



# 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

January 2024



My BODY.  
Do I get a CHOICE?

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One of the PPCFL's billboards for our fall advertising campaign.

## Do Billboards Really Matter?

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

In a word, **YES!** PPCFL recently received an email through our **Contact** page on our website. That email, from a young, pregnant, single mom in tough circumstances, told us that recently, every day on her way home from work, she saw our billboard.

Even though she considered abortion because of a lack of resources and support, she has courageously chosen to continue her pregnancy trusting that our community will surround her with the support she so desperately needs. She reached out to PPCFL asking whether we could connect her with that community support.

We answered with a resounding yes! We have already put her in touch with Life Network's Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center and pledged to accompany her in whatever way we can, continuing to connect her with community partners and resources to affirm her courageous choice.

## New App Illustrates Development of Baby in the Womb

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

Abortion supporters are loath to mention anything regarding the development of a baby in the womb. One result is that many, especially youth, are unaware of the details of human development that are well known to medical science

It is great to see that there is a new tool that can be used to illustrate that development in a format that is easy to grasp and use.

The new app, called "Window to the Womb," "[not only educates on the reality of human life in the womb but also stands as a powerful condemnation of abortion,](#)" as noted by Lila Rose, founder of Live Action which produced the app.

Take a look at [the app at Live Action](#) and see if you can employ it in your efforts to build a culture of life. It is an interactive app, so take a little time to discover what it tells you.

Reference: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/new-window-to-the-womb-interactive-app-shows-reality-of-preborn-babies-development>  
<https://www.windowtothewomb.app/>

## Together for Life: January 21

As the state of Colorado continues to promote a radical anti-life agenda, the necessity to engage our culture on the grassroots level has also become increasingly clear.

Not all of us have the time or ability to volunteer at a pregnancy resource center or to do Sidewalk Advocacy—but all of us can converse and engage with co-workers, neighbors, friends, family, and acquaintances.

This battle can and will be won – one person at a time. But we need the right tools to do so.

As the fight to defend ALL Human Life continues, PPCFL will host a "Together for Life" event so we can discuss how to be more effective in communicating the truth about life to others.

Join us on **Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 1:30 pm** in the parish hall at **St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church** (8755 Scarborough Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80920).



## PPCFL Officers and Directors

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If you are interested in attending a board meeting, contact us via phone or email below.

### 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

The 2024 election juggernaut is in full motion.

Besides the races for various political offices, most notably for president, there are other questions that "we the people" will be called to answer when the ballots finally arrive in our hands. Both pro-life and anti-life initiative efforts are underway seeking citizen signatures. If enough signatures are gathered, there will be campaigns to persuade us to vote for these initiatives in the election.

The active circulation of petitions for these initiatives and possible appearance on the ballot will result in many statements and questions being pronounced on all sides of the life issue. **Will you be able to address the erroneous statements and hard questions when they are directed at you?**

From experience we already know what some of these will be. Some examples include: "life doesn't begin until birth," "abortion is health care," "women should not be forced to give birth," and "abortion is safer than childbirth."

With huge advertising budgets, the anti-life side will endeavor to use fear as a means of persuasion and will be willing to promote falsehoods to serve that end. They will imply or declare that pro-life laws will make miscarriage health care illegal, endanger the lives of women with difficult pregnancies, or simply force cruelty on women of one sort or another.

Other items will also come up, including overpopulation, contraception, government control, women's bodies, babies' bodies, religion, natural law, legal punishments, the legislative process, the initiative process, statutes vs. constitutional amendments, medical science, biological science, what happens in an abortion, taxpayer funding for abortion, what does it mean for a child to be "wanted," does the child undergoing abortion feel pain, does abortion help a woman, what are the consequences of abortion for women and for men, the purpose of law, should medical personnel be forced into performing abortions, the abortion pill, abortion pill reversal, what constitutes moderate and/or extreme positions, chastity, pregnancy resource centers, ultrasounds, the Reproductive Health Equity Act, the sanctity of the human body, what it means to be disabled, quality of life, justice, the common good, humanity, and love.

With our much smaller budget, you and I (i.e., the grassroots) will need to be able to address these issues and motivate others to do the same. **Often we find that *answering* the hard questions is not as persuasive as *asking* the right questions. When should we be *asking* instead of *answering*?**

**PPCFL will be holding a special *Together for Life* on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 21, to explore how we can be more persuasive in communicating the pro-life message.** Please join us at 1:30 pm at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 8755 Scarborough Drive in Colorado Springs.

*Matt*

## PPCFL Presentations: A How-to Guide

A central part of PPCFL's mission is to educate our community regarding life issues. One of the ways we do this is by bringing pro-life presentations to groups and organizations who would like to know more about these topics. In the past, we have presented to youth groups, business groups, Sunday School groups, senior organizations, women's guilds, young adult groups, and church leaders. Topics have ranged from adoption to abortion to euthanasia. Formats can be PowerPoint-based lectures, panel discussions, casual round-table discussions, Q & A, or a blending of all of these. Presentations can be short, such as a 15-minute overview of the general state of abortion in Colorado, or lengthy, such as a 45-minute deep-dive into pro-life apologetics and advocacy. Our speakers' bureau is currently scheduling presentations for 2024. Please call Julie (401-578-4471) to discuss possibilities or schedule your event.

## Denver's Oldest Hospital Now Aborts Babies for Any Reason Whatsoever

Denver Health has recently expanded its abortion "services" from "medically necessary" to include "elective" abortions as well.

According to [Live Action](#), "All induced abortions are 'elective' as there is never a medical need to intentionally and directly kill a preborn child. If the mother's life or health is at risk, the standard practice is to perform a preterm delivery or an emergency C-section. Neither of these procedures involves ensuring the child dies before delivery."

Colorado Right-to-Life President Will Duffy [drew attention](#) to the tragic irony of Denver Health's new "Reproductive Choice" Clinic. "Denver Health has a Labor & Delivery Unit, where they do everything they can to keep their patients' unborn babies alive before, during, and after birth. In that part of the hospital, they know the fetus is a unique human being whose life is worthy of protection at all costs. Now that Denver Health is doing abortions in another section of the hospital, they are without excuse. The same tiny human beings in the womb that they refer to as a baby in one part of the hospital, are now going to have their lives ended in a different area of the hospital. And they will not call them a baby in that area, so as to not remind everyone involved of the reality of what they are doing. This is tragic and nothing to be celebrated."

Reference: <https://www.liveaction.org/news/denvers-oldest-hospital-elective-abortions/>

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**Coming Soon...**

**January 15, 2024: Rocky Mountain Rally and March for Life**



Join us for the Annual Rocky Mountain March for Life! The day begins with a rally and talks on the sidewalk near Planned Parenthood at 9:00 a.m. (For parking, if you intend to join the march, plan to arrive at Corpus Christi Catholic Church at 2318 N

Cascade Ave. between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. and ride the shuttle up to the sidewalk.) The March for Life will commence from Planned Parenthood at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude at Corpus Christi Catholic Church where we will share more prayer, Catholic Mass, lunch, and fellowship.

**April 12, 2024: Colorado March for Life**

The Rally will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Colorado State Capitol in Denver. At noon, we will march around the capitol grounds (approximately 45 minutes).

**Volunteers are the Heart & Hands of PPCFL: We Need You!**

PPCFL is launching a new volunteer program! We hope this will purposefully engage the many enthusiastic volunteers who are as passionate about life issues as we are.

There are many ways you can impact our mission, and we want to help you identify the best fit for you. A few of the tasks we need help with are: processing mail and donations, inventory tracking for our pro-life materials, prepping Sidewalk Advocacy gift bags, prepping materials for information booths and tables, staffing information booths and tables, writing short, relevant blog posts and newsletter articles on pro-life topics, reaching out to churches, writing thank you notes, etc. Interested? Please join us for a volunteer orientation (dinner at 5:30 pm; orientation at 6:00 pm) on Monday, January 22 at our office, located at 707R N Nevada. Call or text Julie (401-578-4471) to let her know you plan to come (and to get directions for finding our office).