

## Traitor Joe - Has Senator Manchin betrayed the Babies?

By Karen Cross

National Right to Life Political Director

A traitor is defined as one who "betrays a friend, country or principle" or defined as a "sellout to the enemy."

Has Senator Joe Manchin (D-W. Va.) sold out to the enemy?

Are Manchin's votes to support using taxpayer funds for the nation's largest abortion provider a betrayal of his former pro-life views?

Is Manchin pandering to both sides of the abortion issue?

Let's explore these questions.

West Virginia's Senator Joe Manchin has long claimed to be pro-life. What is his voting record in the 115th Congress? A dismal 33%.

Sen. Manchin consistently votes to allow hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider that performs 900 abortions every single day.

Manchin's response to this? "Not one dime of that money goes for abortion."

We don't care Senator.

Money is fungible. Planned Parenthood receives more than a million dollars a day in federal dollars. They can use that money to build more buildings, hire more staff and do more advertising. As a result, more little girls walk through their doors seeking abortions.

By voting against defunding Planned Parenthood, Sen. Manchin



Images from Axios.com

is keeping money from actual health care providers who will offer comprehensive health care for more women and girls, closer to home.

Depending on the pundit, Manchin's 2018 re-election race is considered a tossup, lean, and likely. Polling indicates West Virginia's pro-life Attorney General Patrick Morrisey and Congressman Evan Jenkins are already in striking distance.

West Virginia is a solidly pro-life state. In 2016, President Trump carried the Mountain State 69% to 27% — that's an advantage of 42 points! Democrats ignore pro-lifers at their political peril, and not just in West Virginia.

In April, Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez decided that the DNC would only support candidates who support an extreme abortion agenda calling for unrestricted abortion for any reason

— including late abortions after 20 weeks and taxpayer funding of abortion.

This will cause problems for Democrats that will cause them to lose elections across the nation.

In many areas of the country, Democratic candidates must have pro-life votes in

order to win, however they also must appease the pro-abortion masters of the Democratic Party, including Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice America, and EMILY's List.

The most ridiculous evidence of this recently took place when Sen. Manchin appeared in a picture holding a Planned Parenthood sign that read, "I stand with Planned Parenthood."

Senator Manchin later appeared in a picture with a pro-life group holding a sign that read, "We don't need Planned Parenthood."

Which is it, Joe?

There are similar situations in other parts of the country where Democratic senators must have pro-life votes to win, including Indiana (Sen. Joe Donnelly), Pennsylvania (Sen. Bob Casey, Jr.), and North Dakota (Sen. Heidi Heitkamp).

"The pro-abortion side cannot match the infrastructure and grassroots base of National Right to Life and its 3,000 chapters and state affiliates, which can respond quickly anywhere in the country," said National Right to Life President Carol Tobias. "With this latest pro-abortion litmus test for Democratic candidates, the Democratic Party will continue to lose elections."

National Right to Life will not allow pro-abortion candidates to hide. We will expose their extreme views of unlimited abortion and using taxpayer funding of abortion on demand.

With the help of pro-lifers across the nation, we will battle tirelessly to expose the true positions of candidates on life.

We will expose the traitors in our midst.

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## Ask Rep. Jenkins to Cosponsor Bill

This fall, in later September or early October, National Right to Life is anticipating a vote on H.R. 36, The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

In advance of the vote, those who live in the 3rd congressional district (**Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Greenbrier, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne, Webster, and Wyoming Counties**) are urged to contact Congressman Evan Jenkins to politely ask him to cosponsor this legislation.

First District Congressman David McKinley and Second District Congressman Alex Mooney have already agreed to be cosponsors.

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act became law in West Virginia in 2015.

For a factsheet, visit: <http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/stateleg/PCUCPAfactsheet.pdf>

To email Rep. Evan Jenkins at his website, go to [evanjenkins.house.gov](http://evanjenkins.house.gov).

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## From the President



### Life or Death: Who Decides?

Dear Friends,

Progressives in the Democrat Party are pushing for a single-payer health care system. That is, Medicaid for everyone, which is managed by the government. This may be appealing to some, who know nothing about the single-payer system in Great Britain. Recently, the Charlie Gard case has brought home to us the dangers of such a system. If the government pays for your health care, eventually, they own your health care and can control you.

Charlie Gard was a British citizen born with mitochondrial disease resulting in brain damage. His parents wanted to take him to the United States for treatment, and a Harvard-trained physician was ready to treat him. The U.S. Congress granted him permanent resident status. However, the British and European Courts both ruled that the treatment would only prolong his suffering. They gave the hospital the right to refuse treatment and transfer for treatment. **In the matter of life and death, the government chose death for Charlie Gard over the objections of his parents.**

The courts and the hospital decided this even though Charlie Gard's parents had raised the money to pay for his transportation and treatment. It wouldn't have cost the British system anything to allow the parents to remove their baby from the hospital. **It wasn't about money; it was about who decides on life or death for a sick baby: the parents or the government.**

It was also about the failure of parental rights. The courts didn't like the health-care choices being made by the parents, so they appointed a legal guardian to represent Charlie Gard. It turns out that the attorney for Baby Gard's guardian is a euthanasia activist who is Chairman of Compassion in Dying, an "end-of-life" advocacy group. Far from being neutral, Victoria Butler-Cole is an outspoken advocate for the policies preferred by the government. The fix was in.

Congressman Trent Franks, co-sponsor of the legislation that granted permanent resident status to baby Charlie Gard said: "If this ruling stands, how long before each of us is just one bad accident, one disease, one diagnosis away from being too old, too fragile, too disabled, too "unfit," to be worth keeping alive? **A ruling class that can take away Charlie's humanity is one that can take away yours, too."**

A single-payer health care system run by the government is the first step toward such a future.

*Wanda Franz, Ph.D.*

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

## Abortion-Expanding Obamacare to Remain Law for Now

By Jennifer Popik, J.D.

NRLC Federal Legislative Director

In the early hours of Friday morning, July 28, in a stunning blow, 3 Republican Senators, Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), Sen. Murkowski (R-Ak), and Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), joined with all of the Democrats ending the current attempt to move away from the abortion-expanding Obama Health Care law.

The so-called "skinny bill" would have defunded abortion giant Planned Parenthood for one year and would likely have gone to conference where further pro-life modifications might have been made.

While there have been numerous stops and starts, Congressional Leadership and

the White House have both signaled that they would like to move on to other items for the short term.

National Right to Life is deeply disappointed at this missed opportunity to begin rolling back Obamacare with its

### Senator Shelley Capito DID vote pro-life when it came down to the "skinny repeal" vote.

multiple provisions authorizing federal subsidies for abortion insurance, multiple provisions allowing abortion-expansive federal mandates, and multiple provisions that will result in involuntary denial of

life-saving medical treatment by placing unacceptable limits on the right of vulnerable Americans.

National Right to Life has worked closely with Congressional leaders and will continue to do so.

Prior to the failure of the Repeal Bill on July 28, National Right to Life supported several items, sending letters to Senate offices:

- *The motion to proceed to the House-passed 1628 which began debate on repealing Obamacare.* This was successful by a vote of 51-50, losing Sen. Collins, Sen. Murkowski, and all Democrats. Vice President Mike Pence cast the tie-breaking vote.

*See ObamaCare Remains, page 3*

### Contact Your Members of U.S. Congress

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## ObamaCare Remains *Continued from page 2*

- *Amendment no. 271 from Sens. Rand Paul (R-KY) and Mike Enzi (R-WY) on "Repeal only."* This amendment contained strong Hyde language. The vote on "Repeal only" failed by a vote of 45-55 with 7 Republicans and all Democrats voting against the measure.
- *Amendment no. 389 from Sen. Luther Strange (R-Al) which would extend Hyde Protections to the Senate Bill's Tax Credit provisions.* Because this measure did not have a cost-estimate it was held to a 60 vote threshold, and did not pass. Every Democrat, along with Sen. Collins and Sen. Murkowski, voted against the measure. Even so, this amendment received a strong Republican showing.
- *Amendment no. 502 from Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV) to eliminate the "Cadillac tax."* This tax is designed to create a tax disincentive to suppress private, nongovernmental health care spending beyond a governmentally-imposed limit. The "Cadillac tax" was postponed in both the House-passed version as well as early Senate versions. The measure passed by a vote of 52-48.

**West Virginians for Life** [www.wvforlife.org](http://www.wvforlife.org) *Next Week's Vote*



**Senator Shelley Moore Capito's vote could be the determining factor in federal tax dollars being used for abortion.**

**Tell Senator Capito to vote for repeal of ObamaCare.**

Washington DC: 202-224-6472 or Charleston: 304-347-5372  
email: [www.capito.senate.gov/contact/contact-shelley](mailto:www.capito.senate.gov/contact/contact-shelley)

*Above and at right are just two of the four social media memes that were used in July during the effort to repeal ObamaCare.*

*You may have received a telephone robo-call, too, asking you to contact Senator Capito.*

**Who Owns This Baby?**  
In England, the government does.



**"It is a case that rocks America to our core, because if something like this can happen across the pond, it can certainly happen here."**

Arizona Representative Trent Franks

Government controlled health care in England may decide the fate of 11 month old Charlie Gard.

**Stop American government control over you and your loved ones. Repeal ObamaCare!**

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## The Non-Discrimination In Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act

### *WVFL's Legislation in Response to the Charlie Gard Case*



*West Virginians for Life President Wanda Franz and Executive Director Pam Stanley worked on legislation for the 2018 Legislative Session with Tim Armstead, Speaker of the House of Delegates (seated), and Chief of Staff, Dan Greear.*

*by Wanda Franz and Karen Cross*

We in the pro-life movement have always understood that, once doctors could kill unborn babies, we would be on the slippery slope to kill other vulnerable persons: especially the sick, the elderly, and the disabled. Increasingly, some health care providers consider life-preserving treatment to be "medically inappropriate" because they consider the patient's "quality of life" to be too poor. We appear to be nearing the bottom of the slippery slope.

In West Virginia, current law allows health care providers to override the wishes of patients and their families for treatment whenever the health care provider deems life-preserving treatment to be "futile." Clearly, patients and their families, not others, should be able to decide whether their lives are worth preserving with life-saving medical treatment, food, and fluids. West Virginians for Life wants to pass legislation to provide that the Advance Directive

*See Involuntary Denial, page 4*



*An Interim Session Meeting in Charleston with National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross, Asst. Majority Leader John O'Neal, Majority Leader Daryl Cowles and WVFL Executive Director Pam Stanley*



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In addition, we want to protect these vulnerable individuals from the discrimination that says their lives are less valuable than the lives of those who are younger, free of disability or illness. Our legislation ensures that medical treatment, food and fluids

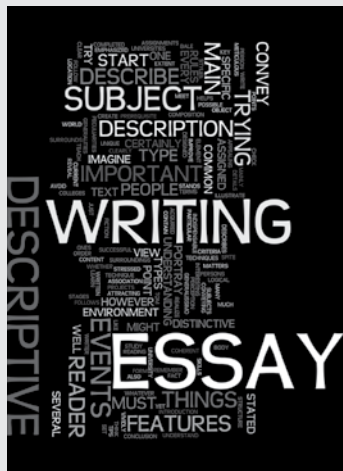
The case of baby Charlie Gard in Britain is an example of discrimination against a sick patient by the hospital and the courts. (See the President's Letter on pg. 2.) Baby Gard was denied treatment but, even more egregious, he was prevented from being transported to a doctor willing



*WFVL's President Wanda Franz and Executive Director Pam Stanley (standing) look over information being shared with Delegate Ruth Rowan, the Senior Citizen Issues Committee Chair, in connection with this necessary legislation.*

It is important that the Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act be passed in West

Virginia to provide protections for our vulnerable populations. As it happens, all of us can expect to fall into the category of “vulnerable patients,” especially at the end of life. We will all need to have health care providers, who provide treatment, regardless of our age, health or state of disability. Otherwise, what happened to little, innocent Charlie Gard and his family could become commonplace right here in West Virginia. Be sure to encourage your legislators to support this lifesaving bill.



*5th Annual  
Teen Essay  
Contest  
Begins  
October 1st*

**Announcements of the winning essays will be made at the beginning of the new year. For more information, contact [wvteensforlife@yahoo.com](mailto:wvteensforlife@yahoo.com) or (304) 594-9845.**

- Write an original 300 to 500-word essay addressing the question: Why are you pro-life?
- Do NOT put your name, school or church name, or any other personal information in the body of your essay. Enter your name and other personal information only on the designated fields on the cover letter.
- STAY ON TOPIC: abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, and/or physician assisted suicide
- Proofread carefully as your essay will be judged not only on the topic, but also on creativity, spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
- Sources used in the essay must have citations. Attribute quotes and any ideas that are not your own within the body of the essay.
- Credit will be given for evidence of research and in-depth knowledge of pro-life issues. The following websites should be considered for research: [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org), [nrlc.org](http://nrlc.org), [abortionresearch.us](http://abortionresearch.us), [bcpinstitute.org](http://bcpinstitute.org), [WeCareExperts.com](http://WeCareExperts.com), [prolifefuture.org/term-papers-topics/](http://prolifefuture.org/term-papers-topics/), [aaplog.org](http://aaplog.org), [liveaction.org](http://liveaction.org), [studentsforlife.org](http://studentsforlife.org), [standupgirl.com](http://standupgirl.com)
- Do not include illustrations, graphics, or diagrams.
- Essays must be typed using no smaller than 12 pt. font, must be double spaced, and pages numbered.
- The cover letter must include: full name and address, phone number, grade level, student's date of birth, parent's name, word count of essay, and if applicable, the name of teacher or pastor who assigned the essay.
- Student must be a WV resident.
- In submitting an entry, the contestant and parent agree to allow West Virginians for Life to reprint the winning essays. Winners will be required to submit essays via email for publication in West Virginians for Life's newsletter, *Life Matters*. Winning essays will automatically be submitted to the National Right to Life 2018 Essay Contest for consideration for additional prizes.
- Students must submit their essay by mail between October 1, 2017 and November 1, 2017. Entries postmarked after November 1, 2017, will not qualify or be considered.
- Essays are to be mailed to: West Virginians for Life, 25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508.

# Convention is October 21

# Life

is for everyone.



*Includes Teen Camp*

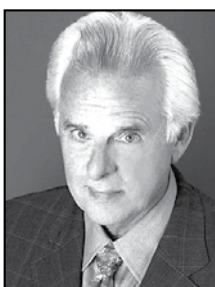
The theme of the West Virginians for Life State Convention on October 21, 2017, *LIFE is for EVERYONE*, picks up the same theme as National Right to Life's convention in Milwaukee this summer. Held at Horizons Church in Lost Creek, WV, the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. for registration. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts until 3:00 p.m.

Your state pro-life organization works hard to protect each and every citizen, whether unborn, disabled, or elderly, but we cannot replace you. Every pro-lifer must carry on the battle where he or she lives and works. To equip you with the knowledge and skills to combat the pro-abortion rhetoric in our culture, we are preparing a one-day fast-paced state pro-life convention.

Guest speaker will be Wesley Smith. Lawyer and award winning author, Smith, is a Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute's Center on Human Exceptionalism. He is also a consultant to the Patients Rights Council, and as such, will be addressing the topic of physician assisted suicide.

In May 2004, because of his work in bioethics, Smith was named one of the nation's premier expert thinkers in bioengineering by the *National Journal*. In 2008, the Human Life Foundation named him a Great Defender of Life for his work against assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Smith is an international lecturer and public speaker, appearing frequently at political, university, medical, legal, disability rights, bioethics, religious,



Wesley Smith, J.D.



Karen Cross



Wanda Franz, Ph.D.



Lacey Evans

industry, and community gatherings across the United States, Europe, Mexico, Canada, South Africa, Australia, and at the United Nations.

Other speakers will include National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross and WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz.

We ask you to circle October 21 on your calendar. You will be equipped and edified as you gather with other pro-lifers from around the state at Horizons Church in Lost Creek (Harrison County) that Saturday. The day includes educational sessions, exciting speakers and a luncheon.

## TEEN DAY CAMP

Teens will have their own special Day Camp geared specifically to teens while the adult convention is being held. They will be in a separate space for parts of the day led by our National Right to Life Academy alum and Board Member, Lacey Evans.

## CHILDCARE

Childcare will be available if enough notice is given.

The deadline to register early is October 14. After that date, the price goes from \$35 to \$40. Don't delay!

Call the office immediately at 304-594-9845 to see if it's not too late to advertise in the convention resource manual. Print out a registration brochure while you're there.

# West Virginians for Life State Convention

October 21, 2017

Horizons Church, Lost Creek, WV

## REGISTRATION FORM

	Number	Price	Total
Convention Registration* (includes Luncheon Banquet)	_____ x	\$35.00 =	_____
Convention Group Rate (groups of 10 or more)	_____ x	\$25.00 =	_____
Teen	_____ x	\$20.00 =	_____

\*College Students \$20      Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Adults (Names Only) \_\_\_\_\_

Teens (Names Only) \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form & payment to:  
WVFL Convention 2017,  
25 Canyon Road Morgantown, WV 26508  
by **10-14-17**.

## SHOP AT KROGER and a percentage of your purchases is donated to WVFL

Register your Kroger Reward Card with West Virginians for Life Educational Trust Fund or use the code 92864. You can register online at

**krogercommunityrewards.com**

REMEMBER, all participants of an organization

are required to re-enroll each year beginning August 1st.



## Volunteers Needed

Jacqueline Costello, concessions stand coordinator, would welcome volunteers to work in the stand, so call her at 304-629-4125. Or contact the WVFL Office at 304-594-98945 to give your contact information.

The scheduled game day Saturdays are September 9 and 16, October 14 and 28, and November 4 and 18.







**1st Place**

The First Place Team received individual \$100 Visa cards. From left to right: Roger Brooks, Scott Clarke (also won Closest to the Pin challenge), WVFL Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan and Dan Wassick. These guys won with a 59, which is 13 under par. (Absent from this picture is Silver Sponsor John Wassick.)



Team member Josh Zerkel had to leave, but his teammates Silver Sponsor Doug Leech, celebrity Ed Pastilong (former WVU Athletic Director), and Jacob Zerkel posed for this shot in between their shots.



West Virginians for Life thanks our sponsors without whom the tournament would NOT have been possible.



**2nd Place**

The Second Place Team consisted of Dave Lofstead (also won Longest Drive challenge), Chuck and Pat Higginbotham and Marion Zuccari with a 63.



Gary Kessler, celebrity Gale Catlett, Bruce Ferguson and WVFL Board Member Randy Meadows enjoyed the course. The three men from Nicholas County who played alongside Coach Catlett went back home afterward with smiles on their faces.



This was the team of Frank Raspa, Jordan Parker, Eldon Fowler, and Drs. Jim Holehouse and Mike Rollins.



Celebrity Adam Etris with Pam and Jerry Casillo and Pat and Marty Mahady – both couples from New York



**3rd Place**

Third Place Team with a 65 was Dan Price, Rod Snyder and Matt DuBois.



Brandon Solomon (2nd from left) and his "besties" on the course



Dave Johnson (Longest Putt challenge winner), Dennis Kelley, Randall Newell (a surprise pickup from Zanesville, OH staying at the hotel), and Shepherd University celebrities Mike Jacobs and Rick Gibson



Team of Darren and Mike Stockett, washed up has-been radio celebrities Eric McGuire and Mary Anne Zbanadanna, Scott Reed and Jason Grose



Donna Kolanko of the Mon County Chapter with WVFL's President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. and Executive Director Pam Stanley



Harry Taylor, Chris Kolanko, Joe Kanosky, and Mike Burkitt golfed with celebrity Jason Woodman (Fairmont State University Head Football Coach).



Dan Price won a boatload of Pittsburgh Penguins merchandise and a round of golf for four at Alpine Lake Resort by winning the Putt-Off Championship.



Pat won the brimmed hat in the Chinese Auction



Volunteers in foreground are Jacqueline Costello and mother Sandra Fout in the background.





The River Walk

# National Right to Life Convention

Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin

David Daleiden is a hero to pro-lifers. His game changing videos revealed Planned Parenthood's harvesting for profit the body parts of aborted babies. Charges against him from two years ago were dropped but more recently he has been fined \$200,000 for releasing uncover footage of a National Abortion Federation conference.



Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker spoke at the National Right to Life Convention's "The Battle Before Us" General Session.



Prayer Breakfast keynote Ryan Bomberger, Mary Anne Buchanan of West Virginians for Life, and Dr. Joel Brind, one of the experts on the abortion-breast cancer link



What the world would have missed out on if Ryan's birth mother, who was raped, had aborted him.



Ann McElhinney is a NYT best-selling author, journalist, film producer and director and one of the most successful crowd-funders in the world. She keynoted the final Thursday General Session "Gosnell - America's Greatest Serial Killer." It is so creepy to look at that building and know the horrible crimes that went on inside it.



Ben Shapiro was the keynote speaker for the morning General Session the first day. He is an American conservative political commentator, nationally syndicated columnist, author, radio talk show host, and attorney.



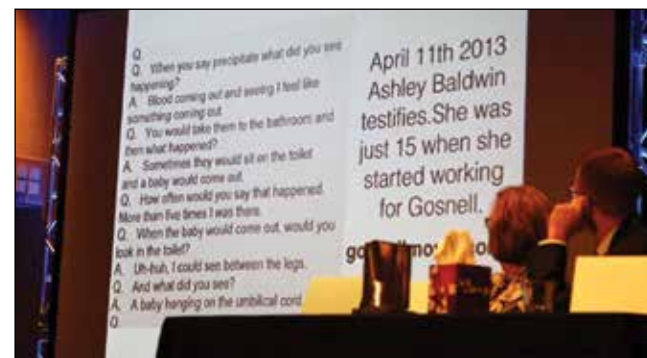
Marion County Chapter Leader Andy Sabak, WVFL Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan, award-winning writer/lawyer/bio-ethicist Wesley Smith, and Marion County Chapter member Sandra Costello



WVFL's Graphic Designer Cheryl Carr and Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan had fun with cheese head gear in the Milwaukee Airport.



Jennifer L. Popik, J.D. (left) presented at the "How to Prevent an Assisted Suicide" General Session as well as Wesley Smith, J.D. WVFL is always grateful for the help Attorney Popik gives us in the WV State Capitol in public hearings in support of pro-life legislation. Seen here with her is Joleigh Little, long time Teen Leader for National Right to Life.



A 15-year-old's testimony...she used a color coded handmade chart to administer anesthesia. Gosnell had given her 20 minutes of training. Shame, shame on this evil man!



Caption on slide reads "What'll it be, Joe?" Senator Joe Manchin posed with a pro-abortion activist holding a sign saying, "I stand with Planned Parenthood," but within days, was seen with a group of pro-lifers holding a sign saying, "We Don't Need Planned Parenthood." Planned Parenthood is the country's largest abortion provider. So, as National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross said, "What'll it be, Joe?" You can't have it both ways. Senator Manchin has a 33% pro-life voting record during the 115th Congress. Be sure to share this information.



What a fabulous group of people assembled at one table for the closing banquet!



National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross, Sandra Costello of the Marion County Chapter, West Virginians for Life Executive Director Pam Stanley, and WVFL Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan



# Pro-Life Profile

by Patricia Johnson

Nancy Strader (seen on the front cover also) is married to the love of her life, West Virginia native Jared Strader. She earned a Bachelors degree in Social Work from Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri.

Nancy is the Executive Director of Compass Women's Center in Morgantown, WV, where she has been for a year and a half. She loves and attends Crossroads Church in Westover.

Nancy works to serve those experiencing unexpected pregnancies because she believes it is an important opportunity to show compassion and to build relationships.

The culture of the Compass Women's Center is distinctly marked by Jesus Christ's example in showing love, respect, humility, and service toward all individuals without condition or discrimination.

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*Nancy feels it is an honor to be a part of the work God is doing at Compass, where every day is an opportunity to serve and be salt and light in the world. Nancy is excited and honored to be in the pro-life movement because she sees it as an opportunity to serve and be a part of how God is working in the lives of many individuals.*

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The vision of the Compass Woman's Center is: "Compass envisions a culture where individuals faced with an unexpected pregnancy will choose life for their unborn children and experience health and hope through the support and services of their community." It is Nancy's vision to see this hope grow in the lives of those whom they serve.

She shares that Compass aims to see women embraced and loved, as well as empowered to go forward with life for themselves and for the children in their wombs. Compass aims to support mothers throughout pregnancy and beyond by connecting them with resources and showing them the grace of Jesus Christ.

West Virginians for Life thanks Nancy for her heartfelt devotion to women and their preborn children, and joins her in the hope that we can build a more compassionate world through a culture of life!



**Nancy Strader**  
Compass Women's  
Center of Morgantown

## West Virginia Teens For Life

Dear Teens for Life,

WVFL is pleased to announce that we will hold another WVFL Teen Convention, in concurrence with the regular convention. This years convention theme is *Life is for Everyone*. It will be a special day-long camp for teens and other than lunch and a couple of presentations, our convention will run separate from the adults.

There will be great speakers and fun games so come and bring your friends to show your support!

The convention will take place on Saturday, October 21, at Horizons Church at 8302 Mt. Clare Road in Lost Creek, so mark your calendars! More information regarding the convention, for both adults and teens, can be found on the WVFL website.

Check out page 4 for information regarding our 5th annual Teen Essay Contest. It's open to students from grades 7 to 12 and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in each of two categories! The amp phone stand that goes to every contestant is awesome! If you have any questions, please contact the WVFL office by phone or email. Once again, you can also stay updated by visiting the WVFL website.

We hope all of you had a wonderful summer break and wish all of you the best in this brand new school year!

*Your president for life,*  
**Maria Deely**



**WV Teens for Life President**  
Maria Deely (left) with sister Ruthie

## WVFL Treasurer's Article

*Hello Pro-lifers,*

Summer has ended and the fall season is fast beginning.

As the cooler weather approaches we need to ramp up the fight for the unborn and the elderly. This ramping up will cost money and the chapters need to be proactive in raising funds to help get the word out to educate the community.

Babies' lives are saved through legislation and by work done locally, but both avenues take money.

This summer, in fact, the state office of West Virginians for Life in Morgantown had to ask the chapters for funds in order to get mailings out, etc. Summer is always a hard time for non-profits. Many chapters willingly gave and, for that, WVFL is grateful.

My challenge is that chapters evaluate fund raising ideas and see what can be done to increase funds.

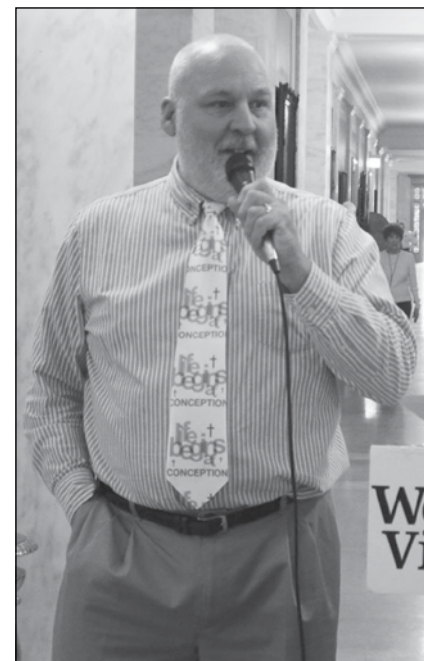
October 1st is the date for the nationwide annual Life Chain event and it does cost to buy signs and promote it. Mason and Putnam Counties are spending money on yard signs, car magnets, and car stickers.

Nicholas County recently added a golf tournament to their fundraising opportunities and it did quite well.

So give it some thought to see what your chapter might do to continue to educate, but bring in more money as well.

Have a great fall and don't forget to come to the State Convention on October 21. (See page 5.)

*God Bless,*  
**Wayne, WVFL Treasurer**



**WVFL Treasurer Wayne Sanders**



# “I Lived on Parker Avenue” to be shown at March 22 Rose Dinner

Benjamin Clapper is not only the Executive Director of Louisiana Right to Life, but also the Executive Producer of the short film “I Lived on Parker Avenue.”

After viewing this 30 minute film at the National Right to Life Convention in Milwaukee, there was no doubt that this film needs to be shown far and wide.

According to the website [www.ilivedonparkerave.com](http://www.ilivedonparkerave.com), such is the storyline:

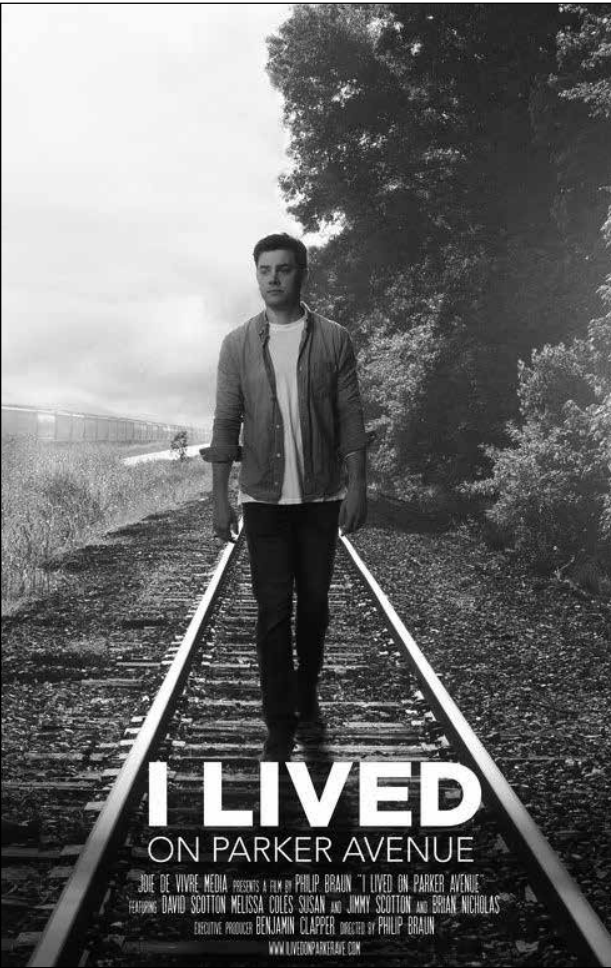
*Adopted at birth and raised in Louisiana, David Scotton is on a journey to Indiana to meet the birth parents he’s never known. His tattooed birth mother, Melissa, and reserved birth father, Brian, anxiously wait for him, concerned David will reject them for decisions they made before he was born. “I Lived on Parker Avenue” is a short documentary about a mother’s agony in choosing what’s best, the joy of a couple starting a family, and a young man’s search for where his life began.*

The film looks at the reunion from David’s angle, from that of both birth parents, and his adoptive parents and allows us a bird’s eyeview as we wait with anticipation to see the reactions first hand of all parties involved.

Make it a point to attend the 20th Annual Rose Dinner at the Holiday Inn, Pineview Drive, Morgantown. The date is Thursday, March 22, 2018.

About Clapper, he has committed his life to speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves. His expertise in the pro-life movement ranges from the political and legislative realm to youth education and activism.

Benjamin currently serves as the Executive



Director of Louisiana Right to Life. Louisiana Right to Life, established in 1970, works through education, activism, legislation, and service to restore the right to life in Louisiana. During his years with Louisiana Right to Life, Benjamin has built a volunteer-run organization into a professional operation making an impact in Louisiana from the State Capitol to the high school classroom. During his time working to advance

pro-life legislation, Louisiana has become the #1 Pro-Life State in the nation.

In addition to Louisiana Right to Life, Benjamin serves the national pro-life movement in a number of capacities. Through his work with the National Right to Life Victory Fund, Benjamin managed the “Take Florida Back for Life Campaign” during the 2012 elections. He continues to collaborate with National Right to Life. He spearheads the “Life and Leadership Youth Camp Initiative” to start pro-life youth training “camps” through the nation. To date, he has helped start youth training camps in North Dakota, Virginia, Nevada, North Carolina, Arkansas, and of course, Louisiana.



Benjamin’s dedication to the pro-life movement began in late high school in his hometown of Mobile, AL, but was crystalized in college as he actively worked with Students for Life of America (SFLA) and went on to found Louisiana Students for Life. In 2013, Benjamin was honored to receive a top-award from SFLA.

Benjamin graduated from Loyola University New Orleans in 2007 as the Ignatian Award winner for Outstanding Male Graduate. At Loyola, he was blessed to meet his future wife, Kristen, through their collaboration on pro-life activities. Kristen and Benjamin reside in Mandeville with their four beautiful daughters: Kate, Mary Rose, Julia, and Claire.

## 2017 Calendar of Events

October 7 (Sat.)	<b>Board Meeting</b> <i>Christian Apostolic Church, Clarksburg</i>
October 21 (Sat.)	<b>State Pro-Life Convention/ Teen Day Camp</b> <i>Horizons Church, Lost Creek</i>
November 11 (Sat.)	<b>Board Meeting</b> <i>Christian Apostolic Church, Clarksburg</i>

### 2017 Football Schedule for WVU Concessions Stand (Saturdays)

- September 9 • October 14 • November 4
- September 16 • October 28 • November 18

Call Jacqueline at 304-629-4125 or email [jdcostello@mix.wvu.edu](mailto:jdcostello@mix.wvu.edu) if you can volunteer to work any of the above games.



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[info@wvforlife.org](mailto:info@wvforlife.org) - [www.wvforlife.org](http://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.

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☐ I wish to support the work of the Political Action Committee\* with a contribution of:  
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☐ I wish to support the educational work of WVFL with an additional tax-deductible contribution of:  
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☐ 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.)  
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Mason



The Mason County Chapter participated in the Mason County Fair with a booth and a Pretty Baby Photo Contest. Lew Nazarewycz is manning the booth. At right is Peyton Ross in the stroller with his family surrounding him. He was the winner of a \$100 Visa gift card, first runner up was Bryce Loomis winner of a \$50 gift card, and second runner up was Lily Spires winner of a \$25 gift card.



Monongalia

Kids' Day on July 15 & the July 31 Mon County Fair Parade



Parents Matthew and Jacque Visyak with grandparents excitedly anticipate 1st Place Precious Baby Photo Contest winner Matthew II riding down High Street (as below) in the Mon County Fair Parade.



Monroe



Photos Credit: McKenzie Capaldo



Walk-for-Life

Above - Participants in the 5/13 Monroe County Walk-for-Life  
Left - Regina Vance spoke at the Walk Rally about the doctor's report she got when just five months pregnant. She and husband Steve were told that the baby would never walk, never recognize them, would be deaf, and more. At 14 months, little Lynda is beginning to walk, hears with hearing aids and knows when Daddy's truck pulls in. They certainly feel blessed.

Nicholas



Hosted 1st Tournament



2nd Place Zoe Jane Kerns was strolled down High Street by parents Nicholas and Bobi Kerns.



3rd Place finisher in the Mon County contest was Jaxon Fitch, son of Dane and Jessica Fitch of Morgantown.



Face painted children happily held the fetal models at the Kids' Day booth, where Precious Baby Photo Contest voting took place.



Louise Deal collected many signatures via petition on Kids' Day in Morgantown.





### Cabell County:

In Huntington along Fifth Ave. at 20th St., a Life Chain will be peacefully lined up on October 1 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Call Cathy Weiss of the Cabell County Chapter of WVFL for more information at 304-412-0661. Visit [lifechain.net](http://lifechain.net) online to see if there is a Life Chain near you.

### Doddridge County:

The chapter had a booth at the Doddridge County Fair Aug 22 - 26 giving out free information on Sanctity of Life plus trinkets, buttons, pins, baby feet, pencils, pins, and balloons.

### Harrison County:

For Life Chain info in Clarksburg, call Harrison County Chapter Leader Shirley Bowie at 304-669-1952. The Life Chain is scheduled to take place on Emily Drive at Rt. 50 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on October 1.

### Kanawha County:

Although there is no active chapter in Kanawha County, WVFL has received word that the Kanawha Valley Life Chain will be taking place on Saturday, October 1 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Kanawha Boulevard in Charleston plus McCorkle Avenue in Kanawha City, South Charleston, Jefferson Avenue, and St. Albans. You are asked to participate as a church, a group, or as an individual. For signs, call Stan Wyatt at 304-346-8135 any time before the event or get a sign from participating groups. Other chains will be held in Cross Lanes, Hurricane, Huntington, Clarksburg, and other cities. To find out where the nearest chain is to you, visit [lifechain.net](http://lifechain.net).

### Lewis County:

In Weston please contact Lewis County Chapter Leader Cheryl Smith at 304-452-8516. The Life Chain there will line up on Sunday, October 1, along Rt. 33 at Smith Run Rd. from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### Mason County:

The chapter participated in the Mason County Fair and conducted its annual Baby Photo Contest. Peyton Ross was the winner of a \$100 Visa gift card. The first runner up was Bryce Loomis, winner of a \$50 gift card and the second runner up was Lily Spires, who won a \$25 gift card. The Chapter normally only does two gift cards but because they had so many babies entered this year, they declared a third place.

### Monongalia County:

Three members of the Mon County Chapter attended the Annual National Right to Life Convention in Milwaukee in June.

The Chapter sponsored a booth at the Annual Morgantown Kids' Day on July 15. Face painting was provided to the children by Patricia Johnson, Marcia O'Connor and Marcia's granddaughter. One of Marcia's creations was photographed and used on the front page of *The Dominion Post*. The fetal models provided education on the beauty of fetal development to children and parents alike.

The Annual Precious Baby Photo Contest had 13 contestants, and the winners were announced at the Kids' Day booth. The first place winner was Matthew Visyak II, second place winner was Zoe Jane Kerns and the third place finisher was Jaxon Alexander Dane Fitch. (See photos at left.)

Members of the chapter accompanied the first place winner, Matthew Visyak II, who rode down High Street with his father, convertible style, in the Mon County Fair Parade on July 31.

WVU student Jacqueline Costello is coordinating the Concession Stand at the WVU football games. She is looking for volunteers to work at the stand for the six games during September, October and November. To volunteer, call her at 304-629-4125. Plans are underway for members to join the WVU Homecoming Parade on October 13. The theme is "The first homecoming is the best one with Mom and Dad." Contact Mary Anne at 304-594-9845 for more information.

### 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 they have successfully convinced 464 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-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 continued 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. The chapter had a huge booth at the Morgan County Fair with several fetal model displays and lots of free pamphlets and low cost items such as pro-life t-shirts. Booth volunteers had lots of talks with teens and young parents. They also received signatures on petitions to end funding of abortion. Be sure to visit the chapter website credited to Barbara Carr: [www.wvfl-mcc.com](http://www.wvfl-mcc.com)

### Nicholas County:

The Jim Gilbert Memorial Golf Tournament was held Saturday, June 24th at the Nicholas Memorial Golf Course. The tournament was in memory of local businessman Jim Gilbert, known for catering and creating Bluegrass Gourmet Barbeque Sauce Company. The company today is operated out of Nashville, Tennessee by Jim's brother, Larry and Brenda, Jim's wife. It has grown to cover eighteen states and is featured in Kroger, Publix, and Jungle Jim's stores, as well as Tamarack and a few of our local Go-Mart stores.

Jim was a former quarterback for Magnolia High School and Marshall University. He was a student coach for the 1969 undefeated Marshall freshmen team. The following year, a plane carrying the Marshall University team, coaches and boosters, along with the crew crashed with no survivors. Jim and Brenda were active members of the chapter.

Forty-eight players competed in the golf tournament in teams of four, using a scrambles format. Among the players were Jim's family members Gabriel Richardson (Summersville - great nephew), Ron Carelli (Orlando, FL - son), Andy Gilbert (Wilmington, NC - son), and Brenda, Jim's wife. The winning team split a first place prize of \$500.00 and consisted of Derrick Cook, Bryan Hughes, Trent McPherson and Landon Perry. Second place, worth \$300.00, was the team of Tim Fitzwater, Bob Page, Mike Smith and Eugene Underwood. One hundred dollars went to the third place team of Ed McCormick, Rock Moyer, Bill Starcher and Jason Truman. Names were drawn for door prizes and longest drive and closest to the pin prizes were awarded, too. All proceeds from the tournament went to the Nicholas County Pro-Life Chapter.

A special thank you to hole sponsors: Bluegrass Gourmet Barbecue Sauce, Cole for County Commission 2018,

Crest Supply Company, Doss Electric, Friend of Pro-Life, Northside Auto Group, St. John's Catholic Church, Shafer Insurance Associates, LLC, and Summersville Pediatrics. Also, thanks to the tournament volunteers – Brandy Cummings, Marcia Koch, Janice Meadows, Ed McCormick, Angie Short, Dee Spencer, Gary Wharton and the entire Nicholas Memorial Golf Course staff.

Nicholas County Chapter Leader Randy Meadows was the tournament director.

### Putnam County:

Putnam County Chapter Leader Wayne Sanders will lead a Life Chain in Hurricane along St. Rt. 34 at Great Teays Blvd. from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. You may reach Putnam County Chapter Leader Wayne Sanders at 304-812-8132.

### Raleigh County:

Raleigh County took a short break for the summer, but started their meetings up again on August 21 at the Northgate Baptist Church at 7:00 pm located at 301 Pinewood Drive, Beckley. They meet every 3rd Monday of the month, so you can join them at the September 18 and October 16 meetings.

### Wayne County:

One of the Life Chains in Wayne County will be coordinated by Linda Carver at 304-453-4429. That route in Ceredo will be along Rt 60 at the Floodwall entering Ceredo from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. There are other routes in Ceredo, Kenova, Pritchard and in Wayne. You may also call Cheryl Papas at 304-486-5859 and Henry Dillon at 304-710-8801 or 304-272-6759.

### Wood County:

Chapter Leader Patty Cooper will be leading the annual fall *40 Days for Life* campaign, which will occur in front of West Virginia's only Planned Parenthood Clinic in Vienna (Wood County) from September 27 - November 5. Signs with positive messages will be distributed to those who come and pray to end abortion. Call Patty at 304-488-6323 for more information.

### WV Teens for Life:

President Maria Deely invites you to tweet or contact them at [deelyma@aol.com](mailto:deelyma@aol.com). The teen twitter account is #WVTeens4Life.



PLEASE JOIN US  
**Monday, March 5, 2018 for PRO-LIFE RALLY DAY!**

*Lower rotunda of the state capitol in Charleston at Noon*



*The Non-Discrimination in Involuntary Denial of Treatment Act should be passed in West Virginia to provide protections for our vulnerable populations. We will all be vulnerable some day. The life you save could be your own.*

**Highlights - Meet with your legislators (10 a.m. - 11 a.m.)**  
**- Rally at Noon**  
**- Prayer Processional following rally**

The day will be filled with fellowship, music, exciting speakers, and a special prayer walk through the Capitol on behalf of the unborn.

**For additional information: 304-594-9845 or [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org)**

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