



# Lifeline

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family - young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.

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## 2021 Guttmacher Report Shows Impressive State-Level Pro-Life Gains

National Review recently highlighted the incredible impact of pro-life activism at the state level in the early months of 2021.

This excellent news for pro-lifers is reported by non-other than Planned Parenthood's affiliate.

*"The Guttmacher Institute states that the number of pro-life laws enacted during the past four months is "unprecedented..."*

*"The report indicates that a whopping ...*

- *536 pro-life laws have been introduced this year...*
- *61 pieces of pro-life legislation signed into law...*
- *13 states have enacted at least one pro-life law...*
- *8 gestational age limits have already been enacted."*

The author, Michael New, points out several important lessons for pro-lifers:

- *Impressive pro-life progress can take place at the state level even during Democratic presidential administrations.*
- *The investments that pro-lifers have made in local elections are certainly paying impressive dividends.*
- *In many blue states, pro-lifers are playing good defense -defeating efforts to expand abortion access and liberalize assisted suicide laws.*

The good news comes with the admonition that the Biden administration is aggressively expanding abortion in the U.S. and world-wide, through:

- Repeal of the Mexico City Policy - i.e. foreign organizations that promote or perform abortions are eligible to receive U.S. foreign-aid dollars.
- Restoration of Planned Parenthood's eligibility for Title X grants (millions additional federal dollars).
- Repeal of Hyde Amendment - to overturn the 1977 law barring the use of federal funds for abortion.

Reference: National Review, Michael J. New, "[New Guttmacher Report Shows Impressive Pro-life Progress at the State Level](#)" 3 May 2021



## Father's Day June 20 Remember Forgotten Fathers

### Men & Abortion

The mission of MAN (Men & Abortion Network) is *"to promote emotional healing for men who have lost a child to abortion, to create awareness among the counseling community, the pro-life movement and society as a whole regarding the impact of abortion on millions of these hurting fathers."*

In a very detailed [overview](#), Bradley Mattes, MAN co-founder, explains the trauma that post-abortive men experience and points to research showing that millions of men in the United States are "walking wounded" fathers, deeply affected by abortion.

*"Abortion rewrites the rules of masculinity. It leaves him wounded and confused..."*

*"As the laws are written, the father of an unborn child has no legal right to even be informed before his wife or partner has an abortion... He has absolutely no legal say over the crucial and intimate decision of whether his unborn child lives or dies.*

*...this may generate a great deal of anger.*

*... a man may find an intimate relationship with a woman difficult or impossible ... [or live] a promiscuous lifestyle due to a low self-esteem and a desperate desire to find love and acceptance.*

*... since the abortion is so closely tied to the act of sex, sexual dysfunction can also be a symptom.*

*... men may experiment with homosexuality... sexual gratification with no risk of pregnancy... ...Addictions to pornography and masturbation are also tools that give physical satisfaction, but allows the man to stay in total control of the outcome."*

Mattes' list of post-abortion PTSD symptoms for men includes insomnia, panic attacks, flashbacks, nightmares, isolation, or suicidal tendencies.

He observes a sad truth: *"Many men are seeing their world crumble around their feet, totally oblivious that the root cause is a past abortion."*

Reference: Men & Abortion Network, Bradley Mattes, "[Men and Abortion: An Overview](#)" "11 May 2021

## PPCFL Officers and Directors

President	Matt Niedzielski
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Board meets 7pm monthly on the 2nd Monday.  
Come and see what we do.

### To schedule a PPCFL Presentation

Julie Bailey (719) 630-1999

### Join us as a volunteer!!

Staff our office; assist with computer work; become a PPCFL church or group contact; assist with educational programs; staff an educational booth; or assist in fundraising. Feel free to bring fresh ideas or “Chair” a project... the opportunities are endless.

### FREE Subscription: LifeLine Newsletter

To receive our electronic LifeLine subscribe [online](#). For a paper subscription, call or email:

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### Support PPCFL

### All-Volunteer / Tax Exempt Organization

PPCFL is an approved tax-exempt Public Charity under the IRS Code section 501(c)(3). Donations are tax deductible. Our EIN is 26-0770794.

### Donate Online, or Send Your Gift to:

Pikes Peak Citizens For Life  
707 N. Nevada Ave, Ste Rear  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-5019

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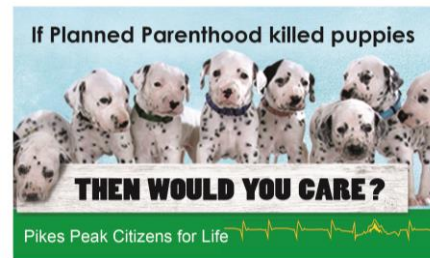
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## The President's Corner

Our latest advertising campaign has started a conversation with the Colorado Springs Independent (aka “Indy”).



When our “If Planned Parenthood killed puppies...” advertisement was submitted, the publisher observed, “[[s](#)ome members of our staff were disturbed and asked about the ad.”

However, unlike what is being seen in other publications/ social media platforms, the Indy publisher noted that the paper will “always favor a diversity of opinion over silencing those with whom we may not agree.”

Furthermore, the Indy publisher also offered “starting a conversation with those we disagree with – in order to learn about each other and find common ground.”

In that spirit, I submitted the following letter to the editor:

As Pikes Peak Citizens for Life president, I applaud the Indy’s commitment to “diversity in opinion over silencing those with whom we may not agree” (April 21 [Publisher's Note](#)) with the publishing of our advertisement, “What if Planned Parenthood killed puppies...”

I’m particularly encouraged by Amy Gillentine’s stated intention that we “learn about each other and find common ground.”

In donating the ad revenue “to an organization that supports women’s health,” we appear to discover one point of common ground: both PPCFL and the Indy support women’s healthcare.

Specifically, PPCFL supports quality women’s healthcare that is non-racist, non-violent, keeps *every woman* unharmed, and *every child* alive. We trust that the Indy has similar non-racist, non-violent standards for women’s healthcare.

Unfortunately, as Gillentine notes, Planned Parenthood was founded by a racist. Their goal: eliminate ‘undesirable’ human beings – usually black, brown, and poor - through every means possible. Sadly, PP’s touted “outreach to communities of color” is not new... they have always targeted minority communities...and with 86% of their clinics in [minority neighborhoods](#), they continue to achieve the results their founder desired – less people of color.

PPCFL endeavors to direct women to non-racist, non-violent alternatives to PP. Our Sidewalk Advocates bring women and men the good news that there are “no-kill” choices for crisis pregnancies. PPCFL defends all human life – at every age and every stage.

PPCFL has been working for years to move this conversation forward, and I look forward to the *Indy’s* participation in this endeavor!

We look forward to continuing the conversation that has begun with our advertisement – and placing additional ads to engage the Indy audience in the pro-life argument.

*Matt*

## Together for Life

### May Recap: Boots on the Ground

Our most recent Pro-Life Community-Building event focused on providing a broad overview of the various opportunities that exist within Pikes Peak Citizens for Life – and throughout our community – for making YOUR pro-life voice heard.

The program, whose theme was *Boots on the Ground – Where do YOU fit into the Pro-Life Movement*, began with Matt Niedzielski, PPCFL President, giving a brief overview of the mission and work of PPCFL.

Matt explained that a **main purpose of our organization is to keep the Pro-Life message in front of the public**. He highlighted our methods for doing this including billboards, radio and print ads, a monthly newsletter, presentations to youth and community groups, and informational and educational booths and tables at the fairs, local events, and in the Citadel and Chapel Hills Malls. He also reviewed the role we have in advocating for Pro-Life legislation at the Colorado State Assembly.

Janet Campbell, PPCFL Booth Volunteer Coordinator, then presented the current plans for booths, the need for volunteers, and the logistics of setting up and running our information booths. Janet is planning a **booth volunteer training session for later this summer**.

Julie Bailey gave a quick overview of the *40 Days for Life* campaigns and of the *Sidewalk Advocates for Life* effort. She shared the statistic made public by Abby Johnson that a **peaceful, prayerful presence in front of an abortion clinic can result in an up to 75% no-show rate for abortion appointments**. She encouraged those present to consider coming out to pray on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood (3470 Centennial Blvd) as an entrée into Pro-Life activism.

Julie also encouraged everyone present to support Life Network by taking part in their upcoming *Walk for Life* on June 5th. To sign up, sponsor, or learn more go to [www.walkforlife.com](http://www.walkforlife.com).

Finally, Julie asked those present to **consider being the Pro-Life contact for a local church or organization to make it easier to coordinate participation in Pro-Life events throughout the year**.

If you would like information about any of the “boots on the ground” opportunities in our area, call our office or email [contact@ppcitizensforlife.org](mailto:contact@ppcitizensforlife.org).



### PPCFL's Latest Radio Ads Challenge Listeners

Animal shelter advertisements plead for unwanted puppies and kittens. They tug at heartstrings, expecting compassionate citizens to respond with “no-kill” options.

At PPCFL, we are challenging animal-lovers on their compassion... and aggressively asking if our local citizens would see abortion differently if these so-called “health clinics” killed millions of puppies instead of millions of babies.

In addition to our print ads in local papers (*see the President's Note on page 2*) and billboards posted in high traffic areas (*Academy & Airport, Circle & Platte; and Fillmore & Nevada thru June 27*), our PPCFL radio spots are also challenging the status quo with the following:

*“Every year, millions of dogs and cats are saved by humane, no-kill shelters. They are “rescued” by folks who want to give them a great new life.*

*Yet, every day unborn children are terminated. Why can't we figure out how to “rescue” unborn children and help all mothers?*


*Do we care more about our puppies than our babies?*

We are tirelessly demonstrating that human life is special and should be cared for from the first moment of existence, throughout life, until natural death.

**Join PPCFL in defending LIFE - at every age and every stage!**

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**Training for Booth Volunteers**

**Monday, June 21, 2021; 6:30-7:30pm**

Interested in helping with the life education booths listed below?

An information session and training for volunteers will be held at

Corpus Christi Catholic Church (IN THE PARISH HALL)  
2318 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80907

RSVP/more info: Janet 719-660-0048 or [janetcampbell729@comcast.net](mailto:janetcampbell729@comcast.net)

**Life Education Booths for Summer 2021**

PPCFL will share the pro-life message at the following events:

- Life Network Walk for Life June 5
- El Paso County Fair July 10–17
- Aquinas Conference July 28–Aug 1
- Colorado State Fair Aug 27–Sept 6
- Respect Life Dinner Oct 6



**Support LIFE NETWORK's**

*Walk For Life*



**Saturday June 5, 2021**

PPCFL will have a booth at the park, so we hope you'll come by to say hi. For more information, visit [www.WalkForLife.com](http://www.WalkForLife.com)

***Together for Life***



**Summer Break *Together for Life***  
is taking a break for June and July.  
Stay tuned for an exciting event to kick things off again in August!

***Stealth Healer Training***

Give Comfort – Open the Door to Healing

In the coming months, *Project Rachel* and the *Respect Life Apostolate* will be offering opportunities to help life advocates learn how to open the door to post-abortion healing. Participants will learn about:

- ♥ The aftermath of abortion
- ♥ The Project Rachel healing group
- ♥ Men and abortion
- ♥ 3 Steps to becoming a Stealth Healer
- ♥ Additional healing resources

If you are interested in attending, watch for details in the newsletter, or contact Julie Bailey at 719-578-4471 for details.