



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

July 2023



Love of Country and Fighting the Culture of Death

This Fourth of July, we remember the founding of our nation. Chances are you plan to celebrate this holiday with friends or family. But even as we celebrate the many good things about our country, you don't have to look far to realize what America has become.

In 2021 alone, there were almost 1 million children aborted in our country. In reality, this number is probably much higher when you factor in that some states do not report abortion statistics.

Colorado lawmakers continue to push to enshrine killing children as a right in our state constitution. Euthanasia is seen as a compassionate option for end of life healthcare. And human trafficking in our country continues to grow, aided and abetted by organizations such as Planned Parenthood. What to do?

In the first place, it's important to realize that you can only start with yourself. You can't control the number of abortions – but you can consider becoming a Sidewalk Advocate or getting involved at Life Network or Mater Filius to help moms in our local community choose life for their babies.

Many people will choose to end their own lives by physician-assisted suicide, and you will probably never know their names. But you might think about visiting someone who may be lonely and suffering and at risk of ending their own life in this way.

Many people, even if they wouldn't personally have an abortion, believe that it is permissible. These are your family members, friends, neighbors, and co-

workers. It's up to you to have those tough conversations with them. Maybe you can do some research on human trafficking so you recognize the signs of someone who is being trafficked. Become familiar with whom to contact if you suspect a situation of human trafficking.

While you can't control nationwide or even statewide outcomes, you can get involved here in the local community.

It's OK to focus on the small picture, sometimes. The true nature of America is found in your concrete, lived, and local experience. Not in Hollywood. Not in Washington, D.C. Not in the state capital. Right here, right now.

In John F. Kennedy's inaugural address in 1961, he famously said, "Ask not what your country can do for you--ask what you can do for your country." Maybe what America needs most is patriots who take ownership of their small corner of the nation to reclaim it for life instead of death.

Ref: *US Abortion Statistics*, <https://abort73.com/>, 24 Jun 2023

Ref: <https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/president-john-f-kennedys-inaugural-address>, 24 Jun 2023

Celebrate LIFE with PPCFL at the Switchbacks Game on September 30!

Join Pikes Peak Citizens for Life, Save the Storks, and Inferno Men for Family Night at the **Colorado Springs' Switchbacks Soccer game on September 30, 2023.**



Kickoff is at 6:00 p.m. at Weidner Field.

Post game festivities will include fireworks and a Christian mini-concert.

We'll have some information tables to share our information, so if you would like a free ticket, just volunteer to help us pass out that information!

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To schedule a PPCFL Presentation

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The President's Corner

"A pregnant individual has a fundamental right to continue a pregnancy and give birth or to have an abortion and to make decisions about how to exercise that right."

That line comes from paragraph 25-6-403(2) of Colorado's "[Reproductive Health Equity Act](#)" (RHEA), currently enshrined in state law. **It makes murdering a child *in utero* the equivalent of nurturing the child through birth.** It also subjects the child to the will of a person who often is not disposed to be impartial.

Would we allow such a "right" to decide whether another person lives or dies in any other circumstance? Say in the relationship of an employer to an employee? Or a teacher to a student? Or a government to a citizen?

If we encountered such a relationship, what would we call it? Tyranny, perhaps? Wasn't the Revolutionary War fought to end such relationships?

Additionally, RHEA defines "pregnancy" to mean "the *human* reproductive process, beginning with the implantation of an embryo" (emphasis mine). In reality, pregnancy begins at fertilization, but even with a deficient definition of pregnancy, **RHEA admits that abortion kills a human being.** Isn't murder, especially of the innocent, contrary to the Constitution, the law of our nation, and natural law, the system of values intrinsic to all people everywhere?

How did this *lie* called the Reproductive Health Equity Act become part of Colorado law?

Through political force, of course.

In [a short video tweet](#), [Tucker Carlson](#) recently described why we should not despair: "**When honest people say what's true, calmly and without embarrassment, they become powerful.**" The "iron law of the universe," Carlson continued, is that "true things prevail."

"Where can you still find Americans saying true things?" Carlson asks. One place is at our PPCFL education booths, present at fairs and other events during the summer. Calmly and without embarrassment, our dedicated volunteers speak the truth of human development to all who are willing to listen.

Carlson concludes: "**As long as you can hear the words, there is hope.**" PPCFL will continue to say the words.

Matt

Save the Date for the Life Chain on October 1!

Mater Filius Home on Track to Open in November



Mater Filius (which means ‘Mother and Child’) is a beautiful home being built for pregnant moms in Colorado Springs. Envisioned to provide dignified housing and mentoring for moms experiencing unexpected pregnancy and homelessness, the home is on schedule to open in November. Mater Filius is busy building a team of staff and volunteers to operate the house and accompany the young moms who will be residing there.

If you are interested in being a part of this team, please don’t delay. Go to the ‘Get Involved’ tab on the website: <https://materfiliuscs.org/>. Mater Filius is also in need of items to equip the house and bedrooms. If you’d like to make a gift, go to the ‘Give’ tab and check out the Wish Lists and Registry pages.

The Blessing of the Walls for the Mater Filius building will take place from 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, July 22. The building is located on the campus of St. Gabriel Catholic Church at 8755 Scarborough Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80920. Please join us!

Have questions about this amazing project? Contact the Executive Director, Lisa Schmitz, at info@materfiliuscs.org.

Keeping Women in the Dark

News from our PPCFL Blog by [Matt Niedzielski](#)

Colorado’s “[Reproductive Health Equity Act](#)” (RHEA) contains the following line: “A pregnant individual has a fundamental right to continue a pregnancy and give birth or to have an abortion and to make decisions about how to exercise that right.” (See paragraph 25-6-403(2).)

However, when the state legislature considered a bill this year to provide women with information regarding abortion pill reversal, the Democrats balked, even though they made the RHEA law just last year.

So the woman who wants her baby, even though she previously did not, is to be denied the information she needs to continue her pregnancy, in direct violation of 25-6-403(2). (See the [March 2023 newsletter](#) for additional details.)

In Kansas, which requires abortion pill reversal information, Planned Parenthood is suing to have the requirement removed, [as described by LifeNews](#).

What can be concluded?

Clearly the wishes of women are not the primary motivator behind the abortion propaganda. This means the motivation is to be found elsewhere, such as in the bottom line, [as noted in LifeNews](#). Those who peddle abortions are not acting in the best interests of women but in their own best interests, and that is why they want to keep women in the dark.

*The simple step of a
simple courageous man is
not to partake in
falsehood, not to support
false action ... one word
of truth outweighs the
whole world.*

--Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

1970 Nobel Lecture

<https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/literature/1970/solzhenitsyn/lecture/>

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Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn

Mark Lee Dickson’s organization, Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn, has successfully advocated to create several “sanctuary cities” for the unborn in the neighboring state of New Mexico.

Although abortion remains legal at the state level in New Mexico, the cities of Hobbs, Clovis, Eunice, and Edgewood, as well as Lea County and Roosevelt County, have passed ordinances outlawing abortion locally. This effort is currently being challenged in court, but it remains a step in the right direction for states like New Mexico (and Colorado), which have some of the most liberal abortion laws in the entire nation.

According to their website, Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn is also advocating to make Pueblo, CO a sanctuary city.

Ref:

<https://sanctuarycitiesfortheunborn.com>,

[https://www.liveaction.org/news/new-](https://www.liveaction.org/news/new-mexico-edgewood-66th-sanctuary-unborn/)

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Coming Soon...

July 6/11: Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training

If you want to grow in pro-life skills or learn more about sidewalk advocacy, please join us for SWA training. The full program is split into two evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the PPCFL office. For more information or to register, contact Julie at 401-578-4471.

August 24: Bishop's Respect Life Round Up!

The Diocese of Colorado Springs welcomes pro-life advocates to the Flying W Ranch for a family-friendly event for all ages. The pro-life evening begins at 5:00 p.m. with Fun Ranch Activities followed by the Dinner & Program at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 for adults; \$30 for ages 12 & under. Proceeds benefit the Respect Life Apostolate.



September 28/29: Life Network Annual Gala & Silent Auction

Celebrate the life-saving ministry of Life Network at the 40th Annual Life Gala & Silent Auction at the DoubleTree Hotel in Colorado Springs. This event will be held over two separate evenings: Thursday, September 28 and Friday, September 29. The Annual Gala helps Life Network provide services for free to over 15,000 clients annually. For more information, visit <https://www.elifenetwork.com/gala/> or call 719-355-1188.



Booths Educate Citizens for LIFE!

PPCFL carries the pro-life message into our state and local community through educational booths that offer true-to-life preborn models, informative brochures, stickers and other free pro-life items.

Booths provide a true Witness for Life!

Upcoming booth events include:

- El Paso County Fair July 15–22
- Respect Life Roundup Aug 24
- Colorado State Fair Aug 25–Sep 4

New Volunteers Welcome!

If you would like to volunteer for any of the booths listed above, please contact Janet Campbell at 719-660-0048 or janetcampbell729@comcast.net