



# 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.

Pikes Peak Citizens For Life

September 2021



## Together for Life

### WHEN:

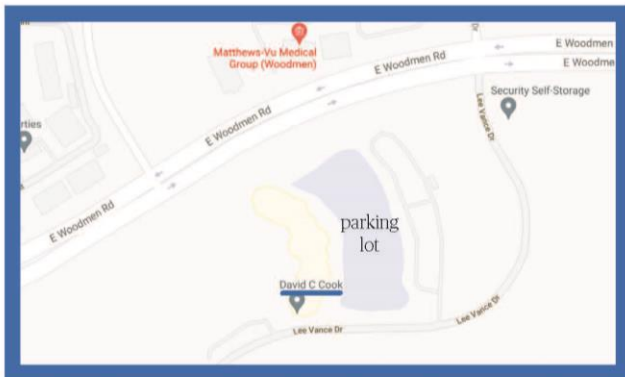
Sunday,  
September 19, 2021  
12:30pm - 3pm

### WHERE:

David C. Cook Building  
4050 Lee Vance View,  
COS 80918

### PROGRAM:

UNPLANNED GRACE  
Book Launch Party  
with Co-Author  
Natasha Smith



Please park in the large parking lot to the East of the building and enter in via the employee entrance



***“Approaching the issue of unplanned pregnancy with love and compassion opens doors and creates conversations in a way that judgment and shame never could.”***

The September *Together for Life* gathering features the authors of ***Unplanned Grace: A Compassionate Conversation on Life and Choice*** (David C Cook, September 2021).

Brittany Smith and Natasha Smith, writing on behalf of *Save the Storks*, draw on personal interviews, inspiring stories, and eye-opening facts to help readers better understand:

- The pressures and intricacies surrounding a woman’s pregnancy decision,
- the importance of an empathetic approach to those facing unplanned pregnancies, and
- the enormous potential churches have to support women (and men) in crisis.

**“Being pro-life actually means being pro-woman in a holistic way: caring for a woman’s physical and emotional state, her relationships, her livelihood, her future, and any needed healing from her past,”** write Smith and Smith.

PPCFL plans to purchase a large number of the books and have them available for a free will offering at the *Together for Life* gathering.

Natasha, one of the co-authors, will offer a presentation on the book, and then she and her co-author Brittany will sign books.

Tours of the Save the Storks offices will also be available for participants.

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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.

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## The President's Corner

In the [April newsletter](#) I brought your attention to the fact that twenty-three cities in Texas had banned abortion.

This accomplishment was due to the new [Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn](#) movement, and now, as of this writing, they are up to [37 cities](#), mostly in Texas, but also in Ohio and Nebraska.

Amazingly, these sanctuary city laws have passed legal challenges and have remained in effect; a remarkable achievement given that the courts have typically stopped pro-life laws before they ever go into effect.

The legal success may be due to a strategy in the sanctuary city laws to make enforcement of them exclusively private, i.e., the measures cannot be enforced by any public officials (as [reported by the National Catholic Register](#)). What this means is relatives of the aborted child or any private citizen can file a lawsuit against anyone involved in facilitating an abortion.

In that previously mentioned April newsletter I asked whether Colorado Springs could ever become such a city. Well, I think we should find out!

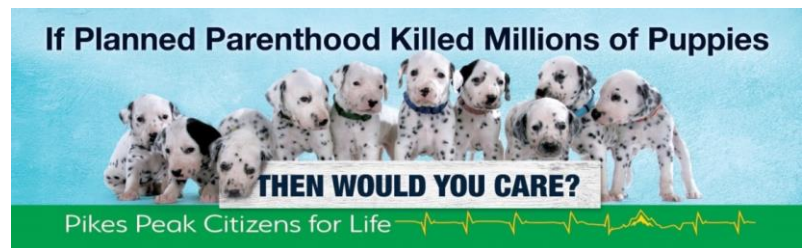
The first step is to gauge support for the idea in the city. The Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn website has [a petition](#) (<https://sanctuarycitiesfortheunborn.com/online-petition>) that helps them to determine whether there is sufficient support in the city to move to the next step. Please submit [a petition](#) and also have your family and friends submit one.

We are also going to find out if any other city in the Pikes Peak region demonstrates enough support to move to the next step. So, no matter where you live, please submit [the petition](#) as soon as you can and encourage others to do the same.

Let us put a Colorado city on the list of Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn!

*Matt*

## Billboards Return to Strategic Locations



The fall billboard and radio campaign expands our effort to challenge animal loving citizens who support Planned Parenthood.

The billboards are strategically located approaching Planned Parenthood on west Fillmore; approaching UCCS at Garden of the Gods & Nevada, and at the busy artery of Woodmen at Lexington

Billboards and radio ads will run from Sept 27th to Halloween.

## A Handmaid's ~~Tale~~ Lie about Crisis Pregnancy Centers

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

In a July article for [marieclaire.com](http://marieclaire.com), feminist Danielle Campoamor argues in support of “more women with children having abortions in film and television”. She wants to “normalize” abortion to the point that it seems “boring” to women from every demographic – especially those actively parenting other children.

This strategy plays out diabolically in a recent episode of Hulu’s “A Handmade’s Tale” (entitled MILK). The disturbing sequence is a gut-punch to pro-lifers trying to help women in crisis, and also highly relevant to our current struggle.

The character, Janine, is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. She shows up for what she believes is an abortion appointment and discovers that she is instead **at a Pregnancy Resource Center speaking with a counselor who compassionately presents non-abortion alternatives and encourages her to choose life.** The counselor explains the risks of abortion to Janine’s physical and emotional health emphasizing that she can take some time to think about the child before making her decision.

A later sequence shows her in a medical exam room with a white-coated female abortionist. Janine is explaining her reasoning for not wanting a second child. The abortionist stops her and says, “Do you want to be pregnant now or not?” When Janine says, “no”, the doctor hands her a small white box and briefly describes the chemical abortion protocol (take the first pill today, the others tomorrow). When Janine expresses concern about the possible risks she’d heard about from the PRC counselor, the abortionist says, “those places are always lying to women.”

The **dismissive attitude of the abortionist in response to Janine’s concerns** is meant to convey that this chemical abortion is no big deal.

This is when my blood began to boil. I realize that these two sequences may be all that some people “know” of the important work done by Pregnancy Resource Centers. *Pikes Peak Citizens for Life* and *Sidewalk Advocates for Life* work closely with our local PRCs operated by *Life Network*. **The medical staff and volunteers at these life-affirming centers don’t lie.** They deeply care for the women, men, and families who come to them seeking real help.

**If there are liars in this story, they are the abortionists** who sell women the idea that getting rid of a pregnancy is no more serious than taking an aspirin. The abortion industry has successfully convinced our culture, including our entertainment industry, that what they do empowers women.

**How is it empowering or liberating to tell women they need to kill their unborn children** in order to pursue their dreams or desires?

## Together for Life – August Report

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

Our August **Together for Life** found a small but enthusiastic group of pro-life warriors gathered in the comfort of the temporary office building on the property of the Gateway Prayer Garden. We enjoyed our picnic

### Memorial Gift

Received from  
*Mary Payne*  
in memory of her son



*Bobby Payne*  
~~~~~  
Our thanks & blessings

### Memorial Gift

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*Elisa Baca*  
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*Jose Baca*  
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lunches in the air conditioning instead of in the 90 degree heat and stiff wind.

Mark Spengler shared with us the history of the Prayer Garden, and the progress so far including a giant iron cross that will one day grace a plaza inset with hundreds of verses from Sacred Scripture engraved in large paving stones.

We did broadcast this event on Facebook Live and the recording is available on the PPCFL Facebook page, here: <https://www.facebook.com/Pikes-Peak-Citizens-for-Life-117592004967788>

For more information on the Gateway Prayer Garden, go here: <https://www.gatewayprayergarden.org/>


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**Together for Life** September 19 Details on page 1. 

 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** is just around the corner!

The Fall Campaign runs from **Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**. Plan to join us at the Sidewalk near Planned Parenthood for the **40 Days Kickoff Event on Friday, Sept. 17, 6pm**. Join us for prayer, music, encouragement, and a special guest.

Mark your calendars for an early **mid-point rally with Dr. Pat Castle on October 7<sup>th</sup>** (Brown Bag Lunch, location TBD) and the very special closing event **October 30<sup>th</sup>** on the Sidewalk with new Colorado Springs Bishop Golka. Sign up now for hours to pray for an end to abortion <https://www.40daysforlife.com/>

**Get your church, group, or organization involved.** Adopt a day! Sign up and commit to fill the hours from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. OR go the extra mile and fill all 24 hours of the day you choose! (Contact Michele Mason for more information [prolifefamilyof15@gmail.com](mailto:prolifefamilyof15@gmail.com)).

Or, be an at-home **Barnabas Buddy!** If you can't pray at the sidewalk, but want to support the effort, you can pray daily or weekly from home or church. Contact Michele to sign up.



**LIFE CHAIN 2021**  
**Sunday October 3; 1:30pm to 3:00pm**

Life Chain is a peaceful 90 minute public witness of pro-life individuals praying for our nation and for an end to abortion.

A visual statement of support for the sanctity of human life. Join us at Academy Blvd @ Austin Bluffs or in Monument @ Hwy 105. FREE SIGNS provided. Contact Linda at [newlifeinhim.jesus@gmail.com](mailto:newlifeinhim.jesus@gmail.com) or Stephanie at [stephanierkemp@gmail.com](mailto:stephanierkemp@gmail.com)



**Autumn Pro-Life Events**  
**Save these Dates**

**Together For Life**  
Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21



**40 Days for Life – Fall Vigil 2019**  
September 22 to October 31



**Life Network Gala – 2 Day Event**  
September 30 to October 1



**Roses for Life & Life Month**  
October 1 to October 31



**Life Chain – CSPGS & Monument**  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 to 3:00 pm  
Monument & Colorado Springs  
Free Signs Provided



**Bishop's Respect Life Dinner**  
October 6