

IRTL's RU-486 Press Release Reaches Beyond Iowa

The call came into the Iowa Right to Life office from a young woman in another state.

She called us because a friend had given her Iowa Right to Life's release about the dangers of Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa's walk-in RU-486/Medication Abortions. She was calling to get more information because she was pregnant and her doctor advised her to go to Planned Parenthood to get this abortion.

At Planned Parenthood, she was told they would not do the abortion before she was eight weeks along. But the woman knew from our press release, that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says that RU-486 abortions should not be performed after 49 days (6 weeks and 1 day) into a woman's pregnancy.

We are not sure why Planned Parenthood would say she could not have the abortion before she was eight weeks along — it might have to do with when they could fit her into their

schedule, which is a frightening thought.

The woman asked Planned Parenthood if she could bring her doctor with her to her appointment. Planned Parenthood said, "No."

Planned Parenthood told her they would not do the medication abortion before she was 8 weeks along — against FDA recommendations.

She told us she was scared, because she had a friend in the hospital that had just gone to Planned Par-

enthood for a surgical abortion.

We talked to her about adoption. She liked the idea, because it seemed like the right thing to do, since she and her husband were both adopted.

She called back to let us know that she talked with her husband and they agreed to choose life for the baby and let him be adopted.

Your work in helping us get out the word on the dangers of Planned Parenthood and RU-486 is making a difference and saving lives.

There is more to be done! **See more info about RU-486 and Planned Parenthood on Page 3.**



Mark Your Calendar...

March for Life

Washington, D.C.

Thursday, January 22, 2009, 12 Noon

The March for Life is what gets pro-lifers really fired up for the year ahead. How can you not be excited by the sea of people all standing up for life? There are also activities for high school students and young adults.

For more information, visit: www.MarchforLife.org



Join Us—Prayer for Life

Iowa State Capitol Building
Des Moines

Monday, February 9, 2009,

3:30-4:30 PM

In 2001 Kim Lehman, president of Iowa Right to Life was on Jan Mikelson's Talk Show on WHO Radio in Des Moines, to tell people about the "Women's Right to Know Bill," when Mikelson got an unexpected caller, his sister, Sonja, who called expressing her agreement and frustration with lack of information by Planned Parenthood and shared her own abortion experience for the first time with her brother Jan and family.

At this year's Prayer for Life at the Iowa Capitol, Sonja Bates will share her story and her ministry in post-abortion healing.

Come rally with fellow pro-lifers and meet with your state legislators. The best news of all — the Prayer for Life **WILL BE INDOORS** this year. Refreshments will be served. <http://irlc.org/events/prayer-for-life/>

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40 Days Wrap-up: 614 Babies Saved

40 Days for Life is growing in Iowa — the prayer vigil outside abortion clinics ran from September 24-November 1 and included participants in Des Moines, Bettendorf, Council Bluffs and Sioux City.

Amazing things happened on a national level during this fall's 40 Days for Life effort:

Stop FOCA Flyers Available

DES MOINES—Iowa Right to Life now has "NO FOCA" flyers available on its website.

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) is a congressional bill introduced last year that would eliminate over 550 pro-life laws. It would permit tax funding of abortion and legalize abortion on demand for any reason through the 9th month of pregnancy in all 50 states.

President-elect Barack Obama promised Planned Parenthood at

their 2007 Action Fund conference that the first thing he would do as president would be to sign FOCA.

IRTL is rallying pro-lifers to contact their Senators and U.S. Representatives and urge them to vote against FOCA.

Help us spread the word! The Stop FOCA flyer can be downloaded in PDF format at the IRTL website: <http://irlc.org/what-s-new/hot-topics>

- There were at least **614 turn-arounds** across the U.S., where women seeking abortion changed their minds. There were at least three babies saved here from Planned Parenthood in Des Moines.

- Several people have **quit their jobs** in the abortion industry and clinics have advertised immediate openings on their staffs.

- A number of **abortion centers have been closed** on days when abortions are usually performed.

- Tens of thousands of people have taken part in 40 Days for Life, many

engaging in pro-life activities **for the first time in their lives.**



The next 40 Days for Life is February 25-April 5, 2009.
For More Information, Visit:

www.40daysforlife.com/iowa

Pro-Life News Briefs

Making a Killing

DES MOINES—Spring is construction season, so keep an eye out in your churches and school districts for construction projects bid on by Weitz Construction. Des Moines-based Weitz Construction is the builder of the largest Planned Parenthood abortion processing center in the country in Denver, Colorado. Weitz is currently working on Western Hills Elementary in West Des Moines and was the contractor for Valley High School's recent renovation. Fred and Emily Weitz sit on Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa's Board of Sponsors and are also major donors

to Iowa's #1 abortion business.

A company that profits from the killing of innocent children should not be paid our tax dollars to build our schools, our churches and other facilities that house our children.

Ultrasound Law—OK

OKLAHOMA CITY—Oklahoma's new ultrasound law went into effect on November 1, 2008. The law provides women considering abortion with ultrasound images of their child and an explanation of the ultrasound.

14 states now have ultrasound laws

where a woman is shown the ultrasound images or offered a chance to see them.

Planned Parenthood Stops Selling Baby Shirts

DES MOINES—Last year, Planned Parenthood was selling clothing on their website, including baby "onesies" with pro-abortion messages on them for \$15 a piece. This year they don't have them. They must not have been selling too well. Let's see...\$15 a baby shirt... but \$350-650 for aborting a baby. Hmmm.

RU-486: Don't Believe Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood Ignores FDA to Increase Profits

DES MOINES—Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa is promoting walk-in, no appointment abortions at its locations across Iowa with dangerous RU-486 abortions (also known as “medication” or “chemical” abortions). And there's NO DOCTOR in the room. Instead, PPGI's doctor consults by webcam from another city.

The FDA recommends women have an RU-486/medication abortion in a doctor's office. Planned Parenthood sends women home to have the abortion, because it is **MORE PROFITABLE FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD:**

- Less staffing for Planned Parenthood, means less overhead cost.
- More exam rooms available, so Planned Parenthood can do even more abortions and increase their profits.
- Less traumatizing for Planned Parenthood's staff. Staff turnover is reduced, when no one has to deal with the woman's pain, clean up the blood and count the baby parts to make sure the abortion was complete.
- Clinic staff doesn't have to deal with the disposal of the baby's body. The woman can just flush it down the toilet at home or throw it into her own garbage.
- Planned Parenthood saves money by not having a doctor in the room. Women who go to Planned Parenthood pay the price, because there are so many things that can go wrong that cannot be diagnosed by a webcam doctor.

The Morning After Pill Vs

Medication Abortions

The Morning After Pill or “Plan B” is **NOT** a medication abortion. Rather it is a pill with a high dosage of the hormone found in birth control pills. It prevents an embryo from implanting in the womb.

On the other hand, RU-486, which is a medication abortion, is given to a woman who's unborn is already growing in the womb, even up to 7 weeks along.

If you go to Planned Parenthood and what they are telling you doesn't seem right, or something is making you uncomfortable, **TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS AND LEAVE.**

RU-486 KILLS

Women who have died as a result of RU-486 / medication abortions, died from:

Clostridium sordelli – bacterial infection, like toxic shock

Bleeding to death

Ruptured ectopic pregnancy

Massive heart attack

IMPORTANT: One of the biggest dangers with medication abortions is that major complications—Excessive Bleeding, Cramping, Nausea, Vomiting, High Fever—can be mistaken for typical abortion complications.

For more information on women who died after RU-486/medication abortions and women who participated in RU-486 Trials at Planned Parenthood in Des Moines, visit: <http://irlc.org/get-the-facts/>

How RU-486 Works

RU-486, also called a “medication” or “chemical” abortion. The woman is first given RU-486 pills, also known as mifepristone or “Mifeprex,” and then a few days later, instructed to take a second drug, misoprostol, which causes the infant to be aborted.

If you, or someone you know has complications from an RU-486 abortion:

- Go **IMMEDIATELY** to your nearest hospital Emergency Room.
- Do not deal with abortion clinic personnel who say, “Just take more pain medicine.” That has cost too many women their lives. Get to an Emergency Room.
- Tell the Emergency Room health professionals that you have had an RU-486 abortion – to save your life, they need to know what is going on.
- Don't worry about health insurance – your life is more important. Stay alive and work out the details later.

Planned Parenthood's Dirty Little Secret: If you are injured by the abortion, Planned Parenthood will **BLAME YOU**. In a recent court case in Nebraska, a Planned Parenthood abortionist punctured the uterus of a woman, who nearly bled to death. Planned Parenthood's attorney said, “*She knew the risks.*” The abortionist, Dr. Meryl Severson, also practices in Iowa.

For More Information on RU-486 and Planned Parenthood, visit: www.iowaRTL.org

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40 Days for Life Coming Again
February 25–April 5, 2009

At least 614 babies were saved nationally in the fall, during this very successful prayer vigil outside of abortion clinics. It begins again in February at locations across Iowa.

See Page 2 for more on the success of the Fall 40 Days for Life.

IRTL Book Sale—March 25-30, 2009
7 Flags Event Center, Clive



Few can resist a great deal on your favorite books—especially when the proceeds go to help crisis pregnancy centers serve women in need across Iowa. **See details at the bottom of this page.**

CPC Pregnancy Resources
Banquet-Bettendorf, Iowa
April 2, 2009
The Lodge

Annual benefit for the CPC Pregnancy Resources in Davenport. For more information, call 568.386.3737.

Cherish Center Annual One in Heart Banquet—Milford, Iowa
April 16, 2009

Annual benefit for Cherish Center pregnancy center in Milford. For more information, call: 712.338.3333.

Send us your local events!
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Great things are happening on www.iowaRTL.org:

Most-viewed pages in the last 30 days:

- Planned Parenthood Offers Walk-in Abortions in IA with Webcam Doctor
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Planned Parenthood Supporters in Iowa
- 2008 Candidate Survey
- RU-486

IRTL's "Help I'm Pregnant" section was also very popular and one of the most-viewed pages was a page for Teens: "How to Tell Your Parents"

Make It Your New Year's Resolution to Get Involved!

Visit our "Get Involved" and "Events" sections for some great ideas on how you, your family and friends can make a difference in Iowa!

DONATE to IRTL ONLINE! For your convenience, Iowa Right to Life has added a way to donate online through Paypal. It's fast, it's free and it's secure! **Visit: <http://irlc.org/about-us/donate/>**

BOOK IT: Next IRTL Sale is March 25-30, 2009

DES MOINES—Mark your calendars for the next **Iowa Right to Life Book Sale, March 25-30** at the 7 Flags Event Center in Clive.

Proceeds from Iowa Right to Life's successful book sales in 2008 went to benefit the following pregnancy centers across Iowa:

Birthright—Ames
Women's Choice Center—Bettendorf
Birthright of Burlington—Burlington
Birthright of Carroll—Carroll
Birthright of Blackhawk County—Cedar Falls
Aid to Women—Cedar Rapids
Birthright—Cedar Rapids
Hope Pregnancy Center—Centerville
Gabriel's Corner—Council Bluffs
Birthright—Council Bluffs
Catholic Charities—Council Bluffs
Birthright of Davenport—Davenport
CPC Pregnancy Resources—

Davenport
Agape Pregnancy Ctr.—Des Moines
Alpha Women's Ctr.—Des Moines
Birthright—Des Moines
Catholic Charities—Des Moines
Gabriel Project—Des Moines
Ruth Harbor—Des Moines
Birthright—Dubuque
Catholic Charities—Dubuque
The Pregnancy Center—Dubuque
Birthright—Fort Madison
Birthright of Grinnell—Grinnell
Birthright—Independence
Birthright—Iowa City
Informed Choice of Iowa—Iowa City
Lighthouse Ctr. of Hope—Iowa Falls
Birthright of Keokuk—Keokuk
Birthright of Knoxville—Knoxville
Birthright—Marshalltown
Caring Pregnancy Ctr.—Mason City
Birthright of Muscatine—Muscatine
Pregnancy Ctr. of Central Iowa—Newton
Cherish House—Okoboji

Bethany Christian Svcs—Orange City
Birthright—Oskaloosa
Heartland Pregnancy Ctr.—Ottumwa
Pregnancy Care Center of Pella
Pregnancy Ctr. of SW Iowa—Red Oak
Alpha Center for Women—Sioux City
Birthright of Siouxland—Sioux City
Birthright—Spencer
Bethany Christian Svcs.—Urbandale
Birthright—Spencer
Alternatives Pregnancy Ctr.—Waterloo
House of Hope—Waterloo

We are taking your Book Donations and we also need Volunteer Book Sorters!

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