



# Muskegon County Right to Life News

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## Center for Medical Progress: Expect more Planned Parenthood videos

Have you heard about the videos recently released regarding Planned Parenthood? If not, you are part of the estimated 70% of Americans who are not aware due to media censoring of the story on ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN. As we go to print, 6 videos have been released documenting Planned Parenthood's illegal sale of body parts from aborted fetuses.

*The Center for Medical Progress* is a group of citizen journalists dedicated to monitoring and reporting on medical ethics and advances. They are concerned about contemporary bioethical issues that impact human dignity, and they oppose any interventions, procedures, and experiments that exploit the unequal legal status of any class of human beings.

David Daleiden is a citizen journalist with nearly a decade of experience in conducting investigative research on the abortion industry. In 2013, David started *The Center for Medical Progress* as a vehicle through which to pursue sophisticated and in-depth investigative journalism projects pertaining to contemporary bioethical issues.

David recently completed the organization's first long-term project, the 30-month-long "Human Capital" investigation documenting Planned Parenthood's illegal sale of body parts from aborted fetuses.

Courts have blocked the release of some Center for Medical Progress videos revealing Planned Parenthood personnel discussing the sale of body parts and tissue from aborted babies. The court orders block only videos on Stem Express and National Abortion Federation members, so The Center for Medical Progress will be able to continue releasing other videos.

President Obama and Planned Parenthood supporters "stand with Planned Parenthood" despite the videos, and the fact that many state they have not even watched the videos! Versions edited for time as well as the full videos have been posted for anyone to view on the Center for Medical Progress web site.

Visit our web site [www.muskegonrtl.org](http://www.muskegonrtl.org) or 'like' us on facebook to receive updates on this evolving story.



## Defunding Planned Parenthood in Michigan

Governor Snyder has signed the MI budget that will go into effect during the new fiscal year which begins October 1<sup>st</sup>. Michigan's state budget was approved with the following language:

*"The department shall not use state restricted funds or state general funds appropriated in part 1 in the pregnancy prevention program or family planning local agreements appropriation line items for abortion counseling, referrals, or services."*

This eliminated any state family planning funds from going to organizations that provide abortion counseling, referrals, or services including Planned Parenthood.

This action did not shut off Planned Parenthood's access to federal Title X money, which comes from Washington. But the money we can control, state funds, will not go to Planned Parenthood for their "family planning services"!



Working to protect human life where it is threatened most – the unborn, the handicapped and the elderly

### “President’s Place”

The pressure to have “perfect” children is immense. Children are being diagnosed in utero with medical conditions or disabilities. As more conditions are identified by prenatal tests, more parents face “friendly suggestions”:

“No one would choose that kind of life.” “She’ll never be happy.” “No one would blame you for ending it.” For many parents, the suggestions turn to pressure: “It’s irresponsible.” “You’re creating a burden.” “You’re being selfish.” Parents of children with disability can tell you this tragedy plays out all too often.

And when the moment of decision comes, a shocking percentage of families go along with the culture—and end a life they’ve been told isn’t worth living. This is why almost 90 percent of children diagnosed in the womb with Down syndrome are aborted. Many of the conditions, like Down syndrome, are not deadly, and we have overwhelming evidence that children born with these conditions can lead loving, fulfilling lives.

Our **“Focus on Life” 2015 Annual Benefit Dinner** is Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> with guest speakers Brad & Jesi Smith. They will share their family’s story to challenge society’s often low view of the value of every human life. We hope that you can join us! Deadline for reservations is October 21<sup>st</sup>.



Many are familiar with “hospice” organizations, but have you heard of “Perinatal Hospice”? We have that resource available in Muskegon! **Angels Wings Birth and Bereavement Services** is a local resource to help families through miscarriage or perinatal loss of any kind. They provide support in situations of fatal diagnosis, carrying to term and NICU care.

Jennifer Cantrell, founder of **Angels Wings Birth and Bereavement Services**, is available to help! She can be reached at (240) 393-6148 7 days a week/24 hours a day. Jennifer will also be at our **“Focus on Life” 2015 Annual Benefit Dinner** to share information with us on how she can help when an in utero medical condition or disability diagnosis is received.

May God bless you for all you do to protect life!  
*Pat Vendal*, President, Muskegon County Right to Life

## “Focus on Life” 2015 Annual Benefit Dinner



Thursday October 29, 2015

Holiday Inn Muskegon Harbor

939 Third Street

Muskegon MI 49440

Doors Open 6:00 p.m.

Dinner/Program 6:30 p.m.

### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS: BRAD & JESI SMITH

Though their prolife views were developed long before their marriage and children, Brad and Jesi Smith’s fifth child, Faith, tested and ultimately strengthened those views.

Faith was diagnosed in the womb with Trisomy 18, the grave medical condition that also afflicts Bella Santorum, daughter of prolife Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum. Since Faith was not expected to survive, Brad & Jesi had to endure many suggestions from doctors to abort her. After birth and throughout Faith’s childhood, the Smiths battled to have Faith’s symptoms treated—even needing advice from Rick Santorum when doctors were reluctant to follow life-saving treatment options.

They share their family’s story to challenge society’s often low view of the value of every human life.

*Please see reservation form below.*

*We hope you will join us!*

**For more information, please call 231 733-6300.**

#### PLEASE RESERVE MY PLACE

Please return the completed reservation form with payment by October 21 to:  
**MUSKEGON COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE**  
427 SEMINOLE RD, SUITE 108  
NORTON SHORES, MI 49444

RESERVATIONS: Payable to Muskegon County Right to Life (Dinner Reservations are NOT Tax Deductible). Tables seat 8.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20/Student      \_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend but  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$35/Adult      would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_.

SPONSORSHIPS: Payable to RLM Ed Fund (Tax Deductible)  
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#### INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## *In Loving Memory of ...*

*Norma Amelia Black*  
By Marguerite Fitzsimmons

*G. Richard (Dick) Bowne*  
By Marguerite Fitzsimmons

*Ida Ellen Bozik*  
By Paul E. Bozik Sr

*Barbara Friday*  
By Ron Friday

*Marian Haglund*  
By Mrs. Elaine Haglund

*Evelyn Hazekamp*  
By Mrs. Elaine Haglund

*Alex Sodoni*  
By Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Bosma

### **Donations:**

- \* Jeffrey & Lucy Beasley  
Ruth A. Jensen
- \* Jody Kuhn  
Sandra New
- \*Thomas and Loretta Sieffert

\*Denotes monthly contribution

Donations made to *Muskegon County Right to Life*  
are not tax deductible.

*Thank you for your generous support!*

Please consider Muskegon Right to life as a memorial at the time of passing of a loved one. Memorial envelopes are provided by local funeral homes.

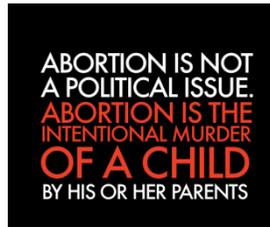
An acknowledgment will be sent to the family or person you designate. The amount of your gift will remain confidential.



***Have you received your  
2015 Membership card?***

We mail nearly 900 newsletters, and to date have received 50 membership renewals this year. (That's up 15 since our last newsletter!)

A ***BIG thank you*** to all who have renewed your annual membership. Your membership donation helps fund our newsletter and our local educational efforts.



The 2016 Presidential election is a year away, but the debates have begun. As you watch the debates, please keep in mind the candidates position on protecting the unborn.

Many people think if something is legal, it can't be wrong. ***If you think abortion on demand should not be legal for the entire 9 months for any reason, please support a candidate that shares your view on this life and death issue.***

### **Democratic Party on Abortion Party Platform**

The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to make decisions regarding her pregnancy, including a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay. We oppose any and all efforts to weaken or undermine that right. Abortion is an intensely personal decision between a woman, her family, her doctor, and her clergy; there is no place for politicians or government to get in the way. We also recognize that health care and education help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and thereby also reduce the need for abortions. We strongly and unequivocally support a woman's decision to have a child by providing affordable health care and ensuring the availability of and access to programs that help women during pregnancy and after the birth of a child, including caring adoption programs.

Source: 2012 Democratic Party Platform , Sep 4, 2012

### **Republican Party on Abortion Party Platform**

Faithful to the "self-evident" truths enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children. We oppose using public revenues to promote or perform abortion or fund organizations which perform or advocate it and will not fund or subsidize health care which includes abortion coverage. We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We oppose the non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, including food and water, from people with disabilities, including newborns, as well as the elderly and infirm, just as we oppose active and passive euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Source: 2012 Republican Party Platform , Aug 27, 2012



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**2015 Annual Benefit Dinner**  
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Muskegon County 

**2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Yes! I want to help save lives.  
Please enroll me as a member of**

***Muskegon County Right to Life and Right to Life of Michigan.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Options:**

<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Senior or Student	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Bronze	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Silver	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Gold	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Platinum	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$_____ Other	

As a member, you will receive the Muskegon County and the Michigan *Right to Life* newsletters, and you are invited to use the educational materials at the Muskegon County Right to Life office.

**Please make your checks payable to:**

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**In Loving Memory  
or In Honor of...**

**Enclosed in my gift of:**

<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
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**Donation Made in Memory of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Made in Honor of:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Birthday	<input type="checkbox"/> New Arrival
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Father's Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Speedy Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Please notify: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Our name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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