

Roe v. Wade “Celebration”



On January 26, 2012, Planned Parenthood once again held their Annual Roe v. Wade luncheon to “celebrate” the 39th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in America. The Houston Coalition for Life led the protest outside the doors of the event, holding signs to show the truth to all those passing by, even as America’s #1 abortion provider held the chilling “celebration” inside.



March for Life, Washington, D.C.



Several of HCL's regular volunteers made the trek to our nation's capitol to participate in the East Coast March for Life with thousands of pro-lifers from all over! After the March, one of our Programs Coordinators, Dorothy Richardson, was privileged to attend the 40 Days for Life Leadership Training. Way to represent, Houston!



New Planned Parenthood Location Open

On February 9th, Planned Parenthood of the Gulf Coast (PPGC) opened their twelfth location in Southeast Texas on HWY 290. HCL held a prayer vigil on their opening day, and there are still HCL volunteers going to pray at this new location every week.



PPGC has also purchased two more locations in Louisiana. Please keep us, and our friends in Louisiana, in your prayers as we work together to fight the culture of death.



Houston Coalition *for* Life

...ending abortion in Houston, peacefully and prayerfully.

Dear Pro-Life Friends,

As we anxiously await our Savior's birthday and look forward to time we will spend with family and friends it is also the time of year that we are reminded of the many blessings God has bestowed on us.

On the top of my list of blessings are my faith, my family and the incredible gift of working for the Houston Coalition for Life. For me there is a certain instant connection and camaraderie with everyone I meet who is involved in this work, I would call every one of you my friend. This work could not be done without you.

As you know, 2012 is our first full year of having our mobile crisis pregnancy center parked next to Planned Parenthood and with the exception of just a few days we have been there every day they have been open.

With God working through our trained sidewalk counselors and prayer warriors on the street many women are seeking our services.

I am very excited to share our year-to-date numbers with you... We have had 1704 visits to our mobile center! There were 540 positive pregnancy tests, and of those 488 women are continuing their pregnancy. The other visits include 334 negative pregnancy tests as well as repeat ultrasounds and follow-up for our clients. In addition, that number includes visits from those seeking services other than what we offer. We have been able to provide referrals to help connect them to better alternatives than Planned Parenthood.

Through the Grace of God when a woman is presented with the live, real time image of her child on the big screen TV that is the monitor for our ultrasound machine, *nine out of ten women we serve choose to continue their pregnancy!* What a

blessing and privilege it is for us to be present there, especially when you consider the fact that *9 out of 10 pregnant women that enter Planned Parenthood choose abortion.*

We are still very much grounded in our original strategies of educating our city on Planned Parenthood's deadly agenda. We are expanding our community involvement through our speaking engagements, twice-yearly 40 Days for Life campaigns, and many special events. We remain committed to our goal of having a presence in prayer at Planned Parenthood every hour they are open.

Because of your prayers, involvement and financial support, hearts are changing and lives are being saved from the horror of abortion!

I would like to ask that you consider making a year-end donation to ensure we can continue this work. Please know that we are very grateful for whatever you can give. If you would like to sponsor our mobile crisis pregnancy center for a day or more our cost is about \$250 per day.

From all of us at the Houston Coalition for Life I would like to wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and holy and prosperous New Year.

I thank God everyday for the opportunity to do this work and I look forward to seeing you on the street.

In Christ Who Is Life,

Christine Melchor

Christine Melchor
Executive Director



Save the Date for Benefit 2013 - March 7!



Ryan Bomberger's biological mother was raped, yet courageously chose to give him Life. He was once considered “black and unwanted” but instead was adopted and loved, growing up in a loving, multi-racial family of 15, (10 of the 13 children were adopted).

Ryan is an Emmy® Award-winning Creative Professional who has made an impact in the pro-life movement with the bold TooManyAborted.com billboard and web campaign. The Radiance Foundation, a 501(c)(3) founded by Ryan and his wife Bethany, created and directs the campaign. Come hear how Ryan has impacted millions to embrace their God-given intrinsic value!



Thursday, March 7, 2013

7:00PM - 9:15PM

Seating begins at 6:30PM

The Westin Oaks - Consort Ballroom
5011 Westheimer Road at Post Oak Blvd

VIP Reception for Table Hosts
6:00PM - 6:45PM

Walk for Life 2012



Once again, our Walk for Life was as much a party as a fundraiser! We always have such a great time seeing our volunteers and getting the chance to visit with them. This year we set a fundraising goal of \$75,000. But, thanks to the dedication and passion of our amazing Walkers and their donors, we breezed past that!



The final total raised was \$84,740.25! Coming in as the lead Individual walker, Karen Davis raised \$9,840 and won the iPad.



The #1 Team was Our Savior Lutheran, led by Ethelene Marshall and Cindy Wright, with a grand total of \$12,143, winning a table for 10 at our 2013 Benefit Dinner. A tremendous THANK YOU to everyone who participated!



“Big Blue Bus” Update...Meet the Babies!

Our mobile crisis pregnancy center has now been on the streets long enough for us to start seeing some of the sweet faces of babies saved by the grace of God, through your generous support! We’ve even watched a few babies growing up, since their moms return more than once with friends. It’s always encouraging when we see one of our moms, a friend in tow, announcing, “I told her she better not go to Planned Parenthood, but that you could help!”



There is no price-tag on the ability to help save lives, but every day the bus goes out, it costs money. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help support this important work.



To see more “Bus Babies,” join us at our Benefit on March 7!



The #1 walker, Karen Davis, being awarded the iPad! Karen then donated the iPad to the COOL group, helping them raise funds to visit Washington D.C. and March for Life!

Walk for Life 2012

The team from Our Savior Lutheran raised a total of \$12,143.00, from 126 people, which made us #1 in donations! Over \$75,000 was collected for the BUS, so it is funded to park out on the street in front of Planned Parenthood for the next year. The Houston Coalition for Life sincerely thanks everyone for their contributions and dedication to stop abortion.

Thank you!
Cindy Wright
Ethelene Marshall

Those Who Walked for OSL this year...

Marisela & Madison Almaraz, Amanda & Cynthia Crabtree, Sharon Edwards, Linda Greenwood, Debbie White, Diane White, Cristina Lopez & dog, Cindy Wright, and Jim & Ethelene Marshall

The #1 Team, Our Savior Lutheran! Their church family was so supportive, they did a feature on the walkers in their bulletin!

Thank you for the blessing in my life that you have been. Since the day I walked on the blue bus, my life has changed so much. In all ways for the best. I was just days away from being homeless, eating McDonald's dollar menu only once a day, to finding out I was at least 5 months pregnant. I felt like my life was near an end. But with the grace of God, he sent me your way and

A Gift from God

opened doors beyond my imagination. You led me in the direction to Lifetthouse that has allowed shelter and food for the health of myself and my newborn son. Without your blessing, I don't know where I would be in my life and if I would even be a proud mother today. You have touched my heart so deeply.

Thank You God Bless

Soemynn and Darius

Healthy and Happy

40 Days for Life

We were excited to have new churches and groups join us during both the Spring and Fall 40 Days for Life campaigns of 2012. More than once we heard from new prayer warriors that they had not realized how terrible abortion was, and how rampant it is in our city.



Until, that is, they heard about it from the Houston Coalition for Life. Please pray for us as we continue to strive to spread the message of LIFE, until every person in our city takes a stand for the unborn and their families!



At the beginning of the Fall campaign, we were invited once again to join the impressive line-up of speakers at the 40 Days Kick-Off hosted by Montgomery County Right to Life. As always it was an honor to be a part of this fantastic event.

We were excited to release our brand-new 40 Days for Life promotional video, which was then picked up by the National 40 Days for Life team and released in an international email! We heard from many individuals and groups that the video helped inspire them, and we received many requests for DVD copies. One copy was even sent in response to a request from New York!



After the Fall 2012 campaign, God blessed us with the positive feedback of many volunteers, who shared with us that 40 Days had affected them in a profound way.



Here is part of one of the beautiful notes we received from someone who came to the sidewalk as his church family joined us for their first-ever 40 Days for Life campaign:

I specifically remember praying for employees at all levels as they came to work and to perform their functions, that they would become disillusioned and awakened to what they were actually doing in their work. I prayed for volunteers, clean-up personnel, doctors, nurses, technicians, etc.

I prayed for moms to decide to let their baby live - whether or not they decided to keep them - and for there to be a wave over U of H (since it was so geographically close to the location of the clinic) so those who attend there would see the “convenience” of that facility as an affront on their very futures.

It was hard, it was rewarding, it was scary, it was powerful, it was a battle, it was a privilege, it was an appointed time, as well as an anointed time... it was many things, and all at once.

I’m grateful for being able to participate in the fight and to know that in the darkness, I was trimming my wick and making sure that my lamp was not under any bushel basket...

May God bless your work, ministries, hands and feet as you give away what has been given to you!

- Rick, 40 Days for Life volunteer



God used all this to encourage us in our efforts to find new ways of calling people to action right here, in Houston. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would pour out many more creative ideas and opportunities to build a culture of LIFE in our city!