

# 2007

## Pro-Life Waco Year in Review

### Regular Pro-Life Events



- **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is Life Chain**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday is Pro-life Gathering**
- **Thursdays: Witness at Abortuary**

While the pro-life community of the Waco area is ready to respond to new challenges and opportunities, some events occur on a continuous basis.

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

For **Second Sunday Gatherings**, an average of seventy pro-lifers gather at St. Mary's Parish Hall for a noon-hour meal, fellowship, and a meeting from 1 to 2 p.m. for education and action planning.

**Witness on abortion day** is each Thursday while Planned Parenthood Waco administers surgical abortions at its Columbus Avenue abortuary. Christians from several pro-life ministries stand and pray outside the abortuary. Our hope is to guide women away from their appointments with death and heartbreak.

### March 31 Komen Race supports PP Waco



The 2007 Susan G. Komen Central Texas Race for the Cure was held on Saturday, March 31 in downtown Waco.

Among the almost \$250,000 in local grants, Komen of Central Texas again awarded \$45,000 to Planned Parenthood of Central Texas for mammography and follow-ups.

This financial "arrangement" polishes the image of Planned Parenthood while tarnishing the image of Komen. Why would a foundation dedicated to helping women survive breast cancer partner with the nation's leader in the abortion industry?

Pro-Life Waco continues to educate the public about the unfortunate and unnecessary alliance between the Komen Foundation and Planned Parenthood Waco.

In addition to grants to Planned Parenthood, Komen Foundation also refuses to warn women about the well-documented link between abortion and the onset of breast cancer. Clearly, women deserve to know all about risk factors for breast cancer.

If you want to support women in need of mammography, there are other ways of helping women. Locally, you can send your contributions to:

Hillcrest Health Foundation  
Mammography Program  
P.O. Box 5100  
Waco, Texas 76708-0100

### Ink attack on Life Chain results prosecutions

Just as the May 6 Life Chain was wrapping up, a black SUV came to a stop beside six pro-lifers remaining. The male passenger pulled out two large water pistols and showered the pro-lifers with a mixture of ink and water.

The ink hit clothing and signs of four pro-lifers. Another who was not struck noted the license plate number for the report to the Waco Police Department.

On Friday, May 18, the 20-year-old female driver of the vehicle and the 23-year-old passenger/shooter were arrested, charged, released from McLennan County Jail on bonds of \$1,000 each.

The pair pleaded guilty on July 27 in the County Court of Judge Michael Gassaway. Each was fined \$100, must pay restitution to the ink-stained pro-lifers, and is on 12-months deferred probation.

We appreciate the swift action of the Waco PD and the McLennan County judicial system.

### Waco Planned Promiscuity 18<sup>th</sup> annual Nobody's Fool



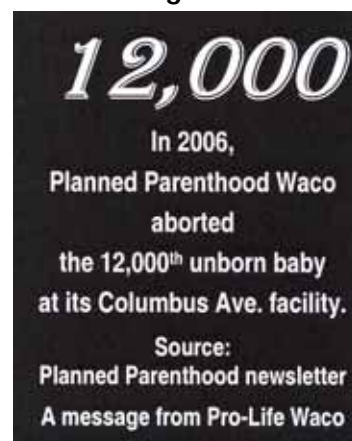
For almost two decades, the Planned Parenthood business plan has included a children's conference to promote their "anything goes" view of sexuality. The Nobody's Fool teen conference took place on Wednesday, July 25 at the Waco Convention Center.

Sidewalk persuaders from various churches and ministries engaged parents to reveal the truth about Planned Parenthood. Several groups with children planning to attend decided to depart when they learn about the PP's heritage of promoting "free sex."

The second pro-life challenge on the occasion of Nobody's Fool was the Pro-Life Waco news conference on Planned Parenthood failure to report underage sex or statutory rape. Over 50 pro-life allies stood with Barbara Myers and John Pisciotta, co-directors of Pro-Life Waco, at the news conference. Two Waco television stations and the **Waco Tribune-Herald** covered the news conference.

The issue of compliance with mandatory reporting of statutory rape has many legal implications. Moreover, there are the minds, bodies, and souls of the children being raped.

### Truth telling in WacoTrib



In July, Pro-Life Waco ran this ad every day for a week in the **Waco Tribune-Herald**. The ad was one other way to expose the grim realities of Planned Parenthood Waco.

### PLW acquires and transfers property to local church



In March of 2007, Pro-Life Waco acquired property directly across the street from Planned Parenthood at Ross Ave. and 12<sup>th</sup> Street from a pro-life friend. The property includes two buildings, each with 1,200 square feet of floor space.

PLW improved the property and dealt with the City of Waco over a condemnation.

The purpose of acquiring the property was to find some other church or organization which would want to carry out Christian pro-life, pro-family ministry.

In September, the property was transferred to a local church. We look forward to seeing the blessings that will flow from their use of the property for ministry in a neighborhood with enormous needs.

## Dr. Alveda King spoke in Waco September 9th & 10th

In collaboration with Priests for Life of Staten Island, NY, Pro-Life Waco hosted Dr. Alveda King in Waco for two an action-packed days.



Dr. King, the niece of Martin Luther King Jr., spoke at the Waco Convention Center, twice at Baylor, and for Pro-Life Waco's Second Sunday Gathering.

As a post-abortion woman who has seen the light and experienced the Lord's forgiveness, Alveda King was kind, engaging and powerful in all her interactions.

Press coverage included the *Waco Tribune Herald*, the *Baylor Lariat*, KXXV and KWTX television stations, KSUR, KBDE and KBW Christian radio stations and the Lynn Woolley Talk Show.

## Pro-life booth at the Heart of Texas Fair



Pro-Life Waco joined forces with Doel Garcia and Waco Right to Life to deliver thousands of pro-life messages at the 2007 Heart of Texas Fair, October 4-13.

The booth featured large pictures of life in the womb at various stages, pro-life and chastity flyers, pre-natal models and the ever-popular yellow balloons with the message "Smile, your mom chose life!"

Children loved to look at and hold the prenatal models as in the lovely picture above.

Thanks to so many dedicated pro-lifers who gave their time and talent for the pro-life booth at the Heart of Texas Fair.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life, Sept. 26 through Nov. 4, was possibly the most powerful outreach in the history of the pro-life movement in America. Over 90 cities in 33 states dedicated themselves to a time of prayer, fasting, and repentance to help bring an end to abortion.

Pro-Life Waco's Barbara Myers took the leadership for 40 Days for Life in Waco.



### Homeschoolers for Life @ 40 Days for Life

The 40 Days brought new people who have become actively engaged in the cause. From toddlers to seniors, dozens stood and prayed in the public right-of-way of the Planned Parenthood abortuary. Many more pro-life friends committed to praying during 40 Days in their homes and churches.

Several individuals, families, and group are continued to pray outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility. This includes the Baylor Bears for Life student organization.

## Planned Parenthood Waco extends to Mexia & Marlin— 1<sup>st</sup> time outside of Waco

In spite of efforts of concerned citizens, Planned Parenthood opened for "business" in two Texas towns. A one-day-per-week clinic now operates in Mexia as well as Marlin.

PP Waco has a contract with the Texas Department of Health to provide "family planning." Of course, we know that promiscuity promotion and referral to PP's Waco abortuary are part of Planned Parenthood "business plan."



This is the graphic on the PP Waco website. PP views their expansion as a major victory.

Residents and local pastors opposed the entrance of Planned Parenthood into their communities.

Elijah Ministries mailed flyers on the Planned Parenthood's agenda and sordid history to residents of both Mexia and Marlin.

The expansion of Planned Parenthood Waco to nearby communities is regrettable. Still, Christian voices have risen up in opposition. As a result, many in Mexia and Marlin have seen the light regarding Planned Parenthood.

Concern and vigilance is needed regarding further expansion of Planned Parenthood.

## Cancer survivor due to adult stem cell treatment

Carol Franz from New York spoke at PLW's Second Sunday pro-life gathering on Dec. 9. Carol's visit was organized by Bill and Jane McBride

Diagnosed in 2003 with bone marrow cancer, Carol received adult stem-cell treatments at Syracuse University Hospital.

Carol is now in remission and looks great. Regarding her experience, Carol proclaims "I want people to be informed and to give hope. No embryos had to die for me to live."



28 to 13

This is not the score for a football game. This is the score on how we whipped the "other side" on the editorial page of the *Waco Tribune Herald*.

Moreover, our letters were so much stronger than those from the defenders of promiscuity and abortion. With editorial pages, we can send of strong messages and the cost is just the time it takes to write. Let's keep writing for life!

## Pro-Life Waco billboards



In support of numerous initiatives, Pro-Life Waco has displayed several billboards during 2007. Current locations are Franklin Ave approaching 16th Street, 17th Street at top of railroad overpass, and 18th Street just south of Waco Drive.

The billboards above and below are two examples. More to come in 2008!!

