



Pro-Life Waco 2011 Year in Review

The tragedy of abortion inflicted by Planned Parenthood in Waco continues. **There were 1,094 abortions in 2010**—virtually unchanged from the previous year. Total unborn babies lost to abortion since 1994 has surpassed 18,000.



- **Monthly 1st Sunday Life Chain**
- **Monthly 2nd Sunday Pro-life Gathering**
- **Weekly Rosary for Life**
- **Project 77 Challenge to Abortion**

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 display the reality of abortion to the Waco community. "Honk if you're pro-life" is one sign. We hear a lot of honking from cars passing by. For October, we joined **International Life Chain Sunday** with over 1,500 other communities worldwide.

For our **Second Sunday Pro-Life Gatherings**, 60-100 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 uses the real Italian recipes from the mother of our Chef Giovanni Pisciotta.

We gather to pray the **Rosary for Life** in the public right-of-way in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility (1927 Columbus Ave.). Beginning Jan. 2, 2012, the rosary will be at 5:30 p.m. each Monday—the day of surgical abortions.

Project 77 is our name for outreach to save help save lives and souls on the abortion days in Waco. With disarray inside Planned Parenthood this day changes from time to time and is currently Mondays. One Biblical meaning of 7 or 77 is completion of a righteous task. Defending the unborn, along with their their mothers is surely righteous. Rev. Ronnie Holmes of Church of the Open Door leads this vital ministry.

Planned Parenthood Austin takes over Planned Parenthood Waco



Planned Parenthood Waco has become the Waco branch of Planned Parenthood Austin. On July 7, the *Waco Tribune Herald* reported that the embattled Planned Parenthood Waco would be absorbed into Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region.

Austin immediately assumed management of the Waco operation. The Planned Parenthood

Waco CEO was demoted to "Director of Community Affairs."

Local Planned Parenthood officials tried to be upbeat about the transition. The reality is that since the launch of their abortion business in 1994, Planned Parenthood Waco brought about its own demise—along with the demise of 18,000 unborn babies.

Austin Planned Parenthood will attempt to resuscitate an organization dying because a growing number of pro-life Christians continue to challenge the demise of the little ones and the promotion of sexual promiscuity.

After the takeover was announced, no surgical abortions were performed in Waco for a month. Planned Parenthood Austin now supplies the abortionist who drives to Waco each Monday to commit abortions.

Pro-Life Waco leads challenge to Austin Planned Parenthood "Celebration of Choice"



For the first time, Pro-Life Waco went outside of McLennan County to lead a demonstration. The occasion was the Planned Parenthood Austin annual "Celebration of Choice" banquet on November 6. We went to Austin because their Planned Parenthood is now running a branch in Waco.

Pro-lifers from McLennan, Bell, Williamson, and Travis counties came together for the challenge at the entrance to the Renaissance Austin Hotel. The Austin "pro-choice" elite were not happy about our greeting.

We were about 20 demonstrators—most from the Austin area. Our collaborators from "down south" were vital in rattling Planned Parenthood's cage. In particular, Lynn Williams worked hard to promote the demonstration.

The event featured "Carolyn", our pro-life billboard truck.

After the demonstration, we went to a nearby Greek restaurant for a meal and time for visiting. We shall return as long as Austin Planned Parenthood is meddling in Waco.



Nobody's Fool: continues downward spiral

Our decades-long confrontation with Planned Parenthood's Nobody's Fool youth conference reached its highest and most

successful level in 2011. The event was August 3 at the Waco Convention Center.

Less than 100 children attended (compared to as many as 500 in the 1990s). This indicates the extent to which Planned Parenthood's community acceptance continues its downward plunge.



Following months of demonstrations, letters, and e-mails, sponsorship for Nobody's Fool virtually collapsed. Major sponsors on prior-year Nobody's Fool flyers that disappeared in 2011 included: Central National Bank, Shipley Donuts, Wolf Manufacturing, Cargill Meat Solutions, Camp Fire Tejas Council, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Talitha Koum, Seventh & James Baptist Church and Central Presbyterian Church.

We contested Nobody's Fool with seven billboards, over 200 yard signs, 10 ads in the *Waco-Tribune Herald* and "Carolyn" the pro-life billboard truck.

The *Waco Tribune Herald* printed seven letters to the editor on Nobody's Fool, along with dueling editorials by John Pisciotta of Pro-Life Waco and Felicia Goodman, the local head of Planned Parenthood Waco.

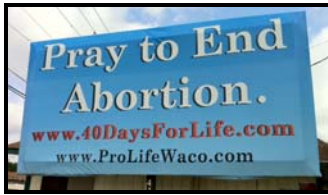
After our Nobody's Fool demonstration at the Waco Convention Center we migrated to St. Mary's Parish Hall to host a presentation by Abby Johnson. Abby's autobiography and exposé of Planned Parenthood is entitled **unPlanned**. Drawing on her years inside Planned Parenthood in Bryan, Texas, Abby unmasked the agenda of Planned Parenthood for encouraging children to become sexually active.

Chastity theme for Franklin Ave. Billboard



Billboards are a major part of our pro-life outreach. This message presents a subtle chastity theme. We hope to place more emphasis on promoting chastity in 2012.

New near PP's Ross Facility



For the first time, beginning in June, we displayed a pro-life billboard message near the Planned Parenthood Ross Avenue facility. While surgical abortions are not committed here, this is the location of most client interactions and also abortion marketing.

"Hope House" opens next door to PP's Columbus Ave. abortion facility



Our June 2 unveiling of Hope House next door to the Columbus Avenue abortion facility rocked the world of Planned Parenthood Waco. The *Waco Tribune Herald* and all four local television news divisions covered the event with positive stories.

The visual display of the about seventy pro-lifers including many children was splendid. At our news conference, three women gave powerful testimonies of experiences with abortion. The news conference ended with the moving personal testimony about an abortion administered by Planned Parenthood soon after this devastating business was opened 1994.

A benefactor arranged the lease and paid the rent on Hope House. Subsequently, the home was purchased by a young couple that intends to use the home for pro-life outreach.



Waco--along with 250 cities worldwide--engaged in "40 Days for Life" from March 19 through April 17. The closing rally was at Rachel's Park Memorial.



The main focus of 40 Days for Life was public prayer outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 1927 Columbus Avenue during their hours of operation.

We cannot know the full impact of prayers. We experienced the joy of seeing some

abortion-minded moms turn from death to life for their little ones. The vigil was also a positive experience for all who participated.

The prayer vigil was amplified by 40 Days for Life billboards, yard signs, t-shirts, bracelets, and along with sidewalk chalk.



40 Days for Life was organized and led by Mike Hoover.

A special thanks to the leadership and members of St. Mary's Church in West for their prayerful presence for the full day each Wednesday of 40 Days for Life. They called this participation "West Wednesday."

40 Days for Life will happen again in 2012 coinciding with Lent (beginning Feb. 22).

2nd Sunday fellowship & action

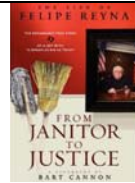
Our Second Sunday gatherings continue to be the heartbeat of pro-life movement in Waco. It all happens at St. Mary's Parish Hall. During the noon hour, we enjoy a meal and fellowship. For the action planning meeting from 1-2 p.m., we hosted the following speakers who educated and inspired us.



Frank Beckwith, Baylor Professor of Philosophy, on responding to pro-choice arguments.



Lauren Muzyka, of 40 Days for Life speaking on how to deliver a 40 Days for Life campaign.



Retired Texas Court of Appeals Judge, Felipe Reyna on pro-life themes in his autobiography.



Joe Pojman, CEO of Texas Alliance for Life, on major pro-life advances in Texas legislation.



Michael Foley, Baylor Professor of Patristics, on how the early Christians lived out the Culture of Life.



Josh Tetens, Waco attorney, on pro-life commitment in his campaign for State Representative.

Pro-Life Waco on the www

Our web site is www.prolifewaco.com Check it out for more on the activities of Pro-Life Waco and also links to the websites of over 200 pro-life footsoldier organizations nationwide. We have had the site for less than two years and have had 12,000 visitors.

In August, we launched a special web site www.plannedpromiscuity.com This site exposes the sordid reality of how Planned Parenthood promotes child promiscuity. The site simply reveals Planned Parenthood's own print and video publications from their

international, national and local affiliates of the Planned Parenthood empire.



Mike Hoover continues to manage and grow Pro-Life Waco's Facebook presence. We now have over 700 friends socially interacting. Have you become our friend?

Heart of Texas Fair booth



Doel Garcia organized and led another great booth at the Heart of Texas Fair in Waco, Oct. 7-15. Doel is pictured above filling the ever popular balloons with the message "Smile! Your mom chose life."

The booth featured large pictures of life in the womb, pro-life and chastity flyers, prenatal models, t-shirts, and precious feet pins.

Close to 40 pro-lifers volunteered to work at the booth. Thanks to all for bringing such positive messages to the people of all ages and all walks of life in our community.

Pro-Life Properties created

The name is Pro-Life Properties (PLP). This is a new tool in the battle against abortion. While the start-up is in McLennan County (Waco), Dr. Ron Bryce of Red Oak, Texas plans for the initiative to spread across Texas and the nation. The creation of PLP was the topic of a major news story July 17 in the *Waco Tribune Herald*.

Pro-Life Properties acts as a typical homeowners' association. But instead of setting up neighborhood rules, the purpose is to help property owners declare that real estate is off-limits to abortion or abortion counseling. This is achieved through legal documents that forbid use of property for abortion-related activity.

The cost for placing your home or business under the protection of PLP is just \$300. Half is for legal and filing fees. Thanks to the good Dr. Bryce, the other half is donated to Pro-Life Waco to expand its work for the Gospel of Life.

There is no charge for property protection for churches and religious organizations. Support is available if \$300 is a hardship.

Please contact Pro-Life Waco if you would like to explore bringing your real estate into Pro-Life Properties.

Thank you to all who have

- prayed
- worked
- and financially supported the Gospel of Life in Waco in 2011.

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