

Family & ProLife News Briefs

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At Thanksgiving, Give Thanks for the Miracle of Life

This Doctor Did Many Abortions--Now She's Totally Pro-Life After medical school, Dr. Kathi Aultman, daughter of a Methodist minister, felt abortion was a woman's right, especially after her own abortion. She learned how to perform later-term and dismemberment abortions. She did not recognize aborted babies as babies, they were just tissue & organs.

At first, the work did not bother her. That began to change after she gave birth for the first time. The experience made her realize that the **abortions** she was doing involved **two lives, not just one**. Then, one day, she heard an abortion patient tell a friend that she didn't want to see her baby, "I just want to kill it." "It just struck me, how could she be so hostile & angry towards this little baby. It hadn't done anything wrong. That really affected me," she remembered.

Through her OB-GYN practice & personal life, she began to see the contrast between the turmoil of post-abortive women and the joy of mothers who chose life for their babies, despite difficult circumstances. The final turning point happened when she began reading about the Holocaust in Nazi Germany and realized that she was no different from the German doctors who committed horrendous crimes against the Jews & other targeted groups. "That was the point when I understood that abortion was wrong," she said. Aultman told CNA that she found **forgiveness and healing** in Christ for aborting her unborn baby and so many other women's. "My belief that women had to have abortion in order to succeed was a lie. I still could have been a professional, I still could have done what I did, as many other women had done that I trained with."

Now, she is a pro-life advocate. Recently, she joined 240 pro-life women in signing an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to end *Roe v. Wade* and protect unborn babies again. [www.LifeNews.com, 10/15/21]

Spotlight: Human Life Alliance

HLA's pro-life materials have reached 233.6 million readers in more than 88 countries, including high school and college students, church members, young women on the streets, medically vulnerable individuals, and those who care for them. Successes include Pro-Life Wisconsin's efforts to reach 470,000 people with HLA magazines, and four Pennsylvania churches that conducted a newspaper insert campaign which reached 42,000 readers. Its latest campus impact magazine is *Do I Matter?* HLA may be reached at www.humanlife.org



Helping Pregnant, Scared Teens

One night, as the Pregnancy Resource Center (Keene, NH) was closing, a mother and her 20-week pregnant daughter came in, insisting on a free ultra-sound. They needed it to confirm the age of the child for an abortion. "We can't go home pregnant" said the terrified mom; her husband would disown their daughter. Director Evelyn Konig said: "We did the scan & spoke to both the mom & daughter. Mom said, 'I can't look at the scans.' The daughter said, 'help me, I don't want to abort my baby.'"

"After some prayer and discussion, these women chose life. Not just for the baby, but for the entire family," commented Konig. "The girl finished high school and gave birth to baby Joshua. She is now in her second year of college and engaged to the boyfriend, father of her child. They both had to grow up real fast. They're doing great, I'm really proud of them both. We build relationships & trust. God gives them hope!"

Now, Grandpa & 6-yr-old Joshua are inseparable. "We're not just a pregnancy center, but a total pro-life center. We help women, boyfriends, even husbands. We really do push marriage here; trust is huge in this type of work," Evelyn said. The pregnancy center is recognized in the city for parenting classes. They see many young women from local churches & many who cohabitate. [*HLA Action News*, Fall 2021, www.humanlife.org]

Heidi Crowter Fights On

Claiming that it is discriminatory, she and two others brought a case against the British abortion law that limits abortion but allows a child in the womb to be killed at any point if diagnosed with "physical or mental abnormalities" that might cause him to be "**seriously handicapped**."

Crowter was born with Down syndrome and, at 26, has established herself as a compelling disability-rights activist. She cited the UN Convention on the Rights of Individuals with Disabilities (2006) which guarantees "to persons with disabilities equal and effective legal protection against discrimination on all grounds." But the British High Court determined that euthanasia of the handicapped is legal. Though this sounds like Nazi Germany, it was in 2021.

"The fight is not over," Crowter says. She plans to appeal. Salute her persistence in the pursuit of justice, her courage in speaking the truth. [*National Review*, 10/18/21]

In the U.S., Down syndrome advocate Kurt Kondrich who together with his daughter Chloe has promoted bipartisan legislation to help expectant parents welcome babies with Down syndrome, was removed from the Presidential Commission for Persons with Disabilities

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Parents Fight Pornography in School

Libraries One Texas mom's viral video about pornographic school library books has helped inspire others. A mom in Fairfax, Virginia saw a video of a mom in Texas complaining about these books which is how she got the idea of checking her school library. Her fears were confirmed when she learned that the objectionable books are in fact available in school libraries **open to students as young as 11**. How can this happen, you ask? How can inappropriate books be shelved in school libraries and classrooms across the country? Who approves these books?

If a school board is “progressive” then the people that they're going to select as book screeners from the community are people who reflect their values. Their ability to understand the radical nature of some of the material is diminished because they are trapped inside their own woke bubble. In contrast, parents can see that certain books are wildly inappropriate for students of any age. Not even for adults. And the fact that some of the school board members would defend a book by saying that it's only available for high school students shows just how much parental supervision is required for our nation's schools.

Parents who might otherwise feel isolated can now see that they are not alone. Mothers like the ones in Texas, Virginia, and all over the country are important examples of how to stand up for your own children. Check your local school's library for objectionable content & share what you find. Sunlight is a powerful **disinfectant**. [Family Research Council, 9/28/21]

Pauline and Roger Fitter have cared for 600 foster children throughout their marriage. The British couple in their 80s recently retired from being foster parents.

[Our Sunday Visitor, 9/26/21]

More Fathers Are Needed

In a long opinion essay for the *NY Times*, Thomas Edsall sifts through recent social scientific research on the failure of so many males to flourish. One factor keeps coming to the fore: Boys growing up in **single-parent households** have more **behavior problems, do worse in school**, and face diminished life prospects.

Some researchers fix on limited financial resources, since one-parent households have less money than two-parent households. But honest social scientists admit that the more powerful factor is that such families are overwhelmingly headed by mothers, not fathers. It is the **father's absence**, not the loss of his salary, that deforms so many males as they of age. Sadly, few in the liberal establishment can bear to acknowledge that we should be doing everything we can to shore up marriage, the institution that requires men to stick around to be fathers to their sons. [First Things, Nov. 2021]

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by the current administration, without being allowed to finish his two-year term. Speaking at the UN, he said: “Identifying, targeting and terminating a human being because they don't meet the misguided cultural mandate for unattainable perfection represents the ultimate, extreme form of discrimination, prejudice, profiling, bigotry, intolerance, exclusion and hatred, and it is something none of us should accept or tolerate.” [C-Fam Letter, Oct. 2021]

In the Oct. 11 episode, ‘Shooting Star’ of the NBC Show “Ordinary Joe,” upon learning that his dad once played in a band, Christopher who has a neuromuscular disease worries that his father's life was ruined all because of his existence.

Christopher: Dad, did I ruin your life? I know you dreamed of being a musician, but you gave it up after college. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to do the math. I know that's when I was born.

Joe: Sometimes, the most beautiful dreams are the ones that we have yet to dream. And being your dad is more beautiful than any dream I could've ever imagined.

Christopher: I love you. **Joe:** Back at you, Starman.

One can imagine Christopher getting the idea that he ruined his father's life from hearing the language of pro-abortion advocates who talk about unexpected babies ruining people's lives. They are especially cruel when it comes to children with disabilities, who they often imply would be better off never being born. Joe expresses what millions of families with differently-abled children already know: your life might be different from what you imagined, but it will be even more beautiful and loving than you could ever dream. [www.LifeNews.com, 10/12/21]

Protect Babies & Their Mothers

“Someday, scientists may look back on today's abortion debates as shocking and barbaric – just as we look back in disbelief at those who ridiculed and ostracized proponents of hand washing and sterilizing surgical instruments to prevent disease and infection.”

Judge James Ho of the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals wrote this concurring opinion in August upholding a Texas law prohibiting dismemberment abortion. The Fifth Circuit's decision was just one of a string of recent state pro-life legislative victories. By late June, state legislatures across the country had passed **more than 60 laws** that offered protection to unborn children and their mothers and upheld the dignity and intrinsic value of human life and the most vulnerable members of our society. [National Right to Life letter, 10/8/21]

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