



# Two Planned Parenthoods Close in Iowa

## 40 Days for Life Leaders in Iowa to Celebrate Closings in Storm Lake and Knoxville

DES MOINES—Sue Thayer once managed the Planned Parenthood in Storm Lake, but on March 1, she celebrated its closing.

Thayer was joined by **David Bereit** and **Shawn Carney**, founders of **40 Days for Life**, the international movement, which organizes peaceful prayer vigils outside abortion processing centers. They flew in to rally with Thayer, who organized the 40 Days campaign outside the Storm Lake Planned Parenthood last fall.



Sue Thayer, former Planned Parenthood manager turned pro-life activist

“Just when it seems things can’t get any more exciting, God sends another blessing,” said Thayer.

Bereit and Carney, along with **Jenifer Bowen, Executive Director of Iowa Right to Life**, started out the

day in Des Moines with rallies outside two Planned Parenthoods that remain open: 1000 East Army Post Road and 10534 New York Avenue in Urbandale.

The Army Post Road location is similar to the one where Thayer once witnessed 31 abortions in a single day, as part of Planned Parenthood’s training. The suburban Urbandale location is one that offers webcam abortions, where the physician is not there in person—contrary to Planned Parenthood’s claim that the webcams were to make abortions more accessible to “rural women.”

“Whether there is one person out here or a dozen they will see that you are here,” Carney said to a group out-



IRTL Executive Director Jenifer Bowen rallies outside Planned Parenthood in Urbandale with 40 Days for Life founders David Bereit and Shawn Carney

side the Urbandale Planned Parenthood.

Carney cited some of the statistics of 40 Days successes: 5,045 babies saved, 22 abortion centers closed

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# Which Planned Parenthoods could close next in Iowa?

## Follow the abortion numbers

DES MOINES—Now that we are coming down from all the celebrations around the closings of Planned Parenthoods in Knoxville and Storm Lake, it’s time to continue to work. What other Planned Parenthoods of the Heartland could close?

If we were to put ourselves into the minds of PPH, we would probably follow the abortion money.

Iowa’s Department of Public Health (DPH) has a Vital Stats report which includes abortion statistics. The DPH divides Iowa into 26 ITOP regions (which stands for “Iowa Termination of Pregnancy”). ITOP regions can cover many counties. One of the reasons is if there is one abortion in a small town where everyone knows everyone’s business, they do not want people guessing who it is.

The DPH’s abortion statistics are incomplete, so these numbers may be low. Do not be fooled by the downward trend, because Planned Parenthood’s abortions are increasing (from 2,898 in Fiscal Year 2002 up to 4,792 in Fiscal Year 2009.) But we think the numbers show some interesting insights. For instance, PPH has plans to open six new branches in Iowa. Here is a look at the abortion statistics for those markets.

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## Komen Controversy Was a Gift: Now YOU KNOW

### **How many low-income women are denied mammograms because of the extortion money Susan Komen must pay Planned Parenthood?**

DES MOINES—The off, then on again funding of Planned Parenthood by the Susan G. Komen Foundation was a gift.

Because now, no one can say, “I don’t believe Susan G. Komen funds Planned Parenthood.” No one can say, “Prove to me that Susan G. Komen funds Planned Parenthood.” Now there is no confusion. Everyone knows.

Everyone knows if you run or walk or sponsor someone in the Komen events, like the Race for the Cure, a certain percentage of what you raise will go to fuel the nation and Iowa’s largest abortion business.

Planned Parenthood kills an average of 13 children a day in Iowa. That’s a kindergarten class wiped out every two days.

It is also well-known, that Planned Parenthood does not do mammograms. Lila Rose’s *Live Action* proved this in March of 2011, with a phone sting operation where they called 30 Planned Parenthood locations in 27 states asking about mammograms. None of them did. (See [liveaction.org](http://liveaction.org))

Rose was challenging a statement by Planned Parenthood CEO Cecile Richards, who claimed that if Congress passed an amendment cutting off federal money to Planned Parenthood, “...millions of women are gonna lose their healthcare access—not to abortion—to basic family planning, you know, mammograms.”

### **Planned Parenthood in Iowa Continues Mammogram Myth**

Shelby Cloke, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland was quoted in *The Des Moines Register* (2/4/12) as saying that Planned



Parenthood “has received about \$8,000 per year since 2003 from the Quad Cities Komen affiliate to fund breast health education, screenings, **and low-or no-cost mammograms in eastern Iowa.**”

(According to KMEG-TV, Sioux City’s CBS affiliate, Planned Parenthood in Sioux City received \$8,400 from Komen last year.)

It would be interesting to find out how much Planned Parenthood in Iowa charges for a low-cost mammogram without any mammography equipment.

In fact, nowhere on Planned Parenthood of the Heartland’s website does it offer mammograms. The organization does claim to have referrals for mammograms. (Wonder how much that costs?)

So the question is, “How many low income women are denied mammograms from legitimate health organizations, because of the tribute/extortion money that Komen must pay Planned Parenthood?”

After Komen announced that it would restore funding to Planned Parenthood, Jill June, CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, told the Cedar Rapids Gazette, “The public stood up for the protection of women’s health to be free from political involvement and destruction.”

*Free from political involvement?*

Planned Parenthood *is a political organization*. They lobby for radical abortion legislation. They lobby for pro-abortion politicians. They have coerced Komen into giving them money for breast cancer screenings, when they don’t do mammograms—if that is not political, we don’t know what is.

If Planned Parenthood really wants to be free from political involvement, they can give back the over \$6 million dollars they annually get in tax dollars in Iowa alone.

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## **Iowa Taxpayers Dollars Going to Planned Parenthood of the Heartland**

### **Dept. of Human Services Payments to Planned Parenthood of the Heartland:**

#### **2010**

Iowa Medicaid	\$6,399,341
State funded family planning program	\$ 128,303
Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CAPP) grant program	\$ 243,075
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,770,719</b>

#### **2011**

Iowa Medicaid	\$6,124,439
State funded family planning program	\$ 0
Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CAPP) grant program	\$ 185,612
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,310,051</b>

# 30 Babies Saved in Eight Months

## WDM Clinic Empowers Women with More Information

WEST DES MOINES—When the young woman saw the ultrasound image on the large flat screen and the flicker of the tiny heartbeat, tears began to flow.

This is the ultrasound room at InnerVisions, a new free medical clinic in West Des Moines for women experiencing unexpected pregnancies. Since InnerVisions (initially called Informed Choices) opened eight months ago, the mothers of 30 babies have chosen life over abortion.

“They come in scared, not sure what they are going to do,” said InnerVisions Director Jenny Condon. “They see the ultrasound and they are shocked that it is not a blob of tissue like they have been told.”

InnerVisions, located just south of I-235 on 50th Street, is all about information and compassionate support. In addition to pregnancy testing, pap smears, ultrasounds and early prenatal care, the clinic provides a wealth of information about pregnancy, fetal development, as well as resources on parenting and adoption.

“They deserve all the information that helps them make better decisions. The more information they have, the



Inside InnerVision’s ultrasound room allows clients to see the image of their baby moving in utero on a large flat screen.

more empowered they feel,” said Condon, “and isn’t that what we want?”

The clinic does not refer for abortions, but does give clients information on the abortion procedures, risks and side effects.

“We never say anything against Planned Parenthood to clients. But the more they hear, the more they realize they aren’t getting the whole picture from Planned Parenthood,” said Condon, “It’s not uncommon for clients to say, ‘Why hasn’t anyone told us this before?’” said Condon.

The little flicker of the heartbeat can be seen on the ultrasound as early as five or six weeks into a pregnancy. Many of the pregnant women who come through InnerVision’s doors are in their first trimester (first three months). Some as far as five or six months along.

While Planned Parenthood charges clients for pregnancy tests, pap smears, sexually transmitted diseases (STD) testing, InnerVisions offers all of their services for free. In addition to Condon, InnerVisions has a full time doctor and registered nurse on staff, as well as four volunteer doctors and a nurse practitioner.

There is a great need for the medical clinic’s services. InnerVision has had pregnant clients from age 12 to 37 and STD clients from age 16 to 60.

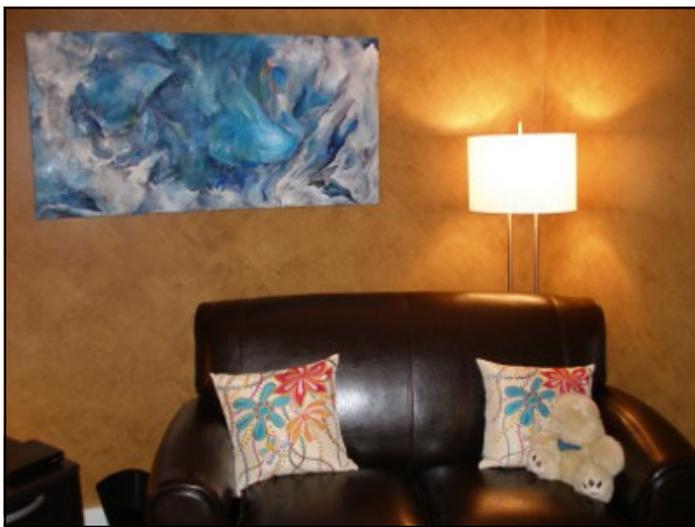
STDs seems to be the subject where there is the most ignorance and misinformation, according to Condon. “We have STD epidemics in our community and nobody ever thinks it is going to affect them.”

One couple stopped at InnerVisions for STD tests and it turned out they had herpes 2 (HSV-2) which is incurable, on their faces. “People can spread herpes 2 through oral sex and have sores on their face, in their mouth or in their throat,” said Condon. “It can also be spread by skin to skin contact.”

“Imagine telling someone, ‘You can no longer kiss your child.’” said Condon.



InnerVision’s Director Jenny Condon



From the calming colors to the cushy furniture, InnerVisions offers a welcoming, soothing environment, where patients make difficult decisions.

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### Markets Where Planned Parenthood Plans New Locations (Iowa Vital Stats—Abortions by ITOP Region, Year)

New PPH Mkt.	Counties in ITOP Region	2010	2009	2008	2007
<b>Ottumwa</b>	Keokuk, Lucas, Monroe, Wapello, Jefferson, Appanoose, Davis, Van Buren	135	131	166	157
<b>Marshalltown</b>	Hardin, Marshall, Benton, Tama	104	127	120	129
<b>Mason City</b>	Kossuth, Winnebago, Worth, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Mitchell, Floyd, Franklin, Butler	102	128	149	158
<b>Clinton</b>	Cedar, Jackson, Clinton	98	101	118	127
<b>Muscatine</b>	Muscatine, Louisa	76	115	103	136
<b>Carter Lake</b>	Pottawattamie, Mills, Fremont (PPH-Council Bluffs also in region)	74	28	31	93

These new markets have something in common. These are the next biggest abortion markets after the ones PPH already occupies, which are in Des Moines / Ankeny / Urbandale; Cedar Rapids; Iowa City; Bettendorf (Quad Cities); Cedar Falls; Sioux City and Ames. Dubuque falls between new markets Ottumwa and Marshalltown. Spencer falls between new markets Marshalltown and Mason City.

#### Show Me the Money

These might look like paltry numbers, but what do they mean to PPH in dollars? If PPH were to provide all 135 abortions in the Ottumwa ITOP Region, at a very conservative estimate of \$450 for an abortion, Ottumwa would be worth \$60,750 a year to PPH in abortion business alone.

Abortion numbers in the Muscatine ITOP Region seem way down, but look at the potential for business—136 abortions back in 2007. That could be worth \$61,200 annually to Planned Parenthood of the Heartland if they aborted that many little Muscatinians.

How about the two locations PPH just closed in Iowa?

Closed PPH location	Counties in ITOP Region	2010	2009	2008	2007
<b>Knoxville</b>	Decatur, Clarke, Warren, Marion	91	94	114	127
<b>Storm Lake</b>	Osceola, Dickinson, Emmet, O'Brien, Clay, Palo Alto, Buena Vista, Pocahontas (PPH Spencer also in region)	102	91	82	59

Storm Lake's ITOP Region abortion numbers were up. Storm Lake is where PPH first planned to start testing the webcam abortions back in 2008. This is the same location where Sue Thayer, the former PPH manager, decided to run her first 40 Days for Life Campaign. Way to go, Sue!

So, if PPH follows the abortion money, where are the weakest links in the chain?

### Markets Where Planned Parenthood is Likely to Close (Iowa Vital Stats—Abortions by ITOP Region, Year)

PPH Mkt.	Counties in ITOP Region	2010	2009	2008	2007
Red Oak	Montgomery, Adams, Page, Taylor	30	28	23	31
Creston	Adair, Madison, Union, Ringgold	34	46	52	48
Washington, Mount Pleasant	Washington, Henry	55	59	75	60
Burlington, Fort Madison, Keokuk	Des Moines, Lee	69	87	131	135

Wow, Red Oak: 30 abortions—that's up from 23 a few years ago. If PPH killed 30 babies in the area, it would only be worth \$13,500 a year. Please, that won't even come close to covering PP of the Heartland CEO Jill June's salary for a month. Better update those resumes. Nearby Creston is showing not too many more abortions. Red Oak and Creston are about an hour apart. PPH may have to terminate one of the locations—so it will not be a burden on the PPH mother ship.

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Washington and Mount Pleasant were part of the recent merger of PP of the Heartland with PP of SE Iowa. Since these locations are about 40 miles apart, one of them may have to go, maybe both.

Washington might be the most likely, as it is only 45 minutes from Iowa City, which is probably one of PPH's cash cow locations, even if they do have to split the business with the Emma "Goldmine" clinic.

Last, but not least, Burlington, Fort Madison and Keokuk were also part of the PP of SE Iowa merger. Fort Madison is halfway between the other two – 24 minutes from Burlington and 34 minutes from Keokuk. We're guessing one of the three will be left standing. If you look at the 2008 and 2007 numbers, this area could still be worth a lot of money to PPH.

Like Ottumwa, if PPH could land 135 abortions in those markets, it would mean \$60,750 a year. Okay, that's not even a quarter of Jill June's salary for the year, but still, it's good money for wiping out 135 little Iowans.

The Storm Lake and Knoxville locations that recently closed were both webcam abortion locations. Their closings are reason to celebrate. But there is much to be done—six new Planned Parenthood locations coming to Iowa. But if the numbers show us anything, closing a few more PPHs might be closer than we think.

**For more information on Planned Parenthood search "Get the Facts" at [www.iowaRTL.org](http://www.iowaRTL.org)**

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 March 8, 2012  
 Caribou Coffee  
 3220 Ingersoll Ave.  
 7:00 PM



This month we will discuss the novel "Over Coffee We Shared Our Secrets". In this inspirational book, meet six hurting women, brought together in a post-abortion support group, who gather the courage to share their secrets and their hearts.

Our book club meeting will be held at Caribou Coffee, Des Moines. There is still time to plan to join us! You can purchase a book in the Iowa Right to Life office, 1500 Illinois Street in Des Moines. Book are \$10 each.

*Not in the Des Moines area? Contact our office at: 877.595.9406 to host an Iowa RTL book club in your area!*

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 Friday, April 20: 9AM to 9:00PM  
 Saturday, April 21: 8AM—3PM

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### Iowa Right to Life Loses Key Member of the Team

DES MOINES—The Iowa Right to Life board and staff mourn the loss of Michael Moede, who passed away at age 13 on January 25, after a brave battle with cancer.

Many remember Michael as a hard-charging volunteer, who worked tirelessly on the Iowa RTL Book Sales, sorting books, delivering boxes of books on hand-trucks, and helping to unpack, organize and clear away empty boxes.

If we felt tired on set-up day at the Book Sale, one look at Michael cheerfully moving about the room getting things done, gave us new energy. He was always positive and enthusiastic and an inspiration to all the volunteers. There will not be a Book Sale where we will not think of Michael.

We all felt very lucky to know Michael and we are certain that through his volunteer efforts, many babies were saved.

**Iowa RTL Spring Fling  
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 Saturday, April 28, 2012  
 6:30 PM  
 Featuring Catherine Adair, Former  
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In another case, a young woman was told elsewhere she could not have an STD test while she was pregnant. "We told her that was not true," said Condon. "In fact, if she had gone through with a surgical abortion with this STD, she could have had more serious complications."

When InnerVisions gives clients access to resources, it does not hand them a sheet of paper with phone numbers and leave them to find their own way. InnerVisions' staff members make phone calls and help clients get health insurance and fill out paperwork for any government assistance.

The office is painted in soothing shades of blue and amber and it has a cushy, homey feel to it. Condon says clients cannot believe how nice and clean the facility is and they love the compassionate care that we give them.

Condon herself has a very kind

presence and a warm, welcoming tone to her voice. She has two daughters and says she has always had a heart for women in crisis. Her husband Rick is a Catholic deacon and together they have a marriage ministry and teach natural family planning (NFP).

It's exciting for Condon when a woman comes in abortion-minded, then leaves ready to parent. Condon said she is particularly happy when a client chooses adoption for her baby. One client has had two abortions, but was now considering adoption for her current pregnancy.

Even if a client chooses to leave and have an abortion, Condon says she always tells them, "We are here for you, if you need anything, emotionally or physically."



Since the clinic has been open less than nine months, Condon says they are just starting to hear from their first clients about babies that are ready to be born. That is something everyone at InnerVisions is looking forward to with great anticipation.

**InnerVisions needs donations and volunteers. For information, visit: [www.innervisionshealthcare.org](http://www.innervisionshealthcare.org)**

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and 61 abortion workers walking away from the industry, including Abby Johnson, the outspoken former manager of a Bryan, Texas, Planned Parenthood.

The group rallied outside the Storm Lake Planned Parenthood later that evening. Then the next day, celebrated outside the Planned Parenthood in Knoxville, which also closed on March 1. Bereit and Carney also toured the InnerVisions Medical Clinic in West Des Moines. (See story on Page 3)

Both the Storm Lake and the Knoxville Planned Parenthoods were locations where webcam abortions were performed.

Thayer left Planned Parenthood in 2008, when Iowa's largest abortion business was rolling out webcam



Shawn Carney rallies crowd outside Planned Parenthood in Urbandale.

abortions to its branches, because she realized that Planned Parenthood was not trying to prevent abortions, but profiting from them. (See Thayer's story in the December 2011 *Iowa RTL News*, which can be

found online at [www.iowaRTL.org](http://www.iowaRTL.org) under, "What's New".)

### **Planned Parenthood To Open Six New Locations in Iowa**

While Planned Parenthood is shuttering locations in Storm Lake and Knoxville, they still have plans, announced early last year, to open six more locations in Iowa: Carter Lake, Clinton, Marshalltown, Mason City, Muscatine and Ottumwa.

### **40 Days for Life is happening right now through April 1, 2012**

Join us as we gather to pray outside Planned Parenthoods throughout Iowa! Others who cannot be there, can make a commitment to pray for the end of abortion, through prayer and fasting during this time.

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