



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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Freedom Vanishes when Pro-Death is the only Voice and Only “Choice”



By now, *LifeLine* readers may have heard of the disgraceful behavior of the Rocky Mountain Vibes toward PPCFL and *Save the Storks*.

How could this happen? Julie Bailey, PPCFL VP explains how the Vibes aborted Family Night:

In February a marketing intern for the team had the idea to have a pro-life night at the ballpark. I joined Michele Mason of *40 Days for Life* in meeting with the intern and later approached *Save the Storks* to see if they would be interested in partnering with PPCFL for the event and they enthusiastically agreed.

For 6 months we worked the details for what we agreed would be called “Celebrate Family Night”. The intern left for another position, but we continued working with a member of the Vibes management team on the sponsorship plan, giveaways, spacing for tables, placement of the Stork Bus, arrangements for the concert by Dove Award-Winning artist Matt Hammitt, etc.

Several weeks before the game, we provided the Vibes with scripts for in-game PPCFL & Storks announcements and Matt’s testimony. We were given guidance regarding words and phrases to avoid that were too political. We followed the guidance to the letter.

The Tuesday before the Friday game, we were told via email that all our in-game messaging was judged to be too political. The Vibes management rewrote our scripts. For example, what originally said, *‘Visit their booth at the front entrance and learn about their mission to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family – young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn,’* was changed to read: *‘Visit their booth at the front entrance and learn about their mission to protect members of our community’*.

Management also rearranged the order of events, stating that the fireworks company demanded to do their show before the concert by Matt & Bowen. We agreed. The management told us not to have anything on our tables that said ‘pro-life’ or anything political. I did push back with the request to allow our volunteers to wear our Choose Life t-shirts. They accepted that.

Then, Friday morning at 10:30 am, 8 hours before the game was to start, the Vibes management contacted the Storks to tell them that our sponsorship was being pulled. We would not have

tables, no stork bus, no concert, no tickets for volunteers, donors and guests, no giveaways. Nothing. We scrambled to contact all our volunteers and those planning to attend. We put the word out over social media... but at that point it was too late to notify everyone who had purchased tickets to celebrate Family LIFE at the ballpark. Our supporters were incredulous!

Our publicity drove tickets sales to three times their normal number. In addition to the sponsorship fee, both organizations spent thousands of dollars for giveaways, radio ads, and travel for the Hammits. Only the sponsorship was returned – the many thousands of dollars in other costs have NOT been refunded.

The question we have gotten time and again is, ‘why?’ Why did the Vibes cancel at the last minute a sponsorship deal that had been in the works for 6 months?

Initially, Vibes management said they had been pressured by large ticket block holders and other sponsors. Later, they backtracked and said it was entirely their decision.

To date, PPCFL has received no satisfactory answer from the Vibes for this despicable gut-punch betrayal of our pro-life organizations, families, and volunteers.

Sidewalk Advocates Save Two Families

Courtesy of Michele Mason, Sidewalk Advocate Leader



Colorado Springs recently joined *40 Days-365*, an effort to coordinate pro-life volunteers who pray and advocate year round in front of abortion clinics during all hours of operation. This effort is saving lives!

Family #1: “The couple did not want an abortion, but did not have the means to take care of a baby. Thankfully, *Sidewalk Advocates* were there, because...

“On the way to Planned Parenthood, they were praying for any sign from God to show them that they should not abort- an accident, a roadblock- anything. They met with the sidewalk counselors (on Centennial, near PP), who directed them to the Pregnancy Center and received information about all the resources available to help them on their parenting journey.

They were able to do a same day ultrasound and were introduced to their baby! Both were smiling during the ultrasound and thanking God for His obvious intervention in their decision. They left beaming and planning to parent.”

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The President's Corner

The clash between the culture of life and the culture of death in Colorado Springs has been exhibited, of all places, at the local baseball stadium.

After *Pikes Peak Citizens for Life* and *Save the Storks* entered sponsorship contracts with the *Rocky Mountain Vibes* and then spent months encouraging people to attend the August 26th Family Night game, as well as preparing a concert and materials for distribution, **the Vibes broke the contracts on the day of the game.**

The [Colorado Springs Gazette](#) noted "... the Rocky Mountain Vibes pulled the rug from underneath two organizations that worked hard to drive ticket sales and make the event a success. The Vibes need to apologize and make it right." In a nutshell: "It doesn't get less professional than that."

The [Colorado Springs Indy crassly characterized](#) Family Life Night as "...a chance to check your uterus for a pregnancy..." and continued: "Maybe it's just us? But we're pretty sure there's nothing more "classless" than touting ultrasounds at a baseball game."

The two papers illustrate the immense divide between those who respect human life and those who don't. The Indy's editorial board appears clueless to the fact that these ultrasounds are primarily about supporting moms and dads who are excited to see the face and form of their precious child - perhaps for the first time.

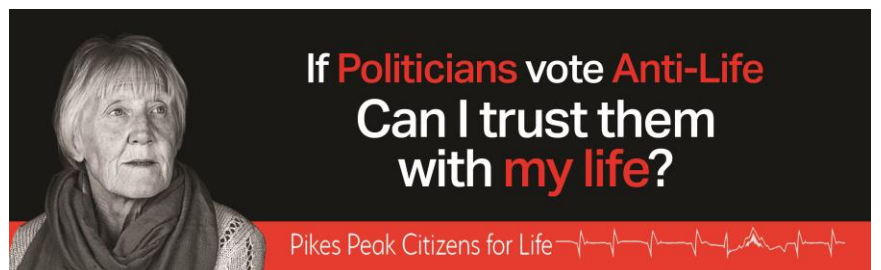
On the other hand, the Gazette's editors recognize the importance of children when they note: "**Professional sports could not survive at any level without families and organizations that support women.**" Indeed, it is children who become future ball players and fans, and these children spend their first nine months or so within the women who are their mothers. What could be more family-oriented than this very message?

Yet the Indy editorial board wants our message celebrating Family LIFE canceled, noting "...the Vibes are a private business and can do whatever the hell they want..." Talk about classless! Would the Indy really support such a stance if they were the ones being canceled after months of good-faith effort?

In an editorial piece last year that addressed a Pikes Peak Citizens for Life ad we placed in their paper, the Indy editor stated that the Indy will "always favor a diversity of opinion over silencing those with whom we may not agree." We agreed with the statement ([see our June 2021 newsletter](#)) but evidence appears to indicate it was not sincere.

In reality, the true classless players in this "ballgame" are the Indy, the Vibes, and the culture of death.

Matt



Our latest billboards, "Can I trust them with my life?" are posted at **Academy Blvd at Airport** and **Powers Blvd at Victor Place** through Oct 30

Sidewalk Advocates Save Families (continued from pg 1)

Family #2: Drove from Houston. The father has had trouble finding work and was pressuring the mother to get the abortion. The couple drove past the Sidewalk Advocates but left PP after encountering the security guard.

"They stopped by Joseph and she told him they didn't go through with it. Joseph was able to hand her some literature. He also saw a small boy in the rear, who he later found out was 3 years old... We [Joseph, Traudi, Al, Eric and Betsy] prayed for them.

Later, the couple called Joseph and shared that, when they saw all of us and our signs, they began to have doubts. After they left and read the literature they were sure they were making the right choice [for life]."

This makes 42 babies confirmed to have been saved by CSPGS sidewalk volunteers! Thank God for those who were at the sidewalk! To sign up as a volunteer, visit: <http://www.40daysforlife.com/coloradosprings>

Volunteers: Voices for Life in a World of Confusion

A world of thanks is owed to the **more than 70 volunteers** who manned our pro-life educational booths this summer season!

PPCFL sponsored booths at the Life Network *Walk for Life*, the Focus on the Family *See Life* event, the *El Paso County Fair*, and the *Colorado State Fair* (jointly staffed with Pro-Life of Southern Colorado volunteers). **We had contact with hundreds of people from all walks of life!**

With the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v Wade* this past June, our presence was particularly important. We were able to educate many on the meaning of this decision and **dispel many of the myths** being perpetuated by the mainstream media surrounding this case. We also found that **many were not aware of the extremism of the Colorado State law, which tragically allows abortion right up to the point of birth.** We also made a strong effort to inform the public about all the support available to women experiencing unexpected pregnancies through Pregnancy Resource Centers in our area.

Our volunteers spread the message of the Dignity of Human Life far and wide, with the distribution of over **700 "Precious Feet" pins**, over **1000 "Precious Ones" 12-week baby models**, almost **300 bumper stickers**, and a wide variety of pro-life literature defending human life "at every age and every stage."

In a recent *PLSC Report*, *Pro Life Southern Colorado* shared the often unseen impact these booths have in saving lives:

It was the last day of a Colorado State Fair, and when the lady saw our pro-life booth she made a beeline for it. She had something on her mind that she wanted to say to the booth workers.

"Eighteen years ago, here at the Fair, I saw your booth and stopped to look. I was pregnant and was intending to have an abortion. The booth worker showed me how babies grow... See that girl over there?" She asked with tears in her eyes. The booth worker nodded and said she did. "It's because you people were here 18 years ago, that she is here today."

This ongoing effort to defend humanity – one life at a time – is only possible through the generosity of our supporters and volunteers who willingly give of their time, talent, and treasure!

If you are interested in becoming a booth volunteer, contact Janet Campbell at janetcampbell729@comcast.net. Training is provided.

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## October is LIFE MONTH!



### Roses for Life! Sign Up NOW!

Bring *Roses for Life* to your Church – call PPCFL at 719-630-1999  
or email [contact@ppcitizensforlife.org](mailto:contact@ppcitizensforlife.org).

★ **Oct 6; 7 PM *Life Decisions: The Truth about Abortion in Colorado***  
Dr Catherine Wheeler, an ob/gyn and pro-life convert, Dr Tom Perille, retired  
physician and president of *Democrats for Life*, and Giuliana Day, president of  
*Life Decisions* share the reality of abortion in post-RHEA Colorado, and post-  
Roe U.S. Our Lady of the Woods Catholic Church Woodland Park, CO 80863

★ **Oct 8 Communion Colorado** –11am-5pm @ Broadmoor World Arena.  
Gather for prayer, worship, and communion in an assembly crying out for the  
end of abortion in Colorado. Details at <https://communioncolorado.org/>

### ★ Oct 13 & 14: Life Network Gala & Silent Auction

Speaker: Bob Goff, NY Times Best-Selling author of Love Does, and  
Everybody, Always and host of the Dream Big podcast. Contact Alyssa  
at [adwire@elifenetwork.com](mailto:adwire@elifenetwork.com) to purchase a table - DoubleTree Hotel.

### ★ Oct 27: Bishop Golka's Respect Life Dinner

Theme: **Pro-Life is Pro-Woman**. Keynote Speaker: Deacon Rob Rysavy,  
SMHS President & former president of VITAE, a foundation dedicated to  
persuasive research for LIFE. Contact Julie at [jbailey@diocs.org](mailto:jbailey@diocs.org)

### ★ 40 Days for Life Fall 2022 – continues thru Nov 6

Sign up to pray at the sidewalk: <http://www.40daysforlife.com/coloradosprings>  
Provide prayer support as a Barnabas Buddy <https://slotted.co/inmuy1gh>

## Join Pikes Peak's LIFE CHAIN!

Bring family, friends, prayer groups,  
church groups, youth groups!



### Life Proponents = Joy-filled & Prayerful!

Since 1987, proud Americans who support  
human dignity have gathered nationwide on  
the **1st Sunday of October** to prayerfully  
**STAND for LIFE.**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

Pikes Peak Life Chain has TWO Locations  
**Academy Blvd north of Austin Bluffs Pkwy**  
Free Signs on both sides of Academy

### Monument – Highway 105

Free Signs in Safeway parking lot  
and Park & Ride east of I-25

**For details about participating, contact**

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