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of Central California

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Relationships & Redemption

featuring Toni McFadden

A Story for Teens about Healing and Faith.

Listen to Toni's compelling testimony of life! This is an inspiring event for teenagers facing the challenges of dating and healthy relationships. You won't want to miss it!

You can learn more and register at righttolifeca.org.

Event Details

February 8th, 6:00 PM | New Hope Community Church

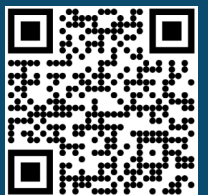
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Food trucks will be there! | Dessert and Water will be provided.



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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

By RLCC Director, John Gerardi

What Is At Stake In 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

8 Speaker Toni McFadden
@ New Hope Community
Church

14 40 Days for Life Begins

MARCH

24 40 Days for Life Ends

APRIL

22 California March for Life
Sacramento

29 JoAnn Stephens Memorial
Golf for Life Tournament

MAY

12 Mother's Day Corsage
Fundraiser

SEPTEMBER

5-8 Educational Booth at
Madera Fair

17 Central California Women's
Conference

2024 will be a critically important year for the abortion issue in America and California. Let's look at the major issues impacting life this year:

1. **Presidential Election 2024:** Every presidential contest has massive repercussions for the abortion issue, and this year's election is no exception. Presidential administrations decide questions of federal funding for overseas abortions through US-funded NGOs, military abortions, federal funding of abortion clinics through Title X, and more.

2. **California and Abortion "Access":** California's State Legislature and Governor Newsom have been on a multi-year campaign to maximize abortion "access" in our state, and even for women in other states. In recent years, California has eliminated all copays and deductibles for abortions, mandated abortion coverage in almost all health insurance plans in California, prevented insurance companies from informing a policyholder when a dependent on his or her policy is having an abortion, mandated abortion education in public school sex ed curricula, and more.

3. **State Abortion Referenda and Election Impacts:** Since Roe v. Wade's overturning in 2022, there have been a number of setbacks for the pro-life cause in a number of individual states: pro-abortion forces won individual state ballot initiatives to legalize abortion, or to block pro-life laws, in Kansas, California, Kentucky, and Ohio. A number of Republican politicians are reacting to these losses by running from the abortion issue. We need elected officials to continue to stand strong for life.

4. **Helping women in Fresno:** Medi-Cal beneficiaries in California continue to receive massive state support to obtain abortions readily. Meanwhile, in south Fresno, almost 25% of women (almost all of them on Medi-Cal) receive no prenatal care before they deliver, because doctors feel they cannot financially sustain caring for Medi-Cal patients. California bends over backwards for abortion provision, and leaves pregnant women in the lurch. Along with the proliferation of the abortion pill, these factors are likely leading to massive increases in abortion both locally and statewide. The work of Right to Life and the Obria Medical Clinics of Central California is more critical than ever.

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EDUCATION UPDATE

Right to Life is having a busy winter providing educational presentations and resources throughout the San Joaquin Valley! Here are some of the schools and churches where we're presenting over the next few months:

In Fresno

St. Anthony of Padua School • Holy Cross Junior High
San Joaquin Memorial High School
New Hope Community Church • Bethesda Church

Kingsburg

Holy Family Church

Madera

St. Joachim's Church

Thank you for your continued support to make this happen!

Save the Date

JoAnn Stephens Memorial

GOLF FOR LIFE

April 29, 2024

Fort Washington Golf & Country Club



35th Annual Christmas Dinner & Auction

Thank you to our auction chairs, committee members, and volunteers, for your work. I thank you to our guests for joining us for a night of cheer!

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The holiday season brought good tidings at Right to Life's Outreach Center, our headquarters for our sidewalk ministry in Fresno. We celebrated the season with the birth of an unplanned baby whose mom chose life as a result of conversations with our Outreach staff and volunteers, conversations that started mere steps away from Planned Parenthood. We were able to have an opportunity to be in the right place at the right time. By providing her with the support of prayer, donations and gifts of love and support (including throwing a well-attended baby shower and providing volunteer babysitting) we were able to save and change lives.

We were also able to collaborate with a mother and son who wanted to offer a few moms some extra Christmas cheer. The son is an SJM student who wanted to do a school project to help some needy families. As a result of his project, we at Right to Life were able to deliver gifts to two moms in need this Christmas. Both mothers are pregnant with other little ones at home. We were so delighted to have our RLCC staff play the part of Santa for families who have chosen life and needed some help at Christmas time!

We rounded the year out with fifteen moms saying **yes to life** after a conversation held either out on the sidewalk or inside our newly redecorated outreach building. With the help of approximately 30 consistent prayer warriors, we have done wonderful things. One of our moms just delivered twins this past December. Meanwhile, we are preparing to host four additional baby showers for moms who are due in the next couple of months. We are looking forward to having a chance to see these moms deliver their babies and enjoy the love and hope provided by all of you.



Move for Life runners spreading the pro-life message and Christmas cheer!



Sidewalk Carolers

MOMMY AND ME

If you would like to donate items for moms in need, please call the office at **559.229.2229** or email johng@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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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

SPRING CAMPAIGN STARTS
FEBRUARY 14TH - MARCH 24TH

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 Healing of Post Abortion Grief and Trauma can Bless and Strengthen Marriages and Family Life.

Patricia Lometti, LCSW

Abortion loss is a complicated type of grief unlike other experiences of loss and grief. Therefore, a special type of healing process is required to bring healing and peace to those who have suffered this type of traumatic loss. Unhealed abortion grief can cause serious detrimental intrapersonal and interpersonal damage often leading to symptoms of depression, anxiety, poor self-esteem and self-destructive behaviors. This grief also plays a significant role in harming both emotional and physical intimacy in marriage and parenting relationships.

Dysfunctional marital relationships can lead children to often seek love and attention outside of their family home. They may seek attention and consolation in ways that are self-destructive. Very often they end up repeating some of the same destructive patterns that they have experienced in their home as they struggle with rejection, lack of love and affirmation, misunderstanding, alcohol abuse, promiscuity, unplanned pregnancy and abortion. Therefore healing abortion loss in a marriage for one or both partners can be critical in breaking unhealthy patterns and building a solid foundation of healing the family in Christ.

Through the healing of post abortion grief and trauma provided on **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends** God will strengthen marital and family relationships making them stronger. Children are blessed when their parents receive healing. Recovery helps marital partners to rebuild their marriages and family life. Consequently parents will be more emotionally present to each other, model Christian love and respect, and be more emotionally present to their children. They become spiritually and emotionally healthier mothers and fathers who can offer a greater sense of security and peace in their homes.



Right to Life's subsidiary corporation, the Obria Medical Clinics of Central California, has had an incredible 2023, serving women and their unborn babies with excellent prenatal care services.

Obria's work has been recognized by several local and national entities through grant support and partnerships. We wanted to highlight a few of these achievements to our supporters:

- First 5 Fresno County and CSU Fresno: Obria has partnered with First 5 and Fresno State to offer the GLOW group-based prenatal care program to our patients for the last year. The pilot study based out of UCSF has been measuring outcomes of preterm labor within groups of expectant mothers. This has been a four-year study and will be concluding in 2024. We have had much success with positive patient outcomes, decrease in overall anxiety & depressive symptoms within the patient, and new friendships being made among the participants. Obria has received a stipend for hosting the group Prenatal Care in addition to every individual patient that was recruited.

- AstraZeneca: Obria was one of only 46 recipients (out of over 1000 applicants) of its "ACT on Health Equity" grant, in the amount of \$25,000. This grant will help defray the costs of serving patients whose household income is under \$14,000 per year. This recognition from a major national pharmaceutical company is a significant achievement for our clinic, demonstrating the excellence of its work.

- Wal-Mart: The Wal-Mart Community Foundation has recognized Obria for its work with thousands of dollars in grant funding. These grants, which are applied for through individual Fresno-area Wal-Mart locations, acknowledge and provide support for community partners who are doing significant work supporting those in need locally. We are proud of this local recognition.

- Breaking the Chains: Obria has partnered with Breaking the Chains, an incredible local non-profit organization that provides assistance to victims of human trafficking. Obria is one of Breaking the Chains' key referral points for their clients who are in need of obstetric or gynecological services. We are so proud to serve these patients, who have faced such profound trauma and need a loving, caring, trusted medical partner.

- Pregnancy Care Center, Fresno: This wonderful pro-life clinic and ministry has worked side-by-side with Obria since our inception. PCC provides initial consultations with women considering abortion, ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, and abortion pill reversal. With Obria's arrival, PCC has a reliable, pro-life partner for referring their patients for ongoing prenatal care or other gynecological services. Approximately 40 PCC patients have been treated at Obria just in 2023!

Through it all, Obria has continued to uphold its pro-life principles and commitments: never offering or referring patients for abortion or contraceptive services, and serving everyone we meet with love, compassion, and dignity. Thank you for supporting us in 2023 and into 2024!

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Sunday February 4th
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ENGAGE



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