

Right to Life of Central California



Buon Natale, a Christmas in Venice!

35th Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction

Please join us for our annual **Christmas Dinner and Auction** on **December 1**. This year, we are proud to honor **Dolores and Michael Elkins** for their longtime contributions to the pro-life movement. The evening will be filled with great food, beautiful items, and fun fellowship.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

By RLCC Director, John Gerardi

**LAWSUIT: RIGHT TO LIFE
BEATS GAVIN NEWSOM!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

9 Dine for Life @ DaVinci's

DECEMBER

1 35th Annual Christmas
Dinner & Auction

JANUARY 2024

20 Walk for Life SF

FEBRUARY

8 Speaker Event

14 40 Days for Life Begins

MARCH

24 40 Days for Life Ends

APRIL

22 California March for Life
Sacramento

29 Golf for Life Tournament

MAY

12 Mother's Day Corsage
Fundraiser

In the fall of 2021 during the COVID pandemic, Governor Newsom signed **SB 742** into law. The law created a 100 foot buffer zone preventing "harassment" of persons entering or leaving any "vaccine site" around the state, with exceptions for certain kinds of labor protests.

The law would have profoundly limited our work at Right to Life of Central California, as well as other pro-life entities throughout the state. Right to Life operates our Outreach Center, a building next door to Planned Parenthood's Fulton Street clinic, from which our employees and volunteers speak with persons considering abortion and offer alternatives. We only operate on our own property or on the public sidewalk, without trespassing on Planned Parenthood's property or obstructing the sidewalk.

Why would it impact us? Planned Parenthood is a "vaccine site," since it offers HPV vaccines--the law did not specify COVID vaccine sites in its provisions. **SB 742** also defined "harassment" to include activities like approaching within 30 feet of someone to talk to them while holding a sign, offering literature, and other very peaceful forms of speech. Furthermore, the entire area where we usually interact with people entering and exiting the clinic is within 100 feet of Planned Parenthood's front door. Other pro-life sidewalk ministries throughout the state operate in the same fashion.

We decided to act. We retained Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), a pro-life, nonprofit public interest law firm, who agreed to represent us pro bono. We filed a federal lawsuit against the Attorney General of California, Rob Bonta, arguing that **SB 742** was a violation of our First Amendment rights to freedom of speech.

WE WON!

In October of 2021, a federal judge in Fresno ruled swiftly in our favor, stating that California law enforcement officials could not enforce the key provision of **SB 742** while the case was being reviewed. This allowed us to resume operations at our Outreach Center after only a brief hiatus. This initial ruling was confirmed with a subsequent permanent injunction preventing the state from enforcing the law at any time throughout the lawsuit. After California lost another critical decision against a pro-life group challenging the law in Northern California, the AG's office approached us to settle the case.

Effective September, California agreed not to enforce **SB 742's** key provisions against us or anyone else in California. They also agreed to pay over \$192,000 in attorneys' fees to our lawyers at ADF. We are free to operate outside Planned Parenthood as we always have.

We are so proud to have accomplished this great victory on behalf of pro-life advocates throughout the state. This is what your donor support of Right to Life helped to achieve. We thank you, and we are proud to work on behalf of LIFE.

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RIGHT TO LIFE OUTREACH

By Outreach Coordinator, Linda Teliha

*Life is Winning on
the Sidewalk*

It seems too much like a sport to call what's happening at Outreach a "win" but it feels like we are winning. **We've had ten moms choose life** so far this year. These moms were all in some sort of crisis when we met them. After a short conversation at our Outreach Center building next door to Planned Parenthood, they are on their way to a journey that involves some hope.



Teeana with Linda

Each situation is different but has common threads. Sometimes the issue is the lack of a job. Sometimes it's the lack of support from the father. Sometimes it's just feeling overwhelmed because they have other children. Once these moms have a chance to express their fears and their doubts, they seem to be able to begin to navigate their situations a little better. **All of the moms want to keep their babies.** They don't want to have abortions. They just get to a point of discouragement and hopelessness.

We have all felt these emotions at a time. Most of us have had the opportunity to share our fears with someone. This sharing helps unburden us so that we

can think more clearly. This is exactly what happens at Outreach. The moms talk, I listen, I share and then I offer support in the form of compassion and then resources. The resources can include information on adoption, help with clothing, food and help with looking for jobs. I offer all of them a chance to come the next week to have lunch and talk about how they are doing and what things they need help with.

Some return and some don't. I follow up with text as long as they continue to respond. We help with maternity clothes if necessary and later we throw a baby shower for those who need it. We have a shower planned in October for Teeana.

I met Teeana outside Planned Parenthood. I watched as she and her partner talked and talked. This is usually a sign that one or both are not wanting to go through with an abortion. Teeana went inside Planned Parenthood and then came out to ask me what I was doing. We spoke outside for a few minutes and then went inside the Outreach building. Once we were inside, her story unfolded. A little later we had her partner come in. He was very unsure about having a baby. I ended up having him talk to a male RLCC volunteer and



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supporter on the phone. After that, he brightened up and turned the corner. They turned the corner so far that now they are coming out to the sidewalk to hold pro life signs. They have both gotten jobs and are on their way to being parents, with support from all of you.

MOMMY AND ME

If you would like to donate items for moms in need, please call the office at 559.229.2229 or email linda@righttolifeca.org

LET'S MOVE FOR LIFE!
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | 6PM

For more info, email Linda at linda@righttolifeca.org or 559.212.4433

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THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

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SEPTEMBER 27TH - NOVEMBER 5TH

Call us at 559.229.2229 for more information



FINDING HOPE, HEALING AND PEACE

If you or someone you know is hurting from an abortion, please call our Fresno area contacts. We have peer counselors with 20 years of experience and a licensed clinical social worker who is available to help. All calls and information shared are strictly confidential and our counselors are off-site.

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional/spiritual pain of abortion.

FRESNO AREA CONTACTS:

1.833.776.0023 English | 1.888.686.8537 Spanish

2024 RETREATS

Fri, April 5 – Sun, April 7

CALL TO REGISTER

The Scars of Abortion: A Father's Perspective

What they don't tell you, is what really happens afterward: shame, guilt, regret, depression, the feeling of unworthiness, anger, pity and the list goes on. The unfortunate reality of abortion and its long-lasting effects is a long, dark road. The shocking statistic is that 1 out of every 4 women has had an abortion by age 45. So that means 1 out of every 4 men has also been involved in that abortion. I'd like to share with you a testimony of just one man's journey.

I didn't need to be saved or healed. I wasn't broken. I was the one people came to for help. I wasn't the one that needed help. There was nothing wrong with me. Sure, everyone drinks and has a good time. So what if my relationships didn't work out, it wasn't my fault. They just weren't meant to be. I always got up and went to work the next day. I was a tough guy, I had scars on my hands, arms, legs, I had broken bones...there wasn't anything that could keep me down.

All of those scars were nothing compared to the scar I had on my heart. What had happened when I was 18 had been put away for many years, or so I thought. It was my second year in college, and my girlfriend and I chose to have sex. We had an unplanned pregnancy. She felt that an abortion was the only choice. I didn't agree, but what could I do? We didn't talk about it. Eventually, we drifted apart. I moved on.

The face I wore for everyone else was just a front. What had happened when I was 18 wasn't really put away. Actually, it was the driving force that led me down so many of the wrong roads. All of that stuff that didn't work out was not because it wasn't meant to be; I was ashamed and I was punishing myself.

How can a REAL MAN be a part of something so horrific? How could I have let that happen? An ABORTION, that's what I let happen. My voice was not loud enough, so I just let it happen. Maybe if I never told anyone, it would be as if it never happened.

It did happen. For 24 years I had been trying to make up for that day. For 24 years I had been punishing myself. For 24 years I had been ashamed. For 24 years I had been unworthy. It had been a long, rough, scarred 24 years.

My second wife (because the first one wasn't meant to be) insisted that I go to this Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. For those who are not familiar with Rachel's Vineyard, it is a weekend healing retreat that helps post-abortive parents with their grieving. The secret longing to be forgiven, accepted, and healed became a reality. I can honestly say that my outlook on my life and those whom I love is clear.

If you or someone you know has been affected by abortion and are ready to be healed, I invite you to look into attending a Rachael's Vineyard Retreat. This a worldwide organization that offers help.



Ultrasounds and Hope: Stories from Obria

Right to Life helped establish the Obria Medical Clinics of Central California, and the two organizations continue to work hand-in-hand to serve women and children and promote a culture of life. This is one story about how Obria is directly assisting those in need who are facing the critical choice for life.

We had a young adult patient come into the clinic at an early stage of pregnancy. She was conflicted about whether or not to have an abortion: she was getting away from substance abuse, was completing her high school diploma, and was afraid of what an unexpected baby could mean. She was also afraid of disappointing her parents, particularly her mother, who was pushing her to have an abortion.

The Obria staff talked with her, laying out medically accurate information about her pregnancy, abortion, and information about adoption and other resources. We also facilitated a productive conversation between the patient and her parents.

A critical stage of the discussion involved showing the patient and her mother the ultrasound images of her new baby. Our two ultrasound machines were donated to Obria through the generous support of the Knights of Columbus: one by the entire Fresno-area Chapter, the other by Council 16185 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Council 16185 have also supported us with an additional gift, along with support from the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Outreach Committee and Respect Life Ministry.

The patient decided to continue with her pregnancy and is receiving ongoing care from Obria. The diligent provision of quality care from a loving, life affirming perspective is making a powerful impact. Obria has now served over 500 unique patients and has a busy, daily schedule of providing care.

This year's Christmas Dinner and Auction will support both Right to Life and Obria--we encourage you to give big, to support these two fantastic organizations!



THANK YOU TO OUR NEW & CONTINUING 300 CLUB MEMBERS!

Many of you knew our beloved former board member, employee, and supporter, Debby Bone, who passed away in October 2020. Not only was Debby a staunch supporter of Right to Life, but she also founded the 300 Club. Debby believed that there is widespread support of the Pro-Life movement in California and that through grassroots efforts, we can save babies! She also knew that not everyone is able to contribute large donations, but if each person gave \$25 a month or any amount they are comfortable with, then together, we can continue the fight for life.

Our 300 Club has been successful due to the support of members like yourself. Thank you for your 300 Club membership! With your support, we will continue to work hard to carry out our mission to Engage, Equip, and Embrace. Thank you all!

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