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# KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Fall 2023

## Note From Our President

Greetings to all Knox County Right To Life members!

Dear Pro-Life Friends,

It often helps us to review our past. I would like to share an excerpt from the Knox County Right to Life newsletter of October 1981, since other than the mention of a Phone Tree, most of it holds true today.

“At a time when the pro-life movement is stepping onto the first rung of the ladder to success, Knox County Right to Life, Inc. is floundering from lack of direction, lack of volunteers, and lack of prayers. The pro-life movement is unlike any other movement. Involvement in its activities may be the greatest thing you will ever do during your lifetime, i.e. HELP TO STOP THE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT LIFE IN AMERICA. It will be your opportunity to do something splendid for God and your fellow man.

As one local pastor stated on Respect Life Sunday, “We can no longer be spectators in this struggle to establish a basis human civil right.”

WE NEED:

YOUR ideas for activities.

YOUR ideas for making news that the media will pick up on.

YOUR cooperation on the Phone Tree.

YOUR cooperation in staffing fair booths and other display functions.

YOU to pay your dues.

YOU to help sponsor radio ads.

YOU to subscribe to various prolife newspapers to get informed.

YOU to write letters to the editor.

YOU to assist your pastor to become more involved in the prolife movement.

YOU to sharpen your skills so you can be an effective spokesman for the Right to Life movement.

YOU to move from bench warmer to active participant in scrimmages, to 1st string “All Pro” Right to Life Ambassador and Salesperson.

And last, but not least, we ask you to pray for yourself and your fellow members who are trying to deal with their own personal ineptitude in the face of the Herculean Task confronting all of us in the Right to Life movement.” (Author not noted.)

This year of 2024, the few members who meet for monthly KCRL meetings are reviewing and reconsidering past events and ideas, planning to focus on supporting our local Women’s Pregnancy Center more, and continuing our efforts to educate on what abortion is, its effects, and the truth that it continues throughout our country. If you are unaware, Planned Parenthood of Illinois reopened its Peoria Health Center last month. Although the clinic “doesn’t currently offer surgical abortions, it does have family planning, STI, and so-called “gender-affirming care” services. The clinic does have medication abortion services available.” (Tim Shelley, IPM News)

As part of our review, it was decided we would not hold a Festival of Life this October, but please attend the Interdenominational Prayer Service which will be held this year on June 30th .

Roxanne Flesher, President– (630) 533-9363

## **Pro- Life Legislative News**

After almost 1 ½ years, Planned Parenthood Peoria reopened its doors on May 20th. Although PP Peoria still sells chemical abortions the focus of their business appears to be their new cash cow: hormone treatments and monthly counseling for people confused about their true gender. Most likely the delay in opening was to line up with June “Pride” month.

As pregnant women will be encouraged to end the life of their unborn child(ren) at that location, KCRTL Prayer Warriors will begin to be present monthly on the sidewalks to offer prayers and education. Please contact KCRTL Prayer Warrior Barbara Brody at (608) 341-7705 to participate in this important ministry.

### **The Abortion Pill at Galesburg’s Walgreens and CVS**

Beginning June 3rd, 2024 Knox County Right To Life Prayer Warriors will be standing on the sidewalk outside the Walgreens on Henderson in Galesburg from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. We will be there the 1st Monday of the month during the summer months of June, July, and August, holding the signs “Pregnant, We Are Here To Help” and “Motherhood is Good”, as we pray. If someone were to reach out to talk to us, we will hand out a referral to the Galesburg Women’s Pregnancy Center just down the street.

Walgreens, CVS, and Rite-Aid filed paperwork in 2023 requesting permission from the FDA to sell the abortion pill through their in-store pharmacies. The FDA granted permission to Walgreens and CVS this March. Rite-Aid had already filed for bankruptcy in October 2023. The abortion pill currently results in the death of the majority of unborn babies, more than any other method of abortion.

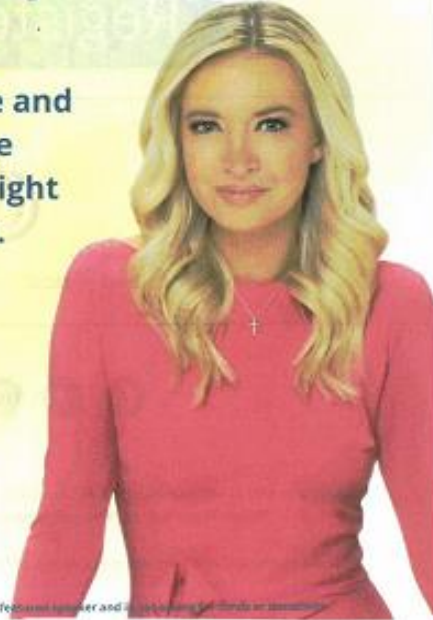
We invite you, your church members, and your family and friends to stand and pray with us. Please simply show up or call Barbara Brody, KCRTL Prayer Warrior at (608) 341-7705 for additional information.

## **KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE**

**NRLC proudly announces that Kayleigh McEnany will join us as the keynote speaker for the 53rd Annual National Right to Life Conference on June 29, 2024.**

**Her powerful message and unique perspective promise to be a highlight of the conference.**

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Kayleigh McEnany is appearing at this event only as a featured speaker and is not making any financial disclosures.

We are excited to announce that Kayleigh McEnany will be the keynote speaker at the 53rd Annual National Right to Life Conference on June 29th in Arlington, Virginia. Kayleigh McEnany is known for her eloquence and unwavering dedication to pro-life values. She will share her insights and experiences, inspiring us all to continue the fight to protect the most vulnerable among us.

Her powerful message and unique perspective are not just a part of the conference, they are the heart of it. They promise to be a transformative experience, equipping us with the motivation and strategies needed to face the challenges ahead. This is an opportunity you don't want to miss – to hear from one of the leading voices in the pro-life movement.

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## **Illinois Abortion Clinics See Increase In Out-Of-State Abortion Seekers**

An increasing number of people are coming to Illinois in search of abortion care in the two years since the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision overturned the Roe v. Wade ruling.

Planned Parenthood of Illinois says 25% of its patients are from out of state — compared to about 4% pre-Dobbs. Clinics say they were prepared for the influx. “So we increased our clinic days from five days a week to six days a week. We do offer medication and in-clinic abortions on all of those days, as well as increased our staffing capacity by 40%,” said Michele Landeau, chief operating officer of Hope Clinic in Granite City. (Source: WTTW, Chicago.)

## **Out-Of-State Abortion Seekers Flock To Illinois**

Illinois had 37,300 abortion patients who traveled from other states to have the procedure in 2023, according to a new study and the New York Times. That's 41 percent of the 90,540 abortions performed in Illinois in 2023.

Abortion seekers in 2023 came from 15 states, including six Southern states, which ban the procedure. Overall, there were 1,010,700 abortions in all 50 states in 2023, according to the study. About 171,000 or 17 percent of the abortion seekers traveled to another state to have the procedure. Fourteen states ban abortions, including six Southern states. Abortions are legal in Illinois, which continues to draw residents from states that either ban abortions or have some restrictions on abortion. (Chicago Crusader)

## **Illinois Legislative News**

Here is a quick rundown of legislation in the just-ended 2024 session.

**House Bill 581** would enshrine into law that abortion is a viable treatment option for pregnant women experiencing emergencies in Illinois. The bill states doctors may provide abortions to patients experiencing life-threatening or altering conditions, including things like ectopic pregnancy, preeclampsia, and fertility loss related to pregnancy complications. The bill advanced out of the House primarily along party lines, 73-36. It cleared the Senate 40-19 on partisan lines on Sunday, May 26, and will need only a signature from the governor to become law.

**House Bill 5239** bars authorities in Illinois from aiding another state's investigation of people coming to Illinois for reproductive health care, including abortions. It still allows authorities to cooperate in investigations of activities that would be violations of Illinois law and if cooperation is required under state or federal law. It also gives individuals the right to sue for civil damages if their information is improperly disclosed and gives minors the right to apply for public aid to obtain family planning services without the consent of their parents. (Capitol News Illinois)

### **Abortion Via A Smart Phone?**

Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region expanded access to medication abortion in the State of Illinois. Residents in Illinois will now be able to access the abortion pill through a mobile app. Pregnant patients up to 10 weeks with an Illinois mailing address can have access through the Planned Parenthood Direct app. Once the app is downloaded, patients have to fill out a screening form and within 24 hours medication will be mailed. (WICS/WRSP)