several ways to participate in the Golf FORE Life! Tournament, including playing in the tournament, sponsoring a hole, donating tournament prizes or gifts, or doing all of the above! Please complete this form and send back to us. Please contact us with any questions.

Company Name: _____
(as you would like it to appear on signage if sponsoring a hole)

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip: _____ *Phone: _____

*Email: _____

** = Required, if available*

- ☐ **Individual Golfer** - Quantity: #_____ \$150 each (Golf registration includes lunch & one gift bag.)
- ☐ **Team Registration** - \$600 each (Golf registration includes lunch & one gift bag per team player.)
- ☐ **Platinum Sponsorship** - \$2,000 each (includes 1 foursome, lunch for 4, a plaque, name on Banner & T-box)
- ☐ **Gold Sponsorship** - \$1,500 each (includes 1 foursome, lunch for 4, name on Banner & T-box)
- ☐ **Silver Sponsorship** - \$1,000 each (includes 1 foursome, lunch for 4 & name on Banner)
- ☐ **Hole Sponsorship** - \$200 each (includes a sign on a hole - does not include golf registration)

Amounts are tax deductible less goods and services received.

My foursome includes: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

If using check, please make payable to WVFL Ed Trust Fund. Mail, with this form, to WVFL, 25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508. If by credit card, please complete the following:

Donations for tournament prize items and players' gifts are also needed - contact us for more details.

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and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol,
Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.*

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Cabell



George Wallace presented an award to Pastor and Mrs. Clark for most participants in the last Life Chain.



Yoko and George Wallace beside their chapter table at the Rally



Left: Pictured are Cabell County's George Wallace on far left and Cathy Weiss on far right on Pro-Life Day at St. Joseph High School. Next to George are Pro-Life Club Sponsor Samantha Accord and the club president.

Harrison



Enjoying the Rose Dinner were (standing) Pastor Paul and Paula Boyles and Laura and Pastor Jerry Fiscus, while seated were Shirley and Bill Bowie and John and Darlene Jenks.

Ohio



Ohio County was represented at the Rose Dinner by Sue Wilkenson (far left) and Board Member Julia Chaplin (center). Joining them at this table were Bill and Millie Heffern and Rachel Comperetto.

Kanawha

Kelly Pritt invites those in Kanawha County to join her in starting an active chapter there. Find her contact information on the next page.



Monongalia



Standing are Matt Kesterson, Lauren Nesselroad, Jennifer Jackson and Riley Keaton. Seated are table sponsor Dana Leech along with Lori Callen, Stephanie Solomon and Sherry Chico.



Standing are WVFL Vice President Mary Tillman, Irene and Bob Carubia and Jill Ware. Seated are table sponsors Louise and Pete Deal along with Harold Seger.



Among the 45th Annual March for Life bus sponsors was Covenant Evangelical Methodist Church represented here by Mary Anne Buchanan, Pastor Nate Williamson, Jeremiah Cline, Dave Tanner, Assoc. Pastor Sean Wightman and daughter Bethany Wightman.



A number of WVFL staffers from Monongalia County were blessed to be invited to hear Vice President Mike Pence speak in Greenbrier County on January 31. At left is WVFL Graphic Artist Cheryl Carr enjoying the moment with Pence.



WVU Student Matt Kesterson (left) and Louise Deal (right) were two of eight to testify on behalf of HB 4012 the same day as the scheduled pro-life rally at the Capitol. The other six were Fr. Brian Crenwelge, Lori Cascio, Sophie Fields, Kelly Pritt, Mary Anne Buchanan and Karen Cross.



Marion



The Prayer Walk is always such an important component of Annual Pro-Life Rally Day at the Capitol. Nearing the Walk's conclusion are Marion County Chapter Leader Andy Sabak and Sandra Costello.

Mason



The Mason County Chapter hosted a candidate forum on April 5. Read the next page for a list of which ones attended. Pictured are Carol Miller, a candidate for the open 3rd Congressional District seat, and long-time friend George Wallace, visiting from Cabell County.

Raleigh



The Raleigh County Chapter hosted a baby shower for Birthright of Beckley on March 4. Standing are Corinne McMillion, Margie Smith, Danielle Trump, Chapter Leader Hilda Shorter, Sheila Walter, and Melonie Terry with Birthright Director Marsha Evans seated.



Conrad Lucas, a candidate in the 3rd Congressional District Race, stopped by to support the event and say hello to all, including Margie Smith and Hilda Shorter.



Cabell County:

On April 8, Chapter Leader George Wallace was pleased to present Pastor Tony Clark and his wife with a plaque recognizing the most participants in this past October's Life Chain. Clark is pastor at Sunrise Temple Baptist Church in Teays Valley.

Doddridge County:

The chapter was represented both at the February Rally and the 20th Annual Rose Dinner on March 22.

Fayette County:

For meeting times, dates and location, email Teresa Pack at tdpack4yeshua@gmail.com or call her at 304-222-0644.

Harrison County:

The Harrison County chapter ran a signature ad in the Clarksburg and Shinnston newspapers in January to commemorate 45 years since *Roe v Wade* and to educate on pro-life legislation. The chapter also sponsored three ministers and their wives to the March 22 Rose Dinner. In April, Mary Tillman and Deb Sturm spoke on "Protecting the Lives of the Sick, Elderly and Disabled" at the Doddridge County Senior Citizen's Center and Mary spoke again at the Oak Mound Evangelical Church in Clarksburg.

Kanawha County:

Kelly Pritt attended the State Convention in Lost Creek on October 21. She has a desire to lead the chapter in Kanawha County. Look for a startup meeting to be taking place in Charleston in the not too distant future. To show your interest and to get involved, email Kelly at kellycpritt@yahoo.com or phone her at 304-419-4381.

Mason County:

The Mason County Chapter held a candidate forum the evening of April 5. Any chapter may do this provided all the candidates in the area are invited. Candidates who attended included those running for the open seat in the Third

Congressional District; Carol Miller and a representative of Rupie Phillips. Bo Copley, running for US Senate, was also there. Mark Drennan and Eric Tarr, running for the 4th senatorial district, attended as well. Since President Trump was appearing in Greenbrier County that same evening, many candidates went there instead.

Monongalia County:

The Chapter rented a chartered bus for the trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 19, 2018. Chris Kolanko, Pro-Life Coordinator for the Knights of Columbus, was the bus captain. The chapter thanks seven area churches who contributed to the cost of the bus. The annual signature ad ran in *The Dominion Post* on January 22, 2018, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortion in the U.S.

A chapter member, Pam Stanley, drove to Charleston a number of times to help with WVFL's lobbying effort during the West Virginia legislative session. Rhonda Fout, teacher at Covenant Christian School, arranged for the school bus to take students, chapter members and the public-at-large to Pro-Life Rally Day in Charleston on February 5. Many other chapter members also drove separately.

Several local chapter members enjoyed the 20th Annual Rose Dinner held in Morgantown. It was well-attended and Chapter President, Wanda Franz, spoke about Amendment 1 to stop taxpayer funding of abortion.

Plans are being made for the 33rd Annual Mother's Day Walk for Life on April 28. The chapter is also preparing for the Precious Baby Photo Contest. This year, they will try holding the contest on social media and announcing the winner at the July Kids' Day event in Morgantown.

Chapter President, Wanda Franz, will appear on Vital Signs, Library Commission Television, on April 20 at 9:00 am with repeat airings during the following week: Thursday, April 26 at 9:00 am, 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm; Friday, April 27 at 3:00 am; and Saturday, April 28 at 6:00 pm.

Morgan County:

Members of WVFL of Morgan County and others provide sidewalk counseling two days a week in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, Maryland. Since they began in October 2006, 481 unborn babies have been saved.

The new Chapter Leader and Board member replacing Jim Fritz is Betsy Wolfe. WVFL thanks Jim for his many, many years of dedication and service to West Virginians for Life.

WDTF-LP 107.9 FM in Berkeley Springs and 107.9 FM in Hancock, MD, broadcast several pro-life messages a day including a National Right to Life spot at noon. The Knights of Columbus originate and record another set of pro-life messages created by Dick Byrne. Another Knight, Patrick Crosby is the pro-life station engineer.

They continue their 8' X 12' pro-life billboard outside of Berkeley Springs on Route 522. Thanks to the support of many, especially the Knights of Columbus.

Be sure to visit the chapter website credited to Barbara Carr: www.wvfl-mcc.com

Nicholas County:

Chapter Leader Randy Meadows was pleased to attend the Rose Dinner on March 22.

Ohio County:

It was good to see the Ohio County Chapter represented at the Rose Dinner by Julia Chaplin and Sue Wilkenson.

Raleigh County:

Raleigh County Right to Life hosted a baby shower for Birthright of Beckley on March 4. So many wonderful gifts were given to help young mothers! What an overload of true love! Birthright is a pregnancy care center that provides free pregnancy tests, free clothing and counseling to help young mothers. They are located at 400 Vance Drive and are open Monday - Friday from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Marcia Evans and her volunteers will be glad to help you. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY AND TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED, GOD BLESS YOU!

Randolph County:

Chapter Leader Mary English would welcome help with the chapter. To contact her, email sterwolf30499@yahoo.com or call 304-516-3121.

WV Teens for Life:

New President Margaret Deely invites you to tweet or contact her at deelyma@aol.com. Her welcome can be read on page 10. The teen twitter account is #WVTeens4Life.

