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God will carry us through the hard times

What the short life. and death, of our daughter taught us

By Stephanie Boothe

Allie Rose would have been 4 this year. She would be learning her letters, colors and Sunday school songs. Her big sister would be teaching her how to sing "Fuzzy Caterpillar" and her ABCs. Her

daddy and "Not long after Allie's would be reveling in the chance to funeral, God showed watch another his love for us again beautiful darkhaired, blue-eyed this time even more baby girl learn and powerful than that cold going. grow every day. Instead, January day."

mark this time of

year with a great deal of sadness; as we only had three short weeks to love our beautiful Allie Rose on this Earth.

Let me correct that. We love her every single day, but we only had three weeks before Jesus took her home to him.

Losing a child is an unexplainable feeling. Even for the most faithful, you

find yourself questioning. Although you know everything happens for a reason, there's something almost cruel about getting to love that precious baby for three weeks, just to have her taken away. Now, I'm not saying I doubt God's plan because I know He knows what I cannot. And I never doubted He would see me through it, and He did.

But it doesn't mean I woke up the next day and said "OK, God. I get it." There were questions. There was sad-

ness. There was anger and doubt and every emotion. But something deep seeded in me kept me

Faith.

The faith that God would never

leave me. I thought about the poem "Footprints in the Sand," and I could picture God carrying me through this turmoil. And I knew God was right there with me, that he'd shoulder my burden when I couldn't. For the first time, I gave my burden to Him and I



Aletha Rose Boothe - Dec. 6, 2013 to Jan. 1, 2014.

could function. I knew that I needed to be strong for my family. For my husband and our four-year-old daughter.

He responded immediately.

Two very powerful events helped me to know I was going to be OK. We would be OK.

I have always known God put some amazing people in my life. My best friends never left my side. My family held my hand through every step of the process. My big brother sat with me in the funeral home and cried with me as we listed our mother as "preceded in death" on a newborn's obituary.

But the full force of God's support for us on Earth was really driven home the day of Allie's funeral. We plalnned a small visitation for just family and then a simple graveside service as very few people in our lives had met her. But when we pulled up to the cemetery, we were astounded. I'd never seen so many people at a funeral before.

People from every single walk of our

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ABORTION FACTS

- 1 out of every 4 pregnancy ends in abortion in the United States.
- Nearly 1 in 3 women has had an abortion by the time she is 45.
- Nearly 4,000 children are aborted every day.
- Over 1 million abortions are performed in the U.S. every year.
- Since 1973, more than 58 million abortions have occurred in the U.S.
- The abortion rate in the U.S. is 19.4 per 1,000 U.S. women aged 15-44.
- Each year, about 2% of U.S. women aged 15-44 have an abortion; 47% of them have had at least one previous abortion.
- 50% of U.S. women obtaining abortions are younger than 25. Women aged 20-24 obtain 33% of all abortions, and teenagers obtain 17%.
- Black women are 4.8 times as likely as non-Hispanic white women to have an abortion, and Hispanic women are 2.7 times as likely.
- 37.1% of all abortions are performed on black women who make up only 14% of the total population of U.S. women of child-bearing age.
- Approximately 50% of U.S. women who have an abortion are using a contraceptive method during the month they became pregnant.
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Sue Ellen Browder

Despite training at MU's School of Journalism as a reporter, Sue Ellen Browder worked for Cosmopolitan Magazine helping write what she now says was propaganda used to sell casual sex, contraception, and abortion to single girls.



In recent years, her reporter's penchant for in-depth research, coupled with her willingness to engage in some honest self-reflection, resulted in her book Subverted-How I Helped the Sexual Revolution Hijack the Women's Movement. In it she documents the purposeful campaign of misinformation that led to legal abortion in America, and the heartbreak of abortion in her own life.

Those she knew then included Betty Friedan and Lawrence Lader, the abortion extremist whose book was used to influence the U.S. Supreme Court justice who wrote Roe vs. Wade. She also reports that Friedan didn't start out pro-abortion, but was convinced by Lader of the lie that women could not gain equality in education or the workplace without abortion. Browder was actually at the D.C. meeting where key feminists and abortion supporters formally joined together. Now pro-life and Catholic, her clear-eyed look back, and courageous look forward, offer inspiration to individuals, and a culture, that continues to suffer from the unholy alliance of the "women's" movement and abortion.



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lives showed up for the funeral of a child most of them had never met. It must have taken hours for the line to go through and hug us. I sat there sandwiched between my dad and my husband hugging people I hadn't seen in years. Friends from college, our brothers and sisters from church, co-workers from our old jobs. More people from my hometown than I could even imagine. The top executives from my company were there.

What's most impressive about this turnout is it was the coldest day of the year. Sub-zero temperatures, and these people stood in the freezing cold to honor the all-too-short life of a child they never knew. To be perfectly honest, I don't remember what the elder from our church said during the service as I spent the entire time watching a girl from my office rub her hands together and fight back the tears in this weather. I couldn't believe she – and so many

others - were there, and I took great comfort in knowing that God had brought all these people to us. He was showing us that He would take care of us through all of them.

Not long after Allie's funeral; God showed his love for us again – this time even more powerful than that cold Jan-The

time my hus-"Allie's baby brother band and I atand big sister will know tended church their angel sister and Allie's after death, the elder will always know how called on my loved she is." husband lead the closing prayer. My husband says the most beautiful prayers, and this day was no exception. As he thanked the Lord for sending His son to die for our sins, I was immediately over come with emotion.

It felt like the wind had been knocked

out of me, and I immediately started

It's the first time I remember being overcome by the Holy Spirit, and I was filled with a comforting thought that HE alone knew my pain. That God knows, first hand, the

pain of losing a child. In that moment, I knew and fully trusted God to guide me

through my grief. He has.

I miss Allie Rose every day. I think about her every day. But there has to be meaning in her life and in her death. Maybe I'll never know what that meaning is, but we still honor her in our family pictures and have slowly started placing pictures of her up around our house.

God graced us with another baby two years ago – a son – whom we love so fiercely. Sometimes I think God knew his precious life had to come into this world, and probably would not have if we hadn't lost Allie.

Let me just say our son could never and will never be a replacement for the beautiful baby we lost, but we knew in our hearts that our family wasn't complete. And the joy and laughter our son has brought into our home may not have happened otherwise.

Again, his life takes nothing away from his sister, and he will grow up knowing that God sent us the most beautiful rainbow when we'd recovered from the storm of losing her. Allie's baby brother and big sister will know their angel sister and will always know how loved she is.

As we prepare for the New Year – the anniversary of her passing – we look on with trepidation knowing New Years will always be a difficult time for us. But we take comfort in knowing her precious life is in the hands of God and just like the poem – God will carry us through the hard times.

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Student pens "10 Reasons Why I'm Pro-life"

While the pro-abortion side would like everyone to believe they are really pro-choice and not pro-abortion, it's truly a deception. Making abortion "safe, legal and rare" is just smoke and mirrors. Abortion is a money-maker for places like Planned Parenthood, who rake in cash for committing one of every four abortions nationally.

Articles have popped up occasionally

touting the fact that yes, pro-abortion people are just that: in favor of, and happy about, abortion. To that end, Salon.com published a piece entitled "I am pro-abortion, not just prochoice: 10 reasons why we must support the procedure and the choice." While it is a disturbing read, it clearly shines the light on those in opposition to the prolife position.

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Lauren Galvan, founder and president of Brown Students for Life, responded with a list of her own on why she's pro-LIFE:

1) I'm pro-life because being able to abort our offspring is not a fundamental right and in fact is the complete antithesis of female empowerment and equal-

2) I'm pro-life because well-timed pregnancies give children a healthier start in life, but taking the lives the babies who aren't well-timed and not providing mothers experiencing an unplanned pregnancy with the support she needs to carry the baby to term is wrong and needs to change.

3) I'm pro-life because I take motherhood seriously, and abortion and the lack of support society gives to women robs a mother of her chance to be one.

4) I'm pro-life because intentional childbearing helps couples, families and communities to get out of poverty, but that doesn't justify aborting an unwanted human being. Each baby should be wanted and they are. Sometimes it just takes time for a family to find an unwanted baby, adopt her, and make her part of the family.

5) I'm pro-life because reproduction is a highly imperfect process, and even babies whose genes decide to go against them deserve to see the world — even if it is just for a short period of time.

6) I'm pro-life because I think morality is about the well-being of sentient [human] beings, including the preborn, who are human and can feel and perceive things as well.

7) I'm pro-life because though contraceptives are imperfect, and people are too, babies should not have to suffer the death penalty because of faulty manmade creations or mistakes.

8) I'm pro-life because I believe in mercy, grace, compassion, and the

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Young woman blessed by services

Amanda, an Alternatives Clinic client, recently shared her story: "I am so blessed to have become a client of the center. The day I walked into the center's doors I felt right at home."

Amanda continued, "The ladies at the center have been with me through my ups and downs and have helped me out a lot. They are family to my daughter and I. When I had no where to go, the ladies at the center helped me get a place to live. They helped with utilities, clothes, diapers, and food when I could not provide for myself."

"Not only has the center helped me out financially and emotionally, but they have helped me in my walk with Christ by providing me with a Bible and praying with me and for me and keeping me strong in

my faith." With tears in her on to share, "I am a recovering addict. I two years last August and honestly, with all of the financial and emotional distress that I

"...they have helped me eyes, Amanda went in my walk with Christ Amanda added,

have been clean for **Bible and praying with** parenting classes me and for me and keeping me strong in my faith."

Amanda and her daughter Zoev

strong I could have been if I'd had to do

Alternatives Clinic is a nonprofit pregnancy resource center located in Harrisonville providing free and confidential services to Cass County and surrounding areas, including pregnancy testing; limited obstetrical ultrasound; peer counseling; parenting, and life skills classes and community referrals. For more information on our services or how you can support us through volunteering, prayer or financial gifts, please call 816-887-5100.

by providing me with a also provided "The center has and any resources I needed. God bless you and thank you for all you have was going through, who knows how done and what you are doing for us."

Missouri Right to Life "Show Me Life" Pro-Life Action Day

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 (registration begins at 10:00 a.m.)

Missouri State Capitol ~ 1st Floor Rotunda



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Contact the Missouri Right to Life State Office, 573.635.5110, or visit www. WEAR RED FOR LIFE! missourilife.org for further information.



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Mother's Refuge helps young women realize God's plan

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As the new year begins, we have new hope, which is exactly what we give the young moms who call Mother's Refuge home. We offer hope, a new start at life, and a fresh start. We provide everything a homeless, young, pregnant woman will need to be able to choose life for her unborn child. Those who had no hope blossom, and precious babies thrive, bringing life to those around them. We think we give them life, but really it is the other way around. They fill our home and hearts with unconditional love, joy, and faith of a greater purpose

than just ourselves. "They fill our home God said he knew us before we and hearts with were formed in our unconditional love. mother's womb. that He has a great joy and faith of a plan for us to give us hope and a future. greater purpose than We serve God at just ourselves." Mother's Refuge by



life while they experience hope, and take the steps necessary to provide a good future for their child, one that was

planned for them long before they were born.

We are so grateful for the many precious life's we have had the privilege to serve during the past 30 years. Each one was and

being the hands and feet of Jesus. We is special, each one made our home a provide a way for young women to give brighter place, and each one has a purpose and plan set by our great creator. Their stories are all different, just like ours are, but we have one thing in common, we are loved by a Father that formed us and gave us the opportunity to live out His plan.

As we honor the sanctity of human Life this month and celebrate the hope of a New Year, let us remember those less fortunate that are scared, hungry, cold, and pregnant. Please stand with us as we provide a way for each young lady to realize their Heavenly Father's plan for them to give life to his precious creation and hope for a better future.

Volunteer perspective

By Elizabeth Ong

In a fast paced world of ever changing values, the philosophy of Birthright has remained reassuringly consistent for 49 years: "The essence of Birthright is love. Birthright is unique and committed to offering free, non-judgmental help to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Birthright offers love, hope and support to each woman, to help her make a realistic plan for her future of her unborn child." Having started volunteering a year ago, I find these words to be put to practice daily at our Birthright of Greater Kansas City.

As an adoptee and mother of three, I always considered myself a supporter of "life" but chose not to get into the divisive political fight. I thought the answer was to change hearts and minds, but other than donating some diapers and praying more, I never took any discernible action. When I realized the organization I had been donating diapers to was walking distance from my house and my work hours somewhat flexible, I decided perhaps God was shining a light to tell me that my path to action was clear.

I found at Birthright a group of diverse women with unique perspectives and approaches brought together by similar desire to make a difference for women and children in our culture that increasingly does not want "life" considered one of the choices. At Birthright we are not instructing, judging, or demanding anything of those who come to our door; we simply listen, support and are present. Some young women from troubled backgrounds have never had this type of encounter.

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Missouri legislative update

By Missouri Right to Life



Missouri Right to Life extends sincere thanks to Governor Eric Greitens and to the Missouri Legislature for your passage of Senate Bill 5. Many unborn babies and their mothers will be protected because of your actions and, hopefully, saved from the horrors of abortion.

Missouri Right to Life urges passage of the following important pro-life legislation during the 2018 legislative session:

Pass the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act to stop abortion on babies who are feeling excruciating pain during abortions.

Ban Dismemberment Abortions in which living unborn children are aborted by a procedure in which forceps are used to pull the baby out of the womb in pieces. This procedure is used in 95% of second trimester abortions nation-wide.

Redirect federal funding of family-planning dollars to qualified health centers and state rural health agencies to ensure that tax dollars are going to agencies that uphold state laws and that women receive quality health care.

Renew Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits to support the life-saving work they are providing for women in crisis pregnancies.

Pass Two-Custodial Parent Notification before an abortion for a

Pass Simon's Law to prevent hospitals and physicians from putting a do-not-resuscitate order in a minor child's medical file without the parent's knowledge.

Maintain Oversight and Require Accountability of Abortion Clinics Thank you for your consideration of these important con-

MLK Sr. intervened to stop abortion of niece

By Micaiah Bilger

Alveda King, the niece of civil rights advocate Martin Luther King Jr., continues her uncle's legacy by fighting for the rights of unborn babies.

King's advocacy comes from a very personal conviction. Before she was born, her mother considered aborting

King shared her story this fall in Rome ahead of the conference "Promoters of Humanity in a Transforming World." King who is Protestant, shared her pro-life work with Pope Francis.

When it comes to her own advocacy, life issues have always hit home for King, whose parents in 1950 became pregnant with her before they were married.

King said her parents had considered getting an abortion until her grandfather, Martin Luther King Sr., "prophetically" intervened. Though they didn't have ultrasound machines at the time, King said her grandfather had strongly rejected the claim that the fetus was "just a lump of flesh." He said that the baby was a granddaughter whom he had seen in a dream three years earlier.



Alveda King meets with Pope Francis.

After hearing Martin Luther King Sr. describe how his granddaughter would look, Alveda King's parents decided against the abortion and she was born in 1951.

Despite her own life being saved, King said she grew up and aborted two unborn children herself. They are decisions that she now profoundly regrets. She said her grandfather eventually influenced her journey to become pro-life.

When she became pregnant again after her two abortions, King said her grandfather urged her to choose life for her child which she did. Today she is one of the nation's leading pro-life voices.

The Sin I Couldn't Face

Life After My Abortion

I knew Jesus was my Lord and Savior. I knew He had forgiven my sins and covered them with His blood. But there was one sin I couldn't face-couldn't talk about or even acknowledge. It was too horrible. Repulsive. If anyone knew, I was sure I would be disqualified from any kind of ministry.

I was a deacon's wife, a Sunday School teacher, a ladies mentor and a Christian School teacher. I was able to share all of my life

I was able to share all of my life and past

sins and failures when appropriate except for

My pastor would tell me that the only thing about me that he could fault was my lack of self-confidence! Lack of self-confidence!!! Are you kidding me? I am a murderer! I committed the worst sin in the world! If I even told you about it right now you would remove me from all my positions.

I felt like a fake and a fraud. I was dead inside but couldn't talk about it or seek council or deal with it in any way. When I was in the ladies room, the flyer with If Not For

Grace (INFG) tear-off information was hanging on the bathroom doors. I would look at them and wonder if I needed that but then stuff it down even further by saying, "No. I'm

It wasn't until I volunteered for Rachel House that I was required to go to INFG. I was resistant in my heart. I knew that by attending that I would open myself up to pain. But I was like someone who had a wound that had grown closed over and infected.

During the Her Choice to Heal class I did

dig up a lot of pain, but I was finally able to deal with it. My

abortion was over forty years ago but had kept me wrapped in chains that no one could see-keeping me from being used the way God wanted to use me. Reconciliation Weekend was the icing on the cake. It sealed the healing in a way that cannot be describedonly experienced.

Now those chains are broken and I am set free. Now I pray God will use me as He chooses. Thank you If Not For Grace.

Find out more regarding If Not For Grace opportunities for the abortion-wounded at www.infg.org.

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and past sins and failures when

appropriate except for that one.

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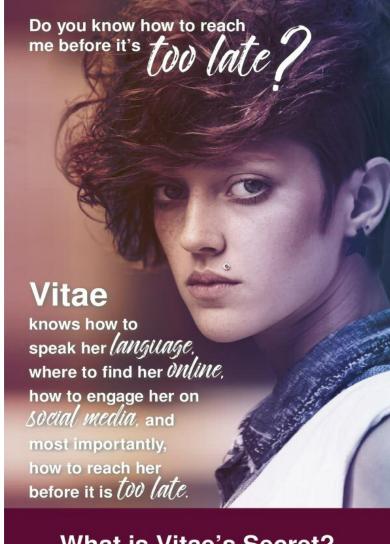
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Even if you do not itemize your deductions and can therefore not utilize the charitable deduction created by your gift, you still get the benefit of the 50% tax credit. This is enough to allow you to get a full refund of your state withholdings if your gift is twice the about of your taxes owed.

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What a great opportunity you have before you. You can make a substantial gift to help children and families in crisis and have most of that gift come out of your taxes. It is like "designating" that your tax money be transferred to the Children's Home to further its mission to "serve God by helping children youth and families."

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What is Vitae's Secret?



Viitae Foundation has the largest knowledge-base of abortion-decision making information in the world.

VitaeFoundation.org

By Martha Schieber

Wonderful things happen at the 2,400 Pregnancy Help Centers in this country, and in the Greater Kansas City area, abortion-determined women are being directed to area centers thanks to the digital marketing strategies of the Vitae Foundation. Case in point: Parkville Women's Center.

"We rely heavily on people searching on the internet and referrals," Parkville Women's Clinic Executive Director Sonya Rice stated. "What Vitae is doing is huge! Their campaign transformed our client load. As a result, we have to hire another nurse."

Before Vitae's latest campaign began in July, Parkville's center had a little more than 50 clients coming in each month. Since July, they have seen a 25 percent increase in clients. Now it's 70 to 80 clients a month.

Vitae fuels their digital messaging strategies with research-based messages. These messages help reach women facing difficult choices during unplanned pregnancies, especially

those who are determined to end their pregnancy. Rice talked about how difficult it is to counsel abortion-determined women. One woman who

came in via Vitae's digital strategies was 18 and lived at home in an abusive situation. "Kendell" (not her real name) denied her pregnancy until her mom took her to Planned Parenthood. She was too far along to get an abortion there. Kendell found Parkville Women's Center on an internet ad and filled out the form that Vitae created for the

"Because of our compassion, she feels safe. While she didn't make the choice we wanted, we love her still in spite of that. Clients come back because they say they didn't feel judged. It's this unconditional love pregnancy center staff have for these clients, re-

- Sonya Rice, Parkville Women's Clinic Executive Director

gardless of the outcome."

"We did an ultrasound, and she was 23-weeks pregnant. I did adoption counseling and pulled out all the stops for this client," Rice explained. "She felt that because of the abusive situation at home, the baby's father being away at college and her wanting to enter the military, she just couldn't see her way to have the baby."

During the many texts that went back and forth between Kendell and Parkville's nurse, it was learned that she was going to be taken by a special coalition across state lines to an abortion facility that performed late-term abortions in Illinois. It was what her mother wanted.

Time passed. Rice said she was in a restaurant and there sat Kendell, this young woman who had been prayed for relentlessly, but with whom communication had ceased.



She hugged Rice, who had been in that ultrasound room with her that first day they'd met. Kendell explained that her mother insisted on the abortion, and they were given free transportation to Illinois and free housing.

"She said she appreciated her experience with us, and she wished it could be different. She wanted to come back to visit about her abortion experience. It was not good," Rice stated. "This isn't a typical success story, but as we grieve, we are happy she came back to us and said she'd never have an

This 18-year-old girl endured a traumatic experience but now thinks of the people at Parkville Women's Center as family. "Because of our compassion, she feels safe. While she didn't make the choice we wanted, we love her still in spite of that. Clients come back because they say they didn't feel judged. It's this unconditional love pregnancy center staff have for these clients, regardless of the outcome."

When women see one of Vitae's online ads and they click on it, they are taken to a page where they can fill out information that goes straight to the Pregnancy Help Center, like Parkville's. These landing pages provide women a chance to explain what is going on in their lives.

"We love these pages," Rice stated. "Vitae has these capabilities with their research to do what we can't. It's exactly what we need."

With more abortion-minded (considering abortion as a possibility) and abortion-determined (only want an abortion) women coming to Parkville Women's Center, they are expanding not only staff but the depths of programs they offer to clients, including the fathers.

"How many places can a young person in crisis like this go and get all these services for free? We are the best-kept secret in town, until we connect with the women that need us," Rice noted.

Vitae Foundation collaborates with over 300 PHCs across the country. Via the Meet Life Campaign in Missouri, Vitae provides its research-based digital strategies to 41 PHCs in the Show Me state.

-Martha Schieber is the communications director at the Vitae Foundation.



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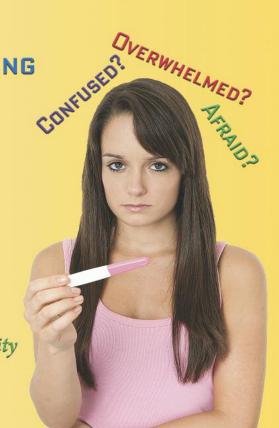
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Kansas legislative update

Jeanne Gawdun | KFL Lobbyist

President Donald Trump made good on one of his campaign promises early in his presidency by nominating strong conservative judge Neil Gorsuch as the successor to the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

The U.S. House passed legislation to repeal and replace several of the major provisions of the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) and block most federal funding of Planned Parenthood. Unfortunately, the legislation stalled in the U.S. Senate.

The U.S. House also passed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which would ban abortions at 20 weeks gestation due to the medical evidence that unborn children feel pain. The U.S. Senate has yet to take up the legislation. In 2011, Kansas became the second state in the nation to enact similar legislation, and it is still in force (at least 15 other states have since passed passed pain-capable bans).

Kansas was once again a leader in pro-life legislation in 2017 with the enactment of two first-in-the-nation laws:

1."Simon's Law" prevents "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) orders from being placed on children without parental knowledge or consent. Proponents of the bill testified that many children with chromosomal abnormalities were being denied life-sustaining treatment due to some in the medical community's negative view of their "quality of life." The law also requires the disclosure (upon request) of any existent hospital policy concerning the refusal of life-sustaining care.

2. The "Disclose Act" updates the state's 1997 informed consent provisions for women considering abortion. The Act requires the disclosure to women of relevant information on the physicians providing abortions, such as the holding of local hospital privileges and malpractice insurance, the length of employment, and Kansas residency.

As the year draws to a close, prolifers in Kansas anxiously await a de-

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power of fresh starts. Just because abortion is legal now doesn't mean we can't create a new culture of life — one in which all pre-born children and all mothers are protected and honored by the law.

9) I'm pro-life because the future is always in motion, and we have the power and responsibility to shape it well. Abortion, the greatest human rights violation of my generation, will end in my lifetime.

10) I'm pro-life because I love my future daughters and would never deny them the right to live, no matter how they were conceived or when they were conceived. As a mother, I would do everything in my power to ensure that my daughter first lives, and then lives well.

How she became pro-life on a liberal campus

Lauren Galvan decided to keep an open mind about the abortion issue when she started her freshman year at Brown University in 2012.

It was during a biology class at Brown when Galvan came to the conclusion that unborn babies are human beings who deserve the same right to life that other humans do.

She wrote:

"Ironically, coming to Brown, arguably the most liberal school in the Ivy League, was the first step in my conversion to the pro-life cause. After taking "Vertebrate Embryology" the spring semester of my freshman year, I profoundly changed my disposition on human personhood, and I became firmly pro-life."

"The scientific reality of fetal development first catalyzed this resolution. In every embryology textbook, I found — as you will find — irrefutable evidence that an individual human life begins at conception. At that point, a living organism with unique human DNA is created. This is simply a scientific fact, and no amount of arguing from prochoicers can make it untrue. What they mean to say is that this fertilized embryo, though human and alive, is not yet a person and therefore not protected under the category of human rights."

Galvan then articulately explained the

pro-life position in her column and pointed out the danger of allowing society to decide who is a "person" with rights and who isn't. She brought up the human rights abuses of slavery and genocide, which supporters justified with claims that the targeted groups of people were not really people.

"Our right to life would not depend on others' opinions of us, but rather on the simple and indisputable fact that we are all human and that each human life deserves protection under the law," Galvan wrote. "This is the pro-life position in a nutshell."

Motivated by her conclusions, Galvan went on to found the Students for Life at Brown club. She said she can't even imagine identifying with the "prochoice" label that she once did during her high school days.

"... for to say 'I am pro-choice' to other people is to tell them that I would have or could have supported their parents' decisions to terminate their lives. To me, that is the absolute equivalent of telling someone that his or her life has neither meaning nor purpose," Galvan continued. "All human life has value, and it's time we start protecting it."

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The origins of Planned Parenthood stem from racist ideals

By Abigail Robertson

WASHINGTON - Planned Parenthood hails its founder, Margaret Sanger, as a champion of civil rights, but one thing they don't talk about is the racism behind her fight to legalize abortion.

A group of African-American leaders want to focus attention on her ideology and how it affected black birth rates.

Sanger strived for a society that limited births to those she deemed fit to have children.

"I think the greatest sin in the world is bringing children into the world that have disease from their parents, that have no chance in the world to be a human being practically - delinquents, prisoners, all sorts of things - just marked when they're born. That to me is the greatest sin," Sanger said in a 1957 interview with Mike Wallace.

"We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population," Sanger said in 1939.

As the founder of America's largest abortion chain, Margaret Sanger's ideology for Planned Parenthood was cemented in eugenics, the belief and practice that aims to eliminate certain groups of people.

As a eugenicist, Sanger encouraged the sterilization of persons with less desirable qualities, and strongly encouraged the reproduction of groups with more desirable qualities. Sanger's disdain for blacks, minority groups, and the sick and disabled spawned the birth of an abortion corporation that profits off the killing of the weakest and most vulnerable. From its conception, Planned Parenthood was built upon the roots of exterminating individuals deemed "unfit" for the human family.

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cision from the state Supreme Court as to whether the Kansas constitution contains a so-called "right to abortion." The enormity of such a decision is stated in the petition to the Kansas Supreme Court found on the KFL website:

"The Kansas State Constitution guarantees the "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." When adopted in 1859, it did not state, nor intend to create, a "right" to abortion. In fact, in that same year, just before and after the



Many pro-choice advocates see her as a heroine, but critics call her a racist eugenics promoter who targeted black communities with her Planned Parenthood clinics.

"Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, once said colored (sic) people are like weeds; they need to be exterminated," Dr. Alveda King, director of Civil Rights for the Unborn,

"People don't understand that 79 percent of abortion clinics are located in minority communities and that minority communities shoulder a disproportionate number of abortions," said Penny Nance, president and CEO of Concerned Women for America.

King says while African-Americans make up only 13 percent of the U.S. population, more than 30 percent of aborted babies are from black mothers.

"Under the veil of secrecy and deception, 60 million plus babies have not been born because they were aborted legally since '73 - one-third of that population belong to the African-American community," King said.

Planned Parenthood recently celebrated its 100th anniversary, prompting pro-life leaders to unite under the banner "100 No More," to educate the public on the devastating impact Planned

adoption of the Kansas Constitution, our legislature passed laws making it a crime to kill an unborn child by abortion. We, the undersigned citizens, object to the recent interpretation by certain Kansas judges that a broad and extreme right to abortion should be 'read into" our constitution — and further protest that such a judicial opinion authorizes the inhumane dismemberment of fully formed unborn babies while they are still alive. We, the undersigned, urge the Kansas Supreme Court to interpret the Kansas Constitution to protect the Right to Life."

own words

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In a letter to Dr. Clarence Gamble in December, 19, 1939, Sanger exposited her vision for the "Negro Project," a freshly launched collaboration between the American Birth Control League and Sanger's Birth Control Clinical Research Bureau. In it she says, "We should hire three or four colored ministers, preferably with social-service backgrounds, and with engaging personalities. The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal."

In 1926, Sanger spoke at a Ku Klux Klan rally in 1926 in Silver Lake, N.J. Following the invitation, Sanger describes her elation after receiving mul-

Klan ... I saw through the door dim figures parading with banners and illuminated crosses ... I was escorted to the platform, was introduced, and

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the world." - Margaret Sanger In an 1957 interview with journalist Mike Wallace, Sanger advocated that the greatest evil is a family that chooses to bring children into the world. Sanger, who advocated for a system requiring every American family to submit a request to the government to have a child, told America Weekly in 1934 that it has "become necessary to establish a system of birth permits."

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Speaking of African Americans, Sanger stated, "They are...human

In "Pivot of Civilization," Sanger penned her thoughts regarding im-

"Our failure to segregate morons who are increasing and mul-

were proffered."

black community," Pastor Nate Thomas said. "I see this as a form of genocide. It's something we need to take a serious

Planned Parenthood receives about \$500 million each year from taxpayers.

"Ninety-six percent of the time if a pregnant woman walks into their clinic, she will have an abortion," Nance said.

Pro-life advocates want Congress to move that money to women's clinics that do not perform abortions.

"They outnumber, around the country, Planned Parenthood clinics 20 to 1," Nance said. "They truly help poor women. They truly help 'the least of these,' but they don't do abortions.'



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"I accepted an invitation to talk to the women's branch of the Ku Klux Klan." - Margaret Sanger

tiple speaking requests from white supremacy groups. She writes of the experience on page 366 of her book, An Autobiography: I accepted an invitation to talk to the women's branch of the Ku Klux

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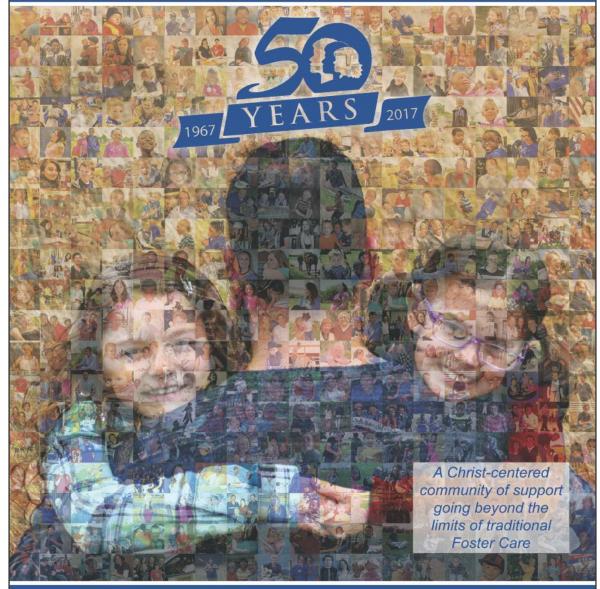
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The shocking, life-saving power of humility

By Susanne Maynes

The nervous 18-year-old girl sat close to her boyfriend, clinging to his hand as though it were a life preserver.

"If my parents find out I'm pregnant," she said, "they'll kill me."

Having spent 10 years helping women as they wrestle with pregnancy decisions, I've heard this phrase countless times. Most women do not pursue abortion lightly. They consider it because they feel desperate.

Here are a few more dilemmas I learned about in the client room of a pregnancy center:

"My mom said she'd throw me out of the house and cut off my college money if I ever got pregnant."

"This baby isn't my boyfriend's. We had a fight and I spent the night with an old friend. Now I won't be supported by either of them."

"I'm a single mom and I barely make ends meet for the three kids I already have. I can't have another baby."

The circumstances surrounding unplanned pregnancies are often shockingly difficult. Ministering to those considering abortion requires a great deal of empathy.

In his January 2016 sermon on the sanctity of human life, Matt Chandler mentions a tell-tale symptom of a lack of empathy: when we ask a question that begins with "Why don't they just..." we demonstrate a lack of compassion.

We make judgments from a place of privilege. We don't take into consideration the frame of reference from which

the other person operates—their history, their environment, their challenges.

In other words, we fail to understand their story.

When we ask, "Why don't they just make an adoption plan?" we don't factor in the fear and shame a woman faces by carrying a child she plans to "give away."

When we ask, "Why don't they just stop sleeping around?" we fail to understand the low self-value and lack of hope for the future that so many young women experience today.

If our background is middle class suburbia, we must be careful of uttering thoughtless questions downward from the perch of privilege rather than from a graciously low position of empathy.

Here's the thing: the young woman we are trying to help may have been raised in generational poverty. She may not have benefitted from the presence of her father in her life, let alone had a chance to observe a healthy marriage between her parents.

Given the postmodern culture that influences her, she may have little or no understanding of godly morals.

To this young woman, offering herself sexually to a man who is reasonably kind to her seems like a fair exchange for a relationship. If she's lucky, from her perspective, he won't hit her or go to jail too often.

Plus, her kids will have a father figure ... at least for a while.

This may not be the kind of life we know, but it is the kind of life we must come to understand if we are to minister effectively in a society that has gone off its moral rails.

Amid this tragic madness, how can we reach out to offer compassion and truth to those considering abortion?

Jesus himself is our example.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. – Philippians 2:4-8

Jesus beautifully demonstrated humility. He willingly took on a human form. He willingly suffered the most humiliating and horrific death possible. He is the supreme example of setting aside social standing, rights and privileges for the sake of others.

Jesus—Son of God, Word made Flesh, Lord and Savior—was approachable. He did not judge or condemn. He never asked the question, "Why don't they just...?"

Instead, he cut across traditional boundaries of race, gender and economic status to scandalously hold conversations with those considered "beneath" a Jewish rabbi's attention.

He asked good questions which allowed truth to dawn in the hearts and minds of people. He made them feel

safe, yet challenged them to want something better than where they were stuck.

Jesus came to preach the good news of the Kingdom of God. In this Kingdom, the playing field is level. In this Kingdom, there is no perch of privilege from which to look down at others.

Here, according to Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Likewise, there is neither the girl considering abortion, nor the church lady who doesn't understand her. The same Lord died for each of them.

What about the dilemmas I mentioned earlier? Every one of those mothers chose life—and the woman with back problems? No wheelchair.



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9:00 - NOON LOBBY - Take a tour, watch KS Legislature in action, and other activities to be announced. Info at registration.

9:30 - 10:30 WORKSHOPS - <u>Location</u>: Capitol Visitor Center, ground floor, North Capitol Entrance.

Room 3: Joe Patton on "Preparing for the upcoming Kansas Supreme Court decision.
Room 4: "Rescatemos Nuestra Raza: Defendamos la Vida del Pequeño Irrepetible."

11:00 - 12:30 CATHOLIC MASS - Topeka Performing Arts Center Auditorium (TPAC) followed by March; See map below.

11:00 - 12:30 EVANGELICAL PRAYER SERVICE - Room 4 North, Capitol Visitor Ctr. ground level. Join March at 8th & Jackson.

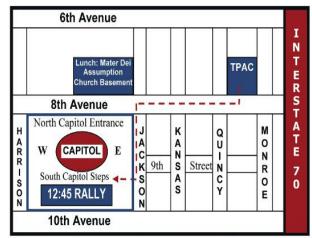
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12:45 - 1:15 RALLY FOR LIFE, <u>south Capitol steps</u> with the Governor of Kansas, featured speaker: abortion survivor Melissa Ohden, Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Rev. David Epps, legislators, etc.

11:30 - 2:30 LUNCH - Mater Dei-Assumption Church basement. Lunch for a free will donation, or bring your own.

3:00 - 4:00 PM WORKSHOPS /Mtg. Location: Rooms 3 & 4 North, Capitol Visitor Center, ground floor, North Capitol Entrance.

Room 3: Membership meeting. Room 4: More from abortion survivor Melissa Ohden including Q & A.





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