

# Lincoln Right to Life

A local chapter of Nebraska Right to Life

## Nebraska Walk for Life

Saturday, Jan. 14

10 a.m. state capitol, Lincoln,  
14th and K streets, north side

Sponsored by:



State Affiliate to the National Right to Life Committee

A brief program will take place at the capitol, then we walk seven blocks to our indoor venue at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Union, 14th and R streets, second floor, Ballroom & Centennial Room for our keynote speaker.

### About Rebekah Buell

Despite facing many challenges, Rebekah chose life when she became pregnant with her first son at 17. Her future looked bright two years later while attending a California university, until her troubled relationship came to an end just before she learned she was pregnant again. Feeling panicked and afraid of losing her parents' support and college dreams while supporting two children alone, she went to Planned Parenthood at eight weeks pregnant to begin a chemical abortion. However, after taking the first RU-486 abortion pill, Rebekah knew she had made the biggest mistake of her life. Miraculously, with the help of a new protocol called abortion pill reversal, a pro-life doctor helped save her baby through progesterone injections to counteract the abortion pill. Although Planned Parenthood told her this would be impossible and would result in "severe deformations," Rebekah gave birth to a healthy baby in October 2013.



Parking is available east, south and west of the Capitol, and in nearby metered stalls and parking garages. Dress warmly and bring the family to this peaceful, legal witness for LIFE!

All events conclude at 1 p.m.

Baked goods are needed for our bake sale at the Student Union. Volunteers will be available on the south side of the building to accept donations after 8:30 a.m. If you would like someone to pick up your donation, call 402-890-0936 or email [nebraskartl@gmail.com](mailto:nebraskartl@gmail.com).

## From the president, Matt Tapling

Merry Christmas and happy new year,

First, I want to share my heartfelt thanks to all of you for a great 2016. We at Lincoln Right to Life were able to support the following programs:

- Two 40 Days for Life campaigns.
- Pro-Life Speech Contest, including the new Bob McCabe Walk For Life Scholarship.
- Life Chain.
- Diaper Heaven, which surpassed 150,000 diapers since its inception.
- Sponsoring the full-length film, "Voiceless," to Lincoln. Our sponsorship allowed 24 showings.
- We relaunched our social media outreach.

These programs allow the pro-life community the opportunity to share our message of hope and healing. Special thanks to the loyal prayer warriors who pray at the Planned Parenthood facility each Tuesday. The stories of the women who change their minds — and lives — because of your presence are truly inspiring.

As we look forward to 2017, we as a pro-life community have reason for hope as the recently elected officials around the country are more pro-life than in recent memory. Our task remains to share the pro-life message to those around us in our circles of influence. The women who will have an appointment in January or February are not concerned about national politics, they are wondering if anyone is willing to listen to their story and offer a pro-life alternative. This is why the LRTL board



Life Chain is among various annual events supported by Lincoln Right to Life.

have partnered with the local UNL chapter of Students for Life in establishing a scholarship to assist single moms who want to continue in school at UNL. This program is being developed to meet a real need for women who have chosen life but need assistance to complete their schooling.

We will continue to look for opportunities to expand our outreach efforts in 2017. The new year will be off to a quick start as we support Nebraska Right to Life's annual Walk for Life, the spring 40 Days for Life and the Pro-Life Speech Contest in April.

We have opportunities for you to participate in the organization of these programs. If you have a calling to do more, or some extra time in your schedule, we would love to have your assistance in delivering these programs to the Lincoln pro-life community. Please contact me or any of the board members to share with them your area of interest.

God bless you throughout this holiday season and 2017!

— Matt Tapling, president, Lincoln Right to Life

## Pro-Life Speech Contest topic revealed

Details for the 2017 Pro-Life Speech Contest remain in development, with an April date to be announced. However, this year's question will be: How would you respond to a person your age, male or female, asking for advice on how they can deal with an unplanned pregnancy?

The event, sponsored by Lincoln Right to Life and Lincoln Lutherans for Life, is open to high school students. Watch for more details in the next newsletter and at [lincolnrighttolife.org](http://lincolnrighttolife.org).

## Diaper Heaven there for families, babies in need



Thanks to your support and donations, Diaper Heaven, 733 S. 13th St., supplies families in need with diapers each month. Other than requesting names and addresses, there are no financial requirements or information necessary to receive free diapers. Please let anyone who needs diapers know that Diaper Heaven is open Mondays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Its location is kindly provided to us by Trinity Lutheran Church.

In November, 1,965 diapers were distributed in bags of 15 to 131 families.

Your financial gifts are needed to purchase diapers.

Volunteers also are needed! Our volunteers assist in distributing diapers to families throughout the day. Substitutes are needed in two-hour increments on Mondays. If you are interested in helping or donating, contact Katie at 402-480-4755.

## Late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart quits

He performed abortions through all nine months

By Cheryl Sullenger  
Reprinted from *LifeNews.com*

Abortionist LeRoy Carhart will no longer be conducting abortions at Germantown Reproductive Health Services (GRHS), an abortion facility in Germantown, Maryland, that has until now provided abortions throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

According to local sources, Carhart's last abortions in Maryland took place during the week of Oct. 30th. He returned to GRHS Nov. 8th, but stayed only a few hours, sending several very late-term patients home without abortions. He left later in the afternoon and never returned.

"The fact that Carhart will no longer be aborting babies in Maryland is something to be grateful for this Thanksgiving. We congratulate our co-laborers at the Maryland Coalition for Life for their hard work that has made this day a reality," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "Carhart's brand of very late-term abortions are morally reprehensible and very dangerous, having taken the lives of countless viable babies and two of this patients. We have worked for years to end this atrocity, and today, Maryland is free from the dangers posed by Carhart."

GRHS, once among the few abortion

facilities that would openly do the expensive third-trimester abortions, now offers them up to 19 weeks.

Carhart located his extremely late-term abortion business to Germantown in December 2010. This move was prompted by the 2009 closure of Women's Health Care Services in Wichita, Kansas, where he also worked conducting third-trimester abortions. His plan to move his late-term business to Nebraska was thwarted by the passage of the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act — the first of its kind — by the Nebraska Unicameral in April 2010, which banned abortions at 20 weeks or later into pregnancy.

While in Maryland, Carhart's risky abortions were responsible for the emergency transport of at least eight women to hospital emergency rooms. In addition, one of his third-trimester patients, Jennifer Morbelli, died in 2013 from complications to her procedure.

Earlier this year, a Federal lawsuit was filed against Carhart for a seriously botched late-term abortion that came close to costing the life of another one of his patients. He also faced the



LeRoy Carhart

scrutiny of the House Select Panel on Infant Lives, which issued subpoenas to him and GRHS for documents related to the suspected trafficking of aborted baby remains and the deaths of babies who may have been born alive during abortions at the Germantown facility.

Carhart continues to operate an abortion facility in his hometown of Bellevue, Nebraska, where he still does abortions up to 20 weeks.

"At age 75 and not in the best of health, we believe it is a great time for Carhart to retire," Newman said. "We pray that before next Thanksgiving, he will make the decision to quit the killing business for good."

## UNL Students for Life welcomes Melissa Ohden

UNL Students for Life is sponsoring a Feb. 22 talk by Melissa Ohden at the UNL Student Union auditorium. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Melissa is the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977. Despite the initial concerns regarding her future after surviving the attempt to end her life at approximately seven months gestation, she has not only survived but



Melissa Ohden

thrived. With a master's degree in social work, she has participated in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence and sexual assault counseling, and child welfare.

In 2012, Melissa founded The Abortion Survivors Network (ASN). It seeks to educate the public about failed abortions and survivors while providing emotional, mental and spiritual support to abortion survivors. Since ASN's inception, she has been in contact with more than 200 survivors.

After years of searching for her biological family and offering them forgiveness for the decision that was made to end her life, Melissa's story, and her life, is so much more than one of survival. Fulfilling the purpose that she believes God set out for her when He saved her from the certain death of the abortion attempt, Melissa is truly a voice for the voiceless.

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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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# Helpers update: Lincoln abortions more than double

*By Jack Odgaard for Helpers of God's Precious Infants*

With the hiring of its latest doctor to perform abortions in Nebraska, Planned Parenthood seems to be getting much more abortion business — at least in Lincoln. Dr. Deborah Turner from Iowa has been on the PP payroll just two months. Her first day doing abortions in Lincoln was Oct. 11. She came for four weeks in a row and then didn't do abortions Nov. 8. But she has now returned to Lincoln four more consecutive weeks.

On Dec. 6, 15 or more abortions were performed at the Lincoln PP clinic. At 10:30 a.m., 28 vehicles were in the parking

lot — two of them had just arrived and left within a few minutes. But the other 14 or 15 above the number of staff vehicles had been there an hour or more. As in recent weeks, no abortion clients left before late morning. None had left Dec. 6 by 11 a.m. The first client arrived at 8 a.m., and Dr. Turner arrived at 9 a.m. It's likely that she continues to do more surgical abortions than chemical (RU-486 pills).

Through the past four weeks, there have been 45 to 50 abortions at the Lincoln PP clinic. A year ago, the number was eight or nine every other week. That was fewer than 20 a month. So, abortions in Lincoln are now more than double that of a year ago. We don't know why, and we won't have the real data for the year until the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services report for 2016 comes out next spring.

We haven't noticed more than an occasional vehicle with a license plate from another state. The number of clients from

outstate Nebraska has gone up slightly. Now there are three or four average per week, where formerly there were one to three every two weeks. So, most of the increase is in the metro area — mostly Lancaster County.

Thanks to those who come to pray and witness to God's love for the babies, the mothers, the workers and the abortionist. Please come and pray the rest of this year, that we may help young women and men, parents and abortion clinic workers have a joyful Christmas by embracing new life in the world.

**"I especially encourage Catholics to pray, peacefully, at abortion facilities themselves — to bring the grace of Our Lord's mercy, and the consolation of Our Lady's maternal love, to places of evil."**

**— Lincoln Bishop James Conley, Southern Nebraska Register, Oct. 7, 2016**

