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Fatherly Love

God, there are many styles of fathering;
it flows through the personalities and gifts of individual men.

Some fathers are buoyant and talkative;
others are serious and quiet.

Some are wizzes at mechanics and carpentry;
others are challenged by anything beyond a flashlight.

Some are stern; others are more laid back.

You work through each of these fathering styles,
and the purpose is the same for all:
to channel your divine fatherly love to the children
entrusted to each human father.

God, help me see and use my traits to channel your love.

Help me accept my limitations as well,
so that I do not try to become someone to my children I can never be.

Above and through it all,
when my children hear of "God's fatherly love,"
let them understand those words because they have experienced
fatherly love from me. Amen.

—Celebrate Fathers, Prayers and Reflections on Fatherhood, Liguori

Happy Father's Day!



Russian Duma Drafts Bill to Cut Abortions Citing Underpopulation

By Steven Ertelt

Abortion has become such a pervasive form of birth control that the nation is seeing worker and population shortages that are already beginning to take an economic toll. The nation's Duma is considering legislation to address the problem. Lawmakers in the lower house of the Russian parliament are working on legislation that they hope will cut the more than 1 million officially counted abortions taking place annually in the nation.

"The bill aims to create the conditions for a pregnant woman to opt for giving birth. We have public support but does the ruling party hear us?" Yelena Mizulina, head of the State Duma committee for family, women and children told the *Ria Novosti* news outlet. The bill makes it so abortion would no longer be qualified as a medical service under the nation's government-run health system, thus allowing physicians to opt out of doing them. The measure would also increase the monthly payments to

pregnant women from the current 2,000 rubles (\$70) a month until birth. The legislation could also make it illegal to do abortions in the second half of pregnancy.

"Doctors' consent to do such operations is not the only problem. There are social and legal reasons behind the woman's choice," Mizulina said.

In a [recent] speech, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin pledged to raise the nation's birthrate by up to 30% in just three years. Due to a rapidly falling fertility, Russia has experienced a dramatic population decline, going from 148.5 million people in 1995 to 143 million today **despite efforts by various governments to boost the birth**

rate. Unofficial estimates indicate that there are nearly 4 million abortions per year in Russia, yet only 1.7 million live births.

Putin's plan calls for spending the equivalent of 33 billion pounds to encourage Russian families to have

more children. But World Congress of Families director Larry Jacobs says that more than cash incentives and government benefits will be needed to raise Russia's well-below-replacement birth rate. "It's not Russia alone that's experiencing demographic winter," Jacobs observed.

"Worldwide, birthrates have declined by more than 50% since the late 1960s. By the year 2050, there will be 248 million fewer children under 5 years-old in the world than there are today. This birth dearth will be one of the greatest challenges confronting humanity in the 21st century," he said.

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* YOUTH NEWS *

School's out for some of you and will be out soon for others...I hope all of you will enjoy a very nice summer from June through August, perhaps with a family vacation included!

You have until June 17th to register for the **Pro-Life Teen Jeopardy Game Show!** Registration forms can be printed out by going to www.edcenterforlife.org and clicking on "Teens" or you can call me at 248-816-1546 and I will mail you one either by e-mail or regular mail.

Please use one form per contestant/team. I am really excited to be having the Game Show return this year and am working hard on getting all the research done so I can send out the study materials to all contestants the week of June 19th. I look forward to meeting several of you for the first time on July 30th and seeing some young people return from previous shows!

The National Right to Life Convention titled, Bringing America Back to Life, will be held at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront in Jacksonville, Florida from June 23-25th. To register, go to www.stoptheabortionagenda.com/convention/registration. Student cost for the convention is \$60.00.

Special guest speakers for the Teens for Life conference include Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor of a failed saline infusion, and Michael Clancy, photojournalist who captured the tiny hand of an unborn child reaching from his mother's womb during fetal surgery. Suzanne Vitadamo and Bobby Schindler, the siblings of Terri Schindler-Schiavo who was legally euthanized in Florida several years ago, will also be speaking at a teen general session.

DON'T FORGET to put the following events/activities on your school/college calendar for fall/winter/spring of 2011/2012:

◆ **22nd Annual LIFE CHAIN** on Sunday, October 2, 2011. For more information, call 248-478-8878.

◆ **5th Annual CIDER Walk** in fall of 2011. Two locations: Rochester Municipal Park, Paint Creek Trail and Edward Hines Park. For more information, to register, or to sign up as a volunteer, call 248-478-8878.

◆ **Pro-Life Silent Day of Solidarity** on Tuesday, October 18, 2011. People from all over the nation will give up their voices for a day in solidarity for the children who lose their lives each day in the name of "choice." Students from Clarkston High School, Michigan State University, Northwestern Michigan College, Pinckney High School, Troy Athens High School and Troy High School have already signed up to participate. Go to www.silentday.org for more details about this event and to register.

◆ **19th Annual Student Essay Contest**—entries must be received by November 2, 2011. To learn more, call 248-478-8878.



*James Weil, Annie Fournier, Karen Szczerba and Jesse Miller
March for Life, January 2011*

◆ **"Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip**, January 21-24, 2012 (ages 14-21 years old, exception: 13 year olds can come with a parent or legal guardian). Cost and itineraries will be finalized by the end of June. Registration forms will be available by September 1st.

◆ **Pro-Life Youth Conference**, Saturday, February 18, 2012 (ages 13-18 years old) at the Franco Center, St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac. Details are still being worked out and will be completed by the end of September.

◆ **8th Annual Student Art Contest**—entries must be received by Friday, March 9, 2012. For contest details, call 248-478-8878.

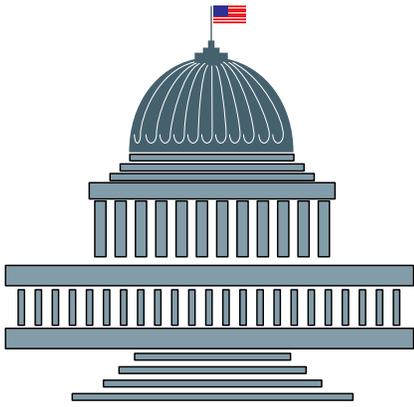
◆ **"Born to be a Lady" Modest Fashion Show**, Saturday, March 24, 2012 (for young ladies ages 13+) at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church in Sterling Heights. For more information, call 248-816-1546.

Many young volunteers are needed for the **Used Book Sale** that will be held at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in the Grade School Gym, Royal Oak (for both set-up of the book sale and the selling of books on sale days) and the **4-H Fair** that will be held at the Oakland County Fairgrounds in Davisburg (for the pro-life educational table). Both events will take place the week of July 11th. I am looking for friendly volunteers who enjoy meeting new people! This is a great volunteer opportunity in the summer for Jr. high, high school and college-age students!

Note: if you are not 18-years-old, you must have an adult with you while you work. Bring siblings or friends along with you to help! Please call me at 248-816-1546 or e-mail me at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org to get the schedule of time frames that need to be covered by volunteers and to sign up! If sending an e-mail, put "Youth Volunteer" in the subject line and specify what you want to help with. Please help us promote the **Used Book Sale** by copying and sharing the flier on the front page of this newsletter.

So long for now!

*Your friend for Life,
Lynn Gura, Youth Programs Coordinator
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

House Passes Ban on Taxpayer Funding of Abortions

The House of Representatives on May 4 approved a complete ban on taxpayer funding of abortions that ensures abortions are not directly funded in any federal governmental program or department.

The legislation combines several policies that must be enacted every year in Congressional battles and puts them into law where they will not be in jeopardy of being overturned every time Congress changes hands from pro-life lawmakers to those who support abortions.

The House passed HR 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, on a 251-175 vote with Republicans voting 235-0 for the bill and Democrats voting 175-16 against it.

Congressman Chris Smith, a New Jersey Republican who is the lead sponsor of the bill, informed the House that a study by the Guttmacher Institute, the pro-abortion former research apparatus of Planned Parenthood, released a study noting that one-quarter of women who otherwise would have had abortions chose to give birth when taxpayer dollars were not available to pay for abortions of their children.

Smith spoke on the House floor today about what he said was growing public opinion against abortion. He also praised women who regret having terminated their pregnancies and speak out against abortions.

"For decades, a patchwork of short-term policies has prevented abortion funding in many programs authorized by Congress, but it is time for a single, government-wide permanent protection against taxpayer funding for elective abortion," Smith said. "Abortion is lethal violence against children and exploitation of women. This legislation would establish a comprehensive policy prohibiting public funding for elective abortion in all federal programs."

Although Obama would veto the bill, the question beyond the House vote is whether it could get beyond the Senate and land on Obama's desk. With pro-abortion Democrats strongly

opposing the bill, Republicans would have to find another piece of legislation to attach the measure to and would likely need to overcome a very difficult 60-vote threshold to do so.

Senate Bill to Cut Abortion Funding in Obamacare

On the heels of the House voting for legislation to ban taxpayer funding of abortions, a group of Senate lawmakers introduced a companion bill that would codify longstanding policy preventing taxpayer funding of abortion and apply it to Obamacare.

A group of Republican senators including Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, Tom Coburn (R-Oklahoma), Roy Blunt (R-Missouri), Marco Rubio (R-Florida) and Kelly Ayotte (R-New Hampshire), introduced the Protect Life Act (S. 877) on May 4.

"A strong majority of the American people do not believe that scarce taxpayer dollars should be used to fund abortions. This common-sense legislation would ensure that doesn't happen with respect to the highly-partisan health law," Hatch said.

Coburn added, "Forcing Americans to pay for abortion services with their own dollars is a grave abuse of government authority. The administration's track record of ambiguity in this area underscores the need for federal legislation clarifying, once and for all, that public funds will not be used to pay for abortion services under the new health law."

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the national health care law President Barack Obama signed, allows taxpayer-funded abortions through insurance policies, the pre-existing condition insurance plans, federally qualified health centers, and health plans administered by the federal government. The legislation's various loopholes and direct appropriation of funds to new mandatory health programs mean that substantial amounts of taxpayer dollars are not subject to the annual pro-life appropriations rider, commonly known as the Hyde Amendment.

—LifeNews.com, May 4, 2011

Assisted Suicide Ex-Proponent, Dr. Diane Meier, Speaks Wisdom

By Wesley J. Smith

Editor's note. This appears on Wesley's excellent blog at <http://www.firstthings.com/blogs/secondhandsmoke/2011/04/08/assisted-suicide-ex-proponent-dr-diane-meier-speaks-wisdom/>

Dr. Diane Meier was once a vocal proponent of assisted suicide. She is one of the nation's top palliative care experts—along with Dr. Kathleen Foley. Here are her credentials: she was a winner of a McArthur (genius) Fellowship and Director of the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC), Director of the Lilian and Benjamin Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute; Professor of Geriatrics and Internal Medicine in the Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine; and Catherine Gaisman Professor of Medical Ethics in the Department of Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City.

Some years back, Meier saw the light and wrote a piece in the *New York Times* reversing herself on assisted suicide, and while she is not an activist in the sense that I am against that doctor prescribed death agenda, she tells it like it is when asked. Apparently she was the key presenter at a palliative care conference and was asked about assisted suicide. From the transcript:

Questioner: If we had a fully implemented palliative care model in this country, working as we think it should be working...Is there a need for policies...such as "Death with Dignity"? Is there a correlation or relationship between those two, —some people would say, you don't need Death with Dignity if you have a good palliative care model. I was curious as to your thoughts on that.

Dr. Diane Meier: I, as a young person, was strongly in favor of legalization of assisted suicide. I think I was somewhat naïve at the time, you know, kind of doctrinaire about my commitment to patient self-determination and patient autonomy. And as I got a bit older and had more experience taking care of patients and families, and realizing that autonomy was not really relevant to the human condition — We are all parts of families and parts of communities and critically dependent on one another in ways that notions of self-determination and autonomy pretend don't exist...

This is an important point. Often assisted suicide advocates act as if a suffering and despairing person can coolly and rationally choose doctor prescribed death as they might choose between a Dell or an Apple computer. But it isn't like that. These are very emotional times, with ups and downs, ins and outs, and arounds and throughs. Moreover, what our decisions are not taken in a vacuum. They impact others, who the

suicidal person may not even know, and the views of others—particularly family and doctors—can exert a huge influence on the patient.

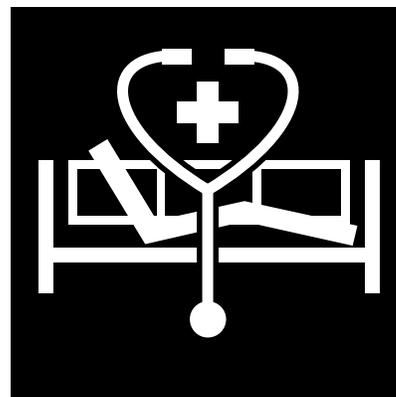
Later, Meier continues:

So, Moyers goes back six months later, he's fulltime in a wheelchair, he can't do anything for himself, and, "It's okay." Then he says, "Well, if I have to get to a point where my wife has to change me and bathe me and I can't take care of my own business, I'm outta here." He goes back six months later, that's exactly what he needs and life is still worth living. Because people adjust, people are remarkably resilient. And life is precious, and your vision of what's worth tolerating changes.

Yes, people adjust. People may "want" to die today, next week or next month. But they often change their minds—as my last hospice patient Bob Salamanca did during his struggle with ALS. But if they get the pills before that, if they take prescribed suicide before they "come out of the fog" in the once suicidal Bob's words, those who helped will have cheated the patient out of that continuing life that would have been, as applaud themselves for being "compassionate."

Back to Meier: *And legalization of physician assisted suicide in a society like ours, which is entirely driven by overwhelmed, overextended doctors chasing the dollar, is pretty scary—because the patients who might opt for this are the ones who really need thoughtful, extended conversations about what is motivating you to want to die at this point, and the differential diagnosis is long. And I can promise you that the overwhelming majority of doctors have neither the training nor the time to engage in that kind of careful discussion with seriously ill patients. And I do believe that real access to palliative care that is timely, that is high quality, would essentially eliminate the need for that and the fear that drives people to vote for these ballot measures.*

Which is why in Oregon, most assisted suicides are facilitated by Compassion and Choices, and many doctors have known their "patients" for two weeks or less before death. It is ideological, not medical. Assisted suicide is bad medicine and even worse public policy.



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Dinner “Thank you!”

Anytime you try to thank everyone involved with putting on a big event like our dinner there is always the danger of leaving someone off the list. So, just let it be known that there is no way to have an event like our Mother’s Day Dinner without dozens of people lending their time and talents and a huge “thank you” goes out to all of them from all of us.

Carnation project

From almost all reports, the flowers were beautiful this year and as usual they brought smiles to the faces of all who received them. There were a lot of First Communion over the Mother’s Day weekend and doing the carnations was a little more difficult than usual—so to all who picked them up, tied the tags on the flowers, cut off the stems, made sure they were placed in warm water so they

would open and staffed the tables where they were offered, we send you a big “thank you” for all your efforts.

Help wanted

The Oakland / Macomb Chapter is looking for someone who can help increase our membership. This may involve visiting area churches, making phone calls, networking with other organizations and any other creative ways you can think of to encourage pro-life people to become members of Lifespan. If this sounds interesting to you, call the office and we’ll share goals and ideas, 248-816-1546.

Glad she is not going far!

Mary Cascos, the chairman of the Detroit Chapter, has announced her retirement from that office. Luckily, she has promised to stay on the board of Lifespan, Inc. as recording secretary—we surely would not want to be without her many talents! Thanks, Mary, for working so hard all these years in Detroit.

Email

We must cut costs where we can. If you have not yet emailed us your email address, please send it on. We use it sparingly (very important stuff only!) and you will not get spammed or phished if we send to you.

Facebook and web site

We are almost finished updating our web site and Lifespan is on Facebook. Don’t forget to visit both of them! All this electronic communication can be a little intimidating, but our young people use very little else for sharing important information. If you need help, ask your 10-year-old grandchild!

Turn Your Vacations into Donations!

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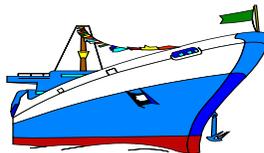
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Happy Father's Day!

Fathers today have a tremendous responsibility in raising their children. One must have strength and courage and be willing to educate themselves regarding the sanctity of Life issues. Then they will, with God's help, be able to debunk all the darkness of error that our children are exposed to in schools and the media. We wish all fathers a blessed and happy Father's Day. May God bless your efforts to lead your children into the light of truth.

Bowling for Life

For the past 28 years we have had a "Bowling for Life" FUNdraiser. However, because we've added some new programs for our Chapter, including "Pro-Life Teen Jeopardy Game Show" which takes place at the same time of year, we are unable to do both along with our other commitments. This in no way implies that we will never have the "Bowling for Life" again. Hopefully, it will return soon.

You have been very faithful in supporting this activity and I thank you, especially Maureen and Rich Dreslinski, who have worked with me for many years. I trust you will return to our bowling fundraiser when it is reinstated.

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"Dads"—I don't write much about our dads, but, yes, I do get frequent calls from them.

There have been nervous calls from young dads who have just gotten custody of their newborns. Not only do they need

baby supplies, but they also need resources to teach them how to parent.

There have been anxious calls from dads who are in the service and about to be deployed overseas. Their finances are strained and they are trying to make sure their wives and babies are going to be okay.

There are also dads who call because their wives are too embarrassed to contact us. Never needing assistance before and now, jobless, they need help to provide for their little ones.

Because of you, we can help all of them.

Please see information about "Pro-Life Teen Jeopardy Game Show" on page 3. Dates for the CIDER Walk and Legislative Breakfast are being confirmed.

Entertainment Book presale

Order and pay for a 2012 book now for only \$25 and receive a FREE 2011 book which can be used until November 1, 2011. Supplies are limited; pick up your copy ASAP so you don't miss out on any good coupons.

Email

We are trying to reduce costs in our office, as well as, keep you as up-to-date as possible with the many changes currently taking place that impact human life.

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Sometimes, the information we get in the office is vital and cannot wait for the next newsletter or even a regular letter. Please help us help you by sending us your email address—today.

Then there are our unsung heroes of Wee Care. The dads who load their cars with baby gifts that were collected at their churches.

The dads who drive and make pick ups and deliveries between our Lifespan offices.

The dads, members of the Knights of Columbus, who distribute baby bottles and then collect them and donate the proceeds to Wee Care and our youth program.

The dads who transport heavy books for our book sale in July.

The dads who put up the "Lights for Life" Christmas tree at Weingartz Supply Co. every December (usually in the rain, snow or heavy winds!).

The dads who stand with us on Life Chain Sunday or walk with us at our CIDER Walk in the fall.

There are so many ways that our dads help us, but one of the most important ways is by taking their children into their arms and telling them how precious every life is.

For dads everywhere—the unsung heroes—thank you, we love you, and God bless you!

Happy Father's Day!

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Planned Parenthood Abortion Biz: So Accustomed to Lies

By Mona Charen

Perhaps you've seen the commercials touting the life-saving benefits of Planned Parenthood. They're very professional, very persuasive, and clearly very expensive. Viewers might wonder why, if Planned Parenthood can afford this multimillion-dollar image advertising, it would be devastated by the loss of about \$300 million in taxpayer support?

That Planned Parenthood is spooked by Republican efforts to withdraw funding is obvious—though they have additional reasons to fret about their image just now. Over the course of the past few months, they've been stung by a group calling itself Live Action. In one case, a man and a woman posing as a pimp and a prostitute (yes, shades of the ACORN prank) visited a Planned Parenthood clinic in Perth Amboy, N.J. There, a Planned Parenthood manager coached the couple in how to obtain birth control, HIV tests, and abortions for prostitutes she was told were 14 and 15 years old. The manager was fired, but not before real damage was done to Planned Parenthood's reputation.

As part of the rehabilitation effort, Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards appeared on Joy Behar's show. The Behar show is not on Fox, so of course, it's unbiased and impartial. Here's a sample of Behar's questioning of Richards about efforts to rescind federal funding: "It's illogical what they're doing. Because if you are not going to help people with birth control, you're going to have more abortions. Don't they think of that? So besides being evil and immoral and unethical, they're also stupid!"

In the course of her response, Richards inadvertently gave Live Action more ammunition. "What's going to happen," Richards told Behar, "if this bill ever becomes law, millions of women in this country are going to lose their health care access—to not to abortion services—to basic family planning, you know, mammograms, cancer screenings, cervical cancer..."

Live Action phoned 30 Planned Parenthood clinics in 27 states. They

spoke to clinics in Indianapolis, St. Louis, Atlanta, Lincoln, Washington, D.C., and many other cities. The responses were uniform. Not a single Planned Parenthood clinic that Live Action phoned performed mammograms. "We're mostly a surgical facility" one receptionist explained.

Richards's comments were also highly misleading in another way. As Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., who authored the legislation, pointed out, the bill "does not reduce funding for cancer screenings or eliminate one dime of funding for other important health services to women; the money that does not go to Planned Parenthood as a result of the Pence Amendment will go to other organizations that provide these services."

Planned Parenthood does perform breast exams, which are a form (though, according to the latest research, a dubious one) of cancer screening. And the clinics do provide Pap smears, which screen for cervical cancer. So why did Richards feel the need to lie about the mammograms?

Perhaps because supporters of abortion have always had a difficult relationship with the truth. When debate first erupted about partial-birth abortion, the industry at first claimed that there was no such procedure. Forced to retreat from that lie, they claimed that the procedure was exceedingly rare. When that line was exposed as false, they insisted that it was only performed to save the lives of pregnant women or in the case of severe fetal abnormality. That wasn't true either.

Behar speaks for many when she smears abortion opponents as "evil, immoral, unethical, and stupid." Now there's a moral inversion of the first order: those who justify killing a developing child because his or her life poses a temporary inconvenience waxing indignant and morally outraged at those who oppose such a gruesome act.

When she visited the United States near the end of the 20th century, Mother Teresa pleaded with Americans to reject abortion as "violence."

And so it is. Behar and most members of Planned Parenthood probably think of themselves as non-violent types. They've probably never fired a gun, and they probably oppose most wars. If asked to kill a baby robin in its nest, they'd probably recoil with horror.

Think about that.

Mona Charen is a syndicated columnist, political analyst and author of *Do-Gooders: How Liberals Hurt Those They Claim to Help*.

—LifeNews.com, April 2, 2011



Know Where Your Money is Going!

Listed below are a few of the many corporations which fund Planned Parenthood. Be aware of those whose business you patronize. Write the CEOs to express your disapproval of their support of PP. In future issues of *Lifespan News*, we will list additional corporate sponsors of PP.

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Pearls of Wisdom

Writer Awarded by Planned Parenthood Defends Black Abortions

By Ryan Bomberger

Cynthia Tucker's April 13 column, "Abortion is black genocide. Nonsense of course," is itself the nonsense. She writes from sheer hyperbole and outright distortions. But she's an abortion apologist; it comes with the territory.

Margaret Sanger was an avowed, unapologetic eugenicist and incorporated this racist pseudoscience into every effort of her birth control crusade. It's not some conspiracy; it's documented history. It's as verifiable as Planned Parenthood awarding Ms. Tucker the Margaret Sanger Award last year for her journalistic "advocacy of abortion" and defense of the nation's largest abortion chain.

And yes, abortion is their business, which is why they mandated all of their affiliates to provide abortions by 2013. With \$1 billion in assets, they spend millions in every state on preventing any pro-life protections (waiting periods, parental consent/notification, women's right-to-know, ultrasound, father's rights, clinic standards) in order to protect their largest revenue stream of over \$200 million annually—from abortions.

We have more access and usage of contraception than ever before in our history, yet the unintended pregnancy rate, according to the CDC, has remained at 50 percent for decades. Poverty has only risen since abortion was legalized in 1973; U.S. Census Bureau reports it's the highest since the War on Poverty in the '60s. More contraception has only seen more abortions. Facts matter.

But Ms. Tucker has chosen to ignore the research and resort to something simpler—demonization. In fact, Ms. Tucker's "Maggie" Award was won, in part, by an article she penned deriding The Radiance Foundation's "Endangered Species" billboard/web campaign that led the public to *TooManyAborted.com*. As in the April 13 column, last year's article could not accept the existence of black pro-lifers nor our focus on dealing with abortion's devastating impact on the urban community. What about 60 percent of black pregnancies in NYC ending in abortion? This is the "logical solution" to life that is unplanned?

I didn't realize as a black individual, I had to remain on the ideological plantation. According to Ms. Tucker and other abortion advocates, who regularly spew racial and gender animus, blacks who dare believe in the humanity of the preborn are mere puppets. Pro-life blacks, in their view, are enmeshed in some conspiracy and incapable of thinking for themselves. Now, this is racism.

As much as abortion defenders like mining for it, it's a shame they are the ones ignoring racism where it historically exists while churning out epithets to avoid

dealing with the epidemic of abortion in the black community. Tucker's baseless accusations reveal how little she knows about Dr. Johnny Hunter or many other pro-life advocates who are engaged in their communities helping those in need, unwilling to wait for the government to ride in on a white, black or brown horse (had to make sure I was inclusive).

As one who was adopted and an adoptive father, I know the beauty of possibility and the passion with which people from all races defend human life in all of its stages. It's a favorite talking point for abortion apologists, but I know of few people who are single-issue minded. As if having a singular focus on a human injustice is something to be ashamed of, anyway. Abolitionists had a singular focus to abolish the inhumanity of slavery. Perhaps they should have first worried about housing, health care, job opportunities, and equal pay before they embarked on such a narrow-minded mission.

Eugenics has been the three-corded strand (racism, elimination of the "unfit," overpopulation mythology) that ties slavery, anti-miscegenation laws, Jim Crow laws, birth control and the epidemic of abortion together in an inseparable bind. It is the driving force behind Planned Parenthood's, NARAL's and abortion apologists' relentless campaign to justify abortion no matter the reason, no matter the cost. We saw the disastrous consequence of this pro-abortion radicalism in Philly's "House of Horrors" where abortionist Kermit Gosnell's butchery went unabated for decades thanks to NARAL's silence.

Abortion apologists like Ms. Tucker choose to ignore the voluminous irrefutable evidence of the racism and eugenics that defined Planned Parenthood's beginnings and unaltered course. She chooses to throw out schools of red herrings and make laughable and completely unfounded accusations. Yet she supports those things that offer temporary assistance but cause perpetual dependence—the very cause of 70 percent fatherlessness and single parent poverty in the black community. Perhaps there's just a little too much sheen coming off of her new "Maggie" award to keep her from seeing beyond the shiny empty trophy.

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Many thanks, to all of you who attended or worked on our Mother's Day Dinner and Auction. It was a beautiful evening, and without this dinner and your support, Lifespan would be unable to run our Main Office or our Wee Care program. Summer is almost here, and we all welcome it after the cold, hard winter. But, then again, summer always follows winter, light always follows darkness, the impossible always becomes the possible, hard work and perseverance eventually bring success.

This should be a constant reminder that no matter how hard our work seems, one day we will succeed. So, as summer arrives, let us bask in the warmth of its sun. It is time for us in the pro-life movement to spend a little more time with family and friends and renew our commitment to LIFE.

It is also an important time to plan for the coming of fall and then the darkness of winter. LIFESPAN has many events coming up, and we need to plan during the summer for the fall and winter events. Have you ever asked—is there something I can do to further the destruction of the culture of death? The answer is yes. Lifespan needs your help. It could be one hour, one day or commitment for one event. We need new voices, new ideas and new energy for our events and our pro-life work.

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Please remember us in your prayers, and that God's work is done through our efforts. Have a wonderful summer, and thanks again!

Diane

Diane Fagelman, President

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Covenant Community Care Inc. (CCC) is a nonprofit corporation (501(c)3 clinic), registered with the State of Michigan for the express purpose of delivering low cost primary care within a defined area in the City of Detroit. CCC is a faith-based clinic, following the command of Jesus Christ to minister to the sick. Care is delivered to all, regardless of their religious belief system. Non-emergency medical services are provided on a sliding scale. Qualified medical providers who comply with all federal, state and local regulations comprise the staff of CCC.

The session was held from 12:30 to 6:15 p.m., at one of Covenant Community Care's newest clinics, opened in the Royal Oak area, on Woodward Ave., near 11 1/2 Mile Road, in conjunction with Beaumont Hospital.



Other Covenant Community Care locations include the West Grand Boulevard site, 559 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48216; the Southwest Solutions site, 1700 Waterman, Detroit, MI 48209; and its newest location at 5716 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

Covenant Community Care sees over 2000 clients each year and is supported



by local churches, Christian organizations and interested individuals. In addition, it also receives support and cooperation from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Madonna University, University of Detroit Mercy, Wayne State University Medical School and College of Pharmacy and Beaumont Hospital.

The staff is led by primary care physicians Dr. Lydia Best, M.D. and Dr. Scott Stryd, M.D. Over 100 medical and business volunteers help in the clinic operations.

Seminar Lead Facilitator, Denny Kass, shared that it's important that pro-lifers know about the Covenant Community Care Clinics so that if someone they know with limited resources is in need, they can be referred for medical care to an organization that we have partnered with and know is pro-life.

On the day's events, Executive Director of Covenant Community Care (and seminar participant), Paul Propson had this to say: "Our doctors and nurses who attended were able to learn more about the art of pro-life persuasion and came away revitalized in their efforts to help women make the best choice for their babies."

Groups interested in hosting this Seminar (youth groups, high schools, churches, adult Sunday Schools, pro-life friends, college campus groups) should contact Lifespan's Main Office, 248-478-8878. Speakers for crisis pregnancy center fundraisers, graduations and school assemblies can also be arranged.