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offer women alternatives to abortion. To women who have been told they have no other choice than to abort their child, these pregnancy centers are a lifeline.

The pregnancy centers offer services such as pregnancy testing, counseling, pre-natal care, adoption referrals and kind, non-judgmental care from people who will not turn a profit from the women they serve. A few locations offer ultrasound images, so women can see what their babies look like.

DES MOINES—An average of 13 children are aborted in Iowa every day by Planned Parenthood alone.

That's why proceeds from the Iowa Right to Life Book Sales, which take place in March and September, go to pregnancy centers across Iowa to

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When they get a check from the book sale, staff from the pregnancy centers often write IRTL and tell us the money went to

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Savvy Abby Wows in Iowa

Woman Planned Parenthood Tried to Silence Speaks Out

DES MOINES—Despite freezing temperatures, Iowans turned out on February 8 to hear Abby Johnson, the former manager of a Planned Parenthood in Texas who made national news when she left her job after taking part in an abortion and seeing the child die on the ultrasound.

Johnson spoke at the annual Prayer for Life, which is sponsored by pro-life groups from across Iowa. Johnson first addressed a standing-room only crowd at the Des Moines Diocese and then later went to address the crowd in a rally in the Iowa Capitol rotunda.

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People lined up to have Abby Johnson autograph copies of her book, unPlanned.

Planned Parenthood's Abortion Saturation in Iowa

DES MOINES—The state of Iowa has 26 Planned Parenthood locations and **17 of those offer abortions.**

To understand how outrageously high that number is, we need to look at Planned Parenthood in the surrounding states. Illinois, even with Chicago, the third largest city in the U.S. has only six Planned Parenthoods doing abortions.

More Planned Parenthood Abortion Centers in Iowa Than Surrounding States Combined

Here is a look at the number of Planned Parenthood centers that do abortions in Iowa vs. surrounding states.

	<u>Planned Parenthood Locations</u>	<u>Planned Parenthoods That Do Abortions</u>
Iowa:	26	17
Illinois:	18	6
Wisconsin:	27	3
Missouri:	17	2
Minnesota:	24	1
Nebraska:	4	1
Kansas:	3	1
South Dakota:	2	1

Stats from www.plannedparenthood.org

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Ultrasound Images: Changing Hearts and Minds

DES MOINES—Last month Iowans were captivated by the story of how Abby Johnson left her job as Director of a Planned Parenthood in Bryan, TX, after assisting in an abortion and seeing the ultrasound image of the child dying. (See story, Page 1)

She isn't the first worker to leave the abortion trade because of ultrasound technology. Advances in ultrasound images converted one of the most outspoken abortion activists — Dr. Bernard Nathanson, who passed away on February 21 in New York.

Nathanson, who was one of the founding members of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) was responsible for over 75,000 abortions, including one on his girlfriend, pregnant with his own child.

After seeing the ultrasound images developed in the late 60s and early 70s, Nathanson could



Dr. Bernard Nathanson, responsible for over 75,000 abortions, later became ardently pro-life.



This ultrasound shows a little Iowan in utero at 20 weeks.

no longer deny the humanity of the unborn child and he became an outspoken pro-life activist.

In 1984, Dr. Nathanson shocked the abortion movement with a film called *Silent Scream*, which showed an ultrasound of a 12-week baby in the womb being aborted.

One person who had a change of heart after viewing *Silent Scream* was WHO-Radio Host Jan Mickelson, who told the story at IRTL's Spring Fling annual fundraiser last May. Mickelson, who was working for a radio station in Cincinnati, said he was invited to view the film with both

pro-life and abortion activists. He was shocked at the Planned Parenthood personnel in the room laughing and mocking the abortion on the screen.

Many abortion clinics are equipped with ultrasound equipment. They need it to measure the age of the child, before performing an abortion. But abortion providers do not allow pregnant women access to these images.

21 states have ultrasound laws in place, where women considering abortions have the right to view the ultrasound if they wish. Similar bills were passed in the Iowa Legislature in the past, but vetoed three times by former Governor Tom Vilsack.

Pro-life legislators have higher hopes for passage under current Governor Terry Branstad. Until then, pro-life pregnancy centers are obtaining their own ultrasound machines. Choices Medical Clinic in Iowa City has a 4-D ultrasound machine, which show the most detailed images of babies in the womb.

For more information about ultrasounds and fetal development, visit www.iowaRTL.org

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The Chicago metro area with surrounding suburbs has three Planned Parenthoods that do abortions—two in downtown Chicago and one of the new mega-clinics in Aurora, IL.

Des Moines' metro area, with a fraction of the population, has four Planned Parenthoods doing abortions:

- 1) **Des Moines-Army Post Road**
- 2) **Des Moines—Susan Knapp Center, Drake University area**
- 3) **Ankeny—a block from Ankeny High School**
- 4) **Urbandale—in an office park off of NW 100th**

"Iowa is the abortion capital of the Midwest," said Jenifer Bowen, Executive Director of IRTL. "This is what Planned Parenthood's webcam abortions have done to Iowa."

"Planned Parenthood would like us to believe that the webcams are to help serve rural Iowa," said Bowen, "But adding abortions a block down from Ankeny High School shows they are targeting teens for money."

The Iowa Board of Medicine recently rebuffed a complaint against Planned Parenthood by a coalition of groups from around the country charging that Planned Parenthood's use of webcams to distribute the abortion pills, RU-486, was not allowed by Iowa law, which says the abortionist

must be present.

Planned Parenthood's webcams have led to in-home abortions, where a woman aborts at home and may see the body of her dead child. RU-486 abortions carry a high risk of infection and several women in the U.S. have died as a result.

RU-486 abortions are more profitable for Planned Parenthood because the woman aborts at home, which lowers PP's overhead expenses.

Join 40 Days for Life!

40 Days is a peaceful prayer vigil outside abortion centers. We have many to cover in Iowa.

More at 40daysforlife.com/iowa

De-funding Planned Parenthood Gathers Steam

DES MOINES—The move to de-fund Planned Parenthood is gathering steam.

On February 18, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 240-145 to de-fund Planned Parenthood. The vote was on an amendment created by Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN) to HR 1, a bill to fund all federal agencies through September 30, 2011.



Lila Rose busted several Planned Parenthoods with undercover video.

One catalyst for the legislation was the evidence produced by a gutsy young woman named Lila Rose, who exposed corruption at Planned Parenthood locations in several states, where she captured staff members agreeing to

cover up statutory rape by changing the age of the victim, turning a blind eye towards sex trafficking of minors and more.

Rose was in Iowa on March 7 with the Susan B. Anthony List (SBA) "**Women Speak Out: Defund Planned Parenthood**" bus tour. The group held rallies outside the offices of pro-abortion legislators Rep. Leonard Boswell in Des Moines and Rep. Bruce Braley in Davenport. Jenifer Bowen, Executive Director of Iowa Right to Life, took part in the rallies, along with other Iowa pro-life leaders.

Who is Making Planned Parenthood of the Heartland So Wealthy?

In Iowa alone, Planned Parenthood takes in over \$5 million in taxpayer dollars—including \$5.8 million in Medicaid funds and \$1.1 million in federal grants. (Stats: PPGI for their fiscal year ending in 2008.)

If Planned Parenthood has to do without \$5 million in taxpayer money,

don't worry, they will survive. Their donors are loaded.

Bill and Susan Terry-Knapp

The Bill Knapps have given so much cash to Iowa's largest abortion provider that there is a Planned Parenthood named after Susan. (A proud moment in any woman's life — to have an abortion center with her name on it!)

The Knapps have donated to Planned Parenthood in Iowa: \$100,000 and above in 2007; \$50,000-99,999 in 2006 and \$10,000-24,000 in 2009.

Fred and Charlotte Hubbell:

Donated \$10,000-24,999 each year in 2006, 2007 and 2009 and in 2009, they upped it to \$25,000-49,999.

Rusty Hubbell Edwards:

\$10,000-24,999, each year in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

James W. Hubbell III:

\$25,000-49,999 in 2008

Gardner and Florence Cowles Foundation

Gardner Cowles owned the *Des Moines Register* for many years.

This foundation gave \$1 million in 2006 to Planned Parenthood in Iowa and \$800,000 to in 2009. In 2007 and 2008, the foundation donated \$100,000 and above to PP.

Planned Parenthood's office on 6th Avenue in Des Moines bears several names from the Cowles family tree: **Elizabeth Bates Cowles** (Gardner and Florence's daughter-in-law) **Elizabeth and David Kruidenier** (David was Gardner and Florence's grandson, and also a former publisher of the *Des Moines Register*.)

Elizabeth Kruidenier:

\$100,000 and above each year to PP in Iowa in 2006, 2007 and 2008

For more on PP's donors in Iowa: www.iowaRTL.org

Seriously, *Des Moines Register*? A Thistle?

DES MOINES—We appreciate the *Des Moines Register* telling the story of Melissa Ohden, who as a baby survived her mother's attempt to abort her by saline abortion. (Sunday, March 6 edition) Yet in the same issue, the *Register* gives a "Thistle" on the Opinion page to "anti-abortion folks" (Folks? I guess that's how they condescend from their charcoal tower in downtown Des Moines) for opposing the University of Iowa's breaking it's non-compete laws for Dr. Jill Meadows.

Meadows left U of I last July to become Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland and cut a deal with the U of I, that she will train its medical students to do abortions.

Pro-lifers oppose Planned Parenthood's alliance with the U of I for two reasons:

- 1) A public university should not be trafficking abortions with taxpayer money—especially for a for-profit abortion business.
- 2) Planned Parenthood is not health care and not very good at abortions. Meadow's predecessor, Dr. Meryl Sivertson cut up a woman so badly during a 2007 abortion in Lincoln, NE, that she nearly bled to death and had to have a hysterectomy.

It is interesting to note, the *Des Moines Register* refused to report on the case of Dr. Severson, even though Severson was doing abortions at Planned Parenthoods in Sioux City and Council Bluffs at the time, because, the *Register* staff member said, "It's not local."

The U of I Hospitals have an excellent reputation for research that extends life and promotes good health. But they are really scraping the bottom of the barrel with this alliance with Planned Parenthood.

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Abby's Story Draws Iowa Crowd



Scenes from the Prayer for Life: Iowans were moved by Abby Johnson's story of her journey from Planned Parenthood manager to pro-life activist.

Events on February 8 at the Des Moines Diocese and the rally at the Capitol drew standing-room only crowds, including lots of young people.



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buy supplies for the mothers and babies or helped keep the lights on.

IRTL thanks these pregnancy centers—their staff and volunteers for their tireless commitment to life and for their efforts on behalf of women, babies and families.

We would also like to give thanks to Rhonda Phillips, our fearless Book Sale leader, whose cheerful outlook and sense of humor keeps everyone going.

And of course, all our volunteers who sort, price, pack, set-up and tear-down the book sale for giving of their time, their efforts and of their hearts. What a difference you make!



The Life of the Book Sale: IRTL Book Sale Coordinator Rhonda Phillips with daughter and granddaughter.

For more information on volunteering for the IRTL Book Sale or where to donate books, Call us at 515.244.1012. Visit us online at www.iowaRTL.org or email us at iowa@iowaRTL.org

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**\$5 Admission—Premier Night
Age 17 and under are free**

March 9: 9 AM-9 PM

March 10: 9 AM-9 PM

March 11: 9 AM-9 PM

March 12: 8 AM-3 PM

It's a great alternative to that other book sale, for people who love good books and good bargains!.