



Jill June, President of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland earns how much?

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Mike Huckabee Premieres "The Gift of Life" Movie in Des Moines on December 14

DES MOINES—Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee will screen a breakthrough new pro-life documentary at a special event in the Hoyt Sherman Place, Wednesday, December 14.

Presidential candidates have also been invited to attend the event and address the audience on pro-life issues before the screening.

The Gift of Life, hosted by Huckabee, features stories of people who were nearly victims of abortion and profiles leaders in the

pro-life movement from Lila Rose, the young pro-life entrepreneur who has exposed Planned Parenthood's cover-up of statutory rape, prostitution and more, to veteran activist Carol Everett, who was a former abortion clinic owner.



Others featured in the film include Michael Clancy, the photographer who captured the photo seen around the world of the baby reaching out of the womb to grasp the surgeon's finger during fetal surgery; Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and National Right to Life President, Carol Tobias.

The event is free, but you must RSVP by December 9 by calling 800.362.4788 or online at: www.TheGiftOfLifeMovie.com/RSVP

December 14, 2011

Hoyt Sherman Place
1501 Woodland Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

December 14, 2011
Doors Open at 5:30 PM
Program Begins at 7:00 PM

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PP of Heartland Gets \$500,000 Tax Funding Increase for Fewer Clients

DES MOINES—Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's client numbers are down, and yet the organization has increased its taxpayer funding in just one year by \$500,000 in additional government grants.

According to PPH's most recent annual report, ending in Fiscal Year June 2011, Iowa's largest abortion provider netted \$1.9 million in government grants. That's up from \$1.4 million from Planned Parenthood's Fiscal Year June 2010.

Apparently, PPH got half a million more to serve fewer clients. The June 2011 annual report claims that PPH served 68,165 clients—that's less than the "almost 73,000 clients" claimed in the June 2010

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Former Planned Parenthood Manager in Iowa Stirs a Nation

STORM LAKE—Abby Johnson sent a shockwave through the abortion industry two years ago when she walked away from her job as the manager of a Planned Parenthood in Bryan, Texas.

Now there is another former Planned Parenthood manager speaking out—and this one is from Iowa. Her name is **Sue Thayer** and until 2008, she was manager of Planned Parenthood's clinic in Storm Lake. This fall she led pro-lifers in the **40 Days for Life** prayer vigil outside the clinic she once managed.

Here is Sue's story in her own words:

Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa (PPGI) opened a clinic in Storm Lake in 1985. It was popular with young women due to the fact that it was staffed with female nurse practitioners. Services and supplies were offered on a sliding fee scale which made it affordable for low income families.

In April 1991, I applied to work at the clinic as a Family Planning Assistant. The interviewer asked me if any of my friends would think less of me for working there. At the time, I had no idea what she was talking about. I got the job, started work and loved it.

Within a couple of weeks, the Manager's position opened. I again applied and was interviewed. I was surprised when the interviewer asked my opinion on abortion since 100% of my work had been related to family planning only. I told the interviewer I believe abortion is murder. She disagreed with me, saying that "the fetus isn't viable" so it really isn't ending a life. Surprisingly, I was offered the position of Center Manager.

All management staff was expected to observe at least one day of surgical

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Caucuses Jan. 3: *What the Party Platforms Say About Life*

Iowa Caucuses are January 3, 2012

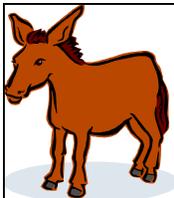
The Iowa Caucuses are not just about picking a Presidential candidate, they are also about writing the party platform. So it is very important to do our civic duty and participate in the caucuses. It is also important to be informed. Below are excerpts from the Republican and Democratic Party platforms and what they say about life. We recommend reading the full text of both platforms.

Democratic Party Platform on Life: **REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**

We support:

Women's rights to personal reproductive decisions.

Requiring pharmacists to fill pregnancy-related prescriptions as condition of licensure. Age appropriate, medically accurate sex education regarding contraception, "Sexually Transmitted Diseases", non-directive family planning.



DEATH WITH DIGNITY

We support:

Adopting Oregon's Death with Dignity Act.

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE

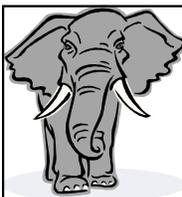
We support:

International initiatives to reduce pollution, manage water supplies, reduce dependence on non-renewable energy and promote voluntary family planning.

Read the full text at: <http://iowademocrats.org>

Republican Party Platform on Life:

We believe human life is a sacred gift from our Creator and is a fundamental right as outlined in the Declaration of Independence. This right is innately valuable in every stage and development, including the unborn and the elderly, the terminally or chronically ill and the mentally or physically handicapped. No human life should ever be diminished and innocent human life must never be taken arbitrarily.



We believe human life should be protected from conception to non-intervened natural death, excluding acts of capital punishment.

We oppose infanticide, euthanasia or assisted suicide.

We firmly believe that the unborn child, the infirm and the elderly have a fundamental God-given individual right to life which cannot be infringed. We therefore reaffirm our support for a human-life amendment to extend the Fourteenth Amendment's protections to unborn children. We oppose the use of public revenues for abortion and call for elimination of government funding for organizations, such as Planned Parenthood, which advocate or support abortion. We reaffirm our support for appointments of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life.

We affirm that science has now proven that life begins at conception. On day one (1) a baby's genetic code and DNA are

formed. That is the beginning of life.

We affirm that the unborn child is a living human being, with rights separate from those of its mother regardless of gestational age or dependency. We believe abortion should be illegal.

We disagree with *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton* as settled law, therefore we call for the return of the rights to the states to determine their abortion laws.

We support a "Woman's Right to Know Law" requiring informed consent including a three day waiting period with a mandatory ultrasound before any elective abortion services may be provided. "Informed Consent" means that abortion providers must offer, prior to the abortion, complete factual information to the pregnant woman about the complications of abortion, the biological development of the unborn, fetal pain and the availability of alternatives to abortion.

We support legislation requiring consent by a parent or legal guardian before a minor child receives any medically related procedure. The Parental Consent Law should require proof of identity of the parent in order to protect children from continued abuse by sexual predators who pretend to be the parent taking their child for an abortion.

We call for banning partial birth abortions both at the federal and state levels.

We call for facilities performing medical or chemical abortions to be subject to the same health and safety standards as hospitals.

We believe in "conscience clause" legislation so that no physician, pharmacist, or other health care provider can be penalized for refusing to prescribe, dispense or participate in the procurement of abortion or anything contrary to the conscience of the healthcare provider.

We support and encourage "Positive Alternatives," for pregnancy counseling to agencies that do not refer for or perform abortions. All funding must come from the private sector.

We oppose all human cloning--reproductive or therapeutic. We strongly urge that the 2002 Human Cloning Ban, which was repealed by the Democratic Party in the 2007 Iowa Legislature, be reinstated.

We oppose the selling, brokering or marketing of fetal tissue. This should be illegal.

We support the use of life saving stem cell research that does not require the killing of human life. We believe all stem cell research should be funded by the private sector.

We oppose the removal, by order of a Court or government agency, of fluids of nourishment from those who are either acutely or terminally ill.

We call for confidential statistical reporting of abortion procedures to be reported to the State Health Department by all doctors and health facilities performing abortions.

Read the full text at: <http://iowagop.org>

Additional resources: Get the *Where Do the Candidates Stand on Life* flyer on the IRTL website:
<http://iowartl.org/what-s-new/hot-topics/>

Planned Parenthood Recruiting Sex Offenders

DES MOINES—Planned Parenthood has a new political campaign called, “Women are Watching.” But women who go to Planned Parenthood had better watch out for themselves because employees from Iowa’s largest abortion provider are combing Iowa’s prisons, recruiting male sex offenders as clients after they are released.

In a 2003 annual report, Planned Parenthood in Iowa announced a contract with the Regional Child Protection Center at Blank Children’s Hospital to provide sexual assault exams at Planned Parenthood locations so the child victims can avoid the trauma of an emergency room exam. (Because an abortion processing center is so much less traumatic for children, right?)

If Planned Parenthood is supposed to be a safe place for child sexual assault victims, why is Planned Parenthood in Iowa **actively recruiting sex offenders as clients?**

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland’s October 2011 *Source* newsletter reveals that Planned Parenthood employees go to over 20 correctional facilities in Iowa and Nebraska to do sex education programming for both women and men nearing release, including **“sex offenders in the men’s unit.”**

The article titled, “Innovative Work: Correctional Facility programming” states, “The goals are to give them the knowledge they want and need and to let them know Planned Parenthood is a resource following their release.”

So women and children in crisis, who may have even been victims of abuse, might be sharing the waiting room at Planned Parenthood with convicted sex offenders?

Planned Parenthood History of Covering Up Child Sex Abuse

It’s not surprising when you consider that sex offenders have a history of providing Planned Parenthood with lucrative business. And in exchange, Planned Parenthood has a history of



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covering up their crimes against children.

Planned Parenthood facilities are “mandated reporters.” They are required by law in all 50 states to notify police with suspected cases of sexual abuse of minors. Evidence shows Planned Parenthood is shielding statutory rapists from the law.

Lawsuits have been filed against Planned Parenthood in Cincinnati, Ohio, for two separate cases where Planned Parenthood ignored Ohio law and did not report crimes against young girls. A 16 year-old was forced by her father to have an abortion at Planned Parenthood in Cincinnati. The teen told Planned Parenthood employees she was pregnant with her father’s child and he had been raping her for years. In the suit, filed May 9, 2007, the girl said Planned Parenthood did not report the crime and as a result, she was abused for an additional year and a half.

In West Hartford, Connecticut, a 15 year-old runaway was discovered distraught and crying by police in a storage space under the stairs in the home of 41 year-old Adam P. Gault on June 6, 2007. The teen had recently had an abortion at Planned Parenthood’s West Hartford location. Planned Parenthood never reported the crime.

Lila Rose, as a journalism student

at UCLA, exposed Planned Parenthood statutory rape cover-up in an undercover investigation using a hidden camera. Rose posed as a 15 year-old, pregnant by her 23 year-old boyfriend. Instead of reporting the statutory rape to authorities, Planned Parenthood employees told Rose to “figure out a birth date that works.”

Rose’s work was influenced by a study by *Life Dynamics* in 2002, calling 800 abortion clinics across the country, including all Planned Parenthood clinics, posing as a 13-year-old pregnant by her 22 year-old boyfriend. Out of 800 cases—90% of the time—the abortion clinics acknowledged the illegality of the caller’s sexual relationship then agreed to conceal it. *Life Dynamics* has them all on tape.

Cover up In Iowa Exposed

The Planned Parenthood clinic in Iowa City went one step further, telling *Life Dynamic’s* 13-year-old, “you will pay cash for this if you have this abortion and there is *no paper trail.*”

Protect Iowa’s Children

Blank Hospital has plenty of qualified, caring pediatricians on staff. Why in the world would the hospital send child victims of sexual assault to an abortion business?

Since Planned Parenthood in Iowa has non-medical personnel doing vaginal ultrasounds (see *Former Planned Parenthood Manager...Page 1*), would these child victims even be examined by a physician...or a non-medical employee who has been told doing a vaginal ultrasound is like playing a video game?

As Iowa Right to Life has shown repeatedly, Planned Parenthood is not about safety for women or minors, it is a for-profit business focused on making money, no matter what the cost.

For more information, visit:
www.iowaRTL.org/get-the-facts

PPH's Jill June's Salary Increases 45 Percent in Two Years

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annual report.

This additional half a million dollars in government grants does not even include what PPH gets in taxpayer funding through Medicaid, which in past years has added over \$4 million annually to Planned Parenthood's operations *in Iowa alone*. (PPH started leaving the Medicaid number out of their annual reports after 2008, but just to give you an idea, they went from \$4.1 million in fiscal year 2007 to \$4.7 million in fiscal year 2008.)

These numbers in 2010 and 2011 cover both Iowa and Nebraska. But it is important to note that most of the business is in Iowa. *In these reports, Iowa has 18 Planned Parenthood locations compared to Nebraska's 3 (2 in Omaha, 1 in Lincoln.)* The 2011 report does not reflect additional locations from recent mergers with PP of East Central Iowa (2 locations) and PP of Southeast Iowa (5 locations.)

Jill June's Healthy Salary Increase

"During these economic times of great need, we want to continue to make more services available to our clients."

Jill June, President of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland in a 12/09/2010 press release announcing the merger of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland with Planned Parenthood of East Central Iowa.

Apparently *"these economic times of great need"* did not stop Jill June from getting a healthy **45% salary increase**, effective in the months before this statement.

Des Moines CityView magazine reported in September 2011 that Jill June's salary has increased 45 percent over the last two years.

Jill June's Salary:
Fiscal year 2010: \$265,389
Fiscal year 2009: \$217,774
Fiscal year 2008: \$182,356



These increases took place **before** the mergers with PP of East Central Iowa and PP of Southeast Iowa, so June's salary has most likely grown even more and will continue to do so as PP of the Heartland gobbles up the Arkansas and Oklahoma affiliates, of which she is now Interim CEO.

Everyone else at Planned Parenthood got a 45 percent increase, right? Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's second-highest paid employee is Chief Operating Officer Penny Dickey, who according to *Des Moines CityView* earned \$137,030 in Fiscal 2010, a 5.1 boost over two years, up from \$130,386.

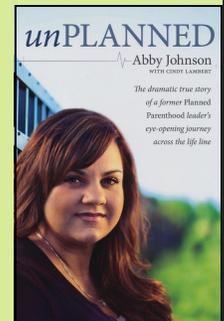
Planned Parenthood Employees: What We Have Learned From Abby Johnson and Sue Thayer

DES MOINES—Todd Buchracker, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland nurse and regional director of health services, said something curious in an *ABC News* story claiming the safety of webcam abortions (July 27, 2011):

"It may be more time-consuming over the course of a few days, as opposed to a 10-minute clinical procedure, but it is more personal and private and some women -- I hate to say this -- say it feels it is more natural."

Rewind. ***"I hate to say this?"***

If there is one thing we have learned about PP employees from former PP managers Abby Johnson (Bryan, TX) and Sue Thayer (Storm Lake, IA—see story on Page 1), it's that most of them care about women. Most of them have good intentions and are dedicated to their work.



What we have also learned from these courageous women, is that there is a certain discomfort with abortions, even among long-term PP employees. Both Abby and Sue have said they were motivated by the idea of reducing abortions.

But now webcam abortions are causing conflicting emotions among the ranks. With no doctor on location, many PP employees did not anticipate becoming directly involved in the killing of unborn children. Their quotas for abortions are increasing.

In her book, *unPLANNED*, Abby helped us understand how PP indoctrinates its employees in its propaganda. There are frequent internal memos to re-enforce the company line. Sometimes the company line doesn't always take and real feelings come out.

PP's Buchracker was right to say, "I hate to say this." Excruciating pain, heavy bleeding, fevers—sometimes for two weeks or more with a RU-486 webcam abortion—and seeing the body of your dead child...*that's not natural*.

We need to keep the PP employees in our prayers. While praying outside abortion centers, we need to reach out to them, not in anger, but in friendship and love, as members of our human family, made in God's likeness. We never know who might be the next Abby Johnson or Sue Thayer.

Former PP Manager in Iowa Turns Pro-Life

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abortions. At the time, the closest abortion center was the Central Clinic in Des Moines. I naively drove to the clinic totally unaware of what I was about to witness.

During the 8 hour day, the doctor performed about 30 abortions. Some of the women were further along in their pregnancies than they had reported. Each of the "contents of the uterus" was placed in a clear glass bowl and then examined under a light. One bowl clearly contained 3 perfect, tiny arms. I asked why there would be a third arm. "Twins" was the response and because it might upset the mother, this information was never shared with any mother.

I was sickened after watching a full day of abortions. I had two beautiful little daughters and was very thankful to get home and wrap them in my arms. Knowing that so many women were faced with unwanted pregnancies only doubled my determination to prevent the need for abortion. This is exactly what I did for the next 17 years at PPGI's Storm Lake Center.

At a Center Manager meeting in mid 2008, the Health Services Management Team announced that all PPGI clinics would be offering a new procedure called "telemed abortions." Considering all the issues that every surgical abortion center had with security, protestors, staffing, complications, etc., this was a stunning announcement.

A doctor in Des Moines would be connected via webcam with a patient at any one of PPGI's 17 outlying centers. According to PPGI, this constituted a doctor's visit. After speaking briefly via webcam, the doctor would push a button in the Des Moines office whereupon a drawer in front of the patient at the remote center would open. Inside of the drawer were 2 different medicines – one to kill the baby, taken immediately at the clinic and a second one to take later at home which would cause contractions and eventually expel the dead baby.

PPGI ordered that all staff, medical and non-medical alike would be required to do vaginal ultrasounds. I asked what qualifications were required to perform this invasive procedure were and was told that "if you are breathing, you can do a 'vag' ultrasound." My boss went



Answered Prayers: Sue Thayer, pictured second from the left, led the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil this fall outside the Planned Parenthood in Storm Lake, Iowa, that she once managed for 18 years.

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All staff concerns about the legality of the project were dismissed. I asked if they would be notifying doctors and hospitals in each community and was told that they definitely would not be sharing any information. Center Managers were instructed not to discuss the plan with anyone outside of the agency. PPGI wanted to establish a 'standard of care', with a goal of 500 to 1000 abortions completed before any public announcement was made.

We were informed that abortions would be done through 63 days from conception. We were all familiar with using the morning after pill, Plan B, but this was only given up to 5 days after unprotected intercourse. The jump to 63 days was huge. Some of the managers were very excited. It meant that patients seeking abortion would no longer have to drive to a surgical center.

Abortions would be available in every town where PPGI had a clinic. Neither would anyone have to wait for an abortion. Telemed abortions could be offered any hours a clinic was open. If a woman came in and had a positive pregnancy test, she could instantly be offered an abortion. "Forty five minutes, in and out" we were

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We Need You: *Resolve to Get Involved!*

There is so much to be done and so many ways to share your passion for life! Here are a few coming up:

Iowa Caucuses

January 3, 2012

Locations throughout Iowa

Do your civic duty! (Read what the party platforms say about life on Page 3.)

March for Life

January 23, 2012

Washington, D.C.



If you haven't been, you have to go!

www.MarchforLife.org

The Roe v. Wade Effect

January 28, 2012

**Venue and Time TBA
Des Moines, Iowa**

Featuring **Troy Newman of Operation Rescue, former Storm Lake Planned Parenthood Manager, Sue Thayer**

and **Justine Kyker**, a Nebraska mother who speaks about her abortion experience in a Des Moines Planned Parenthood at age 19.



40 Days for Life

February 22-April 1, 2012

Locations throughout Iowa

Join this peaceful prayer vigil that has saved so many lives!

www.40daysforlife.com/iowa

Prayer for Life

March 5, 2012

Featuring Special Guest Speaker

Walter Hoye, Founder of Issues4Life
State Capitol Rotunda
1007 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines



IRTL Spring Book Sale

April 17-21, 2012

Jordan Park Camp
2251 Fuller Road
West Des Moines



Great deals on books. Proceeds go to crisis pregnancy centers across Iowa.

<http://iowartl.org/events/book-sale/>

Dunkin' Donuts Co-Owner in Iowa is Planned Parenthood Donor

DES MOINES—
Say it ain't so!!

Dunkin' Donuts is returning to Iowa, but one of the co-owners of the franchise in Iowa is a regular donor to Planned Parenthood of the Heartland.



The franchisees for the 12 new locations throughout Iowa will be Des Moines businessman Jim Cownie and his son, Drew Cownie. According to an article in *The Des Moines Register*, the Cownies' first Dunkin' Donuts location will open in 2012.

While Drew Cownie is not on the Planned Parenthood donor list, his parents are regulars. IRTL has donor information from Planned Parenthood annual reports from 2006-2009 and in that time, Jim Cownie and his wife, Patty donated in the following ranges:

2009: \$1,000-4,999
2008: \$1,000-4,999
2007: \$500-999
2006: \$500-999.

The Cownies are working with Knapp Properties to find the locations for their Dunkin' Donuts stores. Chairman Emeritus of Knapp Properties is William C. Knapp. He and his wife, Susan Terry-Knapp, give so much money to Planned Parenthood, that the Drake-area Planned Parenthood is named for Susan Knapp. (Remember, that is the location where they have webcam abortions...to help rural women. See *IRTL News*, September 2011.)

How can we enjoy that frosted, sprinkled donut goodness, knowing that half of the ownership will be using his profits to fund Planned Parenthood, which kills an average of at least 13 children a day in Iowa?

Jim Cownie is the owner of JSC Properties, a real estate holding and investment firm. He does a lot of good things with his money. He funds kids soccer fields, homeless shelters and Iowa State Fair Buildings, even pro-life Governor Branstad's election

campaign.

Why does a person who does so much good for the community need to fund Planned Parenthood, which is hurting women in Iowa?

Please write to Jim Cownie and beg him to change his ways so we can all load up on that yummy, sugary, fatty, carb-heavy, frosted and sprinkled donut goodness when he opens his first Dunkin' Donuts in Iowa in 2012.

Send him Sue Thayer's story from Page 1 of this *IRTL News*: "Former Planned Parenthood Manager in Iowa Stirs a Nation."

Write to him at:
Jim Cownie
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Des Moines, Iowa 50309
515.245.9501.

For more on Iowa business owners who are funding Planned Parenthood visit:

<http://iowartl.org/get-the-facts/planned-parenthood/>



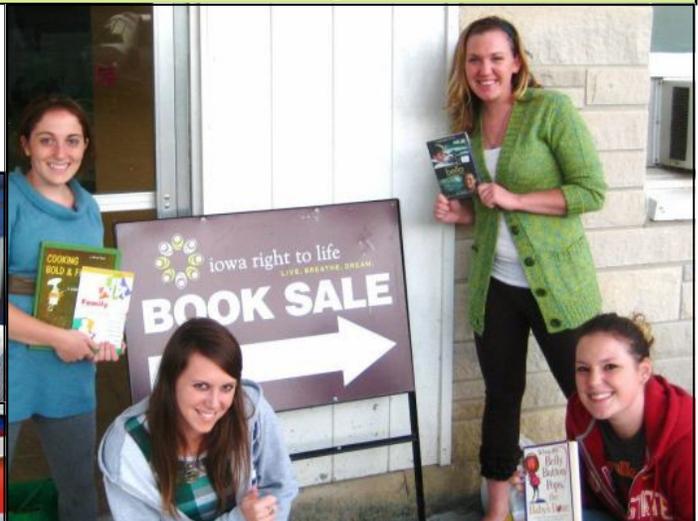
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Pro-Life Wins: Counting Our Blessings from 2011

DES MOINES—What an amazing year of breakthroughs in Iowa’s pro-life movement. We are proud of how more pro-lifers than ever are fighting back: writing powerful letters to the editor, answering pro-aborts online in news comment sections and in blogs. Here are a few others:



Bus Stop: We saw a lot of old friends and met some new along the Values Bus Tour this summer. Thank you to all who turned out!



The Kids Are Alright: Members of the ISU Students for Life take a field trip to the IRTL Book Sale. Said one, “Good thing everything was 50% off or we would have been too broke to get back home.”



Hometown Heroes: IRTL’s Chapters and Affiliates across the state had chili suppers, flipped pancakes, walked, ran and biked their way into greater community awareness for life. Above are pictures of the North Lee County Right to Life’s float and crew in the Fort Madison Rodeo Parade in September.

Campus pro-life groups at ISU, UNI, Drake, DMACC and Des Moines U are working hard and having an impact. According to Planned Parenthood of the Heartland’s most recent annual report, clients age 18-24 were down about 15 percent from 35,176 in Fiscal Year 2010 to 29,794 in Fiscal Year 2011.



Thank God! We know it’s politically incorrect and it drives the abortion activists crazy, but we continually thank God for supporting our pro-life efforts. When the going gets tough, He lifts and inspires us. Thank You, God!



Pro-Life Entrepreneur: Dowling High School student, David Cordaro, always inspires us, but especially when he created pro-life shopping bags, which he sells to raise money for pro-life pregnancy centers.

We Love the Gov! We are excited about the possibilities now that we have a pro-life governor in the Capitol.

In April, Gov. Terry Branstad (pictured here with IRTL Executive Director Jenifer Bowen) signed a proclamation naming April as Abortion Recovery Month.



Thank you: Rhonda Phillips, Book Sale volunteers and donors • 40 Days for Life participants • Abby Johnson, Lila Rose, Troy Newman, Joe Scheidler, Jim Sedlak, Melissa Ohden who came to Iowa • Sue Thayer with her courageous testimony • the other Jennifer whom the IRTL office could not run without • the IRTL Callers and all the people who did not hang up • IRTL Staff and Board Members • all the clergy who speak the truth from the pulpit • the pro-life pregnancy centers who help women and families in need • all the women who chose life • the pro-life candidates for not backing down • our donors who gave from their hearts. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

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Former PP Manager in Iowa Converts to Pro-Life

told. One manager said "It's about time women can get an abortion whenever and wherever they want. It's no different than getting a Pap smear."

Storm Lake was scheduled to be the last clinic in the agency to do them, with a start date of July 2009. The thought of telemed abortions seemed so preposterous to me that I seriously doubted that it could actually happen.

I voiced my concerns to management and peers. I knew I was not qualified to do a medical procedure like a vaginal ultrasound. I was concerned about safety—for the patient, for the clinic staff and for myself. How high would the complication rate be? Women were going to take this second pill at home? Alone? Often working with very limited staff at the Storm Lake center, I wondered about security, at the center and also at my home. How would this affect my kids?

Having endured the national publicity created by the quest for records after the discovery of a deceased infant in 2002, I was well acquainted with controversy and angry opponents. I'd always been so vocal about the fact that we were all about preventing abortions.

Now I was going to be forced to be involved in every aspect of an abor-

tion. What would our local doctors think when women started coming in with symptoms of an incomplete abortion? My boss said they were contemplating just telling patients that if they had to go to the emergency room they should neglect to mention the two powerful drugs they had just taken to end their pregnancy. "After all" he said, "it's really no different than a miscarriage."

Soon, the larger centers started doing telemed abortions. The new ultrasound machines were so high-tech that little fingers and toes could be seen. Even some long-time surgical staffers struggled when they would see images of the baby they were about to abort. This amazing ultrasound image of the baby is never shown to the mother.

Telemed abortion was, and no doubt continues to be a huge money maker for Planned Parenthood. Patients were charged the same amount as for a surgical abortion, but with very little overhead, the profit margin for the agency is great. No longer is a physician required to travel to a clinic to perform an abortion. Inner-agency, it was touted as "The First in the Nation", with a plan to market the protocol to every family planning clinic in the country.

By December of 2008, the

program was ahead of schedule. Storm Lake would soon be doing telemed abortions. As a single parent, I was very uneasy to think of losing my job. I had good pay, great benefits and much-needed health insurance for my whole family. But I knew I could never do what they were asking. I continued to voice my concerns and was fired. PPGI said they were downsizing, but I don't believe that was the real reason I was terminated.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa has consolidated with Planned Parenthood of Nebraska, and is now known as Planned Parenthood of the Heartland. Telemed abortions will be spreading across the land unless laws are passed.

Even many pro-choice advocates are troubled by the thought of abortions being done by non-medical staff, in rural clinics with no doctor on site and no medical support in the community. It is imperative that we raise awareness of this new and dangerous way of performing abortions.

Hear Sue Thayer at our January 28, 2012, **Roe v. Wade Effect** event. (See Page 6)

JPII Stem Cell Institute's New Patient Therapy Initiative

IOWA CITY—So many people want to contribute to organizations that fund research for cancer and other diseases. But they hold back because they do not want their donation to be diverted to organizations like Planned Parenthood or companies that do unethical experiments on human embryos. Even then, a lot of money to find cures goes to basic research and never makes it to the patients.

The **John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute**, led by Dr. Alan Moy (pictured on right) is raising money for a new initiative to use ethical stem cell therapies, where the stem cells will go back into the patients suffering from certain diseases. For instance, 70% of leukemia patients cannot find bone marrow donors. Dr. Moy says stem cells from cord blood can be used in place of bone marrow and are plentiful in supply.

For more information on JPIISRI's *Collection for Cures*, visit www.jp2sri.org

