



# Kosciusko County Right to Life

February/March 2009

## Thoughts from the Director

### January Times Union Ad

Thank you to everyone who participated in the January 24 Roe v. Wade Memorial Ad that ran in the Times Union.

This ad is a great way to show the strength of the pro-life community here in Kosciusko County and to provide some education. This year, we were able to inform people about the Freedom of Choice Act and the effect of abortion on women.

### Save The Date!!

**The 2009 KCRTL  
Banquet has been  
scheduled for Monday,  
September 21.**

**Mark your calendar  
and plan to attend.**

### Stay Informed by E-Mail

KCRTL sends out a weekly e-mail update. If you aren't on our e-mail list and would like to be added, send us a request to be added to [info@kcrtl.org](mailto:info@kcrtl.org)

If you would like to also receive Indiana Right to Life updates, let us know that in your e-mail message.

If anyone has doubts about President Obama's position on abortion all one has to do is look at his cabinet appointments and also see the high expectations that abortion groups have for an Obama presidency.

The following is just a partial list of Obama's abortion-supporting appointments:

**Tom Daschle**, candidate for next Secretary of Health and Human Services. Daschle gained notoriety of his liberal views on abortion when he opposed the partial-birth abortion ban and supported taxpayer funding to provide morning-after pills to public school girls.

**Rahm Emmanuel**, Obama's chief of staff earned consistent 100 percent voting records from both Planned Parenthood and NARAL when he was a congressman.

**Melody Barnes**, picked to head Obama's Domestic Policy Council, previously served on the boards of Planned Parenthood and EMILY's List. EMILY's List supports unrestricted abortion on demand throughout the full nine months of pregnancy and during the process of live birth. EMILY's List's goal is to help pro-abortion candidates that support its positions elected to public office.

**Ellen Moran**, Obama's communications director, left her job as executive director of EMILY's List.

Also, we have discovered that President Obama was given a wish list from abortion groups just weeks before his inauguration. The 55-page document is called, "Advancing Reproductive Rights and Health in a New Administration" and provides a scary look at what abortion providers and supporters like Planned Parenthood, NARAL, Sierra Club,

Feminist Majority, and Choice USA expect Obama to do in the first 100 days of his administration. **To see the complete document, go to [www.kcrtl.org](http://www.kcrtl.org).**

Obama has already begun the effort to make abortion more available. On his third day he signed an executive order reversing the Mexico City Policy which means that pro-abortion organizations will now be able to export abortion to other countries at taxpayer expense.

Buckle up folks, we may be in for a rough ride. KCRTL is not slowing down. With your help, we will continue to fight for the truth and work to educate people in our county and help save the lives of babies and their mothers.

We have several events coming up in the next several months to inform and educate. The Pro-Life Legislative Forum on February 7 (page 2 of this newsletter), and the 3-Day Post Abortion Counseling Training—March 25 - 27 (page 3). We will be promoting Pro-Life T-Shirt Day that will take place on April 28.

Also, we now have information at [www.kcrtl.org](http://www.kcrtl.org) on the Freedom of Choice Act and what you can do to stop it.

Your financial support makes a big difference in what we are able to accomplish. Donations are always slow during this time of year. Please consider sending a donation to KCRTL using the enclosed card or you can go to the website, [www.kcrtl.org](http://www.kcrtl.org), and give a donation on-line.

For Life,

Dave Koontz  
Director

# Pro-Life Legislative Action Forum

*Sponsored by Kosciusko County Right to Life*

**Saturday, February 7**

**First Christian Church**

**115 Park Ridge Drive, Warsaw**

**Corner of County Farm Road and Park Ridge Drive across from Miller's Merry Manor**

**Registration: 8:30 AM    Session: 9:00-10:30 AM**

***Free Admission***

*The forum will feature Congressman Mark Souder, Indiana Senator Marlin Stutzman, Indiana State Representative Jackie Walorski and a state legislation update from Indiana Right to Life lobbyist, Sue Swayze*

**To make reservations or to receive more information, please email [info@kcrtl.org](mailto:info@kcrtl.org) or call 574-267-3481.**

Want to find out more information about the Freedom of Choice Act and what you can do to stop it?  
Go to [www.kcrtl.org](http://www.kcrtl.org) to find out how.

## Friends For Life Youth Camp

High school and college students are invited to a pro-life training camp sponsored by Allen



County Right to Life featuring speaker Scott Klusendorf. Students can learn how to be a voice for life in their schools and communities. The camp will take place on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne from 5:00 pm on Friday, June 26 to 6:00 pm on Saturday, June 27. **Kosciusko County Right to**



**Life will reimburse the \$25.00 registration fee for any student who attends from Kosciusko County.** Call the KCRTL Office at 574-267-3481, for reimbursement information.



The registration fee includes overnight stay in campus dorm room and meals. To pick up a Friends for Life brochure and a registration form, e-mail [info@kcrtl.org](mailto:info@kcrtl.org) or call the Kosciusko County Right to Life office at 574-267-3481. Registration forms are also at [www.kcrtl.org](http://www.kcrtl.org).



## March of Dimes Gives U.S. a "D" on Premature Birth, But Ignores Abortion Link

**Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)** -- The March of Dimes released a report on Wednesday chiding the U.S. for failing to improve premature birth numbers and giving the country a "D" for its performance. However the charity's report includes no mention of the link between premature birth and an easily avoidable risk factor: abortion. The March of Dimes released its first-ever Premature Birth Report Card tallying the progress states have made in reducing premature birth figures. Eighteen states along with Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia all received failing grades and no state earned a top score in the report. Unfortunately, the March of Dimes, in its full length report, never mentions abortion despite the fact that it increases the risk of premature births in subsequent pregnancies and is an easily avoidable factor. In July 2006, a report from the Institute of Medicine, a National Academies of Science organization, found that first-trimester abortion, the most common type of abortion, is linked to an increasing risk of premature birth. The IOM report, "Preterm Birth: Causes, Consequences, and Prevention," is a list of "immutable medical risk factors associated with preterm birth" and "prior first-trimester abortion" is listed third among other risk factors that increase the risk of having a subsequent premature birth.

LifeNews.com - 11/13/08 E-Mail Update - for full story go to [www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com)

KCRTL Editor: For more information on the connection between abortion and March of Dimes, contact us at [info@kcrtl.org](mailto:info@kcrtl.org)

## Senate Will Stop Pro Forma Sessions, Allow Pro-Abortion Obama Appointments

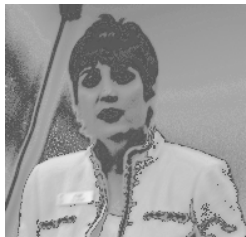


**Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)** -- Now that pro-abortion incoming president Barack Obama will replace outgoing pro-life President George W. Bush, the Senate is expected to end its practice of pro forma sessions to block recess appointments. The Senate has held 30 second sessions every fourth day to prevent Bush appointments. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, who backs abortion, started the practice shortly after Democrats won control of the Senate in 2006. He went as far as to develop a two-year calendar and appointed specific members of the Senate to preside over the pro forma sessions -- all designed to block Bush's judicial appointments. There are no votes taken, no one gives a speech and the entire process of the session is done in less than a minute. But the official meeting took away President Bush's ability to make recess appointments of pro-life judges to federal district and appeals courts. The result is that Bush was unable to temporarily appoint judges the Senate Democrats would not likely approve in committee or in the full Senate. That leaves a large number of vacant seats that Obama can fill with abortion advocates who will be more likely to declare pro-life legislation approved by state legislatures unconstitutional.

LifeNews.Com E-Mail Update 1/15/09 - For the full story, go to [www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com)

## KCRTL to Sponsor Post-Abortion Counseling Training

KCRTL will be sponsoring a three-day training conference to teach participants how to counsel women experiencing Post-Abortion Stress (PAS). The training, led by Kim Olson, Hope for the Heart, will take place from Wednesday, March 25 through Friday, March 27 (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day). The training, which will take place at Warsaw Community Church in Warsaw, IN, is for anyone (professional counselors, pregnancy centers, laypeople, church representatives or pastors) who would like to reach out to post-abortive women.



Kim Olson  
Conference Trainer

The training includes defining PAS, identifying who is at risk, defense mechanisms, the impact of abortions on relationships, the grieving process, and healing tasks for recovery. The training will also include how to start a post-abortion program and making contact with potential clients. Much of the training will cover the use of a Bible study for post-abortive women and instructions on how to facilitate the study.

This training conference has been taking place around the country and the cost is normally \$175.00 not including the cost of lunches. KCRTL wants to make this training as accessible as possible and so has decided to charge a registration fee of \$100.00 per person, and lunch each day will be provided free of charge. The fee will also include the manual and snacks. For more information and to register, please e-mail us at [info@kcrtl.org](mailto:info@kcrtl.org) or call the Right to Life office at 574-267-3481.

Abortion statistics tell of the millions of babies who are conceived but never born. They do not, however, address the other casualties — the women who suffer from emotional and spiritual death after choosing to have an abortion. Many of these women have lost hope and suffer in silence from the pain of their abortions. The hopelessness they feel affects most all of their relationships with family and friends. Through our Abortion Recovery Ministry, Hope for the Heart reaches out to women who are suffering because of past abortions. It is Hope for the Heart's (and KCRTL's) desire to see women and families restored to freedom through God's forgiveness and healing.

## Pressure Being Put on Planned Parenthood Here in Indiana



Rep. Jackie  
Walorski

State Representative Jackie Walorski continues to take a lead role in calling for an investigation of Planned Parenthood of Indiana to determine if child sexual abuse is being properly reported. As part of her call for action, Walorski is also asking the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) to freeze all Medicaid (taxpayer) reimbursements to Planned Parenthood pending the outcome of a thorough investigation.

Walorski's call for an investigation came because there is a question whether Planned Parenthood is properly reporting child sexual abuse in the wake of a video released online which has been identified as being shot at Planned Parenthood's Bloomington abortion clinic on June 24, 2008. In the video, a female claiming to be 13-years-old and late on her period is advised to lie about the age of the father and is given information on how to circumvent Indiana's parental consent law by having an abortion in Illinois.

A second video surfaced showing the same thing happening at an Indianapolis Planned Parenthood clinic (Planned Parenthood's largest abortion facility in Indiana). The video, filmed by 20-year-old UCLA student, Lila Rose, shows a counselor telling Rose, who claimed to be 13-years-old and pregnant by a 31-year-old man, "I don't care how old he is." In Indiana, sexual activity between a child under the age of 14 and an adult is a crime and must be reported to authorities.

In 2005, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the attorney general's office sought the records of children who were customers of Planned Parenthood to determine if child sexual abuse was properly being reported. Planned Parenthood filed suit and eventually blocked access to the records that were sought.

Please take a few moments to thank Rep. Walorski for taking a leadership position on this issue by sending an e-mail to [h21@IN.gov](mailto:h21@IN.gov).

**KCRTL Editor: Rep. Walorski will be giving a report on the Planned Parenthood issue at our Feb. 7 Legislative Forum**

Information in this article was provided by Indiana Right to Life \*\*\* For more state information, go to [www.protectinglife.com](http://www.protectinglife.com)

## Local Student Participates in Washington D.C. March for Life



Ashley Koontz presents petitions to  
Senator Bayh's representative

Ashley Koontz traveled to Washington D.C. with over 100 high school students from the northeast Indiana area to participate in the annual January 22 National March for Life. The events included a tour of the Capital Building led by Congressman Mark Souder and a visit to the offices of Senator Evan Bayh.

Students met with a representative of Senator Bayh to discuss their concerns over President Obama's promise to pass the Freedom of Choice Act. Students presented 5,400 signatures they had collected from people in northern Indiana opposed to the Freedom of Choice Act. Ashley had the honor of being one of the students picked to speak for the group. The students

then participated in the March for Life before returning to Fort Wayne.



Students and Cathie Humbarger, Allen  
County Right to Life Director, meet  
with Senator Bayh's representative

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Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday  
of each month at 7:00 p.m.

# Calendar

### February

- 5 - Pastors' Workshop
- 7 - Pro-Life Legislative Forum
- 10 - KCR TL Board Meeting

### March

- 10 - KCR TL Board Meeting
- 25 - 27 - Post Abortion Training

### April

- 14 - KCR TL Board Meeting
- 28 - Pro-Life T-Shirt Day