

In The News

November 19, 2009—Poll Shows Majority Oppose Abortion in Health-Care Reform by Kim Trobee, editor Citizen Link.com

According to a CNN poll, 61 percent of American are opposed to government funding of abortion. What's more, 51 percent said they believed payment for abortions should come directly from the women seeking them. The results highlight the battle that has been raging, first in the U.S. House and now in the Senate, over inclusion of abortion funding in health-care reform.

To read more about this go to www.citizenlink.org.

November 20, 2009—President Obama Again Attacks Stupak Amendment, Back Pro-Abortion Senate Bill by Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com Editor

During an interview with Fox News, President Barack Obama again condemned the Stupak amendment added to the House health care bill to stop abortion funding. Meanwhile, the Obama administration says the President supports the new Senate health care bill that contains massive abortion subsidies.

To see the latest pro-life community news go to www.lifenews.com

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Planned Parenthood Loses Bid to Silence Former Clinic Director turned Pro-Life

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Sometimes the clinic workers may act like they don't hear you, they may never speak to you...but they can't turn a deaf ear to what you're saying. You never know who you're impacting

REPORTER'S NOTE: This report is a great reminder to never give up sharing the Gospel. As Abby Johnson said, though she may have acted as though she was oblivious to the words of pro-lifers, their message of life eventually bore fruit. Look at her now. -

Teresa Neumann

(Bryan, Texas)—A district court judge has denied Planned Parenthood's request for a gag order against Abby Johnson, the former director of a Houston-area Planned Parenthood abortion facility who quit her job following a conversion experience. (Photo courtesy: LifeSiteNews.com)

According to the Bryan-College Station Eagle, District Judge J.D. Langley dissolved a temporary restraining order against Johnson after concluding that Planned Parenthood's stated concerns over Johnson revealing security and business information was not enough to warrant the injunction.

The judge also denied a similar request Planned Parenthood

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directed at the Coalition for Life, the local pro-life organization that started the 40 Days for Life campaign five years ago at the same clinic where Johnson worked.

"I am gratified that Planned Parenthood has failed in its misguided effort to silence its former clinic director," said David Bereit, national director of 40 Days for Life.

Johnson said she was pleased with the court's decision, which opens the door for her to offer more specifics about her work at Planned Parenthood and the reasons she resigned.

Since quitting her job after watching an abortion procedure on an ultrasound machine, Johnson's

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story has received major media attention at a time when abortion has become the central issue in the national debate over health care reform.

While debating the health bill last week, Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) used Abby's conversion story in his floor remarks supporting an amendment to ban federal funding for abortion.

"The truth about abortion that Abby witnessed on an ultrasound machine at Planned Parenthood underscores the fact that abortion is not health care, and it should not be funded in any way by the government," commented Bereit.

Since her resignation from Planned Parenthood, Johnson has spoken on behalf of 40 Days for Life and has joined the campaign to pray for an end to abortion outside her old workplace. She discussed her decision to work with the pro-life movement on a 40

Announcing Zoe's Website

**Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Read All About It—
Zoe Pregnancy Center has now gone live
with our websites.**

We have been blessed with meeting IRapture at the Heartbeat International Conference this year as they have helped us get these sites up and running.

We encourage you to visit our sites at www.myzpc.org for our donors and clients may reach us at www.zoepc.org.

We know the internet is where many people, especially young people, go for information. We felt this was a vital step for Zoe to take in reaching our city with the hope many of these girls are looking for as well as increasing the younger clientele.

Please check them often so you can see and "feel" more of what we do.

Days for Life teleconference Monday night.

"When I saw that ultrasound, not only did I say, 'This is wrong and I will never participate in this again,' but there was a part of me that said, 'Not only will I not participate in it again, but I will fight to make sure women don't have to experience this, that women have better choices,'" she said.

Johnson encouraged the pro-lifers on the call to keep engaging clinic workers, even though their words appear to bear no fruit. "You are in constant spiritual turmoil when you work in the abortion industry," said Johnson, noting that, to a clinic worker, a pro-life vigil is "a constant reminder of the reality that you are doing. Sometimes the clinic workers may act like they don't hear you, they may never speak to you...but they can't turn a deaf ear to what you're saying," she continued. "You never know who you're impacting."

Community Touches

Zoe has been "touching" this city for over three years now and we'd like to share with how we've done that recently. In the months of Aug—Oct we've had -

- 10 new clients
- 21 parenting classes
- 65 EWYL appointments

EWYL is Earn While You Learn classes. This is where our clients can take prenatal and/or parenting classes and each appointment earns them Zoe dollars to be used for material goods such as maternity and baby clothes in the thrift store.

All of our services are free of charge to our clients but we are in need of pregnancy testing supplies as well as purchasing a new men's curriculum and updating some of our older videos. We'd love to have you partner with us in covering these costs with a year end gift to Zoe Pregnancy Center.

The Power of Love

"For God so loved the world..." are the opening words of John 3:16, one of the most famous passages in the entire Bible. These words are extremely powerful, reminding us that God—seeing our condition—has a passionate desire to have a relationship with each of us. As Christmas approaches, this is an incredible reminder of why Jesus was born. It all started with God's love for us.

The love that God showed us through Jesus is why we are here at Zoe Pregnancy Center. We're not here to chastise our clients or frown on their lifestyles, nor are we here to debate them on the issues of the day. Instead, our mission is love.

Our love is characterized by both truth and compassion. The two work together to form a bond that leads toward the Cross of Christ, where burdens are laid to rest and the door to salvation is wide open. This love desires to be a road sign on life's highway, pointing to Jesus Christ and the life He offers.

With love as our motivation, hearts are touched. Those who come in our door are often nervous and fearful, even desperate. Yet when they see love, they find something they want—and need—so much: Hope for their situation. That is why we are seeing lives changed. And that is why we are seeing lives saved.

By any standard, our three years of operation we've had over 350 different clients and about 15% of them have been men. The average age for our client is 25 years and we have more clients coming in for parenting classes than any other service we provide. We help parents by teaching parenting, discipline and coping skills, first aid and life skills. We are surprised by the number of "DAD's" we have in attendance in our classes. Presently, most of our classes are geared toward the "MOM".

As we close this year and prepare for 2010 we look forward to taking another step toward adding a full men's curriculum to our services, possible expansion of the center to serve more clients through increased volunteers and the desire to keep our websites up and running. As you know, financial support will be an integral part of this process.

With this in mind, we ask you to consider a special gift at this time. Every gift will make a difference and every gift will bring us closer to accomplishing great things in 2010. Consider this an invitation to join us—and the entire board of directors—in making a year-end Christmas gift to Zoe. A self addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

