



Pro-Life Waco 2010 Year in Review



The tragedy of abortion inflicted by Planned Parenthood in Waco continues. We did learn PP's 1,087 abortions in 2009 was a decline of 18% from previous year.



- **Monthly 1st Sunday Life Chain**
- **Monthly 2nd Sunday Pro-life Gathering**
- **Tuesdays: Rosary for Life @ Abortuary**
- **Thursdays: Project 77 @ Abortuary**

The first Sunday of each month is **Life Chain Sunday** from 2-3 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Mills Dr. and Waco Dr. We hold "G-rated" signs to present the reality of abortion to our community. One sign reads, "Honk if you're pro-life." We hear a lot of honking from thousands of cars passing by.



The first Sunday in October is **International Life Chain Sunday** with over 1,500 communities in the U.S. participating.

For our **Second Sunday Pro-Life Gatherings**, 60-80 pro-lifers come together at St. Mary's Parish Hall for a noon-hour meal, fellowship, and a meeting from 1-2 p.m. for education and action planning. The meal features Italian pasta and meatballs from Chef Giovanni Pisciotta. More about Second Sunday later.

Rain, sun, or snow, we pray a **Rosary for Life** each Tuesday evening at 5:30 in the public right-of-way in front of the Planned Parenthood Waco abortuary (1927 Columbus Avenue). The photo below is one of our snow rosaries.



We pray for women scheduled for abortions, for conversion of those who work for and support Planned Parenthood, and for the closing of this abortion business.

Project 77 is each Thursday morning while Planned Parenthood Waco commits surgical abortions at its Columbus Avenue abortuary. **Project 77** is the name given to this ministry following our spring **40 Days for Life** campaign. One Biblical meaning of 7 or 77 is completion of a righteous task. Defending the unborn as well as their mothers is surely righteous. It is our hope that one day we will have as many as 77 Christians standing publically for the unborn on abortion mornings. Rev. Ronnie Holmes of Church of the Open Door leads this vital ministry.

PLW has an office!

We have engaged in the battle for the Culture of Life for over 14 years. However, we have never had a roof over our head.



This changed in September with the rental of space at 4209 W. Waco Drive. Our modest office is just 15'x15'. In addition we have access to a meeting room and kitchen. The office helps make a statement that we are here to stay, which is more than can be said for Planned Parenthood Waco.

Thanks to donors who helped us furnish the office and a big thank you to a donor who is paying our rent for the first year.



Waco had a terrific 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer, fasting, and community outreach during February and March. This has been a life-changing experience for many who participated, for moms who turned away from abortion, and for those who wrongly believe that abortion helps women. Also, our wonderful children participating found time to chalk many creative pro-life messages on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. On the last day of 40 Days for Life with over 25 pro-life witnesses standing at Planned Parenthood, two moms turned away from abortion and lives of regret and remorse.

Komen Race for the Cure

This is the 6th year Pro-Life Waco has challenged the entanglement of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure with Planned Parenthood in Waco. The Waco Race brings



in a \$45,000 grant each year to Planned Parenthood Waco. Below is the billboard message displayed for six weeks prior to the Race for the Cure on April 24.



Nobody's Fool: An ongoing battle

Planned Parenthood Waco had a new logo for its 21st annual Nobody's Fool. However, the goal was still the promotion of anything goes sex and dollars of profit from contraception,

STD testing, and abortion.

Leading up to the July 21 event, we publicized the links of local Planned Parenthood to **Happy, Healthy and HOT**, a publication of International Planned Parenthood Federation, and the takecaredownthere.org website from a sister Planned Parenthood in Columbia-Willamette (WA). Child attendance (grades 5-9) was around 150. This was the weakest participation in the 21st century. Along with about thirty pro-lifers, Carolyn the pro-life truck also participated in the demonstration.



After Nobody's Fool, we quickly turned to persuading sponsors and underwriters to end all ties with Planned Parenthood. By the end of August, the local franchisee of Shipley Donuts agreed to back away from Nobody's Fool in the future. Then our attention focused on Waco-based Central National Bank. This campaign has included face-to-face discussions, letter writing, and four demonstrations at CNB locations in Waco.



We hope to be able to report to you next year that CNB, other businesses, and non-profit organizations have divorced from Planned Parent Waco.

PP Wine & Cheese Celebration Demonstration

On the evening of Dec. 7, Planned Parenthood Waco held its annual Holiday Wine and Cheese Celebration. While the event was publicized only to PP supporters, we found out about it four days in advance. This gave time to organize a demonstration to greet and challenge PP enthusiasts. Of course, we spoke and held signs in the public right of way.

PLW Director John Pisciotta had a letter printed in the **Waco Trib** pointing to the similarity between Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day and PP surprise attacks on the unborn each Thursday in Waco.

Vote Pro-Life campaign

Central Texas earned some huge victories of pro-life candidates in 2010 elections. We were active by promoting a Vote Pro-Life message. Since we are a 501c3 non-profit we did not promote individual candidates.

Thanks to generous donors we distributed over 300 yard signs and displayed seven billboards across McLennan County.

Our yard signs, which dotted Central Texas, had this simple message:



Some of our billboards featured a white baby, while others a black baby. This is the billboard at our prominent location at the railroad overpass of 17th Street.



KCEN-TV included our billboards in a pre-election news story.

2nd Sunday fellowship & action

The heartbeat of pro-life activism in Waco is Second Sunday gatherings. We come together each month at St. Mary's Parish Hall. During the noon hour we enjoy each other and a festive meal. The education and action planning meeting follows from 1-2 p.m. We review our recent initiatives and plan our next steps. We often have great speakers who inspire and energize Waco-area footsoldiers.



In January, Elizabeth McClung, of the Austin Coalition for Life, spoke on "Revitalizing the Pro-life Movement with 40 Days for Life." As an Aggie coed, she participated in 40 Days for Life at its inception in College Station. Her talk helped launch our 40 Days for Life campaign in the spring of 2010.

It was standing room only when Abby Johnson was with us in July. Abby created an earthquake under the crumbling "pro-choice" faction by converting to our side in late 2009. Abby told the story of her stunning conversion and gave insights into the strategies of supporters of abortion and sexual promiscuity.



Kimberly Speirs came to us in September from Austin's Heroic Media. Her topic was "Media Campaigns to Affirm and Nurture Life." She gave a preview of the billboard, TV, and movie theatre campaign coming to Waco through a collaboration of CareNet Waco and Heroic Media.

Our long-time friend and ally, **Molly White** of Women for Life International was a hit in October. Her topic was, "The Power of Testimony—Changing Hearts and Affecting Policy." Molly gave her testimony of recovery from two abortions and explained how personal testimonies of women are helping win the battle for the Culture of Life.



For November, **Carrie Norton**, director of Aglow International of Waco was a great follow-up to Molly White. Carrie shared her deeply moving personal testimony with abortion. She also told us that being out at the Waco PP abortuary for Project 77 was a healing experience for her.



Joe Pojman is the Executive Director of the Texas Alliance for Life in Austin. In December, Joe gave us a preview of likely pro-life legislative initiatives for Washington and Austin in 2011.

www.prolifewaco.com

Our new & improved website



Check it out. After being on-line for less than 6 months, we have had close to 5,000 visitors to the site. Our goal is to share the story of Pro-Life Waco and be a resource for pro-life activists in other cities.

A special feature of prolifewaco.com is links to over 200 "footsoldier" organizations. A footsoldier organization, such as Pro-Life Waco, battles in a local community to promote the Culture of Life and challenges dangerous organizations such as Planned Parenthood.



Yes, Pro-Life Waco has also entered world of social networking. Mike Hoover manages our outreach on Facebook. Be our friend!

Heart of Texas Fair booth

Pro-Life Waco joined forces with Doel Garcia and Waco Right to Life for another great booth at the Heart of Texas Fair in Waco, Oct. 8-19.

The booth featured large pictures of life in the womb, pro-life and chastity flyers, pre-natal models and the ever-popular yellow balloons with the message "Smile, your mom chose life!" Nearly 4,000 balloons were given to children and made quite an impact on the midway.

On the final day, Ruby McCray led a

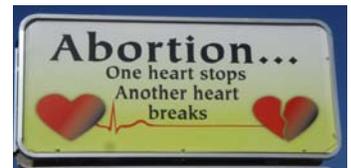
sing-along concert that was the hit of the day in the General Exhibits Building.



More than 30 pro-lifers volunteered to work at the booth. Thanks to all the workers and to Doel for organizing this very effective outreach.

And we do have billboards!

In addition to our billboards for the 2010 election and the Komen Race for the Cure, our varied billboard messages proclaim Gospel of Life messages 24/7. Here are some:



Thank you to all who have

- prayed
- worked
- and financially supported the Gospel of Life in Waco in 2010.

On to 2011!!

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