

Unplanned Film Convicts, Re-Convicts, and Redeems

by Katie Franklin
Pregnancy Help News

Unplanned is not a film to go see lightly. It certainly does not offer a fun cinematic experience, and it's far from the kind of flick you'd enjoy over popcorn or nachos. But it is an important film, which is made painfully clear in the first seven minutes as Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson (Ashley Bratcher) watches a gruesome first-trimester abortion take place before her very eyes.

The film, which opened in theaters nationwide on March 29, follows Johnson's rise from clinic volunteer to clinic director, and her eventual pro-life conversion and spiritual redemption.

Based on Johnson's 2012 memoir, the film's true-to-life depiction of abortion earned it an R rating from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) in February. Since then, many have pointed out the hypocrisy in our culture which allows a teen to

have an abortion but prevents her from seeing a film about abortion.

But Johnson and the film's producers have taken the rating in strides, refusing to cut the graphic scenes and embracing the MPAA's categorization of the scenes as "violent."

"We are pushing the boundaries of what has never been before on such a wide scale by showing America exactly what abortion is—and abortion is disturbing. It's violent," Johnson said.

Along with the opening scene, the film's other graphic scene comes when Johnson endures the horror of a chemical abortion in her home bathroom. In an open letter to parents about the film's rating, Johnson said, "In real life, I hemorrhaged so badly I thought I was going to die," noting the movie captures her experience "without being gratuitous or gory."

The depiction of abortion in *Unplanned* is jarring and raw, and will certainly convict (and re-convict) moviegoers of the evil of abortion.

But it is jarring. And it is raw. And it could very well move countless post-abortive women and women considering abortion into the doors of their nearest pro-life ministry. Not only that, it will hopefully send current abortion workers to Johnson's own ministry, And Then There Were None, an organization which helps such

workers to leave the abortion industry and find healing.

That's why a screen at the end of the film prompts viewers to text HOPE to 73075 for resources on pregnancy help, abortion healing, and leaving the abortion industry.

In a recent Facebook post, Johnson shared with her followers that even before the film's release, she's already receiving contacts from workers seeking assistance:

"In the past four days, I have received three emails from women who previously worked in abortion clinics and are looking for healing resources. In their emails, they all stated that they watched the TRAILER for Unplanned and realized that they needed healing from their past in order to really deepen their relationship with Christ."

"They realized that just from the trailer!! God is about to shake up this country in a powerful way on March 29th!!"

While the film's depiction of abortion has received the most ink in recent



weeks, it's this redemptive result which we'll hopefully be seeing more of.

"[*Unplanned*] is about showing everybody that our pasts are redeemable" Johnson said in early March. "Not even just the issue of abortion, but anything that we've been through in our lives, God is ready to redeem that and to really use it for His glory."

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PBS 'Frontline' Film on the Abortion Scene in Philadelphia Omits Kermit Gosnell

By Alexa Moutevelis Coombs
Newsbusters

PBS's FRONTLINE episode "The Abortion Divide," an update of a piece by Mark Obenhaus that examined abortion politics in Pennsylvania in 1983, aired on April 23. The film bounced back and forth between the 1980s and today, ranging from the inner city of Philadelphia to the suburbs and recording five separate abortion procedures.

But one crucial topic was conspicuously missing: the crimes of Dr. Kermit Gosnell.

The most infamous abortionist in the country had a clinic in Philadelphia from 1979 to 2010, and a 2013 trial that found him guilty of multiple murders in the course of his practice. PBS never even mentions him.

There are many opportunities to bring Gosnell up, perhaps none more obvious than during this discussion about abortion regulations in Pennsylvania.

MARK OBEHAUS: In 1982, when the first film was shot, security was light. The waiting room was relaxed and felt like a doctor's office. The

staff wore street clothes. Then, the procedure rooms were sparse with a minimum of equipment. The clinic today has the look of a hospital. Anti-abortion groups in

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From the President



Gosnell's Late-Term Abortion Practice

Dear friends,

New York has passed a pro-abortion law that allows abortion for essentially any reason up until birth. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo praised the "Reproductive Health Act" at its signing, and many other states have threatened to join in passing such laws. Pro-life Americans are horrified by this legalized brutality. How can ordinary Americans support such horrors?

As a child, I lived in Germany with the U.S. military forces occupying the country after World War II. We were all painfully aware of the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, which had been uncovered when the Allies marched into Germany at the end of the war. Ever since, the world has asked the obvious question: How could the "ordinary" people of Germany allow such atrocities to occur?

At the time, the answer from many Germans was: "I didn't know." Obviously, they had to have known of the "final solution" and the rounding up of the Jews. What they didn't know was the brutality that was inflicted upon the Jews behind the closed doors of the concentration camps. They had approved or tolerated the policy but were later horrified by the actual carnage that occurred in carrying out the policy.

Today, in America, we are living with the horrific practice of abortion. Most Americans don't *want to know* what legalized abortion is all about. The trial of Philadelphia abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell has brought the dark practice of abortion into the bright light of day. He was found guilty of manslaughter in the death of one of his clients and of first degree murder in the death of several viable babies, who were delivered alive and then killed by severing their spines with scissors.

The Gosnell case demonstrates what can occur after the unlimited and uncontrolled legalization of abortion opened the door to a money-making business. Unlike Gosnell, most abortion businesses presumably clean up the blood after they kill.

However, the most frightening thing about the Gosnell story is the way that our entire system of health care, law enforcement, and social justice failed to stop this brutal abuse of women and children. The Gosnell Grand Jury Report pointed out that "Pennsylvania is not a Third World country" but, nevertheless, there was a "complete regulatory collapse." For 17 years, no health agency visited his churnel house in spite of numerous indications that there were severe problems: women requiring hospitalization after an abortion at the Gosnell abortion chamber and complaints about horrific practices from both women patients and a former employee. Even when abortionists follow the law, it is the law that allows for the horrors of the killing.

What the Gosnell case reminds us is that **abortion is the bloody, brutal killing of innocent children**. In America, just under a million of our children are killed in this way *every year*. Even if the Pennsylvania government officials had done their jobs, the horror of death behind the closed doors of the country's abortion clinics would still occur. Americans, who hear about the Gosnell case are saying: "I didn't know." Like the Germans before them, they approve the policy but are horrified by the actual carnage that occurs in carrying out the policy.

It is the job of the pro-life movement to make sure that Americans truly know what abortion is. We must educate West Virginians about the Gosnell case. The movie, Gosnell, is now available on DVD. It was recently screened at the White House. Every American should see it. Just as the German people were forced to walk through the concentration camps in Germany after World War II, we must be forced to see the carnage that occurs every day in America in the name of "reproductive rights."

Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

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Seated are Fr. Jeremiah McSweeney, Kathy and Margaret Deely. Standing are Sharon Fernandez, Mary Tillman, Kara and Steve Milinovich and Leo Ware.



Seated are Frank and Madelyn Romeo and Margaret and Dr. Dave Puderbaugh. Standing are James Kirby, Dr. Fred Gabriele and Mike Burkitt.



Seated are Ronda Dalton, Pastor Tammy Phillips and Traci Ketchem. Behind them are Pastor Lynn Keener, Tammy Meza, Cricket Coffman and Lori Whitlatch.

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Future Legislative Plans

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

by Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam recently described, on a local radio program, how a baby would be treated if born alive from an abortion. He said the baby would be kept “comfortable” and a discussion would ensue as to whether or not the baby would be left to die. This occurred in a discussion over a bill that would allow abortions right up until the time of birth. These discussions have shocked West Virginians. Bills that legalize the killing of unborn babies until birth have clearly caused a blurring of the distinction between abortion and infanticide. West Virginians are asking, “Can this happen in West Virginia?”

A bill has been introduced in Congress that would protect infants born alive following an attempted abortion. It would require hospitals and medical personnel to exercise the same degree of care for the baby born alive as a result of a failed abortion, as would be given to any other preborn child at the same gestational age. It provides for immediate transport to facilities capable of caring for such children, and it provides for reporting requirements in the event the law isn’t observed.

Although the bill has been introduced in Congress, the Democrats have repeatedly blocked it. Consequently, West Virginians for Life intends to introduce this bill into the 2020 Legislative Session to ensure that no baby in West Virginia is treated in such a callous way.



Above: Ever a proponent of pro-life legislation, is Secretary of State Mac Warner, speaking at the February 18 outdoor rally at the State Capitol on Pro-Life Rally Day.

Below: Chief Deputy AG Anthony Martin, filled in for pro-life Attorney-General Patrick Morrisey at the Rally on the spur of the moment.



Defense of the Disabled and Medically Vulnerable

Options in Living Wills and Combined Power of Attorney Living Wills

by Mary Tillman, J.D.

West Virginia law at present includes suggested language for Living Wills that is generally used by most medical facilities in the state. These current Living Wills do not make clear that, when signers of these documents ask that medical treatment be removed, it includes the removal of food and water provided intravenously or by feeding tube. If patients do not wish to die from starvation and dehydration, they should not sign Living Wills. Our legislation corrects this dangerous possibility of confusion by providing clear choices on the Living Will form for patients to indicate whether artificially-provided food and fluids are desired.

- This legislation will improve the language in the Living Will.
- It will prevent the inadvertent starvation and dehydration of patients.
- It will promote patient autonomy and ensure informed consent.

The Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act

West Virginians for Life will work to put a non-discrimination clause in our state law to protect those with disabilities and the medically vulnerable.

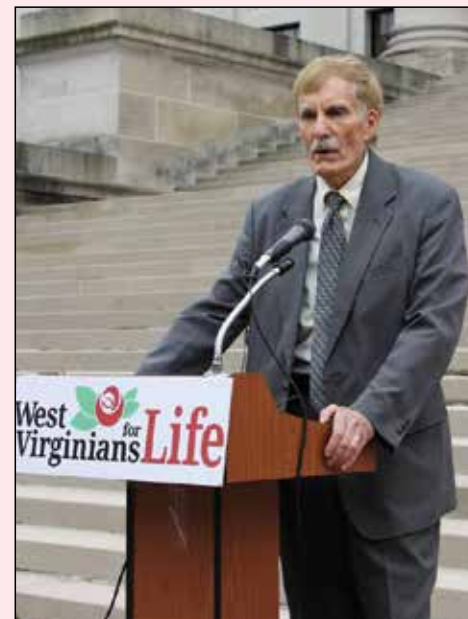
Pro-Life Rally Day Cold but Remarks Warmed the Crowd



New to the legislature, Pro-life Senator and Pastor Rollan Roberts was honored to step out into the cold to say a few words on behalf of the unborn.



Delegate Kayla Kessinger reminded the crowd of the times she visited the Capitol in younger years wanting to make an impact in the pro-life movement. At that time, little did she know that her role as a difference-maker would come in the form of passing pro-life legislation. WVFL thanks Delegate Kessinger for the many times she has both sponsored and cosponsored bills in support of life.



Although former Delegate John Overington is retired from the legislature, he still traveled from the eastern panhandle to stand up for those who cannot speak for themselves. WVFL is thankful for his over four decades of doing so.

PASS THE BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT IN 2020

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We, the pro-life citizens of West Virginia, join together with West Virginians for Life in calling for The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to become law in 2020.

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Newest Petition

Return to the WVFL State Office by February 2020

**A five-week summer training course for pro-life college students
July 5 - August 9 2019**



The future of the pro-life movement rests on the shoulders of our youth. The National Right to Life Academy is an outreach of the Educational Trust Fund that empowers today’s college student leaders with tools to carry the fight for life into the future.

The National Right to Life Academy is a unique, five and a half-week academic summer course for college students who are eager to put their pro-life passion to work. And students who wish can even earn three college class credits in Human Life Studies from from an accredited university, the Franciscan University of Steubenville!

\$3600 tuition includes lodging in downtown Washington, D.C., registration, room and board at the 2018 National Right to Life Convention and five and a half weeks of the most comprehensive pro-life education around!

For more information or to apply:
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PBS Film Omits Gosnell

Pennsylvania and 23 other states have pressed for the passage of laws that mandate abortion clinics operate as “ambulatory surgical facilities.”

CAROL TRACY, Executive Director, Women’s Law Project:

Pennsylvania implemented regulations under the Ambulatory Surgical Facilities Act, that governs everything from the width of hallways, to where sinks are located, to the HVAC systems, to the job descriptions. Abortion care providers have come into compliance with numerous regulations at great cost, at great financial cost to the women who need abortions. And also, it’s limited the number of abortion providers in this state.

JENNIFER BOULANGER, Senior Director, Philadelphia Women’s Center:

We had to spend over \$500,000 on improvements that did nothing to improve the health of our patients.

The Gosnell Grand Jury Report explicitly said, “The abhorrent conditions and practices inside Gosnell’s clinic are directly attributable to the Pennsylvania Health Department’s refusal to treat abortion clinics as ambulatory surgical facilities.”

Obenhaus wants viewers to believe Pennsylvania, in with 23 other states, were bullied by “anti-abortion groups” into adopting these laws. That’s simply untrue. Pennsylvania’s laws were enacted in response to Gosnell by a bipartisan majority in the Pennsylvania state house. But taxpayer-funded

PBS has always had a Gosnell blind-spot: in 2012 Anchor Judy Woodruff admitted she was “not familiar with” Gosnell and PBS didn’t cover his 2013 trial for over a month.

One of Tracy’s complaints – regulations about the width of hallways – directly relates to the Gosnell case. The grand jury report, in describing the circumstances that led to the death of Karnamaya Mongar after an abortion, said when emergency personnel arrived at Gosnell’s clinic, “responders had to waste precious more minutes trying to maneuver through the narrow cramped hallways that could not accommodate a stretcher.”

In another emergency, “They discovered they could not maneuver stretchers through the building’s narrow hallways to reach the patients (just as emergency personnel had been obstructed from reaching Mrs.



Mongar).” And yet abortion clinics still chafe at being held to the same health standards as endoscopy, laser, and plastic surgery centers.

Over the course of the almost one-hour FRONTLINE episode, viewers watch three medication [chemical/RU486] abortions start and two surgical abortions. Two of the abortions involved sets of twins. That’s seven tiny human heartbeats that were snuffed out on-camera.

One woman, named Taryn, already has two kids, is “recently single,” and we find out with her during the vaginal ultrasound that she’s aborting twins. After she takes the first pill, Taryn tells the camera:

What I hope I feel is a sense of peace, not only with myself and in the decision that I’ve made, but also a sense of peace with these two beings that I’ve chosen not to bring into the world. Thank you for choosing me, and I’m honored

to be given this gift of life. And also, I, I can’t do it right now. I can’t accept that mantle in terms of the other lives that I’m taking care of and I’m responsible for.

Another mother, Shaharra, has four children and has already had one abortion. The episode shows the most of her abortion, including afterward, when we follow the cooler containing the body of her unborn baby (euphemistically called “pregnancy tissue”) to a back room where a male technician pieces through the shredded remains to ensure the procedure was complete.

OBENHAUS: Shaharra chose to have a surgical abortion under IV sedation.

MALE NURSE: You might feel a little warm feeling going

through your IV site, okay? It’s normal, and it will go away.

OBENHAUS: IV sedation was not an option for the patients at the clinic where the first film was shot.

[Excerpt from 1983 film]

Female clinician: Easy does it. Nice and slow; lots of cramps.

OBENHAUS: Patients then were awake, and the procedure was uncomfortable, even painful.

MALE NURSE: You’re drifting off to sleep, okay? Take some nice, big, deep breaths.

OBENHAUS: Most patients opt to have a surgical procedure. Like Shaharra, they want to leave the clinic with the abortion behind them.

ELIZABETH LIVERIGHT, M.D., Philadelphia Women’s

Center: Surgical abortion is incredibly safe. The woman is in stirrups. We do a bimanual exam to feel the positioning of the uterus. I place the speculum, clean off the cervix, and then place a small clip on the top of the cervix to straighten out the uterine canal. The second part of the procedure is dilating the cervix, which is using instruments to gently open the entry into the uterus, and then removing the pregnancy tissue, using suction. It takes somewhere between two and five minutes. Complications are incredibly rare.

REBECCA MERCIER, OB-GYN, Philadelphia Women’s Center:

One of the most important components of safety with abortion procedures is making sure all of the pregnancy tissue has been removed from the uterus. The tissue is taken to a special room within the clinic. It is rinsed off. And it’s looked at in a special dish with a little backlight on it that lets us confirm that we are seeing all the tissue that would be expected for the gestational age for the pregnancy. And that lets us know that there weren’t any complications.

OBENHAUS: The gestational age of this fetus was nine weeks and one day.

MERCIER: Up to nine to ten weeks, it’s just a small little piece of translucent sac tissue, with nothing that looks recognizable as any kind of fetal parts. After that, you do see small bits of tissue that are recognizable as fetal tissue.

Also of note, PWC abortionist Lisa Perriera, who the documentary notes is featured on Operation Rescue’s website (but they don’t reveal it’s because of her history of botched abortions leading to at least one patient death), calls infamous late-term abortionist Dr. George Tiller, who was murdered in 2009, “one of the idols in our community.”

But, again, no word on what they think of Gosnell.

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PRO-LIFE RALLY DAY



Pro-life Delegate Tom Fast braved the cold to come out to the north steps and say a few words. Kieran Joseph and Caleb Colombo held the banner in the background after relieving Tyler Benedum and Austin Carder.



Delegate John Mandt has played golf in the annual WVFL Golf FORE Life Tournament (next one is June 9 in Kingwood, WV), and is now serving in the legislature from the 16th House District.



WVFL President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. posed with Delegate Terry Waxman who was unable to come to the mic due to a committee meeting obligation.



From the eastern panhandle in Berkeley County is newcomer Delegate Tom Bibby.



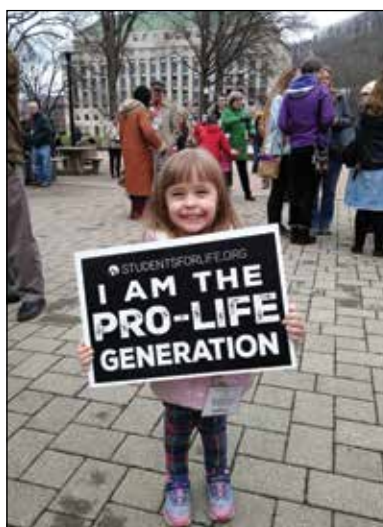
No stranger to our pro-life rallies, but new to the Capitol as a pro-life delegate, is Evan Worrell.



Delegate S. Marshall Wilson was loved by the crowd with his no-nonsense approach.



Delegate Eric Porterfield made sure he did not miss a turn at the mic at his first pro-life rally.



Can you tell that this little cutie from Clay County was enjoying herself at the Rally?



WVFL Program Director and emcee Mary Anne Buchanan reminded everyone of the Amendment 1 victory just 3.5 months earlier.



Pastor Doug Joseph, WVFL Treasurer, unabashedly asked for donations as the baskets were circulated.



Liz Parlock (far left) and two of her children posed for this Capitol shot with National Right to Life Director Karen Cross (2nd from right.)



WV Teens for Life President Margaret Deely introduced the two first place Teen Essay winners in the senior (grades 10-12) and junior (grades 7-9) categories.



L to R: WV Teens for Life President Margaret Deely, 1st place senior division essay winner Ava Anderson, 1st place junior division winner Abigail Roberts, 3rd place senior division winner Summer Barker and 2nd place senior division winner Savannah Fout



Evangelist Jim Anderton of Pocahontas County led the crowd in Amazing Grace.



The invocation was given by Father Brian Crenwelge. He drove in from Sistersville.

Linda Higgs, Representative with the West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council, gave an eye-opening talk regarding the discriminatory treatment that many in the disabilities community face when needing medical care.



Teresa Davy and Fayette Lucas traveled from Mineral County to take in Pro-Life Rally Day.



Nine counties were represented at the Chapter Leaders Roundtable prior to the start of Pro-Life Rally Day events.



Frank Tettenburn did his annual rendition of God Bless America.



The benediction by Pastor Phil Dunn was impassioned.

21ST ANNUAL ROSE DINNER



Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Executive Director Alex Schadenberg was the keynote speaker and his talk made it abundantly clear that we need to arm ourselves against assisted-suicide.



At the head table seated are WVFL President Wanda Franz, emcee Kyle Wiggs, Laura Wiggs and Alex Schadenberg. Standing are Barb Dunn, Fr. Brian O'Donnell, Pam Stanley and Dr. Mike Hogan.



Greer Industries was the social hour & dinner sponsor. Representing the company are (seated) Lois Troy, Debbie Christopher and Gary Smith. Standing are Jim Troy with the Jecklin Family - Lauren, Dave, Christy and Christian.



Delegate Pat McGeehan and former Delegate Mike Folk are flanked by WVFL's Mary Anne Buchanan and Dr. Wanda Franz.



Seated are Claire and Mark Mey. Standing are Katie and Erik Huffman, and Pat and Chuck Higginbotham.



Seated L to R: Jim and Bev Anderton, Missy Ciccarello and Kay Gray. Standing L to R: Warren Myers with Treasa Syruws and husband Pastor Derek Syruws



Many remarked how much they enjoyed Jim Anderton's rendition of "The Battle Belongs to the Lord."



Seated L to R: Matt and Anastella Vester, Bob and Patricia Johnson. Standing L to R: Bob and Irene Carubia, Pete and Louise Deal



Seated are Beverly and Steve Riffon. Behind them are Risha McGill along with Cindy and Allen Mansberger.



Seated are Stephanie Auber, Delegate Pat McGeehan and Fr. George Ellis. Standing behind are Dianne Auber and Michael Folk.



Seated are Sandy Ireland and Dana Leech with Stephanie Solomon, Sherry Chico and Jen Jackson standing.



Seated L to R: Linda Day, Sonya and Pastor Wayde Wilson. Standing L to R: Shelly Snoddy, and Dr. Paula Stout



Kay Gray was the maker of this prayer shawl submitted to the Silent Auction.



The benediction was given by Pastor Derek Syruws of Kingwood Christian Fellowship.



The Catholic Conference of WV Director Fr. Brian O'Donnell gave the invocation.



Bekah Berg, who is on the WVFL Speakers Bureau, once again stirred everyone's emotions with her impassioned appeal to give to the organization.

Pro-Life Profile

Missy Ciccarello has been happily married to her husband Joe for 4-1/2 years. They live in South Charleston with their rescue dog “Ludie Berry” and her two adult children. They are son Tyler (31) and his wife Lindsay, who have blessed them with a beautiful granddaughter, Eden Jo (5), and daughter Amy (24) and her boyfriend Alex, who gave them a “surprise blessing” 7 months ago – grandson, Silas Taylor.

Missy has been employed by the WV Radio Corp/MetroNews for the past 4-1/2 years as a Media Consultant. She was first introduced to the incredible work of West Virginians for Life as their marketing consultant. It was through that business relationship (which quickly became a treasured friendship) that Missy witnessed firsthand what WVFL was all about. Missy feels that the dedication, passion and commitment to the protection of life can be felt when you walk through the door at 25 Canyon Road in Morgantown... which she said is contagious!

Missy and her husband Joe have recently begun attending Bible Center Church in Charleston, where they are quickly getting involved.

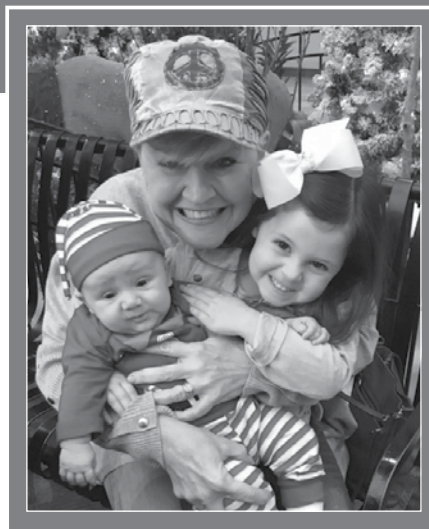
Missy shared that she can't remember a time in her life when she wasn't pro-life. As a child, she remembers hearing the word “abortion” for the very first time. In her child-like innocence, she couldn't believe such a horrible thing existed! As long as she can remember, she has shared her pro-life beliefs with friends and family, never backing down from those convictions. She admits that, while she didn't **back down** from her convictions...she also didn't **back up** those convictions with any kind of ACTION or involvement. For years she voted for pro-life candidates and participated in the Life Chain, but felt her involvement was limited. She looks back in regret on the years of her own complacency and her heart aches for the time and talent wasted on things that have no eternal value.

However, in His mercy, the Lord looked past all of her failings, her complacency and her sin, and He saw that Missy's heart was broken for “the least of these.” Her heart was open and ready to be used by Him in whatever way He saw fit. He called and she answered, a bit hesitantly at first...and He led her to getting involved through WVFL. The Kanawha County Chapter of WVFL had not been active for several years. The first meeting of this newly formed Chapter was held March 4th and they had over 25 people in attendance!

During their second meeting in April, they elected chapter officers with Missy as Chapter President, Vice President Heather Roush, Secretary Sandy Cooper, and Treasurer Kathy Crow. The Chapter is a true TEAM effort; every member is a **valuable and important** piece of the puzzle. Her hope and goal as the leader of this Chapter is to **equip, encourage and empower** every team member to use their God-given gifts and talents to glorify God as they join hearts and hands to protect the sanctity of human life.

Missy realizes there are many challenges which the pro-life movement faces daily, but her top concerns are addressing complacency and education. She believes education (or lack thereof) goes hand-in-hand with complacency, and that they need to EDUCATE in order to disturb the COMPLACENCY. Missy's hope is to change what often seems to be the face or stigma of the pro-life movement.

She shares that the goal and mission for the WVFL Kanawha County Chapter is to approach their community (and their adversaries) with education, compassion, love, hope, help (resources) and forgiveness. WVFL shares Missy's belief that education, delivered with love and compassion, can be a real game changer for the pro-life movement.



Missy Ciccarello
Kanawha County Chapter Leader

WVFL Treasurer's Article

Battle lines are forming. Join us!

Better still, become a Rose Society Member!

Dear West Virginia Pro-Lifers:

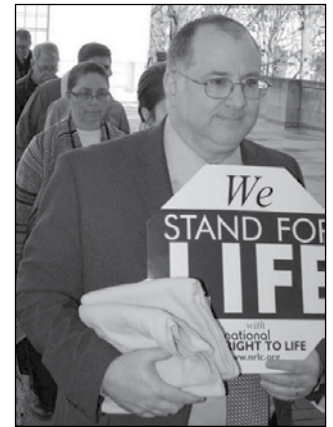
We rejoice over great news from many states that are following West Virginia's strong pro-life example, legislatively or in referendums. Yet we're also sickened over “progressive” states that are striving outlandishly to codify their disregard for life in horrific ways. As one state after another lines up either for life or for death, many thanks to all the members/supporters of West Virginians for Life. You're making certain that West Virginia not only consistently stands up for the sanctity of life, but also that our wonderful Mountain State exerts a leadership influence across the nation during this historic time of “polarization” that's revealing truth and exposing evil. Whereas formerly the battle was often detoured into judicial venues because “pro-choice” strategizers knew they could not win in America's voting booths and legislatures, now they're more desperate (seemingly as they perceive the “writing on the wall” regarding the possibility of *Roe & Doe* one day being overturned), so they seek to capitalize on generations of voters having been desensitized (by *Roe & Doe*) to the wholesale slaughter of innocent life. Some states have passed legislation supporting abortion up to the moment of birth, while born-alive abortion survivor care laws have been vetoed elsewhere by callous governors. Abortion proponents now openly, vehemently support infanticide in cases where the baby has survived an abortion. In some states, physician-assisted suicide and other medical “ethics” nightmares have passed. This is the evil we are facing. Rise with us to say, “Not in West Virginia! We stand for life here!” Your pro-life actions, words, and donations are needed now more than ever.

Join us: wvforlife.org/membership

Better yet, step up to Rose Society Membership while you're there!

Already a member? Give here: wvforlife.org/donate

With determination, Pastor Doug Joseph, WVFL Treasurer



WVFL Treasurer
Pastor Doug Joseph

West Virginia

Teens For Life

Dear Teens for Life,

I hope all of you had an excellent school year, but before you jump into summer, I would like to remind you of upcoming summer events. The 7th Annual Golf FORE Life is the main event of the summer. The event will be held Sunday, June 9th at the Preston Country Club in Kingwood. Registration and Lunch will be held at noon. The Putting Contest will begin at 1:00. The Tee Time will start a half hour later and the day will finish with an informal Awards Ceremony and MT State BBQ. The Registration form and Golf Tournament brochure can be found on the home website and on page 9 of this paper. Every life is precious and we would greatly appreciate your attendance for this event, whether golfing or volunteering.

Please look for local events this summer and participate in any way you can. I and West Virginians for Life would greatly appreciate your involvement in additional programs.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Golf FORE Life event.

Your WV Teens for life President, Margaret Deely



WV Teens for Life President
Margaret Deely

Long-awaited Website Reveal Finally a Reality

Due to the diligence of Graphic Designer Cheryl Carr, Pastor Doug Joseph and Jaycen Saab, the newly revamped West

Virginians for Life website is up and running.

Navigation should be easy and the information useful.

Added is a “no-holds-barred” section that takes one to pictures of actual aborted babies. There is a warning, so that no one clicks that link unintentionally.

Everything from the Cross Memorial Project to the latest legislation to abortion alternatives can be found at wvforlife.org.

WVFL hopes the site is a resource for those looking to find information. Suggestions and comments are always welcome, too.



2019 Calendar of Events

June 1 (Sat.)	Board Meeting, Clarksburg
June 9 (Sunday)	7th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament, Preston Country Club, Kingwood (see registraton on right)
August 24 (Sat.)	Board Meeting, Clarksburg
October 19 (Sat.)	State Pro-Life Convention at Trinity Assembly of God, Fairmont
November 2 (Sat.)	Board Meeting, Clarksburg

25 Canyon Road - Morgantown, WV 26508 (304) 594-9845
info@wvforlife.org - www.wvforlife.org

YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my BASIC state membership contribution of \$35 () or a GOLD membership contribution of \$50 ().

() YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion with this donation. \$ _____

I wish to support the work of the Political Action Committee* with a contribution of:
() \$10 () \$25 () \$50 () \$100 () \$500 () \$1,000 () \$ _____

I wish to support the educational work of WVFL with an additional tax-deductible contribution of:
() \$10 () \$25 () \$50 () \$100 () \$500 () \$1,000 () \$ _____

I wish to join the Rose Society with a monthly pledge of: *(Rose Society members receive a monthly update from the President and do not receive other fundraising mailings or calls other than fundraising for the political action committee.)*
() \$10 () \$15 () \$50 () \$100 () \$500 () \$1,000 () \$ _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ Occupation/Employer* _____

Because in addition to educating, we are involved in trying to change the law, contributions to West Virginians for Life, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. "West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement."
*A maximum donation of \$1,000 per person per election cycle is allowed to the PAC. Please include occupation and employer when donating to the PAC. Corporate and church contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are prohibited by law. Contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are voluntary. Please disregard if you are a public employee or not a WVFL member.

7th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 9th

Registration & Lunch at Noon

Putting Contest 1:00 pm • Tee Time 1:30 pm

MT State BBQ/Informal Awards Ceremony 5:30 pm

Preston Country Club, Kingwood, WV

Registration
Form

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: # _____ \$95 each (Golf registration includes lunch, BBQ & one gift bag.)
- ☐ **Team Registration** - \$380 each (Golf registration includes lunch, BBQ & one gift bag per team player.)
- ☐ **Platinum Sponsorship** - \$2,000 each (includes 1 foursome, lunch & BBQ for 4, a plaque, name on Banner & T-box)
- ☐ **Gold Sponsorship** - \$1,500 each (includes 1 foursome, lunch & BBQ for 4, name on Banner & T-box)
- ☐ **Silver Sponsorship** - \$1,000 each (includes 1 foursome, lunch & BBQ for 4 & name on Banner)
- ☐ **Hole Sponsorship** - \$200 each (includes a sign on a hole - does not include golf registration)

Proper golf attire required - No sleeveless shirts or jeans permitted - Soft spikes mandatory

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:

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ DISCOVER

Credit Card #: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____

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

All proceeds benefit the WVFL Educational Trust Fund,
a 501(c)(3) organization.
1-304-594-9845

Amounts are tax deductible less goods and services received.

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PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE

Registration forms are downloadable at www.wvforlife.org/events

Cabell



Left: WVFL Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan and Cabell County Chapter Leader George Wallace at the Rose Dinner

Right: George rarely misses Pro-Life Rally Day at the Capitol. He stood with his stop sign and withstood this windy Pro-Life Rally Day.



Doddridge



Enjoying the April 4 Rose Dinner are seated L to R: Twila and Tom Zimmerman, Johnny Woods, Doddridge County Chapter Leader/Board Member Charles Northrop, Cleve Forge and Marge Northrop. Standing are Rose and Harry Murphy.

Harrison



Above are Bill Bowie and wife, Shirley at the Rose Dinner. She is the Harrison County Chapter Leader.



The Harrison County Chapter showed up for the dinner as well. Seated are Darlene and John Jenks and Pastor Jerry and Laura Fiscus. Standing are Pastor Mike and Kelly Allen and LaDonna Joseph with husband Pastor Doug Joseph, also the WVFL treasurer.

Monongalia



Rose Dinner attendees Seated: Deb Mitchem and Pastor Nate Williamson. 2nd row: Rhonda Fout, Susan Crosco and Renee Rexroad. 3rd Row: Savannah Fout, David and Rachel Friend



Samantha Williamson enjoyed walking with her grandmother on April 27.

Kanawha



Start-Up Meeting on 3.4.2019



The 34th Annual Walk-for-Life in Morgantown on April 27 won't soon be forgotten because of the strong wind.

Marion



Representing the Marion County Chapter at the Rose Dinner are Shelby and son Hugh Costello (seated). Standing are Chris and Kelly Burns and Marion County Chapter Treasurer Sandra Costello.

Mineral



Pictured is the Mineral County Chapter Leader Ed Davy with Secretary Fayette Lucas and Vice President Aaron Lucas at the February 18 Rally in Charleston. The Lucas toddler had a good time, too.

Ohio



Ohio County was represented at the Rose Dinner by Board Member Julia Chaplin (seated on the right). Beside her is Alice Edge and standing are Kathy Marriner, Linda Higgs of the WV Developmental Disabilities Council in Charleston, Cristin and Rhett Dusenbury and Sherry Edge.

**Clay County:**

Sheena Rapp-Leedy, the chapter president, attended Pro-Life Rally Day along with other family members. She is looking for more interest from others in her county. The contact email is sheena192001@gmail.com and phone is 304-587-7073.

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 chapter was represented at the annual Rose Dinner. See photos at left.

Jefferson County:

The chapter hosted its 2nd Annual Jefferson County WVFL Convention on April 6 in Charles Town. Speakers included Diane Hamilton of St. James Parish (where the event took place), National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross, Andie Pearson of Silent No More, Rebekah Berg on the topic of Rape & Abortion and Defend Life's Barry Sullivan. There was a teen track as well.

Kanawha County:

The chapter officially kicked off on March 4 with close to 30 in attendance. Missy Ciccarello is the Chapter Leader. She has already presented to the Serra Club. A baby bottle campaign is well underway, too, at six participating churches. They hosted a Prayer Shower for Life on Saturday, April 27 from 1:30 - 3:30 at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship in Dunbar. Many of them met at the state capitol for The National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2. For meeting info, email Missy at kanawhawv4life@gmail.com or call 304-989-0889.

Marion County:

Several attended Pro-Life Rally Day at the legislature and the Rose Dinner. The chapter has a pretty good-sized lending library of pro-life materials (books, CDs, DVDs including pro-life movies) that they are making available to all who wish to learn more. Consisting of materials gathered over the years, they were organized by chapter activist Sandra Costello, and are hosted at the chapter president's office where meetings are held every month. For meeting info, call 304-612-4520.

Marshall County:

If there are interested parties in Marshall County who would like to

help with the chapter, please email Karen Ali at klee1105@yahoo.com.

Mason County:

On April 13, 2019 Mason County Right to Life joined with the Annual Easter Parade in Pt. Pleasant. This parade is special because its sole purpose is to honor Jesus, which it does. The parade shows the Life of Jesus. The first thing seen is Mary riding a donkey while being led by Joseph (her husband). The last float seen is the Ascension of Jesus to Heaven. The parade is also loaded with great music and singing. Churches of all denominations, or no denomination, participate. For one day all the churches focus on one thing - Jesus. What a Blessing to honor Jesus in public.

McDowell County:

Herman and Renee Bolden are interested in starting a chapter in the county. If you live in McDowell and want to join them, please contact the Boldens at 304-320-5340. They are looking to have State President Wanda Franz attend a meeting later this summer.

Mercer County:

There is a small but dedicated contingent of pro-life individuals wanting to start a chapter in Mercer. Please contact Jack Garwood at jrggarwood96@outlook.com or 304-922-5719.

Mineral County:

The chapter sent officers Ed Davy (president), Aaron Lucas (VP), and Fayette Lucas (Secretary) to the Chapter Leaders Roundtable at Pro-Life Rally Day on February 18. In spite of the cold, they were glad to attend the rally and former Chapter Leader Teresa Davy captured some wonderful pictures.

Monongalia County:

The Mon County Chapter sent a bus to the Pro-Life Rally at the Capitol on February 18. A number of cars also made the trip down for the very successful (although very cold) Rally on the North Capitol steps. Four members of the Chapter attended the fundraising dinner for Compass, one of the local Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Morgantown.

On March 27 and 29, the Mon County Chapter arranged for sponsors to buy out one of the theaters at the local movie complex for showings of the new movie, *Unplanned*, the powerful story of Abby Johnson's conversion from abortion provider at Planned

Parenthood to pro-life advocate. Originally, the movie wasn't scheduled to be shown in North Central West Virginia. Upon the demonstration that there was enough interest in the movie, the theater booked it for a week's run. The money made from the theater buyout went to the WVFL Ed Trust Fund.

Members of the chapter attended the Rose Dinner in Morgantown on Thursday, April 4. The keynote speaker was Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of Canada's Euthanasia Prevention coalition. He is also the Co-Executive Producer of the new film, *Fatal Flaws*.

The Chapter held its annual Walk for Life on a windy, but sunny April 27 at 10:00 at St. Mary's Pavilion in Star City. Food and prizes were given to the family crowd in attendance.

On June 3rd, the Chapter will once again start taking entrants in the Precious Baby Photo Contest. The annual competition will run until July 13. The winner will be announced at the Mon County Chapter booth at Kids' Day on Saturday, July 20 at 2:00 p.m. and will ride in the Monongalia Fair Parade scheduled for Monday, August 12. All the rules and a running vote tally will be shown on the *WV for Life - Monongalia County Chapter* Facebook page.

Monroe County

The chapter held its annual Walk-for-Life on May 11 in Union.

Morgan County:

The chapter is known for its effective sidewalk counseling two days a week in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, MD. Since they began in October 2006, they convinced around 500 women not to abort their babies. It is estimated that at least an equal number of women have changed their minds about abortion after viewing their large signs and witnessing the people praying.

WDTF broadcasts several pro-life messages a day including a five-minute National Right to Life program called *Pro-Life Perspective*. 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.

The chapter continued its 8' X 12' pro-life billboard outside of Berkeley Springs on Route 522. Thanks to all who support this, especially the

Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.

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

Nicholas County

The chapter held its annual Jim Gilbert Memorial Golf Tournament in Summersville on May 4.

Ohio County

The chapter held its annual Walk-for-Life on May 4 in Wheeling.

Putnam County:

It has been a busy spring. The chapter has been dormant for a couple of years, but is now alive and viable. A group watched the movie *Unplanned*. And on May 4th the chapter participated in Hurricane Spring Fling.

Randolph County:

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

Summers:

The Summers County Chapter now has its own website and invites you to visit it at <https://wvforlife.com/summers/>. The chapter would like to introduce and welcome Teresa (Terri) Keatley as their new Vice-President. Funds are being raised to print a pro-life ad in the *Hinton News* for Mother's Day week. A pro-life Booth is planned for the John Henry Days Festival at Talcott in July. Come and see their life-like fetal models and get information about life issues. The chapter meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. For information about meetings or to find out what you can do to help, call Bonnie Ayers at 304-466-1370.

Upshur County:

The Chapter invited folks from Lewis County to join them for their 36th Annual Walk-for-Life on Saturday, May 4, at Jawbone Park in Buckhannon. The walk ended at the Upshur County Courthouse with speakers being Delegates Patrick Martin and Robbie Martin. Free food and prizes were available to all attending. A Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care booth was also set up before the rally.

WV Teens for Life:

President Margaret Deely invites you to contact her at deelyma@aol.com.

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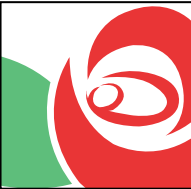
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