



Pro-Life Waco 2013 Year in Review



In 2013, God blessed the Waco pro-life movement with two huge victories!

- The suspension of abortions at Waco Planned Parenthood.
- The termination of the Nobody's Fool annual "sex ed" conference for Waco children.

PP suspends abortions in Waco!

Planned Parenthood's abortion business in Waco has been "suspended" since the end of August 2013! Planned Parenthood Waco is not committing abortions at 1121 Ross Avenue. **HOWEVER**, Planned Parenthood intends to remain open at Ross Ave. to arrange abortions at other locations, provide birth control, deal with STDs, promote promiscuity, etc. So, we can offer two cheers—but definitely not three.

Amid widespread community opposition, Planned Parenthood Waco began abortions on January 10, 1994. In 2000, chemical abortions were added to surgical killing. In its nearly 20-year reign of terror, Planned Parenthood killed close to 20,000 innocent baby boys and girls.

In 2013, Pro-Life Waco soared to new levels for the mission to end abortion in our city. Our sidewalk-counseling ministry almost doubled. The goal was to divert moms from PP to CareNet. Radio ads were aired on KBW Christian radio and secular radio. We displayed more billboards than ever—one just 200 feet from PP. Our newspaper escalation included a quarter-page color ad showing the yearly death toll at the hands of Planned Parenthood Waco. Space does not permit mentioning more actions.



Pastor Ronnie Holmes leads prayer at Ross Ave. PP

After being closed for two months, Planned Parenthood finally announced on Halloween that its abortion business in Waco was closed. They claim this resulted from the Texas HB2 law that required an abortionist have admitting privileges to a hospital within 30 miles of the abortion facility. However, this does not explain why they had closed in August. Planned Parenthood stated they may reopen for abortions in Waco if federal courts strike down key provisions of HB2.

I do not expect abortions to resume in Waco. I do expect Planned Parenthood to try to remain open for non-abortion "services", which are so threatening to our children and our community. **Pro-Life Waco will intensify outreach in 2014 with the goal of achieving full closure of Planned Parenthood.** Three years ago Planned Parenthood operated four separate "clinics." Three are now closed and abortions are suspended! Thank you to all who prayed, worked, wrote, encouraged, donated, etc. to bring these results.

Pro-Life Waco is a 501c3 non-profit.
Contributions are tax deductible.

Your financial support is vital for 2014.

Planned Parenthood abortions may be ended in Waco. PLW continues the battle for life & to close Planned Parenthood completely.

This we owe to our children & grandchildren. All donations go directly to outreach for life—none to wages or salaries.

PLW, 4200 Grim Ave., Waco, TX 76710

PP pulls plug on Nobody's Fool!



Planned Parenthood Waco "aborted" the 23-year run of Nobody's Fool as reported on April 12 by KWTX-TV. Nobody's Fool was a one-day summer sex-ed program marketed to children entering grades 5 through 9.

Nobody's Fool was the first Planned Parenthood program of its kind in the U. S. Planned Parenthood in Waco regarded Nobody's Fool as its hallmark achievement.

For two decades, pro-lifers worked to shine the light on Nobody's Fool. Pro-Life Waco created a website,

www.plannedpromiscuity.com, to expose the reality of Planned Parenthood "sex education."

The shuttering of Nobody's Fool came on the heels of our campaign to convince the Waco YMCA to disinvite a Planned Parenthood speaker from YMCA's April 6 Girl's Day 2013. YMCA leadership capitulated in less than 48 hours.

Strategies for the annual challenge to Nobody's Fool included yard signs, billboards, the billboard truck, letters to the editor, radio ads, and dozens of pro-lifers at the Waco Convention Center site. Some held signs. Others counseled parents to turn away. This frequently succeeded. In one case, a mom turned from her intended child drop off to holding a sign in our demonstration.

In 2009, Pro-Life Waco first unveiled its iconic billboard truck at Nobody's Fool. Nobody's Fool was frequently the occasion of a press conference to expose some facet of the reality of Planned Parenthood. For the Fool conference's dying gasp in 2012, Monica Cline of Cedar Park delivered a press conference. Cline was a Nobody's Fool instructor in 2008 and 2009 prior to her conversion.

The height of Nobody's Fool tension came in 2004 when Pro-Life Waco launched a boycott of Girl Scout cookie sales. Waco's

Bluebonnet Girl Scout Council sponsored Nobody's Fool for several years. The boycott exploded into a national story—resulting in features on NBC's Today Show, O'Reilly Factor, CBN's 700 Club, etc. Following a two-week torrent of controversy, the Waco Girl Scout affiliate cut all ties with Planned Parenthood Waco.

The demise of Nobody's Fool was not a total surprise. Pro-Life Waco counted just 65 youths entering the Waco Convention Center in 2012. Planned Parenthood claimed that past yearly attendance reached over 500.

Waco "Blues" invade Austin for HB2 legislative battle

Planned Parenthood Waco's abortion facility is closed. Most likely, this would not have happened in 2013 without the leadership in Austin to enact the HB2 pro-life law. We did our part by putting on our **blue shirts** and carpooling to Austin to help show that Texans Stand4Life. I got so excited about this legislative battle that I entered the Twitter world as @wacoprolifer.



Let's head south on Interstate 35!

Our biggest presence in Austin was on Tuesday, July 9 when the Texas House passed HB2 in the second Special Session. We were part of the overwhelmingly blue House Gallery. Our Representative Doc Anderson called the following day to thank us for showing our pro-life colors. What a tremendous pro-life, pro-family collaboration we have in the great state of Texas!

Best little pro-life fair booth in Texas

October is Respect Life Month and also the time for the Heart of Texas Fair in Waco. Under the leadership of Doel Garcia, PLW delivered another pro-life booth. Smiling children received over 2,000 "Choose Life" balloons. Thousands of fairgoers enjoyed the materials, photos, and models of life in the womb. Dozens of pro-lifers enjoyed working at the booth. How is that for a win-win experience?

With materials distributed, beautiful visuals of preborn life, and many conversations, the pro-life booth sows seeds of respect and support for the preborn and their moms.

"Carolyn" gets new messages

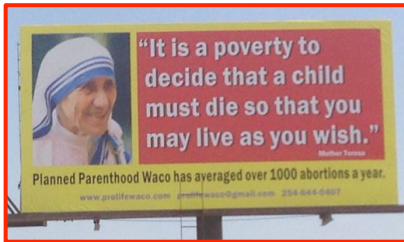
"Carolyn" the pro-life billboard truck has been stationed at the battlefield for the challenges to abortion and promiscuity in Waco. In 2013, we had attention-getting, hand-painted messages applied to the truck.



John Pisciotta and the one-and-only Carolyn Knowles stand by the freshly-painted truck.

Billboards at every turn

Another way PLW reaches out to promote the Gospel of Life is pro-life billboards. Here are two of our best for 2013:



Second Sunday Pro-Life Gathering: More & Better

The central organizing and motivating event of Pro-Life Waco is Second Sunday Pro-Life Gathering at St. Mary's Parish Hall. In September, we recognized the 13-year anniversary of Second Sunday.

We begin each Second Sunday with a noon hour meal prepared under the direction of Chef Giovanni. With attendance growing from less than 20 in the early years to over 80, that's a lot of pasta and meatballs.

An education and action-planning meeting follows from 1 to 2 p.m.

We had several outstanding speakers:

March: Joe Pojman, Executive Director of Texas Alliance for Life in Austin, provided a preview of the year's pro-life legislative game plan. Wow! Joe's leadership in Austin made a huge difference. Anyone heard of the HB2 law?

April: Ray and Elizabeth Felderhoff delivered an introduction and overview of Natural Family Planning. The Felderhoffs are NFP teachers. Contact them at 512-203-3848.

June: Deborah McGregor, CEO of CareNet

Pregnancy Center of Central Texas, gave an update on this compassionate and dynamic ministry of the pro-life movement.

July: Rachana Chhin spoke on "Lesson's from a Short Journey in the Pro-Life Movement." Rachana is a past president of Baylor Bears for Life, a current law student at St. Thomas University (St. Paul, MN), and was a summer intern at Texas Alliance for Life.

September: Jim Sedlak, Vice-President of American Life League of Stafford, Virginia. Jim spoke about ways to challenge Planned Parenthood, drawing on his decades-long experience researching this pernicious organization. Jim Sedlak provided guidance to Pro-Life Waco from its inception.

October: Brandi Dudley of Tyler and Silent No More Awareness delivered her moving testimony on the impact of abortion on her life and a passionate encouragement for healing outreach to post-abortive women.

THRIVE!

Thrive! is a Christian sex education outreach launched with great success in 2012. In Waco, **Thrive!** is a collaboration among the Catholic Diocese of Austin, St. Louis Church, and CareNet Pregnancy Center of Central Texas. Two types of programs have been offered: first for adults in nurturing relationships with children and also directly for youths.

In 2013, **Thrive!** delivered an outstanding youth program the evening of December 6 at St. Louis Church. The chastity speaker was Matt Fradd, a colleague of Jason Everett who delivered the program in 2012.

Pro-Life Waco has assisted **Thrive!** with fundraising and promotion.

A "Greeting" for President Obama on Austin visit

With much fanfare, President Obama toured Austin on May 9 to promote his economic policies. Pro-lifers from Austin and Waco hastily put together a demonstration for Obama's first stop at Manor New Tech High School. A dozen pro-lifers from Austin and Waco delivered powerful messages.



Maureen Adams and Morgan Moranda

In addition to the **Austin American Statesman**, KEYE TV coverage included an interview of Austin pro-lifer Susan Parker.

We ended with a high-spirited Mexican luncheon in beautiful downtown Manor, Texas.

28 Letters to the Editor

The editorial page of the **Waco Tribune Herald** is a battleground on life issues. Our side is so effective at the keyboard and with our

pens. Many of our letters were strong responses to pro-abortion editorial opinions. For every letter printed, about two were not. Let's persist. Keep writing for life in 2014.



When it is spring or Lent, it is time for the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood in Waco. We are proud to have been among the first to sign up for the first national 40 Days for Life in 2007.

40 Days for Life will be back in 2014 beginning March 5.

With the end to abortion in Waco, 40 Days for Life takes on increased importance. Our mission now is to work for the closing of Planned Parenthood in its entirety. Our prayers and public witness help proclaim that Planned Parenthood is not welcome in Waco.

Challenge to PP Gala in Austin

35 pro-lifers assembled on November 10 along Arboretum Blvd. for a demonstration to "greet" those attending the annual fundraising banquet of Planned Parenthood Austin. This was the third year pro-lifers from the Austin and Waco areas convened near the Austin Renaissance Hotel to let Planned Parenthood know that abortion and promotion of promiscuity will be vigorously challenged.



John Pisciotta of Pro-Life Waco led the contingent from Waco. Susan Parker and Lynn Williams organized the energized participation from greater Austin. The enthusiastic demonstration began at 4:30 p.m. and transitioned at 6 p.m. to a meal and fellowship at a nearby restaurant.

The demonstration drew TV news coverage from Austin Fox 7 and on the Austin cable public access channel on Thanksgiving Day.

PLW on the web

Our main web site is www.prolifewaco.com

We have a special web site

www.plannedpromiscuity.com This exposes the sordid reality of Planned Parenthood.

Our youtube channel is

www.facebook.com/groups/prolifewaco

Pro-Life Waco has a Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/prolifewaco

You can see several of our photo albums at

www.flickr.com/photos/prolifewaco

Thank you to all who have

- prayed • worked • and financially supported the Gospel of Life in Waco in 2013.

On to 2014!!

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