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Planned Parenthood quietly closes another location in Iowa

DES MOINES—Planned Parenthood has shuttered their so-called “Cold and Flu” clinic after just two years in business.

Planned Parenthood launched *myHealth Express* in early March 2013 at 818 5th Avenue in Des Moines (just west of Veterans Auditorium). A 3/2/13 *Associated Press* article said the location was for “treatment for colds and the flu, sore throats and ear-aches.” Then-spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, **Shelby Cloke**, assured the media that abortions would not be performed there.

But on Planned Parenthood’s website, services for the location never listed “treatments for colds, flu, sore throats and ear-aches.” “Abortion referral,” however, was at the top of the list. When you clicked on the link for “Service Details,” it had information on the morning-after pill and how to get other forms of birth control.

The location was controversial, because it was in the same building as the **Young Women’s Resource Center (YWRC)**, which serves girls as young as age 10.

YWRC does a lot of good—it offers counseling and confidence building for girls from troubled backgrounds. It also offers childbirth and child care classes for teen moms. Any affiliation with Iowa’s abortion giant would be disappointing.

Curiously, Planned Parenthood’s *my-Health Express* was open only one day a week—Wednesday, from 11:00am-6:00pm. The reason was soon clear:



Another down: Planned Parenthood closed their center in the same building with the Young Women’s Resource Center in Des Moines.

Planned Parenthood’s hours coincided with YWRC’s Connections Group, for girls age 13-18, which met every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm.

In November 2013, YWRC announced a new initiative—*Reproductive Health Seminars* for 6th to 8th graders. The program description said, “Topics covered included anatomy, hygiene, pregnancy, the menstrual cycle, and more.”

“...and more” is the scary part. Planned Parenthood wasn’t mentioned in YWRC’s description, but you don’t need a PhD to figure out their involvement. As we have documented before in the *IRTL News*, Planned Parenthood’s core curriculum for kids includes mutual masturbation, implanted

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Planned Parenthood fly-in abortionist out of retirement

Abortionist from Massachusetts resumes abortions in Nebraska

LINCOLN, NE—Abortions were suspended for five weeks in March and April at Planned Parenthood in Lincoln, NE, due to the retirement of an abortionist, but resumed 4/28/15, according to a report by Operation Rescue.

OR identified the retiring abortionist as **Dr. C.J. (Carroll) LaBenz**. He was replaced by **Dr. Nicola Moore**, a Massachusetts abortionist who Planned Parenthood flies all over the country.

Moore has a history of doing abortions for PPH in Iowa. As recently as 2014, she was paid \$143,055 by Planned Parent-

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Kendra Burger “mans” the IRTL booth at the **Iowa Catholic Men’s Conference** at St. Francis in West Des Moines in March.

Look for Jenifer on the campaign trail!



DES MOINES—IRTL Executive Director **Jenifer Bowen** is hard to keep up with. Now that the Presidential campaign is in full swing, she has been out meeting all the potential candidates.

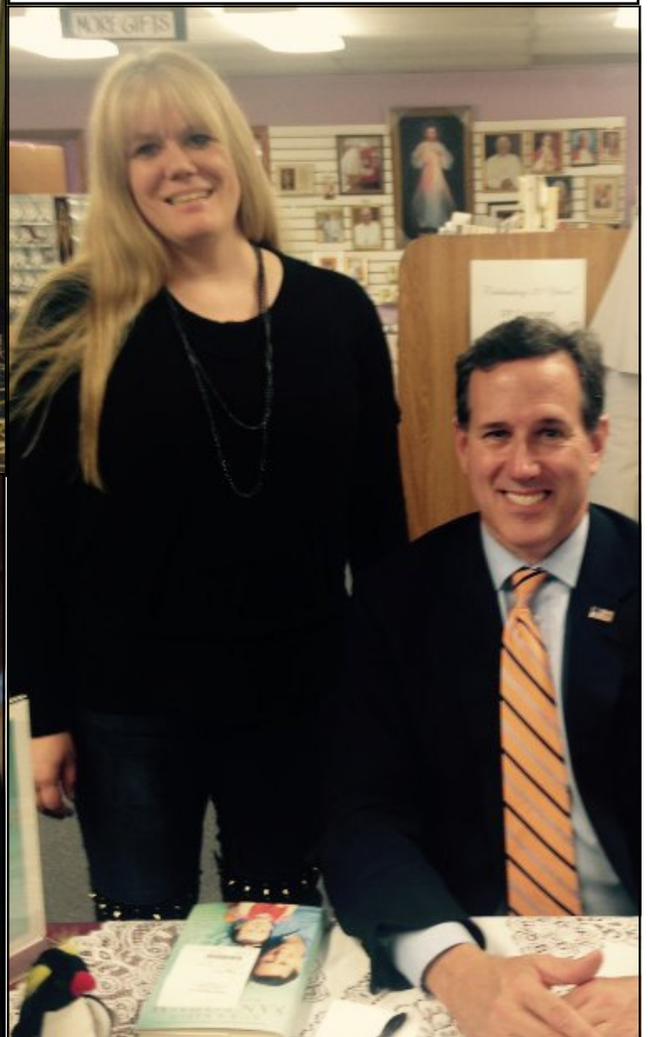
Don't worry if you don't see your favorite candidates pictured here... that just means Jenifer hasn't had a chance to meet them yet... *but she will*. She plans on meeting with all of them. Not just for photo ops, but to let them know the priorities of Pro-Life Iowans.

If you happen to spot Jenifer at one of the campaign events, please go up and say, "Hi" and introduce yourself.

Send us your photos with the candidates!

Email them to us at: outreach@iowaRTL.org or send them to us through **Facebook** or **Twitter**.

All of our contact information can be found at: <http://www.iowartl.org/about/contact-us>



Planned Parenthood by the numbers

DES MOINES—At Iowa Right to Life, we research, analyze and report to you statistics that you might not have time to dig up on your own. We hope this information will empower you to educate your friends, relatives, neighbor and communities as well as write letters to your representatives and local papers.



There are a lot of myths about Planned Parenthood needing more money—taxpayer money, *your money*. Is Planned Parenthood really that poor?

Here is a look at Planned Parenthood’s profit and loss record over the last few years.

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland Profit and Loss

Year	Revenues	Expenses	Profit	Loss
2014	25,544,105	27,980,495		-2,436,390
2013	34,370,599	33,630,348	740,251	
2012	27,480,667	31,811,263		-4,330,596
2011	28,383,557	24,080,340	4,303,217	
2010	24,458,673	23,535,531	923,142	
2009	19,066,875	18,803,483*	263,392	
2008	19,398,929	18,817,184	581,745	
2007	14,260,519	13,687,785	572,735	
2006	12,806,268	11,284,252	1,522,016	

(Source: Planned Parenthood of the Heartland Annual Reports)

*Fiscal Year 2009 Expenses weren’t listed in the PPH Annual Report. This number came from PPH’s 990 Tax Forms, publicly available.

What was going on during some of those years?

Mergers and acquisitions

2012-2014 numbers in the PPH Profit and Loss chart include all Iowa, plus 2 centers in Nebraska, 2 in Arkansas and 1 in Oklahoma.

2010-2011 numbers include all of Iowa, plus 2 locations in Nebraska.

2010 and before numbers do not include the merger of PP of Greater Iowa with PP of East Central Iowa (2 centers) and PP of Southeast Iowa (5 centers).

(More information: see our “PPH Timeline” in *IRTL News*, August 2014.)

2014 (fiscal year ending June 30, 2014):

PPH lost over \$2.4 million and PPH CEO **Jill June** retired on June 30.

2014 numbers reflect massive layoffs which took place in November 2013, including cuts in key staff at PPH headquarters in Des Moines. Also this year, PPH closed 6 centers in Iowa: 4 abortion referral centers in December 2013 and 2 in June 2014.

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Patient Service Revenue

One of Planned Parenthood’s great myths is that they offer a lot of services to poor women for free.

In its Fiscal Year 2014, PPH collected **\$14,125,578** in patient service revenue.

PPH no longer makes public how patient services revenue breaks down. But back in FY 2008, it was:

- 47% Medicaid
- 36% Patient Pay (out of pocket)
- 18% Private Insurance

PPH’s biggest surge in patient service revenue came in 2013, when they collected \$17.2 million.

Taxpayer Funding

PPH collected its highest amount of taxpayer funds—over \$3.1 million—in 2014, through government grants. It was 12% of their total income that year.

Taxpayer funding has been as high as 18% of PPH’s annual income (in 2005 and 2002) and as low as 6% of PPH’s annual income (in 2010 and 2008.)

Travel Expenses

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland doesn’t break out its travel expenses for staff in its annual reports. However, some of those numbers show up in their 990 Tax Forms, which are publicly available.

Fiscal year ending (June 30):

2013: \$475,482

2012: \$784,356 (year of \$4.3 mil loss)

2011: \$577,306

2010: \$640,607

2009: \$523,604

2008: \$422,481

(Source: 990 Tax Reports on citizenaudit.org)

The tax forms do not reveal who is doing the traveling.

Sue vs. Basu: A letter to the *Register* columnist

DES MOINES—There are a lot of misconceptions about Planned Parenthood's teled (webcam) abortions. A big purveyor of bad information on behalf of Planned Parenthood is *Des Moines Register* columnist Rekha Basu.

Back in March, Basu wrote yet another webcam (teled) abortion editorial. Former Planned Parenthood manager, Sue Thayer, shared this letter she sent to Basu to set the record straight.

Dear Ms. Basu,

After reading your March 15 comments on teled abortion I realized that you are missing some facts. Please allow me to share some truths.

"This (medication abortions) can't be done after seven weeks..." you said. That is exactly what the FDA recommends, but when Planned Parenthood (PP) began doing the procedure in late 2007, it was done through 63 days gestation. PP recently testified that they now do them through day 70. Not only does PP perform chemical webcam abortion three weeks past the FDA recommendation of 49 days, but they change the dosage of the medications.

Additionally, the FDA calls for three clinic visits. PP does only two. All these deviations from FDA regulations mean that PP gives these powerful drugs "off-label." You stated it this way – "Planned Parenthood is using its own protocols." This is true and it is proof that PP believes they are above and beyond the FDA guidelines.

Yes, the Iowa Board of Medicine

was appointed by Pro-Life Governor Terry Branstad who was elected by a majority of Iowa voters. Elections have consequences.

PP has consistently claimed there has not been a complaint from anyone undergoing a chemical webcam abortion. This is not true. I was a Center Manager at PP in Storm Lake during the time they mandated that every center and every staff member would perform webcam abortions. Women would take the first drug, Mifeprex and then return to the clinic a day or two later asking if she could change her mind.

There were women who returned to Planned Parenthood with their fetus in a ziploc bag, sometimes crying, sometimes hysterical...

The dead fetus is sometimes seen in the blood and clots, other times it is unknowingly flushed down the toilet. PP staff refers to the abortion as simply "a heavy period".

There were women who returned to PP with their fetus in a ziploc bag, sometimes crying, sometimes hysterical, always wondering what to do with the body.

Iowa has no waiting period for a woman seeking an abortion. A positive urine pregnancy test resulted in the staff saying "We can take care



Lifers: Sue Thayer pictured with Priests for Life Founder Father Frank Pavone.

of the problem for you today, 45 minutes in and out, all you have to do is take a pill."

Lastly and most importantly, PP has non-medical, non-licensed, entry-level staff performing vaginal ultrasounds. This is an invasive procedure where a wand is inserted into the vagina in an effort to get a clear picture of the fetus. All clinic staff, managers and assistants, were expected to perform transvaginal ultrasounds.

When I expressed concerns about safety and liability, I was told that "If you are breathing you can do it. It helps if you've played a video game as it's a lot like running a joystick."

Personally, if I needed to have this procedure done, I would want a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS) on the other end of the wand. But again, PP goes by their own protocol and trains their employees for a day or two and then considers them "certified and qualified".

Your piece quoted PP attorney Alice Clapman as saying that the Supreme Court should "not agree (with the Iowa Board of Medicine) if their actions are illogical, irrational or

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

DES MOINES—Back in March, you might have seen a full-page ad in the *Des Moines Register* attacking Wisconsin Governor and potential Presidential candidate **Scott Walker**.

IRTL sent a Letter to the Editor, because the ad was deceptive. We want you to see our letter that the *Register* never printed.



Iowans Not Fooled by NARAL

To the Editor:

A full page ad attacking Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker's abortion views (*Des Moines Register*, 3/5/15) was deceptive. The ad was signed, "The People of Wisconsin." But the ad's real author and sponsor was hidden in a dark font blended into the dark border around the ad: NARAL, the National Abortion Rights Action League, which is based in Washington D.C.

That's how NARAL likes it – to keep you in the dark about their real agenda. So let me shed some light on it.

NARAL fights against legislation allowing a pregnant woman the option to view her ultrasound. Why should any woman be denied that? Can you imagine breaking a leg and the doctor refusing to show you the x-ray?

NARAL fights against parental involvement laws. If your teenage daughter were pregnant, would you want her boyfriend or boyfriend's parents taking her for a secret abortion without your knowledge? Whatever gets her to the abortion is NARAL's creed.

NARAL fights against legislation to curb sex-selection abortions. NARAL

believes a woman should abort a healthy baby girl, if she really wanted a boy.

Planned Parenthood supports these, as well – the two organizations are closely linked. In fact, Planned Parenthood's national president Cecile Richards put out a special release on 1/14/13 endorsing NARAL's selection of Ilyse Hogue as their new president.

Who is Ilyse Hogue? A former Communications Director of the radical MoveOn.org with an axe to grind against Governor Walker, after Walker soundly defeated her NARAL-endorsed candidate in the 2014 elections. Hogue even traveled to Wisconsin in October 2014 to knock on doors for Walker's opponent.

Like the majority of Iowans, it appears that the real "People of Wisconsin" support Scott Walker instead of NARAL's abortion agenda. Iowans are not fooled by NARAL's shady practices.

— Jenifer Bowen, Executive Director

Des Moines Register's circulation in freefall

DES MOINES—The *Des Moines Register's* political bias may be a moot point, because their circulation numbers have been in freefall, Des Moines' *CityView* newspaper's report shows.

Daily and Digital Circulation: 84,530 (for six months ending 9/30/14)

"That's down 5.7 percent from the 89,685 of a year earlier, and it's down about 44 percent from the 150,201 of nine years ago," according to *CityView*. (Source: "Register circulation numbers hit a 90-year low," *CityView*, 12/31/14.)

Sunday Circulation: 146,522 (for six months ending 9/30/14)

That is "down 9 percent from the 161,184 of a year earlier," according to *CityView* and down "nearly 100,000, or 40 percent, in nine years."

If you think this is just due to people switching to reading the *Register* online, *CityView* reports the *Register's* digital numbers, "have fallen alarmingly in the last 12 months."

New Register publisher donates: Obama for America and Democratic National Committee

While the *Register* gives lip service to diversity, there is no diversity of thought. Reporters and Opinion writers tow the line on left-wing, liberal issues. Many Pro-Lifers have told us they dropped their subscriptions as a result.

Don't expect any diversion from the status quo from the *Register's* new publisher, 39 year-old **David Chivers**, hired 4/16/15. Craig Robinson at *The Iowa Republican* uncovered donations by Chivers of **\$500 to Obama for America** on 9/13/12 and **\$250 to the Democrat National Committee** on 8/1/14.

Want more? Read: **All in the family: The Des Moines Register's history with Planned Parenthood in Iowa in IRTL News**, November 2013 on www.iowaRTL.org, under "What's New" and "IRTL Newsletter."

Join Iowa Right to Life's Education for All Campaign



Iowa Right to Life engages in a variety of educational and grassroots efforts year round throughout Iowa. This also includes working through the legislative process to achieve laws that better protect all lives.

That's why we're launching our **Education for All Campaign**.

With 1,000 members like you contributing \$25.00 a month (only \$0.82/day), together we can build predictable and sustaining educational funding. We know that your heart and prayers, like ours, is that together we continue working toward reducing and ultimately ending the 5,970 abortions that take place in Iowa each year.



That's an average of 16 abortions each and every day in Iowa. Your contribution (your sacrifice!) of \$0.82/day can be a very important part of our joint efforts to help save the lives of some of these 16 babies who lose their life in Iowa every single day through abortion.



THANK YOU for everything that you have done and for everything you will do to help us fight for the lives of the innocent, unborn babies, and our vulnerable handicapped and elderly.

Yes, I/we would be honored to become a Charter Member of the **Education for All Campaign**. I/we will make a **monthly donation** as indicated below and understand that this will continue until I/we decide to cancel the monthly donation, which can be done at any time by contacting Iowa Right to Life.

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Routing #: _____

By signing, I am giving Iowa Right to Life the authorization to do as stated above.

Signature: _____

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Visa/MasterCard/Discover # _____

Expiration Date _____

Security Code (3 digits on back of card) _____

Option 3 – Personal Check

I/we will send you a personal check each month. Please send a supply of preaddressed envelopes.

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

Mayor and Planned Parenthood Player

When Suzanna de Baca, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's President and CEO gave a talk at Iowa State University on March 2, the audience wasn't just students.

Also there was **Mayor of Ames Ann Campbell**. Mayor Campbell was



already well known to Iowa Right to Life as a regular, albeit small-time Planned Parenthood donor. In 2013, she wrote two checks for \$100 each for Planned Parenthood Voters of Iowa PAC (she's

usually in PPH's \$99 and below category).

But if you look at Mayor Campbell's background, is it any wonder she is a fan of Planned Parenthood?

Education:

B.A. Grinnell College

M.A. Brown University

Past board member of the League of Women Voters.

If Grinnell College and Brown University could have a love child, it would be Planned Parenthood. Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America graduated from Brown. And last year, Brown awarded her an "honorary degree." (What? Like the first one didn't count?)

Though they call themselves "non-partisan," the League has been in bed with Planned Parenthood a long time.)

One of the co-sponsors of de Baca's talk was ISU's **Committee on Lectures**; funded by ISU's Government of the Student Body, through mandatory student-activity fees, that all Iowa State students pay.



PPH worker was Clinton campaign prop in Iowa

LeCLAIRE—Hillary Clinton's first tour of Iowa as a Presidential Candidate was so staged that the cheeky British press referred to it as her "Astroturf Campaign," instead of "Grassroots." (Source: *U.K. Daily Mail*, 4/15/15)

One of the "spontaneous stops" on Clinton's campaign was at a coffee shop in LeClaire, where she had her photo taken talking to three young Iowans. It turns out one of them was Sara Sedlacek, a Regional Development Director for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland.

The Quad City Times' Ed Tibbetts billed it as, "Clinton surprises customers at LeClaire coffee shop"

The *Des Moines Register's* Josh Hafner reported, "Hillary Clinton's unannounced campaigning continued into downtown LeClaire..."

Lest you think 33 year-old Sedlacek, who lives an hour away in West Liberty, just happened to be at the coffee house in LeClaire, the *U.K. Daily Mail* sets the record straight:

"Clinton's campaign staffer Troy Price called and asked the three

activists to meet him at The Village Inn in Davenport. Price then drove them to the coffee house to meet Clinton after vetting them for about a half-hour."

Sedlacek ran as a Democrat for the Iowa House of Representatives in 2012. She lost to Republican Thomas Sands.

Iowa would LOVE another Steve King

CEDAR RAPIDS—After getting crushed in the 2014 Gubernatorial race along with her running mate, Jack Hatch, it didn't take long for former Lt. Gov. wannabe **Monica Vernon** to resurface.

A "BREAKING NEWS ALERT" email went out to a Planned Parenthood supporters on May 1, 2015, with this message:

BREAKING IA-01 RACE UPDATE: Pundits name Rod Blum THE most vulnerable incumbent in the country. The pundits know what we know: Rod Blum is vulnerable.

We've got to act! Help us show the pundits and the GOP we're ready. Make a donation to our Rapid Response Fund.

Wow! We weren't expecting this – our race has been named the best opportunity for a pick-up in the country. With Rod Blum voting with Steve King 91% of the time – we've got to act. Iowa doesn't want another Steve King...

The bottom of the email reads: *Paid for by Monica Vernon for Congress. Democrat Vernon is challenging Republican Rod Blum for his U.S.*

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Planned Parenthood fly-in abortionist out of retirement

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hood of the Heartland, according to the abortion giant's 990 tax forms.

Both LaBenz and Moore were profiled in the December 2014 *IRTL News*, (found on our website at www.iowaRTL.org.) At that time, we assumed Moore was retired, because her medical license in Nebraska expired 10/1/14 and her medical license in Iowa expired 12/1/13.

But now, Moore's license in NE has been renewed through 10/1/16. Her license was not renewed in Iowa.

PPH advertising for abortionist for Iowa and Nebraska

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland has been advertising for an "Associate Medical Director" to cover Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa. One of the requirements of the job is experience with "1st and 2nd trimester terminations."

PPH's want ad also promises to cover "Malpractice Insurance" for the abortionist. Why would they need that since PPH spokespeople are always claiming there are no complications? (Sarcasm)

The ad also boasts, "Base pay plus productivity incentives." Can we assume that means PP abortionists have a financial incentive to perform more abortions? Former Planned Parenthood employees often talk about the organization's "quota system," which ups the abortion goal for each location.

When PPH does find a new abortionist, you can be sure we will be on the case.

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birth control and abortions that sound like they are a walk in the park.

In Planned Parenthood's last two annual reports, they did not document how many cold and flu patients they treated. But they did record 6,367 abortions in their fiscal year ending in 2013 and 5,970 in fiscal year ending in 2014.

In all, Planned Parenthood has closed 13 locations in Iowa in just 3 years. After launching its "First in the Nation" webcam abortion scheme in 2008, where women would talk to doctors on webcams

before taking drugs that would induce an abortion, the abortion giant peaked in 2011 with 26 centers throughout Iowa, and abortions performed at 18 of them.

Now PPH is down to 14 centers in Iowa and just nine that do abortions. If they continue to implode in Iowa, next to go will probably be Keokuk and Urbandale. Both are "abortion referral" locations. PPH has an abortion center at Burlington, 45 minutes away from Keokuk and other PPH locations in Des Moines could make Urbandale obsolete.

More at www.iowaRTL.org.



Life giving: Kathy Troccoli performed at the Annual Fundraiser for the Red Oak Pregnancy Center of Southwest Iowa on March 20.



We won't STEER you wrong

Drop by Iowa Right to Life's booth in the Varied Industries Building at the **Iowa State Fair, August 13-23.**



Planned Parenthood by the numbers

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2012 (fiscal year ending June 30, 2012):

The year PPH's loss was over \$4.3 million, they closed four centers: Knoxville, Newton, Storm Lake and a so-called "Family Practice" center in Des Moines.

Despite the huge loss, PPH CEO Jill June, collected a \$313,795 salary that year, which included a \$22,500 bonus.

January 2012 is when the **Susan G. Komen** organization ignited a fire by saying it would eliminate funding to PP — then took it back and restored funding a month later.

Planned Parenthood's Income from "Public Support" in their 2012 annual report shows they took a hit that year. Public donations were down to \$6,974,442 in 2012, from \$11,308,788 a year earlier.

2011 (fiscal year ending June 30, 2011):

The year PPH logged \$4.3 million in profits, was the height of their webcam abortion scheme — they had 26 total locations in Iowa and 18 doing abortions.

Today, PPH is down to 14 locations in Iowa and 9 do abortions.

2011 was also the year after PPH announced that **Capital Campaign** to build six new PPHs in Iowa, (Carter Lake, Clinton, Marshalltown, Mason City, Muscatine and Ottumwa) and six in Nebraska that never materialized. PPH quietly dropped the Capital Campaign from their website and materials, but never explained where the money went.

2008 (fiscal year ending June 30, 2008):

This is the year Planned Parenthood in Iowa got a \$750,000 raise from the Iowa Legislature for their so-called "**Healthy Families Campaign**" which sounded the alarm on teen pregnancy. Iowa Right to Life exposed the PPH program as a sham — because Iowa already had one of the lowest teen pregnancy rates in the country before the Healthy Families Campaign.

2007 (fiscal year ending June 30, 2007):

From 2007-2012, Planned Parenthood of Iowa received a big inflow of cash from legendary investor **Warren Buffet** through a program called, the **Iowa Initiative to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy**.

\$35 million was spent to promote long-term birth control (interuterine devices and implanted hormone devices) and Planned Parenthood was supposed to be a big recipient of that money. Instead of reducing abortions, Planned Parenthood increased its Iowa abortions in that time from 4,401 in 2007 to 4,792 in 2009. (2009 was the last year, Iowa abortion numbers were isolated in the abortion giant's annual report.)

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

Baby...BOOM! Iowa Right to Life had a booth at the Biggest Baby Shower Ever, February 28 at the State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. Here are some people who stopped by.



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Congressional seat in the 1st District.

The email never really says who the "pundits" are. Details... details...

We would like to remind the Vernon camp that **Rep. Steve King** won his 2014 re-election by OVER 20 percentage points (61.7 to 38.3). In that race, King's opponent was roadkill. It appears Iowa would like another Steve King—*alot*.

Whatever happened to King's opponent, **Jim Mowrer**? The Iowa Democratic Party made him vice chairman. Win the future.

But get this: a 3/30/15 article in the University of Iowa's *Daily Iowan* on Mowrer said since the election, "Iowa Democrats up and down the political ladder have urged to Mowrer to run again." Really? Must be the same Democrats urging Chet Culver to run again.

No more pencils, no more books. No more columnists dirty looks.

DES MOINES—At IRTL, home-schoolers are close to our hearts.

So we can't keep quiet when the *Des Moines Register* has yet another staff editorial attacking them: ("New

home-schooling has no accountability." 4/16/15). At issue is an education reform law that allows home-school parents the freedom to educate their kids, without the meddling oversight of public schools, they are trying to escape in the first place.

As before, the *Register* soothsayers see educational Armageddon:

"This is unfathomable from an educational perspective. An Iowa child may never learn to read. Her entire science education may consist of watching a cow give birth. Forget algebra if a parent thinks counting butterflies is all the math a teen needs to know."

They are sounding the alarm, though they have no proof of any wayward home school kids—none, zero. (Which is a whole number, a rational number, and a real number, but not a prime number. We didn't get that from "the new math.")

Let's compare that to the hypocrisy of *Register* staff editorials on telemed (webcam) medication abortions.

Register staff editorials have said there are no abortion complications -- because *there's no proof*. Because Planned Parenthood said so. (There is clear proof, which they choose to

ignore - from the Ohio reports on medication abortion complications at Planned Parenthood.)

Side note: the editorial uses the word "unfathomable" twice. That's an unusual word. Out of curiosity, we Googled "unfathomable" along with each name of the *Register's* editorial board to see if we could figure out who the author was. None of them matched up. (Editorial Board: Amalie Nash, Lynn Hicks, Rox Laird, Andie Dominick and Clark Kauffman.)



But Rekha Basu's writing was a match. She uses "unfathomable" an unfathomable number of times. She even uses it on her Facebook posts.

Though Basu is a columnist, but not on the editorial board, we believe she wrote the editorial board's hit piece on the home-schoolers. She is well known for hateful columns against home-schoolers and Christians. It's not likely that the derisive comment about "watching a cow give birth" came from one of the *Register's* writers who are natives of rural Iowa.

From Sue to Basu... a letter to a Register columnist

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wholly unjustified". With webcam abortion taking place in only two states, Iowa and Minnesota, and with seventeen other states having banned the procedure, we must consider - Is this good medical practice? Don't Iowa women deserve better?

Sue Thayer
Storm Lake, Iowa



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We also have free *Get the Facts sheets* on the website:

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Get the Facts: Meet Planned Parenthood's Dr. Jill Meadows

Get the Facts: Webcam Abortions

Get the Facts: Women Hurt by Planned Parenthood

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