



Next step: Iowa Supreme Court

Planned Parenthood v. Iowa Board of Medicine

Studies for PPH Friend of the Court Brief yields chilling quotes they probably didn't intend.

DES MOINES—An Amicus Curiae, or “Friend of the Court Brief” has been submitted to the Iowa Supreme Court on behalf of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland. But some of the studies cited in the brief include chilling quotes that aren't too friendly to Planned Parenthood.

The case before the Iowa Supreme Court, *Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Inc. and Dr. Jill Meadows v. Iowa Board of Medicine* is Planned Parenthood's appeal of the Iowa Board of Medicine's ban of the use of telemedicine for abortion.

The brief is from three groups:

- National Women's Law Center (NWLC)
- Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV)
- Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault (IowaCASA)

(More about them on Page 2)

The Amicus brief, filed by Des Moines attorney Roxanne Conlin, a long-time abortion activist and Planned Parenthood ally, claims that the IBOM rule will make it “harder, or in some cases, impossible for vulnerable women to access abortion services.” Those include, “sexual assault survivors, women in abusive relationships,

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Pro-Lifers March in Des Moines, Washington D.C.

DES MOINES—“I am proud to be your Pro-Life governor,” Gov. Terry Branstad said to a packed room of cheering people at the conference after the Midwest March for Life.

In addition to **Gov. Branstad** and **Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds**, at this year's March, other featured guests included **U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley**, **Rep. David Young**, all four Catholic Bishops in Iowa: **Archbishop Michael Jackels**, **Bishop Richard Pates**, **Bishop R. Walker Nickless**,



Iowa State University Students for Life at the Midwest March for Life in Des Moines on January 17.

Bishop Martin Amos, along with keynote speaker **Josh Brahm** of the Equal Rights Institute, **Pastor Andre Brooks** and more. *See Photos on Page 9...*

Stats suggest Planned Parenthood targeting college women in Iowa with webcam abortions

DES MOINES—While the most recent statistics from the Iowa Department of Public Health show abortions are down in Iowa, they also show a disturbing new trend.

There is a big uptick in Medication Abortions (also known as RU-486 or Chemical Abortions) over Surgical Abortions in three major college markets in Iowa that include the **University of Iowa**, **Iowa State University** and the **University of Northern Iowa**. These markets — Iowa City, Ames and Cedar Falls — are all areas where Planned Parenthood offers their controversial webcam (telemedicine) abortions.

With the webcam abortions, the

woman takes the first drug in the Medication Abortion combination of drugs in the Planned Parenthood office with a doctor on a webcam. Then the woman goes home and takes the second drug, which causes her to hemorrhage (sometimes up to four weeks or more) and abort, dealing with the body of her dead baby alone.

The Medication Abortions cost about the same as Surgical Abortions, but are more profitable for Planned Parenthood, because there is less overhead and no costs associated with the disposal of the aborted babies.

The statistics, from the IDPH's “2013 Vital Stats Report” breaks down

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rural women, low-income women, and women with certain pre-existing medical conditions.”

The brief cites all kinds of studies—some from The **Guttmacher Institute**, which was once Planned Parenthood’s research arm. And some from **Dr. Daniel Grossman** of **Ibis Reproductive Health**, who we profiled in the *IRTL News* March 2013 issue. Dr. Grossman’s group partners with Planned Parenthood on abortion experiments on women in the third world.

“You could hear screaming in the other room...”

One of the cited studies in the Friend of the Court Brief, published by Guttmacher, aimed to show that, *“Women choose medical over surgical abortion because it is more natural, more private and less painful.”*

(Source: *“Having an Abortion Using Mifepristone And Home Misoprostol: A Qualitative Analysis Of Women’s Experiences,”* by Fielding, Edmunds, and Schaff)

A 29 year-old woman in the study had this to say about her surgical abortion experience:

“They kind of herded you in like cattle, and there were like five or six women sitting in the same room. And then one by one you got called in and you could hear the screaming in the other room. It was like the fear of the unknown; it was just horrible...”

Think about that...the study is quoting a woman who thinks it is better to abort at home, so you won’t have to hear the other women screaming during their abortion.

Sometimes it’s not what is said in the study, but what is not said. *“Nine women expressed relief,”* in their follow-up visit 4-8 days after the medication abortion, according to the study. But there were 43 women in the study. What did the other 34 feel?

The Amicus brief and the studies it cites are worth reading. But be sure to read between the lines.

Here is the link:

www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/telemedicine_brief_formatted_11_12_3.pdf

“Friends” in Planned Parenthood’s Friend of the Court Brief against the IBOM



DES MOINES—There are three organizations supporting Planned Parenthood in a Friend of the Court Brief to the Iowa Supreme Court in the *Planned Parenthood of the Heartland v. Iowa Board of Medicine*. The brief is against the Iowa Board of Medicine’s ban on abortions by telemedicine (also known as webcam abortions.)

And while these organizations have some good people with true intentions, it is important to see there is a lot of Planned Parenthood cronyism in their ranks.

National Women’s Law Center (NWLC)

NWLC is funded by the Ford Foundation, one of the largest private funders of abortion and population control programs throughout the world, a big-abortion funder whose Board of Trustees includes Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America,

NWLC’s Board includes **Anita Hill**, the now discredited woman who accused Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment.

Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV)

ICADV’s “Advisory Council” includes former PPH Board members, Bonnie Campbell and former Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson. Also on the Advisory Board: Dr. Linda Railsback, former Planned Parenthood of the Heartland employee.

Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault (IowaCASA)

An organization that will help victims of sexual assault sounds like something we can all get behind. But Amy Campbell, a lobbyist for IowaCASA and also the liberal League of Women Voters of Iowa, is well known for always pushing whatever the Planned Parenthood position is on any legislation.

But to truly understand how off the rails this group is, you need to read for yourself. Here is an excerpt from an article posted at the top of IowaCASA’s Facebook page:

“Kyriarchy 101: We’re Not Just Fighting the Patriarchy Anymore.”

“To extend this example, let’s imagine two people: one is a white, cisgender, heterosexual, able-bodied woman. Another is a black, transgender, pansexual, disabled man. According to the theory of patriarchy, the woman would be oppressed and the man would be privileged.”

Can you imagine that having anything to do with helping sexual assault victims in Iowa? Neither could we.

Our goal again, is to show you, despite their well-meaning names, these “Friends” of Planned Parenthood are not mainstream groups.

For more information, please visit www.iowaRTL.org.

Timeline of Iowa Board of Medicine Fight over Webcam Abortions

How did we get here?

DES MOINES—Here is a timeline looking back at the battle over abortions by telemedicine (also known as “webcam abortions”) including the court battles and the related rise and implosion of Planned Parenthood in Iowa.

March 11, 2015

Iowa Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in *Planned Parenthood vs. the Iowa Board of Medicine*.

September 16, 2014

The Iowa Supreme Court granted a stay on the Polk County District Court’s decision, allowing Planned Parenthood to continue the grisly practice of webcam abortions until the Iowa Supreme Court rules in the case.

August 28, 2014

PPH files an appeal of the ban on webcam abortions to the Iowa Supreme Court and asks for a stay on the District Court decision.

August 19, 2014

Polk County District Court **Judge Jeffrey Farrell** upholds the Iowa Board of Medicine decision to ban webcam abortions.

March 8, 2014

Des Moines Register reports that Polk County District **Judge Karen Romano** has switched from civil to criminal court as part of a regular rotation of judges. PPH’s suit against the Iowa Board of Medicine is re-assigned to Judge Jeffrey Farrell (Judge Farrell was appointed to District Court in 2013 by **Gov. Terry Branstad**.)

June 2014

PPH closes Creston and Red Oak. Both webcam abortion sites.

January 2014

PPH quietly stops doing surgical abortions at Bettendorf and Sioux City, but continues webcam abortions in both locations.

December 2013

PPH closes webcam abortion location at Ankeny and three abortion referral sites: Fort Dodge, Mount Pleasant and Washington.

November 2013

Massive layoffs throughout the PPH organization, including key staff cuts in their Des Moines headquarters.

November 6, 2013

IBOM’s ban on webcam abortions was to take effect. It was stopped by PPH’s lawsuit to the Polk County District Court.

November 4, 2013

Polk County District Court Judge Karen Romano grants PPH a stay in their suit against the IBOM’s ban on webcam abortions, effectively allowing PPH to continue the



Congressman Steve King signs IRTL’s “Stop Webcam Abortions” petition in August 2013.

practice unchecked, while their suit proceeds in court. (Judge Romano was appointed in 2001 by Gov. Tom Vilsack.)

September 30, 2013

PPH files a petition for judicial review of the board’s vote in Polk County District Court, asking for the District Judge to block the IBOM’s rule change that would ban webcam abortions.

August 2013

Report by the **Ohio Board of Medicine** reveals complications from medication abortions: 42 reports in 18 months, including 35 incomplete abortions from just two Planned Parenthoods.

August 19, 2013

Iowa Board of Medicine votes 8-2 to ban practice of webcam abortions.

July 5, 2013

IRTL Executive Director, Jenifer Bowen, delivers a stack of 20,000 signatures from Iowans who oppose webcam abortions to the Iowa Board of Medicine.

March 2013

PPH closes another webcam abortion location at Spencer and Fort Madison abortion referral location.

March 2012

PPH webcam empire begins to implode. PPH closes three webcam locations: Knoxville, Newton and Storm Lake, along with PPH’s so-called “Family Practice Center” in Des Moines.

June 2011

PPH merges with PP Southeast Iowa (Burlington, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Mount Pleasant and Washington.)

January 2011

PPH merges with PP of East Central Iowa (Cedar Rapids and Dubuque)

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Planned Parenthood targeting college women in Iowa

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abortions by ITOP Regions, which stands for "Iowa Termination of Pregnancy." The IDPH reports by ITOP Regions instead of counties, because of the concern that if there were only 1 or 2 abortions in a county, people might start trying to guess who they were.

In 2013 in most ITOP Regions, Surgical Abortions still outnumber Medication Abortions. However, in the three
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2013 Surgical and Medication Abortions by ITOP Region

Region	Counties	Major Cities	Abortion Total	Surgical Abortions	Medication Abortions	Other Induced
Totals			4,423	2,087	2,329	7
1	Grundy, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan	Cedar Falls	280	83	196	1
2	Keokuk, Lucas, Monroe, Wapello, Jefferson, Appanoose, Davis, Van Buren	Ottumwa	91	55	36	
3	Decatur, Clarke, Warren, Marion	Knoxville, Indianola	82	41	40	1
4	Muscatine, Louisa	Muscatine	61	40	21	
5	Audubon, Calhoun, Carroll, Dallas, Greene, Guthrie, Sac		106	61	45	
6	Monona, Crawford, Harrison, Shelby, Cass		22	9	13	
7	Woodbury	Sioux City	156	90	66	
8	Des Moines, Lee	Burlington, Fort Madison, Keokuk	90	33	57	
9	Jasper, Poweshiek, Mahaska	Newton	54	29	25	
10	Linn	Cedar Rapids	320	200	120	
11	Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson, Jones	Monticello, Dubuque	87	45	42	
12	Johnson, Iowa	Iowa City	293	142	151	
13	Hardin, Marshall, Benton, Tama	Marshalltown	84	46	38	
14	Scott	Bettendorf	296	172	124	
15	Adair, Madison, Union, Ringgold	Creston	33	14	18	1
16	Boone, Story	Ames	168	58	110	
17	Lyon, Sioux, Cherokee, Ida		42	18	24	
18	Kossuth, Winnebago, Worth, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Mitchell, Floyd, Franklin, Butler	Mason City	93	45	48	
19	Montgomery, Adams, Page, Taylor	Red Oak	11	2	9	1
20	Osceola, Dickinson, Emmet, O'Brien, Clay, Palo Alto, Buena Vista, Pocahontas	Spencer, Storm Lake	69	34	35	1
21	Howard, Chickasaw, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Fayette, Clayton		49	25	24	
22	Pottawattamie, Mills, Fremont	Council Bluffs, Carter Lake	52	1	50	
23	Polk	Des Moines, Ankeny,	946	470	475	
24	Washington, Henry	Mount Pleasant, Washington	40	22	18	
25	Humboldt, Wright, Webster and Hamilton	Fort Dodge	74	31	43	
26	Cedar, Jackson, Clinton	Clinton	64	35	29	
	Out of State		760	286	472	2
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Source: Vital Stats Report, 2013, Iowa Department of Public Health (2013 is the most recent report available)

Jackie, Oh! KCWI anchor has a Bad Day

DES MOINES—Two of these photos show **KCWI's Great Day** morning show anchor, **Jackie Schmillen**, when **Suzanna de Baca, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland**, was a guest on the show on January 21. The other two are from the same day when **Jenifer Bowen, Executive Director of Iowa Right to Life**, was a guest. Can you guess which was which?



That's right. Jackie was all smiles for Planned Parenthood's Suzanna de Baca in the two pictures on the left. Not so much for IRTL's Jenifer Bowen. We thank KCWI anchors **Jason Parkin, Lou Sipolt** and **Jackie Schmillen** for the opportunity to talk about the **Midwest March for Life**, even if not everyone was happy to see us.

Medication abortions outnumber Surgical in Iowa college markets

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major college markets, Medication Abortions outnumber Surgical Abortions — in Cedar Falls by as much as 196 Medication Abortions to 83 Surgical Abortions.

In the ITOP Region including Ames, Medication Abortions outnumbered Surgical ones 110 to 58. In the ITOP Region that includes Iowa City, the numbers were much closer — 151 Medication Abortions to 142 Surgical ones. But even that is surprising, considering the abundance of Surgical Abortion locations available in Iowa City, including **Planned Parenthood**, the **Emma Goldman Clinic** and **University of Iowa Hospitals**.

It makes sense that Planned Parenthood would push the more profitable Medication Abortions on young women in college — they are away from home and their parents. Their parents won't be able to see them suffering and hemorrhaging from the Medication Abortion and call them on it. Friends will cover for them.

The danger is, if the Medication Abortion is incomplete, the woman can die from an infection. One such case that made national news was that of 18 year-old Holly Patterson, who died in 2003, after a Medication

Abortion from Planned Parenthood in San Francisco.

Abortions in ITOP Region 1: including Cedar Falls

Year	Abortion Total	Surgical Abortions	Medication Abortions
2013	280	83	196
2012	295	99	196
2011	316	99	217
2010	317	126	191
2009	400	141	259
2008	400	164	236
2007	381	201	180
2006	356	200	156
2005	379	236	143
2004	383	245	138

A closer look at the ITOP Region that includes Cedar Falls from 2004 to 2013 shows that Medication Abortions started to outnumber Surgical Abortions in 2008. That is the same year

Planned Parenthood secretly launched its webcam abortion scheme in Iowa.

The good news? Pro-Life college groups are growing at all three of these universities. And Planned Parenthood has been imploding and closing locations in Iowa. Stay tuned for more updates on www.iowaRTL.org.

Not sure whether to laugh or cry... so we'll laugh

Best. Quote. Ever.

DES MOINES—The *Des Moines Register* editorial staff was really hot and bothered in a 2/5/15 staff editorial about the online schools and home-schools. (“*For-profit online schools raise questions,*” 2/5/15)

The big stink was that parents were enrolling their kids in online schools and Iowa law allows the money to follow the child to the online school and not the school district.

But here’s the classic quote: the *Register* editorial staff captures **Sen. Tom Courtney (D-Burlington)** as saying, “*A child could be sitting in front of a computer, smoking a cigarette with no parent around.*”

Those of you who know home-schooled children, like we know home-schooled children, know that children sitting or standing around smoking is a much bigger problem in the public schools.

That’s not all. Consider how the *Register* editorial staff is outraged by the idea that students are not in a classroom with a teacher to attend to them—in *person*. Instead, they see a teacher over their computer.

“*They (students) can live hundreds of miles away. That’s because their entire education is provided over the Internet.*”

Hundreds of miles away? Entirely over the Internet?

This, from the newspaper that for the last several years has been belittling Pro-Lifers for being anti-technology for not accepting Planned Parenthood doctors performing abortions by webcam and not in the same room.

“*Technology has advanced. So has medicine,*” lectured the *Register* editorial staff on 6/3/13 (“*Medical Board Sets A Troubling Precedent for Using ‘Telemedicine’ in Iowa.*”)

So, it’s okay for a doctor to not be

in the same room as a woman who is getting an abortion they are prescribing? It’s okay for a woman to hemorrhage at home and deal with the body of her dead baby alone?

But the *Register* believes a child learning from a teacher on a webcam should be outlawed?

Would the *Register* editorial staff deny poor children in rural Iowa an education? Because that’s their webcam abortion rationale.

It’s time for Pro-Lifers to respond, “*Technology has advanced. So has education.*”

Iowa: teens can get an abortion, but not a tan

DES MOINES—We’re rooting for **Senator Herman Quirnbach’s** (D-Ames) bill to ban teens under age 18 from tanning at tanning salons. That’s with or without parental consent. Because if that passes, it will seem ridiculous that Iowa is a place where a girl under 18 can’t get a tan, but she can get an abortion.

Iowa has a “Parental Notification Law” on the books, but a pregnant minor may obtain a judicial waiver from a judge and bypass the parental consent law.

Planned Parenthood even provides instructions on how to do this on their website.



Quirnbach, by the way, is so in the tank for Planned Parenthood, that back in 2003, when he was first elected to the Iowa Senate, he voted



Teens stop by the Iowa Right to Life booth at the NICHE Homeschooling Convention in 2014 — not the smoking kind Sen. Tom Courtney is worried about.

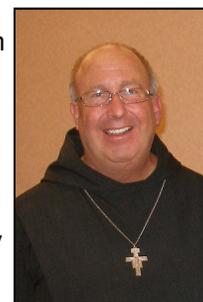
against a bill to require reporting of statistics on RU-486 abortions (also known as chemical or medication abortions—what Planned Parenthood uses in their webcam abortions.) Despite that, it still made it into law.

Without that law, we would not know about the impact of Planned Parenthood’s webcam abortions on state abortion statistics.

Okay, This One’s a Cry

ST. PAUL, MN—A dear friend of IRTL in the Pro-Life movement has passed away.

Brother Paul O’Donnell was found dead February 20 at his residence with the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in St. Paul, MN. He was 55.



Brother Paul was a President and founder of **Pro-Life Action Ministries** and also on the board of the **Terri Schaivo Life and Hope Network**. He was a feisty fighter on end-of-life issues. We appreciated his humor and encouragement in the face of adversity.

Want to see how feisty? We did a feature story on Brother Paul in the September 2011 issue of the *IRTL News*. Please visit www.iowaRTL.org and look under: “What’s New” and “*IRTL News.*”

What the news would look like if the media reported other issues like the abortion issue

DES MOINES—Name any other cause that attracts the numbers of the March for Life in Washington D.C. (Cue the crickets.)

Yet, we all know how the reporting goes. *Pro-Life March? WHAT Pro-Life March?*

No other issue is covered with such derision by the media. Pro-Lifers are “protestors” while pro-aborts are “activists” or “advocates.” Large crowds of Pro-Lifers are downplayed, made to sound insignificant. A handful of pro-aborts is made to sound like a stadium full.

So we wondered...what might other issues look like if the media covered them like it covers the Pro-Life movement?

Let’s start with this gem from *The Des Moines Register* on the most recent Midwest March for Life:

“The march, sponsored by Iowa Right to Life, went from the Statehouse to the courthouse with the aim of showing disapproval of legalized abortion.”

(Source: “Politicians join anti-abortion rally in Des Moines,” DM Register, by Linh Ta, 1/17/15)

With “the aim of showing disapproval of legalized abortion?” REALLY?

Okay, let’s flip it and see what it might sound like if the same language was attributed to one of the *Register’s* favorite pet projects: protesting the Bakken Oil Pipeline:

“The pipeline protesters went from the Statehouse to the courthouse, with the aim of showing disapproval of legalized distribution of oil.”



Media: March for Life? What March for Life? We don't see anybody.

Here’s one from *USA Today*, (which shares the same parent company as the *Register*, Gannett) on the March for Life in Washington:

“Protesters — drawn by social media and church youth groups — flocked to the annual March for Life...”

(Source: “March for Life draws ardent protest against abortion,” USA Today, by Natalie DeBlasio, 9/25/13)

Hundreds of thousands are boiled down by *USA Today* to church youth groups and social media.

What might that sound like if it were applied to the pipeline protesters?

“Protesters — drawn by social media and high school science clubs — flocked to the annual ‘March for Life Without the Bakken Oil Pipeline.’”

Now let’s look at an example of how the *Register* actually does cover the pipeline protesters:

“Twenty Iowa activist groups said Wednesday they are uniting in efforts to block state approval of the proposed Bakken crude oil pipeline, which would cut across 343 miles of land in 18 Iowa counties.”

“The Bakken Pipeline Resistance Coalition represents landowners, community members, nonprofits and advocacy groups, organizers said. They are concerned about protecting Iowa’s soil and water, its communities, and the health of future generations.”

(Source: “Iowa coalition formed to fight Bakken oil pipeline,” Des Moines Register, by William Petroski, 2/5/15)

Let’s pretend the passage above was about abortion:

“Twenty Iowa activist groups said Wednesday they are uniting in efforts to block state funding of Planned Parenthood which would cut out 4,792 lives of young Iowans in 99 counties.”

“The Coalition for Life represents landowners, community members, nonprofits and advocacy groups, organizers said. They are concerned about protecting Iowa’s children, its communities and the health of future generations.”

Doesn’t it all sound so wonderful? We’re activists... not protestors.

We’re all these groups uniting in efforts... not just church youth groups with Facebook pages.

We’re concerned about protecting... not aimed at showing disapproval.

We don’t expect the media to change anytime soon, so we’ll just have to keep calling them on it. Keep up your Letters to the Editor to your local newspapers and other media. For help writing Letters to the Editor, go to: www.iowaRTL.org and “Get Involved.”

Fun facts about new leader of Iowa Democrat Party

Including hosting Planned Parenthood fundraisers at her home

DES MOINES—On January 17, 2015, the Iowa Democratic state party central committee named Dr. Andrea McGuire to lead their state organization. She replaces Scott Brennan who did not seek re-election.

Fun facts you may know about Dr. Andrea McGuire:

- President and Chief Operating Officer at **Meridian Health Plan**.
- MD, specializing in nuclear medicine
- 58 years old
- Married with *seven kids* (For all the liberals calling for “common ground” - here it is!)
- Ran unsuccessfully in 2006 as a Lt. Governor candidate to **Mike Blouin**. They lost the Democratic nomination to **Chet Culver** and **Patty Judge**. (Ouch.)
- Founding member of the Women’s Leadership Connection for **United Way of Central Iowa**
- Former President of the **Creighton University National Alumni Board**

Fun Facts about Dr. Andrea McGuire you may not know:

- She has thrown Planned Parenthood fundraisers at her home and is a regular Planned Parenthood donor.
- On the **National Advisory Council for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)** — appointed by former Health and Human Services Secretary **Kathleen Sebelius**.
- McGuire’s **Meridian Health Plan**, is a managed Medicaid plan.
- Chairman of the College of Public Health Board of Advisors at the **University of Iowa**.

Prairie Meadows’ grants to Planned Parenthood went from \$10,000 a year to \$100,000 a year, when McGuire was on the board.

- While McGuire was on the **Prairie Meadows** Executive Committee, the casino’s grants to Planned Parenthood jumped from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

In 2012, when McGuire was Chair of the **Grant Advisory Committee**, Prairie Meadows’ grant to Planned Parenthood was increased to \$100,000. Planned Parenthood got another \$100,000 from Prairie Meadows as a “Legacy Grant” in 2013. (*Sources: Prairie Meadows annual reports.*)

Maybe \$100,000 is not that much, considering the **Des Moines Social Club**, that just put on a play called, “Cock” (that had nothing to do with chickens) got \$250,000 from the same Prairie Meadows fund.

- Dr. Andrea McGuire was on the board of **Warren Buffet’s** failed **Iowa Initiative** campaign to “reduce unintended pregnancies” (Which quietly dropped out of sight when the resulting numbers were not the ones they intended.)

Iowa Initiative, if you remember from past *IRTL News* issues, spent \$35 million to pay for IUDs and implanted hormone devices in women in Iowa.

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, a big beneficiary, increased its patient visits for IUDs and Implanon from 550 in its fiscal year ending in 2007 to 4,645 in its fiscal year ending in 2009. But abortions at Planned Parenthood didn’t go down, they went up — from 4,397 abortions in 2007 to 5,685 abortions in 2009.

McGuire was joined on the Iowa Initiative Board by other Planned Parenthood darlings: **Christie Vilsack**, **Susan Knapp** and former Lt. Gov. **Sally Pederson**.



- McGuire’s license plate on her Buick Enclave says “*HRC 2016*,” as in “**Hillary Rodham Clinton**.”

(*Source: “Clinton makes just one excruciating’ Iowa mention,” Des Moines Register, 6/11/14*)

Despite the “Draft Elizabeth Warren” undercurrent, the Iowa Democrats must be more serious about Hillary Clinton to put someone so in the tank for the Clintons like McGuire in charge.

- McGuire was co-chair of Hillary Clinton’s 2008 campaign in Iowa.
- McGuire had Hillary Clinton fundraisers in her home. In 2007, the *New York Times* reported, “On Friday night, Mrs. Clinton had dinner in Des Moines at the home of a leading Democrat, Andrea McGuire, and was joined by several other influential party members: **Mr. Boswell**; the state Senate Democratic leader, **Michael Gronstal**; and **Bonnie Campbell**, the former state attorney

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Midwest March for Life: On the March in Des Moines



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Look at that crowd at the Midwest March for Life!!

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Archbishop Jackels from the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

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Robert Rees from Midwest March media sponsor The Torch, 98.3.



Pastor Andre Brooks



IRTL's Jenifer Bowen with Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds.

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Marchers were able to meet our favorite Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Chuck Grassley.



Rep. David Young fires up the crowd.

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Young and Pro-Life! Pro-Life essay contest winners

DES MOINES—**Christ the King Catholic Church** in Des Moines shared the winners of their Pro-Life Essay Contest. We are reprinting these, with permission, to show how educated, articulate and passionate young people are in the Pro-Life movement.

We are running two in this issue of the IRTL news and we'll run one more in the next issue.

Advice to a Fellow Camper Maren Nielsen, age 17

There I was, sitting in the cabin with my friends, giggling, laughing, and snacking. Summer camp is the pinnacle of all the latest gossip. You find out how everyone's summer is going, all about people's wild adventures and the juicy little secrets you pinky swear on that won't leave that sacred space. Spirits were high and I was excited to go all out for camp, since it was, of course, senior year.

I was sitting on a bed with five other girls around me. They were going off about who knows what, while I sat back and popped another grape in my mouth. Then, I heard something that flipped my brain upside down. I sat straight up and asked my friends to repeat what I thought I had just heard. To my despair, it was true. One of our co-campers had an abortion earlier that winter. It boggled my mind that this was just another conversation topic. My heart shattered.

I thought back to junior year when I joined **Students for Life at Dowling Catholic**. I thought back to wrapping little rubber babies in felt with a prayer attached. I thought of how our presidents of the club always found little Pro-Life news to share with us and how awesome it made me feel.

I thought back to when a few friends and I had toured **Agape**. We met with a lady who worked there and she explained how the center worked. They help women who don't know

what to do about their pregnancies. The center does not perform abortions; she said what they do is give ultrasounds, help them with their finances if needed, and most importantly they pray for those women. She told us multiple stories of how they have saved so many babies by just praying and showing people how good life can be. This visit really inspired me.

If my fellow camper and friend had come up to me while she was pregnant and told me her situation, I would be happy for her. I don't know if I would be prepared to hear the news, but I would be prepared on how to direct her. I would suggest she meet with Agape, since I had been there and really enjoyed myself.

If she wasn't into that idea, I would strongly suggest that she tell her parents. This is obviously easier said than done, but I would have to trust God on what His plan is for her. Of course, I would always be praying for her and her baby.

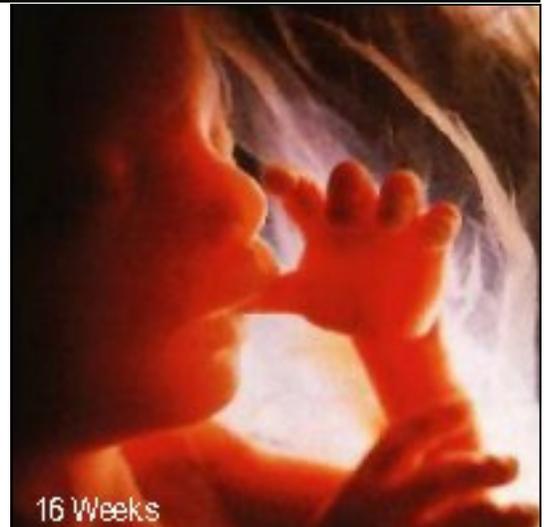
I only wish someone were there to tell her everything would be okay. Life isn't meant to be scary or harmful. God had a plan for her, and her decision is rather sad and unfortunate. I still believe God knows what He is doing. He quite possibly has put this situation in many of mine and my peers' lives to learn from her mistakes. I can only hope that if this happens again, the first thing they do, is turn to God.

Events and places were changed to protect the innocent.

Be Pro about Pro-Life Sophia Sanchez, age 16

Dear Sophia,

I know that we have been best friends since forever. And I know



that I can tell you anything. Well I can't do this over the phone and we are thousand miles apart so I am doing it by writing.

You know the boyfriend I have? And how you are telling me how he is not good for me? And how all he is trouble and you know this because he wanted to date you, and I told you that you should but you went with your instinct and said he is just trouble.

Well we were at a party one weekend and I was drinking and I passed out and he raped me. I was so drunk I did not even know that it happened. And the way I found out was one of his friends showed me a video the next day because I didn't believe him that he would do something like that.

And so the next month I did a pregnancy test and found out I am pregnant. I am only in 10th grade and have my whole life ahead of me, I have dreams that I want to make reality and cannot do it if I have a baby in the way, that I have to focus on too. I think I want to have an abortion. I am just scared because my parents are already so disappointed in me.

And after I told my boyfriend that I was pregnant, he dumped me and

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said it was all my fault that I should have been more careful with what I do and he does not want anything to do with the baby. I just don't want to make the wrong choice.

Can you please give me some of your great advice that you have? I just don't know what to do but I am leaning on the side of aborting the baby.

Sincerely,
Your best friend

Dear Best friend,

Of course you can tell me anything and everything and I will never judge you no matter what it is.

I cannot believe this, that you are really pregnant. This is very hard to believe but I am always here to help. The first thing I would like you to ask yourself is, what I want to do really practice my faith of being a good Catholic? I know this may be very hard for you to do, because you are thinking about your future and, I know what you want your future to hold.

The second thing I want you to ask yourself is, what are you doing to the baby when you are aborting it? Do you think it is same as murdering somebody that is at of a womb that can try to defend their selves?

I know what your answer is going to be because, we have had this conversation and you have told me that you would never abort a baby it is God's gift. The third thing I would like you to ask yourself is why did you write me if you want to have an abortion? I know it is scary that you are very young and you don't want to do this on your own, but I think you wrote me because in your mind you really don't want to have an abortion but you are scared and you think this will be the easiest thing to do and you will get over it.

I know you all too well and I know it is not true. If you have the baby then think what the baby could be. For all you know it could be the President of the United States, a professional athlete, or the next person to save a life that could be aborted like it was going to be.

If you don't want the baby there are other options for it such as adoption, foster care.

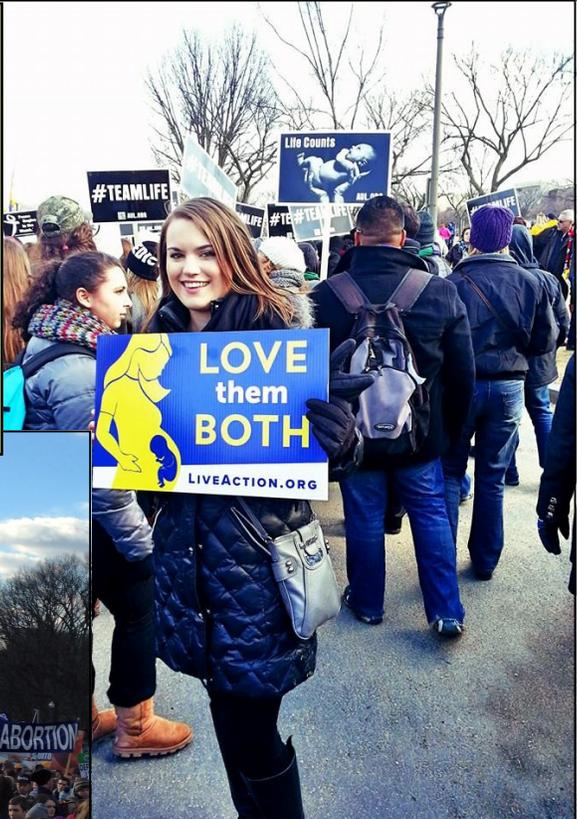
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Iowa College Students Join the March for Life in Washington D.C.



We heard about groups from all over Iowa who went to the March for Life in Washington D.C.

Here are some photos of our college students, including IRTL's Marketing Coordinator, Kendra Burger (right)



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Timeline of Iowa Board of Medicine Fight over webcam abortions ...Continued from Page 3



Objecting outside the Iowa Board of Medicine's "public hearing" in August 2010 where Pro-Lifers were limited to 10 minutes total. (This board was appointed by Gov. Chet Culver.)

August 25, 2010

Iowa Board of Medicine announced they have appointed a committee to study the use of video and other electronic communication in health care.

August 10, 2010

IBOM has a public hearing on Planned Parenthood's webcam abortions. Despite the presence of multiple Pro-Life groups from across the state,

the Board allowed only six people to testify and gave them only 10 minutes (1 minute, 40 seconds per person.)

This public hearing was the result of a complaint to the IBOM by Operation Rescue and a follow-up letter from Pro-Life groups in the state of Iowa, including Iowa Right to Life. The IBOM appointed entirely by Democrat **Gov. Chet Culver** okays the PPH telemedicine system

April 2009

Dana Larsen, the editor of the *Storm Lake Pilot Tribune* questions PPH, asking them directly, "Are you or are you not using the abortion pill at the Storm Lake clinic?" Planned Parenthood repeatedly refused to answer.

Instead, **Jim Flansburg**, PPH's then Communications Director responded to Larsen that Iowa Right to Life was "consistently factually inaccurate" and publishes "ideology, not truth." (IRTL had the last laugh.)

Fall 2008

Iowa Right to Life sounds the alarm

about Planned Parenthood's webcam abortion plans. Iowa media, including *The Des Moines Register*, balks and does not report anything.

July 2008

Halfway through the year, Planned Parenthood in Iowa secretly launches webcam abortions in Iowa. The internal code name for the program is "First in the Nation." Iowa Right to Life first sounded the alarm in September 2008.

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Planned Parenthood in Des Moines was part of the national trials of RU-486. **Jill June**, Planned Parenthood's CEO in Iowa at the time, told the media there were "no complications," but an emergency room physician stepped forward and said that one of his patients, a woman who was in the trial, almost bled to death.

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Fun Facts about new leader of Iowa Democrat Party

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general, among others."

(*"Clinton, in Iowa, Vows to 'Renew the Promise of America,'" New York Times, 1/28/07*)

Could McGuire be banking on Mrs. Clinton, because if she wins, McGuire might be on the short list to be Secretary of Health and Human Services? Just asking.

It will be interesting to see if McGuire is an effective leader and fundraiser for the Democrats. Or if she is spread too thin to have any impact at all.

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Young and Pro-Life! Pro-Life essay contest winners

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Anything is better than abortion. And when it is grown up to be an inspiration to others that's when you will know you did the right thing.

There are groups you can go to that will help you along the way, and the people in the group who are facing the same challenge. If you decide to keep the child you will have help from your parents. They are very good Catholics and I know that they will help you along the way it will just take them time to process what happened. The moment you hold your baby boy or girl it will be the happiest most proud moment of your life.

I know you can do this, you are a strong willed young lady and it will still be possible for you to still pursue your dreams.

As far as your boyfriend, you don't need that type of boy raising your child. He may be a dad but he will never be no father. The last thing I want to leave you with is a quote from **Mother Teresa**: "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

Sincerely,
Sophia

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