



# 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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## Take Me Out to the LIFE Park!

In 2019, New York was the first state in the nation to begin the latest onslaught of radical abortion laws – codifying the killing of children through the entirety of pregnancy. One of the artists who spoke out against the atrocity of New York’s law was singer/ songwriter and former *Sanctus Real* frontman Matt Hammitt.

For Matt and his family, a child’s life before birth cuts straight to the heart – [Bowen’s Heart](#). Friends, family, and music fans were asked to pray for Bowen even before he was born, due to a heart defect detected in the fall of 2010 while he was in utero.

*“This is my son, Bowen,” Hammitt shared in 2019, “Everyday he dances, laughs so hard he can barely catch his breath and sings at the top of his lungs. We were told, not for Sarah’s health, but for reasons of convenience that the “best choice” for us would be to abort him. Believe me, not a day goes by that we regret choosing life.*

*It’s a worn out narrative that abortion is simply a health issue. It’s also a convenience issue. History repeats itself.*

***Because of what happened in New York State this week, millions of feet that would otherwise dance, bellies that would laugh and voices that would sing will be violently silenced.***

*When history writes abortion for what it really is, never let it be said of me that I was silent.”*

The story of little Bowen’s first homecoming was poignantly told in a special feature on ABC News on Thanksgiving Day 2010 ([video clip here](#)). Matt wrote several songs about this experience and the blog [bowensheart.com](#) chronicles their journey.

Born with only half a heart, Bowen has endured at least four open-heart surgeries, but his spirit is indomitable. He is a great singer/songwriter in his own right. In 2019, leading up to his third open heart surgery, Bowen recorded his first song [“Safe Right Here”](#) - an inspiring testament to his faithful trust of being safe “in the arms of the one who created me.”



**Bowen’s story is one of the many reasons you don’t want to miss CELEBRATE FAMILY night at the UC Health Ballpark on August 26th.**

Not only will you see a great Pioneer League ballgame between the Colorado Springs Vibes and the Ogden Raptors, you’ll also get to enjoy fireworks and a mini concert by Matt and Bowen – singing songs that celebrate Life, Faith, and Hope!

Matt is a Dove Award winning, Grammy nominated music artist whose song [“Lead Me”](#) has been credited with saving many marriages (including his own).

After the ballgame, 11-year-old Bowen will sing the song he wrote about his love of life (his dad will back him up). To experience more of their story, watch [Bowen’s Heart](#) a newly released documentary about Bowen’s life, streaming on many on-line platforms.

**PPCFL** and **Save the Storks** are hosting Celebrate Family Night to help our wounded world see the beauty of countless children like Bowen who are saved when parents and doctors CHOOSE LIFE.

Additionally, **we’re bringing the Stork-Bus to the ballpark!** Their [website](#) explains: *“Women deserve excellent care and compassionate support. That’s what our state-of-the-art mobile medical clinics provide. By offering pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and STI testing, all at no cost, Stork Buses bridge the gap between pregnancy centers and women so they can access quality healthcare no matter where they are.”*



**We hope to see you at the park August 26<sup>th</sup>!**

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## The President's Corner

Election seasons are usually times of deception through language abuse, and this year is no exception.

We know that political candidates who call themselves "pro-life" but who find ways to support *Roe v. Wade* or Planned Parenthood or abortion in any other context are just deceiving us. **If political candidates are willing to deceive us on such a fundamental principle, it behooves us to assume they will deceive us on other issues as well** and we should respond to their deception accordingly.

In like manner, political candidates who support assisted suicide as "death with dignity" and accept the codified lie in Colorado law that **assisted suicide is not reported on the death certificate as what is truly is, death by poison**, but as some terminal condition that the victim is diagnosed with, are also deceiving us. **Again, if they are willing to deceive us on such a fundamental principle, we should expect that they will deceive us on other issues as well.**

Deception results in brokenness and havoc on multiple levels. [Dr. Lori Buzzett, an OB/GYN, was "pro-choice" until she suffered a miscarriage.](#) She buried her grief because, in her words: "I hadn't let myself recognize my grief because of the following thought: if life didn't begin until a baby could sustain itself outside of the womb, why was I in so much pain?"

She continues: "So, my pro-choice stance started to crack. As I continued on in my practice, I was given a new set of eyes with these revelations, and **I began seeing the brokenness that these terminations were causing**, and it has just made me realize that as obstetricians, we need to stop being complacent and allowing these babies to be disregarded."

No one should be disregarded. **The essence of being pro-life is to support and defend life at every age and stage from conception/fertilization to natural death.** Anyone who says differently is deceiving us.

*Matt*

Ref: LifeNews.com Sarah Terzo, "Pro-Abortion OBGYN Becomes Pro-Life After Losing Baby in Miscarriage" 17 June 2022

### 'The Real Fight for Life Is Just Beginning'

In Colorado where pro-abort legislators hastily codified the legal killing of preborn children through all nine months of pregnancy, we are keenly aware that the fight for life is real; it's on our doorstep.

Pro-life advocate Abby Johnson reminds us that post-*Roe*, the real fight for life is just beginning – on 50 separate battlegrounds. The biggest challenge is that **women know where to get an abortion, but they don't know where to go for pro-life help.** The word needs to spread through every means, "anywhere we can, we need to be showcasing our pro-life pregnancy centers in our area, and heavily advertising the pro-life resources in our communities."

Johnson, living in Texas, is quick to point out that, "Even in states where abortion is now illegal, crisis pregnancies are still going to exist even if abortion clinics don't, so we really need to be supporting our crisis pregnancy centers now more than ever, maternity homes, pro-life help lines... any entity that is out there supporting life, supporting women, we need to be supporting them now more than ever."

Ref: CBN News, Benjamin Gill, "The Real Fight for Life Is Just Beginning..." 25 June 2022

## Pro-Life Alternatives to Pro-Abortion Companies

In the month since the US Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade* and *Casey v Planned Parenthood*, at least 60 companies (see chart below) have asserted their willingness to pay pregnant employees to travel to other states to abort their children. Sceptics point out the underlying motive:

*"It's much cheaper to pay for an abortion than it is to pay for maternity leave, or an extra name on the insurance policy,"* Fox News' Tucker Carlson points out. *"So, it's all about the money for corporate America. It always is. Families are bad for big corporations. Therefore, they're against families."*

### Companies Announcing They will Pay for Abortions Across State Lines<sup>1</sup>

Accenture	Comcast	Johnson & Johnson	Paramount
Adidas	Condé Nast	JP Morgan	Patagonia
Adobe	Dick's Sporting Goods	Kroger's	PayPal
AirBnb	Disney	Levi Strauss	Reddit
Alaska Airlines	DoorDash	LiveNation	Salesforce
Amazon	Duolingo	Lyft	Sony
American Express	General Mills	Macy's	Starbucks
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AT&T	Google	Match Group	Tesla
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Box.com	Gucci	Microsoft	Vox Media
Bumble	Hewlett-Packard	Morgan Stanley	Warner Bros.
Buzzfeed	H&M	Netflix	Wells Fargo
Chobani	HPE	Nike	Yelp
Citigroup	Intuit	OK Cupid	Zillow

Other business leaders strongly disagree with these abortion propaganda policies. Peter Rex, the founder and CEO of [REX](#), a real estate tech company, have pointed out the folly of funding abortion tourism. *"These businesses are ignoring the possibility that many employees may simply need a little more help to carry their baby to term. Instead of blindly paying people to end an unborn child's life, companies should consider paying them to welcome that life into the world,"*

***"That's why my business has decided to give up to \$7,500 to employees who want to have their baby and give it up for adoption..."*** Rex argues that there's a definite link between abortion and mental health issues, which would also reduce productivity and job satisfaction at work.

[Buffer Insurance](#) is also publicly rejecting the pro-abort mindset announcing they will *"pay the medical costs for our employees who birth babies" as well as "provide paid time off ... to have maternity & paternity leave" and "pay for the medical costs associated with adopting a baby."*

Other examples include: [Seven Weeks Coffee](#) that donates 10 percent of every sale to pregnancy resource centers across the country, or [Coign](#), a new credit card alternative that donates to pro-life organizations, or the clothing store [Culture of Life 1972](#) that donates to life-affirming charities

Pro-life alternatives are often available when we look for them and a key element of resisting the Culture of Death is denying money and profits to anti-child, anti-family corporations.

References: <sup>1</sup>Washington Stand, Suzanne Bowdey [60 Companies Announce Abortion Perks. Hundreds More Stay Silent.](#) Updated 11 July 22

<sup>2</sup>Business Insider, Yelena Dzhnanova ["Tucker Carlson: corporations helping employees get an out-of-state abortion because those without families are cheaper."](#) 25 June 22

<sup>3</sup>LifeNews, Joy Stockbauer, ["Here are Pro-Life Alternatives to Pro-Abortion Companies"](#) 8 July 22

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## Pikes Peak Citizens for Life & Save the Storks

### Bringing LIFE to the Ballpark!

Friday, Aug 26th at UC Health Park in CSPGS

The game starts at 6:30 p.m.

**Come Early to Get Your Special Event T-Shirt**

Sharing LIFE – beyond the “in” field of people who already agree with us –  
is a **critical step in winning our culture.**

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life & Save the Storks are hosting **Celebrate  
Family Night at the Ballpark** to do just that.

Baseball lovers will experience:

- **Pro-Life giveaways to those arriving early!**
- Life-changing ‘Stork Buses’ at the park for folks to tour
- The game: *Rocky Mountain Vibes vs Ogden Raptors*
- Matt Hammitt and his 11-year old son Bowen (featured on page 1) will offer a mini concert following the game, prior to fireworks.

For Tickets, scan the QR Code above or visit TicketReturn.com:

<https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2/BuyClear.asp?EventID=324655&continue=buynew.asp#.Yq-5hnbMLIU>

### SAVE THESE DATES

★ **Aug 26-Sept 5: Colorado State Fair**

To help with the booth, call 719-660-0048  
or email [janetcampbell729@comcast.net](mailto:janetcampbell729@comcast.net)

★ **Aug 27: Sidewalk Advocates Training**

10am – 5:30pm at the PPCFL office.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45aba72ca46-basic3> to register.

★ **Oct 2: Life Chain 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

For details about participating, contact  
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★ **Oct 13&14: Life Network Gala**

Speaker: Bob Goff, New York Times  
Best-Selling author. Contact Alyssa at  
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★ **Oct 27: Bishop Golka’s  
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