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## IRTL News

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### PP Workers Told Not to Spend Time Counseling African Americans

DES MOINES—A woman who once worked for Planned Parenthood's biggest abortion clinic in New England revealed that she was told not to spend much time counseling African-American girls.

**Catherine Adair**, addressing a packed audience at Iowa Right to Life's annual Spring Fling Fundraising Dinner back in April, said, "We were told not to spend much time counseling African-American girls, because it was assumed they were promiscuous and would get a lot of abortions."



Former PP worker Catherine Adair speaks at IRTL's Spring Fling.

And that was only one of the shocking revelations from Adair about the business of Planned Parenthood. Adair also said that young girls routinely came in to PP for abortions, accompanied by their abusers.

Adair, who said the Planned Parenthood clinic in Boston where she worked did nothing but abortions, has now dedicated

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### Planned Parenthood Closes 2 More in Iowa Former PP doctor leaves to open family practice

DES MOINES – Planned Parenthood announced June 19 that it would be closing two Iowa locations in July.

The first location is a so-called "Family Practice" center in Des Moines, located down the street from Planned Parenthood's larger abortion facility on Army Post Road.

The larger location, called The Rosenfield Center, at 1000 East Army Post Road remains open. PP does as many as 30 abortions a day at this location.

The second closed location was PP's abortion center in Newton, Iowa.

The closing of the Des Moines location, may be a result of the departure of one of PP's few doctors here in Iowa. **Dr. Joseph Freund**, left earlier this year to launch a holistic medical clinic called, Franklin Family Practice Center at 4908 Franklin Avenue in Des Moines.

To our knowledge, Dr. Freund did not do abortions. According to one Planned



Image of former PPH doctor, Dr. Joe Freund, from a YouTube video on his new practice in Des Moines.

Parenthood article from 2007, one of the services provided by Dr. Freund through PP was prescriptions for hormones for "gender reassignment" for transgender and transsexual clients.

Interestingly, Dr. Freund's bio on the Franklin website mentions that he has

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### \$5.5 Billion Lawsuit Against Planned Parenthood of the Heartland



NEWS RELEASE: July 9, 2012, Alliance Defending Freedom

#### Planned Parenthood Harms Heartland Women

Alliance Defending Freedom represents former manager of two

Iowa clinics in fraud lawsuit against abortion giant.

DES MOINES—Planned Parenthood submitted "repeated false, fraudulent, and/or ineligible claims for reimbursements" to

Medicaid and failed to meet acceptable standards of medical practice according to a federal lawsuit made public Monday. Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys representing former Planned Parenthood clinic director Sue Thayer filed the lawsuit against the abortion giant's Iowa affiliate in March 2011.

"Americans deserve to know if their hard-earned tax money is being funneled to groups that are misusing it," said Senior Counsel Michael J. Norton, a former United States Attorney.

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## Planned Parenthood in Iowa Sued for Medicaid Fraud

“People may hold different views about abortion, but everyone can agree that Planned Parenthood should play by the same rules as everyone else. It certainly isn’t entitled to any public funds, especially if it is defrauding Medicaid and the American taxpayer.”

Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys filed the suit under a federal law that allows “whistleblowers” with inside information to expose fraudulent billing by government contractors. By law, such cases may not be made public until a court unseals them. In March, a federal court unsealed a similar Alliance Defending Freedom lawsuit against a Texas Planned Parenthood affiliate.

Thayer, former manager of Planned Parenthood’s Storm Lake and LeMars clinics, has sued under both the federal and Iowa False Claims acts. The suit alleges that Planned Parenthood knowingly committed Medicaid fraud from 2002 to 2009 by improperly seeking reimbursements from Iowa Medicaid Enterprise and the Iowa Family Planning Network for products and services not legally reimbursable by those programs.

The lawsuit alleges that Planned



Parenthood of Greater Iowa, an affiliate now known as Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, filed nearly one-half million false claims with Medicaid from which Planned Parenthood received and retained nearly \$28 million. If Thayer prevails, Planned Parenthood could be ordered to pay the United States and Iowa as much as \$5.5 billion in False Claims Act damages and penalties.

The lawsuit explains that, to enhance revenues, Planned Parenthood implemented a “C-Mail” program that automatically mailed a year’s supply of birth control pills to women who had only been seen once at a Planned Parenthood clinic and usually by personnel who were not qualified health care professionals. After that, Planned Parenthood mailed thousands of unrequested birth control

pills to those clients. Planned Parenthood’s cost for a 28-day supply of birth control pills mailed to clients was \$2.98, but the Medicaid reimbursement Planned Parenthood received for the pills was \$26.32. In some cases, the Postal Service returned the birth control pills to Planned Parenthood. Instead of crediting Medicaid or destroying the returned pills, Planned Parenthood resold the same birth control pills and billed Medicaid twice for the same pills.

The suit also claims that Planned Parenthood coerced “voluntary donations” for services and then billed Medicaid for them. In effect, the lawsuit explains, Planned Parenthood both falsely billed Medicaid and took money from low-income women by getting them to pay for services Medicaid was intended to cover in full.

The lawsuit *Thayer v. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland* is pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa. Des Moines attorney J. Russell Hixson, one of nearly 2,200 allied attorneys with Alliance Defending Freedom, is assisting with the case.

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## Christie Vilsack Lampooned for Media Ducks

### Caught on YouTube Ducking Questions

DES MOINES—There is a video on YouTube called “Christie Vilsack’s Greatest Ducks,” lampooning the pro-abortion Democrat running for Congress against Rep. Steve King.

The video features a series of clips of Vilsack frustrating *The Des Moines Register’s* Political Writer Kathie Obradovich and others by avoiding answers to very direct questions.

Here is a sample:

**Obradovich:** *If the Supreme Court*

*does happen to uphold the law, do you think that’s the end of the story, or are there things that you seek to change in that health care law?*

**Vilsack:** *Well I think it’s always better to have a bill than no bill—there are things we need to change obviously.*



**Obradovich:** *Like what?*

**Vilsack:** *Uh, but, but the good things, I think we want to focus on the good things, I think we need to focus on what we would—what we would want to keep.*

The video is the work of the National Republican Congressional Committee. It can be found at the website: [www.duckingvilsack.com](http://www.duckingvilsack.com)

**For more on Christie Vilsack’s ducking of her Planned Parenthood activism, see IRTL News, September 2011.**

# Catherine Adair Reveals Life Inside Planned Parenthood

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her life to telling people the truth about Planned Parenthood's quest for profits at the expense of women.

The first thing they do at Planned Parenthood, according to Adair, is take your money. "Before you speak to a counselor, they ask you about your insurance and how you will pay," said Adair.

"We never once asked, 'What's going on in your life?'" said Adair. "You are not allowed to say baby or fetus because it might upset her." Instead, Adair said, PP counselors tell women, "The doctor will gently extract the contents of the uterus."

Adair said that she was indoctrinated at an early age. Her mother was the head of a local NOW (National Organization of Women) chapter in Massachusetts.

When Adair became pregnant at age 19, she was happy—a baby didn't really fit into her life at the time, but she knew it was special. But when she told her mother, her mother said, "No problem, it's a woman's right now," and to her great reluctance, her mother scheduled her for an abortion.

Adair said she felt, "moved along like an out-of-body experience." And after the abortion she was devastated. "I felt very empty—emotionally and spiritually."

It is often said that women who have an abortion, either go pro-life or become abortion activists to justify their own abortion. Adair said she decided to put the abortion behind her by becoming "the world's greatest feminist." She changed her major in college to Women's Studies, became an abortion activist and went to work for Planned Parenthood.

For people who work there, "Planned Parenthood creates a climate of fear," said Adair. "They try to make the workers feel like the people praying on the sidewalk want to hurt them. There is an under-siege mentality."

There is also a sick humor that pervades the grisly abortion business. After an abortion, the aborted babies are in bags called "POCs" for "product of conception." But Planned Parenthood employees jokingly called them, "pieces of children." Adair said that horrible, macabre humor was how PP employees deal with death.

Adair's change of heart came after she was asked to help clean up one of the rooms at Planned Parenthood after a second-trimester abortion. As a medical assistant,



**A large crowd packed the Iowa Events Center for IRTL's Spring Fling dinner.**

one of her responsibilities was to clean the abortion rooms between abortions.

There, she saw a jar with parts of a perfectly formed baby. Adair backed out of the room in shock. "I realized I had been lying to women all along," she said.

When Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion, it became a commodity—something for Planned Parenthood to profit from, according to Adair. "Over 50 million people are missing in this country and life goes on," said Adair. "It is not normal for a

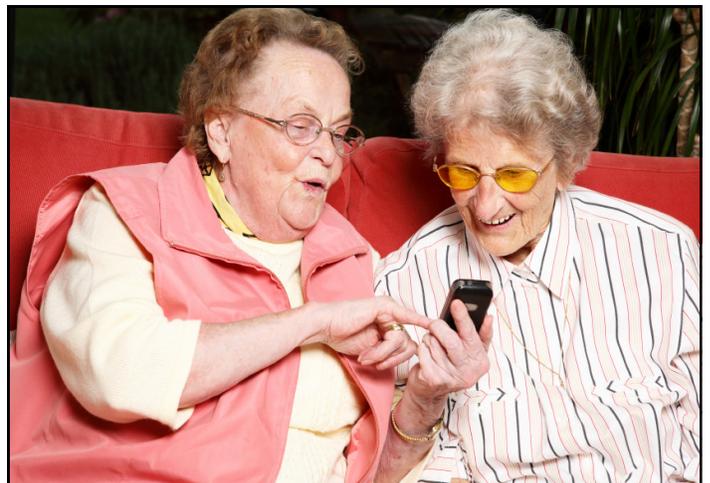
woman to kill her child. Planned Parenthood wants to make it normal."

"Abortion never leaves you," said Adair, who is now married and has a family. "When I tucked my daughter into bed, I always thought of that missing child and what would she be as an older sister."

In addition to speaking across the country, Adair started a Respect Life Ministry in her home parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Fitchburg, MA.

**For more information on Catherine Adair, you can find her on Facebook.**

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**You will find them under: "What's New."**

## Abby Johnson Starts New Ministry to Reach Out to Abortion Industry Workers

Abby Johnson, the former manager of a Planned Parenthood in Bryan, TX, who is now pro-life, has started a new ministry to help others make the leap away from the abortion industry.

**And Then There Were None**, is the name of Johnson's new ministry. The goal is to emotionally, spiritually, legally, and financially assist former abortion clinic workers as they transition out of the abortion industry and into a new line of work.

"We have hundreds of ministries for post-abortive women and men. There is literally nothing for these former clinic workers," Johnson said. "We are going to change that."

On her Facebook page, Abby Johnson recently celebrated: *"ANOTHER clinic worker has quit her job! She lives in the Grand Rapids/Grand Haven area."*

For more visit **And Then There Were None** at [www.attwn.org](http://www.attwn.org)



IRTL Executive Director Jenifer Bowen with Abby Johnson.

## Planned Parenthood Closes 2 Locations in Iowa

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"worked for the last 11 years in two different clinics" in Des Moines. It does not mention Planned Parenthood by name.

A second PPH employee, **Leigh Ebbesmeyer**, also left to join Freund's new clinic. Ebbesmeyer was a former PP Call Center Representative and Regional Health Educator with PP of the Heartland in Iowa. Ebbesmeyer's bio also does not mention that she worked for PP, but does say her "previous experience includes counseling and training on reproductive health..."

Franklin Family Practice Center is a subsidiary of United Community Services, an organization focused on providing addiction and substance abuse education and treatment.

"Whatever their reasons for leaving Planned Parenthood, we wish Dr. Freund and Ms. Ebbesmeyer well," said **Jenifer Bowen**, Executive Director of Iowa Right to Life."

### Fourth PP Closing This Year

The Des Moines and Newton locations make four Planned Parenthoods that have closed this year in Iowa. On March 1, PP closed abortion locations in Storm Lake and Knoxville.



Sue Thayer addresses crowd at IRTL Spring Fling in April.

**Sue Thayer**, former PP manager-turned pro-life activist, welcomed the news of the two latest closings.

"Every time Planned Parenthood closes a facility, they say it is in the best interest of their patients," said Thayer. "It is in the best interest of the babies who will not be aborted in Newton."

Thayer spent 17 years working in the now-closed Storm Lake Planned Parenthood of the Heartland abortion center and was even clinic manager. Last fall, she organized the **40 Days for Life** Prayer Vigil outside the Storm Lake PP, an effort credited with the closing of that abortion center.

Thayer had high praise for the prayer warriors who prayed outside the Knoxville PP. "There were

committed, loving prayer warriors that kept vigil outside the Knoxville facility for years." said Thayer. "When it closed, they just moved on to Newton."

### More PPs to Open in Iowa

With the closure of the two most recent locations, PP still has 21 facilities left in Iowa, plus an office in Des Moines. 13 locations continue to offer abortions and 8 are abortion referral centers.

Planned Parenthood announced plans last year to open new locations in six markets: Carter Lake, Clinton, Marshalltown, Mason City, Ottumwa and Muscatine. All of these markets are in or close to colleges or community colleges, prime targets for PP.

### Four Down, 21 to Go

Please continue to pray for that next employee to leave Planned Parenthood.

Also, it's never too early to begin organizing for the next **40 Days for Life** campaign, from September 26 to November 4, 2012.

See [www.40daysforlife.com/iowa](http://www.40daysforlife.com/iowa) for details.

# The Letter to *The DM Register* Not Fit to Print

DES MOINES—We realize *The Des Moines Register's* editorial space is at a premium and there isn't always room for a pro-life letter, when you have more pressing issues.

Issues such as Rekha Basu's recent column about dining at an upscale restaurant in Chicago, where she savored, "*Diver scallops surrounded by shreds of braised duck and slivers of green papaya, with marcona almond butter*" and "*Skuna Bay salmon accompanied by a smattering of lamb sausage.*" (*Des Moines Register*, 6/22/12).

*Smattering?* Indeed.

Anyway, there were a few Planned Parenthood supporter letters that went beyond the usual knee-jerk "I hate organized religion," hogwash, so we decided to respond. Here is the letter we submitted June 19:

To the Editor,

We have seen two letters from Planned Parenthood supporters claiming how safe webcam abortions are. These writers might have a hard time convincing the woman who almost bled to death during Planned Parenthood's trials for the abortion



pill/RU-486 right here in Iowa.

At least 11 women have died after a medication abortion, including five women in the United States. These women died from:

- Clostridium sordelli: a bacterial infection, like toxic shock
- Hemorrhaging to death
- Ruptured ectopic pregnancy
- Massive heart attack

The problem with diagnosing serious problems related to medication abortions is that many adverse effects mask themselves as typical side-effects from a medication abortion. These side effects include excessive bleeding, chest pain, severe cramping, nausea, vomiting and high fever. The danger is that pelvic exams or ultrasound results can be inconclusive.

One letter writer contends medication abortions are "as safe as any other method." Not true. Medication abortions take longer and are bloodier than a surgical abortion. It can be a very traumatic event, because women abort at home and may see the body of their dead baby.

If a medication abortion is unsuccessful (anywhere from 5-20 percent of the time), a woman will end up having a surgical abortion anyway.

Planned Parenthood further endangers women by violating the FDA protocol on medication abortions by using the drugs on women two weeks further along in a pregnancy than the FDA's recommendation of 49 days and also changing the Mifeprex/Misopristol pill combination to a cheaper regimen, not recommended by the FDA.

If webcam abortions were about helping rural women, then why would Planned Parenthood outfit their clinics in Des Moines and Urbandale with the equipment? Webcam abortions are not safe, but they are more profitable for Planned Parenthood.

*Jenifer Bowen, Executive Director of Iowa Right to Life*

# You're Pregnant with Twins! But at Planned Parenthood, they won't tell you

DES MOINES—Cecile Richards, the President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America was told at some point she was pregnant with twins. We know this because she has twins—who are now college-age.

So why does Planned Parenthood deny women the same courtesy?

That's right. If a woman has an ultrasound at Planned Parenthood and that ultrasound reveals two babies rather than one, Planned Parenthood employees often withhold that information from the pregnant woman.

Why would they not tell a woman she was having twins? Abby Johnson, the former Planned Parenthood manager from Bryan, Texas-turned pro-life activist, wrote in her best-selling book, *unPlanned* that women who

know they are pregnant with twins change their mind about having an abortion. They decide to continue their pregnancy, because they believe twins are special. And they are, especially if they make a woman choose life over abortion.



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## Gov. Branstad and Lt. Gov. Reynolds Issue Statement for Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally

Friday, June 8 pro-lifers took part in the Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally outside the Capitol in Des Moines. Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds issued a special statement in support of the rally.

Dear Friends,

The fundamental right to freely exercise your religion is inalienable. This recognition was established by our Founding Fathers as they charted what would become the freest nation on earth, unparalleled and unmatched in opportunity for its citizens.

We all have enjoyed this right as individuals in this great nation, as generations before us have for more than 235 years.

However, while we accept this right as inalienable, we must never take this right for granted. No person, elected body or institution should be allowed to strip us of this freedom, and should they try, it is our responsibility to stand up to them.

Our religious liberty is under attack like never before. The idea that an unconstitutional mandate can force our hand, against our will and religion, should frighten us all. And in all places, America. Unfortunately, this is precisely what we face.

We are disappointed we were unable to be in attendance with you all today, however, we are proud of you for exercising that other great, fundamentally American right: the freedom of speech.

Know that we will always stand with you in protecting and promoting the religious freedoms of all people. Future generations are counting on us and we must not let them down.

Sincerely, Governor Terry E. Branstad, Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds



## Iowans Rally for Religious Freedom at Capitol

DES MOINES—About 200 people attended the Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally at the Capitol in Des Moines Friday, June 8.

Guest speakers included:

**Deacon Rick Condon**, who is based at Pius X Church in Urbandale  
**Patti Branco**, candidate for Iowa House

**Rev. Matt Floyd**, lobbyist for Concerned Women for America and Pastor of Calvary Bible Church in Osceola

**Msgr. Frank Bognanno**, pastor of Christ the King Church in Urbandale and Gov. Branstad's most recent appointee to the Iowa Medical Board.

**Janifer Bowen**, Executive Director of Iowa Right to Life, read a statement in support of the rally by Gov. Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, who could not attend. (See the Gov.

and Lt. Gov.'s statement above.)

Msgr. Bognanno also read a statement supporting the rally by **Bishop Richard Pates** of the Des Moines Diocese.

The rally is a reaction to recent moves by the Obama administration to force all insurance carriers and employers to cover contraceptives, abortifacients and sterilizations, despite religious objectives. And also the sweeping authority given to the pro-abortion Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius under the new law.

Similar rallies for religious freedom



**Msgr. Frank Bognanno addresses the crowd at the Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally.**

were held across the country.

**For more, please visit: [www.standupforreligiousfreedom.com](http://www.standupforreligiousfreedom.com). You can also download a copy of the Gov. and Lt. Gov.'s statement at [www.iowaRTL.org](http://www.iowaRTL.org)**

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## John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity

The John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity is a unique and fun way to support Iowa Right to Life! Not only do you have the opportunity to support our on-going educational efforts, you have the chance to win over 100 fantastic prizes, including a new 2013 Chevy Malibu!

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## Battle of the Christian Bands

September 15, 2012  
 Touch of Class Park Pavilion  
 5977 Mt. Vernon Road, SE  
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
 5:30 PM—10 PM

\$5 admission for an evening of music and fun. Food and drink for purchase and your chance to cast your votes for your favorite band.

Sponsored by IowaPac for Life. For more information, email [iowapac4life@gmail.com](mailto:iowapac4life@gmail.com)

## The Fall IRTL Book Sale

September 26-29, 2012  
 Jordan Park Camp Building  
 (Just west of Historical Jordan House at the old Nazarene Camp)  
 2251 Fuller Road  
 West Des Moines, Iowa 50265



You won't believe the incredible selection of books on every subject and the great bargains!

This Book Sale, with proceeds going to assist expectant mothers and pro-life pregnancy centers in Iowa, is an alternative to that other book sale, which shall be nameless. Volunteers to sort books or work at the sale are always needed! For more: [www.iowaRTL.org](http://www.iowaRTL.org)



## 40 Days for Life

September 26—November 4, 2012  
 Locations throughout Iowa

40 Days for Life is the peaceful prayer vigil outside abortion clinics across the United States. Be the contact person to get your church involved.

For more: [www.40daysforlife/iowa](http://www.40daysforlife/iowa)



## Post Abortion Bible Study Facilitator Training

October 13, 2012  
 10 AM - 2 PM  
 Destiny Church  
 313 6th Street  
 West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

We are pleased to offer this training session for a third time! This training is held for women and men who are interested in learning how to lead a post abortion Bible study.

The Bible study *SaveOne* is designed for all denominations. This study was selected as it is for both post abortive men and women. *SaveOne* is a very good program that provides additional on-going assistance throughout the year as the Bible study leader begins each new session.

For more information, contact Paula Brown at IRTL at 515.244.1012 or [outreach@iowaRTL.org](mailto:outreach@iowaRTL.org).

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## **IRTL Mourns Passing of Bob Dopf—Chairman of Our Board**

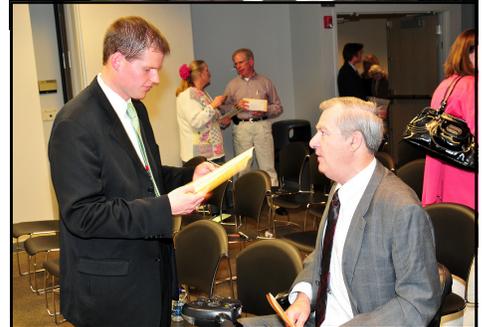


It is with heavy heart, we report that we have unexpectedly lost Bob Dopf, our beloved Chairman.

Our hearts grieve over the loss of a true pro-life champion.

Whether you have known Bob for months, years, or decades, his passion for the defenseless in our society has been unparalleled. His sacrificial service has been an inspiration to us all and he will be greatly missed.

But, as others have stated upon his passing, he is now in the arms of his Savior, and we can all be confident that he is hearing the soothing words of his Maker saying the coveted words, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”



## **Pregnant with Twins! *Planned Parenthood won't tell you***

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We know Planned Parenthood in Iowa denies women the information that they are pregnant with twins because Sue Thayer, the former manager of Planned Parenthood in Storm Lake has confirmed this.

As part of Thayer's training, she was sent to Des Moines to observe abortions being performed at Planned Parenthood's Rosenfeld Center at 1000 East Army Post Road.

Here is how Thayer described her experience:

*During the 8 hour day, the doctor performed about 30 abortions. Some of the women were further along in their pregnancies than they had*

*reported. Each of the “contents of the uterus” was placed in a clear glass bowl and then examined under a light.*

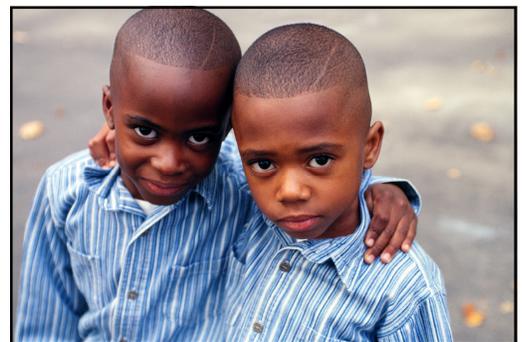
*One bowl clearly contained three perfect, tiny arms. I asked why there would be a third arm. “Twins” was the response and because it might upset the mother, this information was never shared with any mother.”*

**“Because it might upset the mother,”** is Planned Parenthood's excuse for blocking any information that might change a mother's mind about aborting.

Apparently it's part of PP's indoctrination campaign for its employees.

PP's uses this argument against allowing women to view ultrasound images of their babies, too. *“It might upset the mother.”*

Catherine Adair, a former PP worker from Massachusetts (See story on



Page 1) said she was told not to use the words “baby” or “fetus” because that might upset the mother.

Holding back this critical information means more abortions and more profits for Planned Parenthood. The best way to combat that is with the truth—we must continue to get the information out online, in the media and in our communities. The more women we reach, the fewer abortions there will be in our nation.

**For more information, please visit us at [www.iowaRTL.org](http://www.iowaRTL.org)**