

Planned Parenthood Expansion Update



In 2004, the Houston Coalition for Life (HCL) became aware that Planned Parenthood (PP) was planning a huge expansion. After two years of watching and waiting, we discovered that PP had purchased a building at 4600 Gulf Freeway. We began monitoring the location hoping we would be able to determine when they would begin the remodeling process. In early 2008, we began a campaign to raise awareness among those in the construction community about PP's deadly agenda, and asked them not to

be involved (a list of all the contractors involved in the expansion can be found on our website). PP eventually began the remodeling of the building on November 1st, 2008. At that time we began weekly prayer vigils at the site. PP had announced at the beginning of 2008 that they would



open in the fall of 2008, which then changed to the spring of 2009. But, thanks be to God, they were held off and did not open for business until May 11, 2010, with the ribbon cutting ceremony on May 20. HCL organized all-day prayer vigils on both dates.

Unite for Life - Houston



On October 23rd, the Houston Coalition for Life joined with Pro-Life groups from around the state for an exciting new event: the first ever **Unite for Life - Houston**. The event was chaired by Mary Catherine Maxian, founder and then-president of Healthcare Professionals for Life (a

group which she formed after meeting other healthcare professionals during our 40 Days for Life campaign in the Fall of 2008). Designed to unite and mobilize Houston's Pro-Life community in an exciting new way, the event featured several outstanding speakers, including Michael Mauldin, Elizabeth McClung of the Austin Coalition for Life, and Karen Perez of Silent No More. The keynote address was given by Eduardo Verastegui, producer and actor in the movie *Bella*.



The event drew around 2000 people and ended with a prayerful march to the new Planned Parenthood abortion facility located at 4600 Gulf Freeway.

March of the Surviving Youth

In 2009, some dedicated Pro-Lifers right here in Houston joined together to make a new idea into a reality. Created to raise awareness among teens about the impact abortion has had on their generation, the March



Spring 2010 March

of the Surviving Youth is a peaceful, prayerful march to PPGC's abortion facilities. The teens help organize the March, and have designed t-shirts which they wear during the March. For the Fall March, two-thirds of the teens wore red shirts, and one-third wore black. This was to provide a

visual reminder of the one-third of their generation that was lost to the horrors of abortion.

Fall 2010 March



Houston Coalition *for* Life

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

Save the Date for Benefit 2011- March 3!



We are excited to announce our 2011 benefit dinner keynote speaker, Jason Jones, producer of the acclaimed pro-life film *Bella*.

Film Producer

Jones began his film production career with documentaries promoting human rights around the world. 2006 saw the release of the Toronto International Film Festival

People's Choice Award winner, *Bella*. He was also an associate producer on the eye-opening film *The Stoning of Soraya M.* Metanoia Films, where Jones is a producer, has several films in production.

Mr. Jones will be giving a special sneak peek at our benefit of one of their soon-to-be-released projects! The project, a short film with a strong pro-life message, is expected to be considered at the Academy Awards. Come see the trailer for this exciting new short film!

Humanitarian

Jones' extensive humanitarian work is directed to the human person as a whole regardless of race, creed, or ability. He is the founder of HERO (Human-Rights Education and Relief Organization), a non-profit that promotes human dignity in all stages of life through international education and relief programs. In the fall of

2008, Jason Jones launched the Bella HERO program. The program began with a handful of centers that were recommended by executives of Heartbeat and Care-Net. Bella HERO sent the centers introductory boxes of Bella DVDs and before long the center directors began reporting that this movie was instrumental in saving babies' lives. Within a few months, Bella HERO had 60 participating centers and 22 Bella HERO babies. He is also the founder of Bella On Campus, programs aimed at promoting beauty and truth in culture by featuring free screenings of the feature film *Bella* for college students.

Grassroots Activist

Jones has worked, since the age of 17, in various capacities and positions as an on the ground promoter of human rights. He began his activism by going door to door and since then has appeared on numerous radio and television talk shows; he has delivered hundreds of speeches from coffee shops to stadiums; and has worked on campaigns from the state house to the White House.

**Thursday, March 3, 2011
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**

Fannin Memorial Service



On September 21, we commemorated and honored all of the innocent unborn children who lost their lives in Planned Parenthood's former building at 3601 Fannin, and prayed for the conversion of their families. It was especially heart wrenching when as each year that Planned Parenthood was open in that building was called out, a child born in that year came to the microphone and said: "In reparation for the deaths through abortion of all

my peers who died the year I was born, _____, as we pray that their families find healing." There were many wet eyes in the crowd as they came forward from age 20 to the last one who is still in the womb. Their presence really brought home all of the children who died at this Planned Parenthood and what they would be like now. As each one spoke a dozen red roses was laid at the gate of Planned Parenthood.



40 Days for Life

In 2006, the Houston Coalition for Life was the fourth city in the country to do a 40 Days for Life campaign. Since then, 40 Days has become an international event, with the Houston Coalition for Life organizing seven local campaigns. With two campaigns yearly, (one during Lent and another in the Fall) there are many exciting stories to tell of how God's grace can change hearts!



One of our favorite stories concerns two Catholic high schools. During the Fall 2009 campaign, a priest brought a bus full of high school seniors all the way from Shiner, Texas so they could pray at the old abortion facility on Fannin! This Fall, the same priest returned with more high school seniors. But this time, they weren't just from Shiner—seniors from a rival

school in Hallettsville joined their peers, and this time there were two full buses, and several cars full of people! This is further proof that amazing things can happen when our spiritual leaders move forward in defense of LIFE.



But it's not just here that the numbers are growing. During this year's Lenten campaign, 40 Days for Life internationally counted 167 cities participating, with 200 babies saved through the Grace of God! For the Fall campaign, they counted over 230 cities internationally. In Houston, 25 churches and 9 groups volunteered to sponsor a day,

bringing out a combined total of over 2000 people to stand in a peaceful, prayerful witness on behalf of our unborn brothers and sisters at our local Planned Parenthood. Best of all, the five babies saved in Houston this Fall were some of 788 babies saved from across the world, and these are just the ones we know of! What this means on a bigger scale is that, for the past three years, Houston has been part of a movement which has seen 337 cities participating across 8 countries. Thanks to the witness of over 11,000 churches and groups, 39 workers have left their jobs in the abortion industry and 7 abortion facilities have closed for good. All this adds up to a truly grand total of 3,445 babies saved. God's grace in action is truly something to celebrate!



Inaugural Walk for Life Huge Success!

As Planned Parenthood began their Expansion Project, the Houston Coalition for Life immediately began looking for a place nearby to lease or build a Crisis Pregnancy Center. We know that when prayer and sidewalk counseling are combined with the availability of a free ultrasound to abortion minded women, 70-90 percent change their mind and choose life for their unborn children!



Quickly realizing there wasn't any space available near the new Planned Parenthood location, we began thinking creatively. After much prayer, we realized we were being prompted by the Holy Spirit to expand our strategies to include a mobile Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC). We will park this mobile CPC outside of the new Planned Parenthood abortion facility, which is the largest in the Western Hemisphere.



Our inaugural Walk for Life was held in June, and over 200 Pro-Lifers from all over Houston and the surrounding areas came forward to participate as walkers. When the pledges started coming in, we realized this had become an international project. Not only were Houstonians giving generously, but people from all over Texas, other states, and even Canada were sponsoring walkers to help make this life-saving goal a reality!



Mobile Crisis Pregnancy Center

We are so very excited to announce that our Mobile Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) is nearing completion!

We hope to be parked on the street next to the new Planned Parenthood shortly after the first of the year! In this facility we will offer free pregnancy tests and free ultrasounds to the abortion-minded women entering Planned Parenthood. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave so generously to help make this project a reality, and especially to the talented people at Imagi-Motive, who have done such amazing work on the converting our bus into a CPC.



Unborn child at 24 weeks, as seen on an ultrasound image. 70-90% of abortion-minded women change their mind and choose life for their child after seeing an ultrasound...



The 40-foot motor coach we purchased last July which will be our mobile CPC!



Walls start going up...

The interior of the bus after it was stripped for the re-model to begin



More work finished on the interior...



Framing of the interior, with the hallway on the right.



The talented people at Imagi-Motive, hard at work!



The graphic that will cover both sides of the exterior on our mobile CPC

Meet Imagi-Motive!



In January 2008, Mike Mims, (a deacon at St. Anthony of Padua parish in The Woodlands) teamed up with his son Kevin Mims to open Imagi-Motive, LLC, out of the desire to create innovative automotive designs. Due to Mike's engineering background, he was always looking for ways to improve the things around him. Another of Mike's sons, Robert Mims, joined the team

midway through 2008 and gave the team the ability to design custom graphics for projects and, now, Imagi-Motive provides custom vinyl wraps, such as one designed for our mobile CPC. The company now offers a full range of products designed to customer specifications with recommendations from Imagi-Motive's engineering design team. They have crossed into a variety of industries including tailgating, mobile marketing, convention vehicles, special use

vehicles and, most recently, mobile pregnancy assistance centers. All of the custom engineering and manufacturing are completed at the company headquarters in Magnolia, TX. The company, with the help of Mike's wife Kate (Book Keeper) Robert's wife Becki (Executive Assistant), and David (the youngest Mims brother who helps after school) is family owned and operated, and has completed projects all over the USA.