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county fairs, church events, pro-life events, the IRTL Book Sales, Post Abortion Facilitator Training and more.

“The grassroots are hungry for ways to get involved,” said Bowen. “When I cross paths with pro-lifers and I ask them if they would like to volunteer, no one has turned me down.”

Bowen also spearheaded IRTL’s outreach to the younger, media savvy generation on Facebook and Twitter. IRTL’s Facebook page currently has more than 1,100 “fans”, with dozens of people joining each week. This has been a successful new channel to increase volunteers and donors.

Her name might not be familiar to some, but her soft-tone phone voice, as comfortable as a baby’s blanket, is unmistakable to anyone who has called into the IRTL office. But don’t let that soft voice fool you. The 37 year-old Buffalo, New York native has a will of iron.

“Planned Parenthood’s preying on women for profit in Iowa must stop,” said Bowen. “Iowa Right to Life will continue to expose Planned Parenthood of the Heartland’s brazenly unsafe path of initiating RU-486 (abortion pill) abortions without a doctor on site.”

It was a tough legislative session for pro-lifers, but Bowen believes the future is bright.

“We have strong pro-life legislators younger than me,” she laughed. “We will work hard to elect more like Matt Windschitl,

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New Executive Director Is Social Media and Counseling Expert

DES MOINES—April 30, 2010— Iowa Right to Life has selected an experienced counselor and social media aficionado as its next Executive Director.

“My number one priority will be to grow our grassroots base,” said Jenifer Bowen, “Iowans are fired up in this election year.”

Bowen knows her grassroots. In the past three years working as an IRTL administrator, Bowen has traveled across Iowa and had a great deal of face time with the public. Feedback from the people she met led her to update and expand IRTL’s distribution and sales of educational materials at

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Planned Parenthood Closes Two Locations in Iowa

Adds Abortion Services Across from Ankeny High and 6 other locations

DES MOINES—Planned Parenthood has recently closed its doors in Monticello and Wapello.

But don’t let that fool you, because Iowa’s largest abortion processor is expanding abortions to Planned Parenthood locations in Iowa that did not offer them before.



Drake University students protest opening of the Susan Knapp Planned Parenthood in 2007. The location is now an abortion center.

At least seven locations listed on Planned Parenthood’s website as offering, “Abortion Referrals” have now changed to “Abortion Services” locations. These include Ankeny, Creston, the Susan Knapp Center near Drake University in Des Moines, Knoxville, Red Oak, Spencer and Storm Lake.

If you thought that Planned Parenthood opened in Ankeny within steps of Ankeny High to provide teenagers with birth control, think again. It appears the plan was all along to lure teens for RU-486 abortions.

RU-486 abortions are more profitable for Planned Parenthood than surgical abortions,

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Pro-life Team Taking Shape at Iowa Statehouse

DES MOINES—Exciting things are taking shape for life causes in the Iowa legislature.

The 2008 Elections brought in a crop of young, new pro-life legislators who are on fire. They hit the ground running and even with the odds stacked against them, kept coming back with new pro-life bills again and again.

Throw into the mix a host of seasoned legislators, who have been making us proud for years, and a promising election year—the future is bright!

IRTL often publishes votes and surveys, but in this issue we wanted to show you some of the faces of legislators who sponsored pro-life bills in the Iowa House and Senate this session and details on the legislation they were fighting for.

These are not all the pro-life legislators. There are very strong pro-lifers, who were not bill sponsors, who are very consistent in their support for life. There are also a few sponsors, who are not always for life, but we appreciate them when they are.

These bills did not pass this session, because the current make-up of the Iowa Congress is tipped against us. But we want you to see the possibilities of how much good will be accomplished if we have a pro-life governor and we re-take the House and Senate this fall.

We included the bill numbers (SF=Senate; HF=House) so you can look up and read these bills at: www.legis.state.ia.us/Legislation.html

Once again, these pictured here are bill sponsors. There are more pro-life legislators in the Iowa Legislature not pictured, to whom we are grateful for pro-life votes and dedication to life issues.

Ban on Federal Health Care Funds for Abortions in Iowa

These bills would have banned the use of federal health care reform funds to pay for abortions in Iowa. These bills would also

prohibit abortion coverage by insurance companies included in the health care reform bill, except for medical emergencies.

Sponsors:

SF 2126: Sen. David Johnson
HF 2235: Reps. Matt Windschitl, Jason Schultz, Chris Hagenow, Chuck Soderberg, Betty De Boef, Kent Sorenson, Daniel Huseman, Dwayne Alons, Henry Rayhons, Rod Roberts and Royd Chambers.

Webcam Abortions and RU-486 Protocol

This bill was being introduced to halt the practice of abortions by webcam in Iowa and require abortionists to comply with the Food and Drug Administration's protocol on RU-486. Planned Parenthood has been putting women at even greater risk by:

- 1) Prescribing RU-486 medication abortions via internet webcam, without a doctor present in person.
- 2) Prescribing RU-486 medication abortions for women who are **63 days** into their pregnancy, which is far beyond the FDA's limit of up to 49 days.

Sponsors:

SF 2025: Sen. David Johnson
HF 2134: Reps. Matt Windschitl, Betty De Boef, Daniel Huseman, Royd Chambers, Dwayne Alons, Jason Schultz, Chuck Soderberg and Chris Hagenow.

Abortion Clinics Subject to Surgical Facility Standards

Abortion clinics in Iowa have less regulation than a veterinarian's office. Are women's lives so cheap in Iowa? This is just common sense that facilities that are performing invasive surgical procedures and distributing RU-486 for medication abortions (which are more bloody and painful than a surgical abortion) should be subject to the same regulatory standards as other outpatient surgical



Rep. Matt Windschitl



Rep. Jason Schultz



Rep. Jodi Tymeson



Rep. Chuck Soderberg



Sen. David Johnson



Rep. Rod Roberts



Rep. Daniel Huseman



Rep. Dolores Mertz

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Rep. Chris Hagenow

facilities.

Sponsor:

HF 2133: Rep. Matt Windschitl

Joint Resolution to Make Right to Life the Most Important Right in Iowa Constitution

A joint resolution which would have begun the process to amend Iowa's Constitution to state that the right to life is the most important right and includes all persons from conception.



Rep. Dwayne Alons

HJR 2003: Reps. Dwayne Alons, Royd Chambers, Jodi Tymeson, Mike May, Kevin Koester, Matt Windschitl, Jason Schultz, Betty De Boef, Kent Sorenson, Daniel Huseman, Henry Rayhons, Chris Hagenow, Dolores Mertz and Chuck Soderberg.

Pharmacist Conscience Clause

This bill would protect pharmacists from having to dispense a specific medication if doing so is against the pharmacist's religious or moral beliefs.

What is curious about this bill is that two lobbyists from the AFL-CIO, Janice Laue and Ken Sagar, registered their opposition to the bill. It seems strange that a union the purports to protect employees against employers, would weigh in on the right of employers to terminate employees who are following their conscience.

Sponsor:

HF 2260: Rep. Jason Schultz



Rep. Kevin Koester

Women's Right to Know

If a woman asks to see her ultrasound before an abortion, abortion centers in Iowa are under no obligation to show it to her. Images of babies on ultrasounds have been known to change women's minds, so this is the last thing abortionists want.

If a woman wants this medical information, she should have it. The bill would also offer women information on adoption options and fetal development.



Rep. Mike May

Sponsors

HF 323: Reps. Matt Windschitl, Dwayne Alons, Jason Schultz, Chris Hagenow, Rod Roberts, Betty De Boef, Kent Sorenson, Daniel Huseman, Chuck Soderberg, Dolores Mertz, Jodi Tymeson and Mike May.

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Rep. Kent Sorenson

The Bad News

The Legislature renewed the **Medicaid Family Planning Waiver** Planned Parenthood was gunning for, as part of the Department of Human Services Appropriations. This increased taxpayer funded contraceptives for women through age 55 and vasectomies for men through age 55.

Planned Parenthood's line is that the contraceptive funding will save the state \$4 for every one dollar spent. This is a misleading, highly speculative statistic from the pro-abortion National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

The fuzzy math behind these numbers includes future incarceration costs, assuming all children born to low-income people will end up in jail.

The truth is Planned Parenthood has tripled their income since the Medicaid Waiver first went into effect in 2006 and there has been **no accountability**.

Sexually transmitted diseases are up sharply in Iowa and Planned Parenthood's abortion business is growing.

Before the Medicaid Waiver, Planned Parenthood aborted an average of 10 children a day in Iowa, now they are aborting an average of 13 children a day in Iowa. It's like wiping out a future kindergarten class in Iowa every 48 hours.

Little Victories

Rep. Mary Mascher of Iowa City, who is well known for killing pro-life bills in committee was not able to get her bill passed **requiring sex education in Iowa beginning in kindergarten**. This wacky bill never made it out of committee.



Rep. Henry Rayhons



Rep. Betty De Boef



Rep. Royd Chambers

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because Planned Parenthood does not follow the Food and Drug Administration's protocol on RU-486, instead, using a cheaper combination of the pills that make-up the RU-486 abortion cocktail. Ignoring FDA protocol increases the risks for women.

Pro-life legislators in the Iowa House and Senate introduced bills this session that would have required Planned Parenthood to follow FDA protocol with RU-486, but were unsuccessful. (See Page 2)

Readers of the *IRTL News* will not be shocked. IRTL sounded the alarm back in the fall of 2008 that Planned Parenthood was planning to offer "walk-in abortions" with RU-486. (See *IRTL Update*, Sept. 2008)

For the first time last year, the number of Planned Parenthood's RU-486 abortions exceeded its surgical abortions. (2,582 "medication" RU-486 abortions vs. 2,210 surgical abortions.)

Planned Parenthood closed its Monticello office April 2, 2010, just two years after it opened, according to the *Dubuque Telegraph Herald*. The

Monticello location opened in March 2008 and was followed by a second Planned Parenthood opening 45 miles away in Dubuque in August of that year.

Planned Parenthood quietly closed down its Wapello location in southeastern Iowa.

At some point, Planned Parenthood added another Des Moines location at 1343 13th Street, near Forest Avenue, operating under the name, "Healthy Connections."

Planned Parenthood currently has 26 locations in Iowa.

Lance Armstrong's Ties with Planned Parenthood

DES MOINES—If you or your kids are running around with those bright yellow rubber bracelets that say, "LIVESTRONG" on them, you probably think you are supporting cancer research.

But did you ever think that they might be leading people to Planned Parenthood?

LIVESTRONG is a trademark of the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Armstrong, the American bicyclist best known for winning the Tour de France seven times, created the foundation in 1997 for cancer research and support, after having surviving testicular cancer.

On the surface, the foundation's website at www.livestrong.com is all about health, fitness and nutrition. But if you browse through the health section, you will find articles promoting abortion and contraception quoting Planned Parenthood, the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) and other dubious sources.

Here are some examples of LIVESTRONG's "Health Information:

- Article on Virginity: *As Western culture continues to broaden its sexual horizons, the meaning and significance of virginity will likely change and adapt."*



- Article on How to Deal with Teenagers and Contraception: *"See the Resources section for a listing of local Planned Parenthood offices, where teens can obtain different methods of contraception on their own."*
- An ACLU reference article in the site's Teen Dating Section goes further, arguing that teens should get contraceptives without their

"Since there is no reliable medical measure of virginity, the meaning of virginity is primarily a social construct. Many cultures place a high value on virginity, especially for women. However, there are many different definitions of virginity. As Western culture continues to broaden its sexual horizons, the meaning and significance of virginity will likely change and adapt."

— Excerpt from the website of Lance Armstrong's Foundation, LIVESTRONG: www.livestrong.com

parents knowing.

- Article on Abstinence has this gem: *"Planned Parenthood reminds teens that remaining abstinent is a behavior choice and it can be difficult for some people."* (IRTL response: Do they think we are *animals*?)

So where does the Lance Armstrong Foundation get its experts on sexual health? The article on virginity, was by Sonya Welter, whose impressive credentials include working in the "natural foods industry for more than seven years before becoming a full-time freelancer in 2010" and publishing in *"Mother Earth News"* and "several local publications in Duluth, MN."

Another of LIVESTRONG's Sexual Health authors "specializes in keyword research and Internet Marketing" and includes health as one of her "interests."

The Lance Armstrong Foundation is so far gone, we don't even know if this is something that can be cured by letters and phone calls. Instead, we want you to let your friends, family and neighbors know about LIVESTRONG's content, and encourage them to put their money into more legitimate organizations for cancer research and support. **www.iowaRTL.org or call us at 515.244.1012.**

IRTL Releases Planned Parenthood Donors in Iowa

It's time for some accountability.

DES MOINES—**Planned Parenthood now kills an average of 13 children per day in Iowa.** The number of abortions they commit in Iowa increases every year.

In 2007, in an effort to expose the money trail behind Planned Parenthood in Iowa, Iowa Right to Life started tracking Planned Parenthood supporters and businesses they own.

Progress is Being Made

IRTL has dropped 15 businesses from the list, whose owners have not given in the past two years, since we started publishing the names.

One of these donors was Matthew Bucksbaum, Chairman of Chicago-based mall owner and operator, General Growth Properties, and his wife Kay Bucksbaum who gave between \$50,000-99,999 to Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa (now called Planned Parenthood of the Heartland) in their fiscal year ending in 2006.

Chicago-based General Growth Properties, which owns Jordan Creek Mall in West Des Moines and Coral Ridge Mall in Cedar Rapids declared bankruptcy in April 2009.

Who Made the 2010 List?

There are thousands of names on Planned Parenthood's donor list. We are just highlighting a few standouts.

In some cases the actual businesses are listed on Planned Parenthood's donor list. In other cases, there are names of donors, which IRTL researched and provided you with the businesses they own.

We want you to know that when you support these businesses, you are increasing the incomes of people who are fueling Planned Parenthood's growth in Iowa.

We have no doubt that many of these donors have good intentions, and have bought Planned Parent-



We need more of these in Iowa. Planned Parenthood is killing an average of 13 per day.

- Stan and Maxine Redeker (Redeker's Home Furnishings)
- Storey Kenworthy Company
- Walter and Sandra Githens (Heritage Payroll)
- Michael and Barbara Gartner (Iowa Cubs)
- Charley and Nancy Whittenburg; Robert Whittenburg (Whittenburg Beer Distributors)
- Steve and Gwenn Copple (City Supply plumbing supply)
- Carlyle and Averil Merritt (Merritt Computer Service)

These are businesses that supplied Planned Parenthood with goods/services/books cate-

gory in 2008 or 2009:

- Anytime Fitness
- The Brothers Restaurant
- Chocolaterie Stam
- Civic Center of Greater Des Moines
- CJ Bagel Basket
- Cleaning Connection
- Coyote Canyon
- Dahl's Food
- Des Moines Marriott
- Drake Diner
- Firehouse Restaurant
- Grounds for Celebration
- Hair F/X
- Hessen Haus
- Jeff's Pizza Shop
- La Mie Bakery
- Liberty Gifts
- Linn Street Café
- Mars Café
- Noodle Zoo
- North Dodge Athletic Club
- S&K Care
- Sambetti's
- Sisters Mainstreet Café
- Toad's Bar and Grill
- West Des Moines Elks Lodge
- YMCA in Fort Dodge
- YMCA in Red Oak
- YMCA in Waterloo
- Central Trailer Services

hood's lie about reducing the number of abortions in Iowa. But the numbers show otherwise. (See *Planned Parenthood* article on Page 1)

Here is a Partial List:

- Townsend Vision (Great Ape Trust / Earthpark)
- Fred and Charlotte Hubbell (Hubbell Realty)
- James Hubbell III (Hubbell Realty)
- William and Susan Terry Knapp (Knapp Properties)
- Richard "Dick" Jacobson (Jacobson Warehouse / Transportation / Logistics)
- Chrysalis Foundation
- Ovation Interactive
- Jeff Hunter (Hotel Fort Des Moines, Raccoon River Brewing Co.) and Janet Griffin (on Planned Parenthood Board)
- David and Loree Miles (Miles Group)
- Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino
- Arden and Margaret Borgen (Borgen Merchandising Systems)
- Fred and Emily Weitz (Weitz Construction)
- Harry and Pamela Bass-Bookey (BH Equities: Dos Rios Cantina, Centro and Tequila Lounge)
- Jim and Patty Cownie (JSC Properties)
- Tim and Toni Urban (Urban Development Corp. and Letter Perfect)
- Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign
- Suzanna de Baca (Private Capital Solutions Group)
- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
- John and Mary Pappajohn (Equity Dynamics)
- American Cancer Society
- Herbert and Katherine Eckhouse (La Quercia Meat Packing)
- John Ruan III and Janet Ruan (Ruan Companies)

To contact these businesses and business owners and let them know it's not okay to finance PP's abortion industry growth in Iowa:

Download the list with addresses, phone numbers and websites at www.iowaRTL.org or request a copy through the Iowa Right to Life office at 515.244.1012.

Jan's Journey: Mickelson Tells Why He is Pro-Life

DES MOINES—"Overturning Roe just means we come home to fight," WHO-Newsradio Host Jan Mickelson told a sold-out crowd at IRTL's annual fundraising dinner on May 8, adding, "I'm up for that, by the way."

Mickelson, host of 1040 WHO AM's popular *Mickelson in the Morning* show, was the keynote speaker at IRTL's Spring Fling at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse in West Des Moines. Mickelson explained that he wasn't always pro-life. But an encounter with Planned Parenthood early in his radio career changed his mind.

As a talk host at a radio station in Cincinnati, Mickelson invited a representative from the local Planned Parenthood on as a guest. He said he didn't understand how controversial Planned Parenthood was until the lines began to light up and listeners gave him a good thumping and asked, "How could you?"

Mickelson was later invited to a screening of the documentary *Silent Scream*, with a group of both Planned Parenthood people and pro-life people. *Silent Scream*, which first came out in 1984, was narrated by Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a former abortionist, who turned pro-life. The

movie shows ultrasound images of the abortion of a baby in the womb at 12 weeks.

Mickelson said the pro-lifers sat in the back of the room weeping, while the Planned Parenthood people sat in the front row laughing openly and mocking the abortion that was depicted on screen. The experience changed him.

"When all else fails, read the directions."

Not understanding the legislative process early on and how changes in law schools affected the judiciary was an early weakness in the life movement, according to Mickelson.

"52 million kids died because we got hustled," said Mickelson.

Mickelson pointed out that both the U.S. Constitution and the Iowa Consti-



"52 million kids died because we got hustled," popular talk host Jan Mickelson told the crowd at IRTL's Spring Fling.

tution gives legislators the final word of law—not the judicial branch. Legislators can remove appellate jurisdiction by putting the words "not subject to judicial review." Those words are all over the recent health care legislation.

Mickelson said there needs to be a Life Amendment that the "right to life is the law of the land and not subject to judicial review."

For More on Jan Mickelson:
www.whoradio.com/pages/pp_janmickelson.html

Planned Parenthood: Can They Get Any Crazy Than This?

Culver Hires Former PP Spokesman as Communications Director

DES MOINES—Governor Chet Culver has hired a new communications director, James Flansburg, previously the communications director for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (the new name for the combined Iowa and Nebraska Planned Parenthoods).

Flansburg is the Planned Parenthood spokesperson who famously accused IRTL of lying about Planned Parenthood's RU-486 abortions by webcam in Storm Lake,

Iowa back in April 2009.

When Flansburg was put on the spot by *Storm Lake Pilot Tribune* editor Dana Larsen, he said, "Iowa Right to Life was consistently, factually inaccurate." The *Des Moines Register* recently published an article about Planned Parenthood's webcam abortions that showed Flansburg was the one who was dishonest.

So Governor Culver, good luck with that.

(Flansburg, who has worked for several newspapers in Iowa is the son of Jim Flansburg, who worked for the *Des Moines Register*.)

New PP Low: Who Needs an OBGyn for an Abortion?

The *Des Moines Register's* article on Planned Parenthood's webcam abortions in Iowa shed new light on an old PP practice.

One PP webcam abortionist hitting the button and releasing the RU-486 abortion pills to women by remote control is Dr. Tom Ross, who is neither an MD, nor an OBGyn.

Ross is a Family Practice Osteopath. This is Planned Parenthood's idea of "quality reproductive health care?" A D.O. who does not even specialize in reproductive health-care?

Scenes from Iowa RTL's Spring Fling



WHO-Radio Host Jan Mickelson wowed the crowd when he headlined Iowa Right to Life's Spring Fling on Saturday, May 8 at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse in West Des Moines.



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<http://stoptheabortionagenda.com/convention/>



Notes and News from Iowa Right to Life...

Facilitator Training for Post Abortion Bible Studies

Saturday, June 19, 2010

Walnut Creek Community Church
900-64th Street
Des Moines
10:00 AM—2:00 PM
Lunch and all materials included
\$19/person or \$40/per group

Nearly 42% of women age 45 have had an abortion, which is staggering. This leaves a great need for help and healing. IRTL is providing training for people who would like to facilitate a Bible study for post-abortion women and men in their area.

Contact IRTL at 515.244.1012 or email IRTL at iowa@iowaRTL.org

What are You Doing for *Life* This Summer?



It's going to be a GREAT summer for life in Iowa! 4th of July parades, county fairs, local fests and other events are perfect places to promote life! IRTL can supply you with signs and information to hand out. Don't forget to send us photos!

Contact IRTL at 515.244.1012 or email IRTL at iowa@iowaRTL.org

Would you like to join the fun at a local IRTL Chapter or Affiliate in your

area? See the list at:
<http://iowartl.org/about/irtl-chapters/>

Live it Up on Team Life

Have the time of your life on IRTL's Team Life on RAGBRAI this summer! Let us know if you would like to be part of the team.



Do you live along the RAGBRAI route? IRTL is looking for a spot where we can hand out T-shirts.

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Chris Hagenow, David Hartsuch and Jason Schultz as well as legislators who have been there longer like Dwayne Alons and David Johnson and countless others who are getting it done in the Iowa Legislature."

Bowen, who holds a B.A. in Counseling from Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, PA, has counseled women in crisis in both religious and secular institutions. Most recently, she has been a volunteer counselor at Alpha Women's Center in Des Moines.

"Counseling pregnant women and the pregnancy resource centers are close to my heart," said Bowen. One

of her favorite jobs at IRTL is preparing and sending the checks for the pregnancy resource centers and adoption agencies across Iowa after IRTL's Spring and Fall Book Sales.

Before IRTL, Bowen was Executive Administrator of Tifereth Israel Synagogue in Des Moines, handling everything from facility management to communications, to member recruitment and retention. Her ability to interact and work well with people of all creeds is a valuable asset in her new position.

Bowen admires former IRTL Executive Director Kim Lehman's ability to inspire people and said she hopes to mirror her predecessor's grit and compassion.

"Kim is fearless in debating in anti-life forums," said Bowen. "But then

she could pick up the phone and speak with a young woman facing an unexpected pregnancy with gentleness and compassion."

The impact of Roe vs. Wade on her generation is not lost on Bowen, who was born just four months before the landmark decision legalizing abortion in the U.S.

"With parents who were mere teenagers at the time, I could have easily been an abortion statistic," she said. "There are a lot of people my age and younger saying, 'Maybe God spared us for a reason. Perhaps this is why we are supposed to be involved.'"

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