

# 20 years of saving lives, helping mothers

From Pam McCabe

In the 20 years since Planned Parenthood opened its abortion facility in Lincoln, we have been blessed by God and your prayers to interact with mothers who at the last minute decided to choose LIFE for their unborn baby.

Through the years, you have read about many of these miracles in our newsletter. What we have seen is that each mother who chooses LIFE is thankful that she made the decision to have her baby. The following are brief stories about some of the mothers we have stayed in touch with through the years. Their lives were not ruined by the baby's birth, as Planned Parenthood and other people tried to convince them. Often times the baby makes the mother look at the chance to change her life for the better out of love for her child.

Trish gave birth to her little baby girl on Christmas Day. The baby was 3 months early and had to stay in the St. Elizabeth's Hospital NICU unit several months. It was difficult for Trish, but it was necessary and her baby survived. As Trish was raising her baby, she went to Southeast Community College and received a degree. She now

has a full-time job that she enjoys! Her little girl is starting kindergarten, and Trish is a proud and happy mother!

Maria was told by her baby's father to have an abortion. In addition, she did not want her relatives to know that she was pregnant and not married. Bravely, in spite of pressure, she made the decision to not go through with an abortion. She needed a place to stay during her pregnancy, which Lincoln Right to Life provided. She broke up with the baby's father and relied on caring sidewalk counselors to be her friends during the rest of her pregnancy. When her little baby boy was born, she was thrilled and proud to have a son. Maria worked at part-time jobs until she was finally able to get full-time work in the restaurant industry. Donations from good pro-life people and the Lincoln Right to Life's Mother's Assistance Fund helped her in purchasing a car. She found an apartment and is now self-sufficient. Her little boy is the love of her life!

Emily had no place to live, no job and a 6-month-old baby girl. Her financial condition and other factors

coerced her into thinking an abortion would solve her problems. By the grace of God she was willing to talk to two sidewalk counselors who offered her hope and help. She was taken to Lincoln Pregnancy Center for an ultrasound and decided that her baby deserved to be born! Lincoln Right to Life, Lutherans for Life and Catholic Social Services assisted her financially. Through Lincoln Housing Authority, she found a nice apartment and finally had her own place to live. Emily is now enrolled at Southeast Community College. The baby, born this past February, and her other child motivate her to finish school and improve her life even more!

“She burst into tears as she told us the story of why she planned to end her baby's life. Fortunately, we were able to immediately take her to a pro-life physician, where 'Ann' made the decision to save her son, 'Julian.'”  
— Sue Johnson, June 2007

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level and called "40 Days for Life."

In January 2002, Don Pobanz embarked on a new career. He attended seminary and became a Lutheran minister. The family sold the home to Lincoln Right to Life with funds made available from generous pro-life community members. The home became critical to our pro-life presence as it gave shelter to many pro-lifers and provided a place to take young women who were reconsidering their decision. Later, a prayer garden was created where Stations of the Cross were donated by Christ the King Sisters. Also donated was a weeping Rachel statue by artist Sondra Jonson, as were benches and landscaping, as well as the many hours given working on the project brought about by Eagle Scout Nicholas Kramer. Cathedral of the Risen Christ Knights of Columbus were instrumental in realizing this project with the help of Knights Joe Bruno and Bernie Kouma.

In 2004, Crabb left Planned Parenthood's employ and Omaha abortionist Meryl Severson was hired. On average, 15 to 18



The Rachel statue adorned the right to life front yard. (Artist, Sondra Jonson)

babies' lives were taken most every Friday on abortion performance day. No other business was conducted on those days.

In August 2007, an ambulance was called to the Planned Parenthood abortion facility for a woman who nearly died of a botched abortion performed by Severson. Lincoln Right to Life brought this concern to the community in an attempt to reveal the danger of abortions. The woman later sued and won an undisclosed amount.

Realizing the needs of the women who enter this facility, Lincoln Right to Life developed the Mother's Assistance Fund as well as Diaper Heaven to meet the ongoing challenges abortion-minded women suffer. These programs continue with the generous support of Lincoln Right to Life members.

“I was working at Planned Parenthood in Lincoln and I was miserable ... I was instructed to mention all three options — parenting, adoption, abortion — so that 'those pro-lifers' would not charge us with being pro-abortion, which was ridiculous because approximately 99 percent of the women always decided on abortion.”  
— Mary Margaret Barnes (pen name), January 1995



Emergency respondents arrive at Planned Parenthood to assist a woman who suffered a botched abortion.

“Those going in to have an abortion know we are there. Those who have had an abortion know we are there. Our conviction stays the same — love and concern for the baby, mother and father. God is with us.”  
— Joan Clymens, August 1996

In 2008, Severson left Planned Parenthood and C.J. Labenz became the abortionist. In 2012, Planned Parenthood purchased a building at 5631 South 48th St., spending untold money on renovations and placed the 37th



Then Seminarian Brian Kane commits his free time to maintaining a prayerful presence during abortion Fridays.



Lincoln Right to Life sidewalk counselors arrive early in the morning to offer loving, compassionate alternatives to abortion.



A single mother stands outside Planned Parenthood with a personal message.



High school students gather in prayer at the Planned Parenthood facility.



Longtime pro-life supporters Jim and Lorraine McGrady pray before the abortion facility.

“What unites us is that we cannot remain apathetic to the killing of the babies that takes place at this abortion facility.”  
— Pam McCabe, February 1996



Holy Hours with a Eucharistic Procession around the Planned Parenthood facility are led by Fr. Jeff Eickhoff.

and South Street facility for sale. In January 2013, Lincoln Right to Life sold the home next to the old Planned Parenthood facility.

Recently, Labenz retired from performing abortions. We have heard that Planned Parenthood is flying in Boston abortionist Nicola Moore two days a month.

During 2009, Lincoln Right to Life initiated a new sidewalk counseling program, following the Helpers of God's Precious Infants method. Founder Monsignor Philip Reilly emphasizes prayer to obtain God's mercy for the abortionist and his staff. It also is a promise of support and assistance to the mother if she should change her mind, and prayer for her healing and conversion if she should proceed.

The current Planned Parenthood abortion facility site has been challenging. The South Street location allowed us great opportunity to speak to the women coming for an abortion, however, the commitment to sidewalk

“We can't emphasize too much the importance of Christians standing up for their faith and witness to life in public. God uses our prayerful presence to change hearts, to convert women and men, and to save lives and souls.”  
— Jack Odgaard, January 2013

counseling and a prayerful presence continues. So long as Planned Parenthood is present in our community, pro-lifers will remain steadfast in their commitment to offering that one last opportunity to mothers in distress. We will continue to offer non-judgmental, supportive assistance as we have done for 20 years.



Lincoln diocesan seminarians gather for prayer in front of the abortion facility.



Bill Fraas drove from Denton every Friday to participate in a prayerful presence. He began this commitment even before Planned Parenthood opened its door by praying in front of Winston Crabb's office when it was on North Corner Boulevard.



Pro-life prayer warriors bear all kinds of weather to present life-affirming alternatives to women with unplanned pregnancies.



Young people join the cause during the annual Life Chain along O Street.



Diaper Heaven is created to assist those women in need. Young people provide volunteer hours sacking diapers and include pro-life educational material.

“I hope that my efforts at the picket have been used somehow in the lives of those who are against us and in those who are for us. Only God knows; and it is certainly in His capable hands.”  
— Todd Bowen, October 1996

# Lincoln Right to Life

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### More than 500 protest Planned Parenthood in Lincoln

More than 500 Lincoln-area pro-lifers joined thousands of advocates across the country Aug. 22 to protest Planned Parenthood's sale of aborted baby parts.



Photos courtesy Southern Nebraska Register



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#### Mother's Assistance Fund

This fund assists mothers who have turned from abortion. Due to your continuous generosity, we are able to provide support to mothers, including those we have mentioned in this and past newsletters. Please use the enclosed envelope and mark it "Mother's Assistance Fund." Your continued support is most appreciated.

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## Poll: Americans say defund PP after seeing videos

A new national poll shows that the more Americans are familiar with the shocking videos showing the Planned Parenthood abortion business selling aborted babies and their body parts, the more likely they are to support defunding the abortion company.

A new Reuters/Ipsos poll found most Americans support taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood, but only for the non-abortion services and not when they are familiar with the shocking videos in the expose of the abortion giant. Overall, 54 percent supported federal funding of Planned Parenthood, and 26 percent opposed it.

After the videos were described to poll respondents, 39 percent said Planned Parenthood should not receive government funding and 34 percent said federal dollars should continue. But 44 percent of respondents who saw the videos said they now have a more negative view of Planned Parenthood, compared with 34 percent who said their views were unchanged.

David Daleiden of the Center for Medical Progress said the videos changed Americans' perception of the health organization.

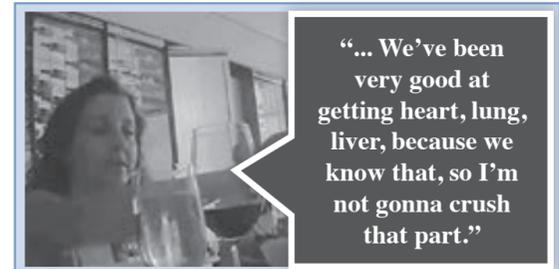
"The poll shows the more the American people learn about Planned Parenthood's barbaric late-term abortion body-parts business, the less they want to subsidize it with their taxpayer dollars," he said.

So far, 12 states have responded to the Planned Parenthood

videos and launched investigations into their abortion and organ-harvesting business, including South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Kansas, Missouri, Arizona, Indiana, Ohio, Georgia, Texas and Louisiana. The Houston district attorney also is investigating after a local Planned Parenthood abortion facility was caught selling aborted babies.

Congress has expanded its investigation into the Planned Parenthood abortion business, and five states have revoked taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood's abortion business, including Utah, Arkansas, Alabama, New Hampshire and Louisiana, and Iowa's governor has ordered a review of Planned Parenthood funding.

— From *Lifenews.com*, Aug. 15



"... We've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I'm not gonna crush that part."

## Life Chain: Sunday, Oct. 4

During the past 28 years, concerned citizens have bonded to create a visible and resolute voice for voiceless children threatened by abortion through Life Chains across the United States. Please bring your family to show your public support during this important annual event. For your street assignment, check with your church. For more information, visit <http://www.lincolnrightrighttolife.org>.



Sept. 23 - Nov. 1 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Planned Parenthood, 5631 S. 48th St., Lincoln

Please consider participating by taking an hour to pray for the unborn and their parents during these 40 days and this critical time before our elections.

Here are some things that have happened nationally in the past seven years of 40 Days campaigns:

- Attracted more than 100,000 participants from more than 4,000 churches.
- 579 cities and 30 nations have been involved.
- 118 abortion workers quit their jobs and 60 clinics have closed.
- 833 babies were saved in the past 40 Days for Life national campaign.
- 10,331 babies have been reported saved since 2007!

If you have questions, please call Matt Tapling at 402-570-5156, email [lincolnrightrighttolife@windstream.net](mailto:lincolnrightrighttolife@windstream.net) or visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)



Every child deserves a lifetime.



Lincoln Diocese Catholic school students participate in an annual Pro-Life Day. Prayer at the abortion facility is a part of their program.



In 2002, the Don Pobanz family sold the home beside Planned Parenthood's 37th Street facility to Lincoln Right to Life. The house provided a base for pro-life activities.

In August 1995, Planned Parenthood of Lincoln opened its doors to abortion performance at the 37th & South Street location. Longtime abortionist Winston Crabb performed the abortions. Lincoln Right to Life began its opposition earlier that year by creating a "Bidder's Bulletin" project that exposed businesses willing to renovate the building, which at that time was called the Midlands Medical Clinic. This is a common Planned Parenthood ploy so that pro-lifers cannot interfere with their efforts and subcontractors will place bids for the job. Fortunately, there were subcontractors, when informed of the true intentions of the project, who walked away. Stone Wood Builders led the remodeling,

however, shortly after the abortion facility was complete, this company was out of business. Lincoln Right to Life began plans to establish a sidewalk counseling program as well as promote a peaceful, prayerful presence. With the assistance of Omaha pro-lifers like Denny and Claire Hartford, a sidewalk counseling effort ensued. The Planned Parenthood abortion facility was located on the fringe of a neighborhood

and, fortunately, the Don and Lori Pobanz family lived just south of the building. This pro-life family was a blessing to the pro-life community as they worked closely with Lincoln Right to Life to maintain a prayer presence and inform us of activities that went on at the facility, even turning down offers from Planned Parenthood to buy their home saying they would not accept their blood money.

As the Lenten season was coming upon us in 2000, Lindsay Niewald, a UNL student, came to Lincoln Right to Life with the idea to begin a Lenten Prayer Vigil. This 40-day vigil would solicit the pro-life community to be present at the Planned

Parenthood abortion facility from Ash Wednesday to Easter with prayer 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The UNL pro-life students took care of the night hours and the remainder was covered by people solicited from pro-life churches within the community. It was a resounding success as hundreds gathered throughout the Lenten season for prayer and fasting. This idea would later be taken to a national

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