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2016 Annual March & Memorial for Life



DATE: Saturday, January 16, 2016

MARCH: 1 pm at Hackley Park, 350 W Webster

MEMORIAL: 2 pm at St. Mary’s Church, 239 W Clay

Our annual *March and Memorial for Life* will be Saturday, January 16th. We hope you and your family will join us as we peacefully show our support for legal protection of unborn children.

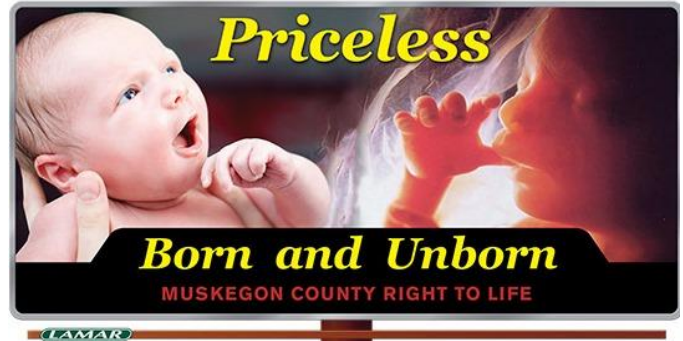
The March will begin at 1 pm with prayer at Hackley Park. Feel free to bring compassionate prolife signs for the walk to St. Mary’s Church (approximately 3 tenths of a mile).

Warm refreshments will be served at St. Mary’s. Prolife merchandise will be available for you to browse (cash or checks, we are not equipped to accept credit cards). It’s a great time to renew your annual membership with Muskegon County Right to Life.

The Memorial will begin at 2 p.m. in St. Mary’s Church. We’ll be praying for the 58 million babies lost to abortion since 1973, and all suffering because of abortion.

An update on the status of abortion clinics in Michigan will be provided. Come to hear what our Michigan lawmakers are doing to address the issues revealed in the Planned Parenthood videos released by the Center for Medical Progress in 2015! A freewill donation will be taken at the Memorial.

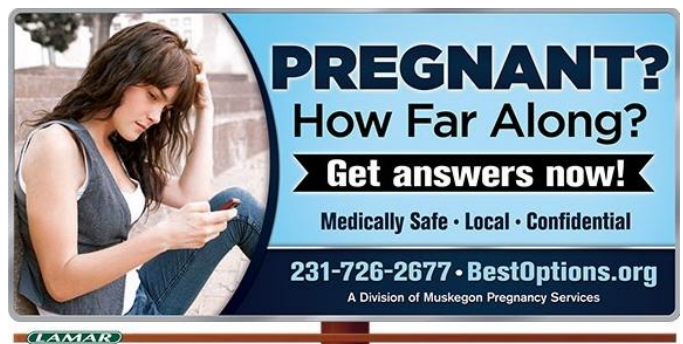
Billboard and Signature Ad Campaign



Our Campaign consists of collecting names of prolife individuals and donations. Individuals joining with Muskegon County Right to Life to support legal protection for unborn children have their name listed on our web site. The donations help fund five billboards. Signatures and donations are collected at area churches.

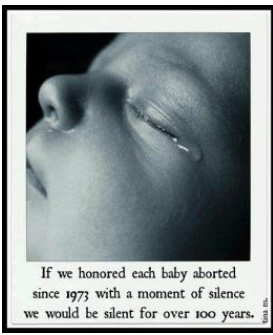
Five billboards are posted throughout Muskegon County in January, and some remain up for several months. Two designs are posted this year:

- 3 billboards for Muskegon Right to Life
- 2 billboards for Muskegon Pregnancy Services/Best Options



If you’re not able to participate through your church, you can still be a part of this Campaign:

- You can mail your name (as you’d like it to appear on our web site) and donation to our office noted “*Billboard/Signature Ad Campaign*”.
- You will have an opportunity to sign up at our March and Memorial on January 16th.



“President’s Place”

The Supreme Court ruling on January 22, 1973 made abortion on demand legal in the United States. To win the war against unborn children in the U.S., we work to change this law.

Prolifers won new victories for the unborn this year with state legislators approving nearly 50 pro-life bills. Sixteen states passed pro-life legislation to restrict abortions and protect women and unborn babies in 2015!

The total number of abortion clinics in America continues to decline, following a nationwide trend extending back to 1991. In 2015, abortion clinics closed at a rate of more than one per week with 53 abortion clinics shutting down or halting all abortion services.

In 1991, which is considered the high water mark for the number of abortion clinics, 2,176 surgical facilities offered abortions. Since then, 81% have closed.

Currently, there are 517 surgical abortion clinics and 213 medication abortion clinics remaining active in the U.S., the lowest numbers in decades.

The 2016 Presidential election is upon us. As you watch the debates, please keep in mind the candidates' position on protecting the unborn. If you support legal protection for the unborn...if you think abortion on demand should not be legal for the entire 9 months for any reason... then please support a candidate that shares your view on this life and death issue.

Our pro-life elected officials are trying to work within the many legal processes to pass laws that protect all human life. A detailed explanation of the current federal attempt to defund Planned Parenthood can be found on page 3. But the veto pen of a pro-abortion president remains our biggest road block.

Many U.S. abortion clinic workers are quitting the industry and some are becoming pro-life advocates. With the assistance of the organization “AND THEN THERE WERE NONE” headed by former Planned Parenthood Director Abby Johnson, 197 workers who have left the industry, six of them were abortionists who permanently put down their life-destroying instruments to become pro-life advocates.

Happy New Year! Hoping to see you at our March and Memorial on January 16th. May God bless you for all you do to protect life.

Pat Vendal, President, Muskegon County Right to Life

How Planned Parenthood is Spending our Tax Dollars

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Recently, Planned Parenthood released their 2014-2015 Annual Report. The report gives statistics on several Planned Parenthood programs. Comparing their latest report with the previous year's report poses an important question:

Why is Planned Parenthood getting more tax funding while serving fewer clients and providing fewer health services?

Planned Parenthood had 2.5 million clients in 2014, a 7% decrease from 2013. Their family practice services declined 49%. Their sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatments declined 6%.

Planned Parenthood most often defends itself as a committed provider of birth control and breast cancer prevention services, even to the point of lying about providing mammograms. Their birth control services declined 18% and breast exams were down 25%.

What didn't decline? The number of abortions they did was largely the same. They did 323,999 abortions, down from 327,653 the previous year (a 1% decrease). Their tax funding did increase 5%, to \$553.7 million, which is 43% of their total budget.

The 2014-2015 report also shows Planned Parenthood continues to be a profitable non-profit as their income over expenses was \$58.8 million.

Why are pro-life citizens forced to give their money to Planned Parenthood to provide less of everything except for abortions?

For a better perspective, let's compare their recent 2014-2015 Annual Report to their 2004-2005 Annual Report.

Over the last 10 years, Planned Parenthood's total clients are down 14%. The number of clients receiving contraception is down 14% as well. Breast exams are down 61%.

Can you guess what increased? If you guessed abortion and tax funding, you're right! Abortions are up 27%, from 255,015 to 323,999. Tax funding has more than doubled, increasing 103%.

Reasonable people would assume that when an organization repeatedly receives increases in government grants, they are improving or expanding their services offered to people in need, not losing clients.

STI tests, pregnancy tests, contraceptives and breast exams are not unique services. Those are simple things that can be provided without controversy at one of the more than 9,000 community health center locations in America that serve 23 million people. Many of those services can be purchased from one of more than 20,000 name-brand pharmacies and countless other stores across the county.

What is the one specialty and unique “service” that Planned Parenthood provides? ABORTION



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By Delores C. Bowne

Ida Ellen Bozik

By Paul E. Bozik Sr

My birth daughter

By Steve & Teresa Huston

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Thank you for considering *Muskegon County 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, while the amount of your gift will remain confidential.

Thank you for your generous support!

(Update on Federal Defunding of Planned Parenthood cont.)

bill in the **omnibus**. So we used the one tool we could use to prevent a filibuster and advance this bill, which is called **reconciliation**,” he explained.

“So we have Planned Parenthood defunded in the **reconciliation bill**. You can use this bill once a year and we used it for this.”

The House plans to vote for the Senate passed **reconciliation bill** de-funding legislation on January 6 after Congress returns from its Christmas break. Once it approves the bill, Speaker Paul Ryan will sign it and send it to pro-abortion President Barack Obama, who is expected to veto the legislation. Both the House and Senate would need a two-third vote (67%) to override Obama’s expected veto.

The **reconciliation bill** would block, for one year, most federal payments to Planned Parenthood. At least 89% of federal funding of Planned Parenthood would be blocked by this bill.

The **reconciliation bill** would repeal a number of major components of the Obamacare health law, including two of the major provisions that will lead to **rationing of lifesaving care** — the “Independent Payment Advisory Board” and the “excess benefits tax.”

We’ve learned from the **reconciliation** fight to defund Planned Parenthood that we CAN advance pro-life legislation through the Senate... but the veto pen of a pro-abortion president remains our biggest road block.

Only when we elect a pro-life president (and retain our pro-life majorities in Congress), can we get a bill defunding Planned Parenthood signed into law.

*NOTE: An omnibus bill is a single document that is accepted in a single vote by a legislature but packages together several measures into one or combines diverse subjects. Because of their large size and scope, omnibus bills limit opportunities for debate and scrutiny.



Update on Federal Defunding of Planned Parenthood

The House of Representatives will vote in early January to

confirm the changes the Senate made to the **reconciliation bill** that would de-fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business.

This has been very confusing – a **reconciliation bill** and an **omnibus bill** have been in the news, and it appears the news reports have not been very accurate.

In comments about the **omnibus bill and the reconciliation bill**, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan made it clear that the **omnibus**, contrary to multiple news reports, **does have limits on Planned Parenthood funding and other pro-life riders that stop abortion funding**.

“We maintained our pro-life riders, but what we realized was the Planned Parenthood defunding bill in the ***omnibus bill** was going to get filibustered in the Senate, so we weren’t even going to get past the U.S. Senate with a Planned Parenthood




2016 Membership

Happy New Year! As we begin 2016, please consider renewing your membership with *Muskegon County Right to Life*. Your membership donation helps fund our newsletter and local educational efforts. A membership form can be found on page 4 of this newsletter. ***Thank you!***

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Bronze	
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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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