



# Kansans for Life



Affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee

## 2013 Kansas legislative gains

**Civil Rights for the Unborn** (SB 142) allows lawsuits to be filed in civil court on behalf of the wrongful death of an unborn child at any time in gestation. SB 142 also prohibits the filing of civil “wrongful birth” or “wrongful life” lawsuits claiming that a disabled child should have been aborted.

SB 199 establishes the **Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center** at the University of Kansas, in collaboration with the Kansas blood and marrow transplant center, to facilitate the production of stem cells and treatment applications, barring the use of any fetal or embryonic tissue cells. The Center will create education modules and host a global database resource for physicians and patients.

**The Pro-Life Protections Act** (HB 2253) forbids abortions done for gender; puts abortion informed consent rules and fetal development information into Kansas statute; prohibits public schools from allowing abortionists or their agents to teach school sex ed classes or using “instructional” materials provided by abortion businesses; and bans all tax-funded payment for abortion and tax breaks for abortion businesses.

Section two of the bill says that “**the life of a human being begins at fertilization**” and that Kansas will uphold the rights and privileges for all human beings except where barred by the U.S. Supreme Court. Section two is **neither a personhood measure, nor affects birth control**. “Personhood” measures attempt to defy *Roe v Wade* by (1) winning a state ballot initiative that declares the state constitution forbids abortion, and (2) hoping the federal courts will allow it to stand. Kansans for Life does not believe such a strategy will succeed due to the federal Supremacy Clause.

The language in section two was copied from Missouri, which the U.S. Supreme Court let stand in 1989 in its *Webster* decision. Thirteen states have adopted it. Under the declaration that life begins at fertilization, the state may **legislate with a preference for child-birth over abortion**—in effect “corralling” *Roe* from drifting into other areas.

Also passed was **Senate Concurrent Resolution 1606** commending the work of pregnancy help centers.

## Help us with pro-life Hispanic outreach!

Did you know that the abortion rate among Latino women in the US is almost **3 times higher** than that of Caucasians? It is well documented that Planned Parenthood purposely targets minority groups. According to the 2010 Census data, over 300,000 Hispanics live in Kansas; this is 10.5% of the population of Kansas. **Kansans for Life would like to share the pro-life message with Hispanics here in Kansas**, and YOU can help us!

If your church has Spanish-speaking attendees, talk to your Pastor or Education Director about inviting Kansans for Life to give a Spanish pro-life presentation. We’ll come free-of-charge and bring an engaging, dynamic speaker to your youth group, ladies Bible study, congregation, or parish. We can cover a number of topics such as fetal development, abortion, chastity/abstinence, euthanasia, and post-abortion healing.

Additionally, we have lots of literature available in Spanish, and we can send this to you for free, if you pay the shipping. We also have about a dozen DVDs in Spanish available in our lending library. Also, for only \$1.50 + shipping, we can send you the movie “180” in Spanish or English.

If you’re able to help us in any way to reach the Hispanic community in Kansas, or if you have additional ideas or questions, please contact Anna at the KFL Wichita office: [prolifeanna@yahoo.com](mailto:prolifeanna@yahoo.com) or 1-800-928-5433. **¡Muchas gracias por su ayuda!**

### Memorials

Please pray for the families who have honored their loved ones with a gift to Kansans for Life:

#### William Fowler

Given by: Sondra Barnett ♦ Wes & Jeanette Benken ♦ Kathy Brace S.C. & Helen Carman ♦ Chris & Tonya Cranshaw Gerald & Susan Giebler ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Koerperich James & Phyllis Ratzlaff ♦ Sharon Schumacher ♦ Thelma Smith

#### Mary Pat Tims

Given by: Donald & Diane Bebak ♦ Donald & Mary Kay Boleski Daniel & Rosemary Brooks ♦ Caritas ♦ Matthew & Ashley Dalian Brian & Amy Eckberg ♦ Jody Elson ♦ First Fruits Marilyn Hammersley ♦ Patrick & Kathy Harter Bob & Dolores Kyle ♦ Theodore & Mona Lewis Mark & Danell Oxler ♦ Timothy & Ann Patton James & Sharla Pfeifer ♦ James & Kathy Schwarzenbeger Pamela Tokerud ♦ Salvador & Erica Zurita

Mary Pat Tims was a beloved, long-time volunteer at the KFL office in Wichita. Mary Pat was an outspoken, dedicated pro-lifer. We miss her.





## Keeping a broad pro-life perspective

By Catherine Seiwert, Director, Pure and Simple Health Education Inc

Everyone knows that pro-life issues don't stop and start with abortion. We hear in the excuses for abortion many issues that have contributed to accepting this flawed "solution." One issue is that of out-of-wedlock teen pregnancies. The consequences of teen pregnancy are well documented and obvious with a little common sense. According to The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, only 38% of girls who have a baby before age 18 will graduate high school and fewer than 2% will have a college degree by age 30. The fear of these consequences, along with parental, boyfriend, and social expectations, puts a huge burden on young women and often makes them feel that abortion is their only option.

The frontline of the pro-life movement is crucial, but so is preventing young women from needing to make this "choice" in the first place. Teenagers are bombarded with images and messages of sexuality and mixed with natural desires it can lead to rash, unhealthy decisions. **Pure & Simple Health Education, Inc.**, newly affiliated with KFL, is working to provide a different message to young men and women. We offer multiple curriculum packages to public and parochial schools, churches, youth groups, community organizations, and

parents. While we are an abstinence-centered program (sexual risk avoidance), we address topics such as goal setting, assertiveness techniques, self-control, decision making, setting personal boundaries, relationship skills, how to deal with negative influences of peers, media, and social norms. **Abstinence is more than just not having sex before marriage; it is about an overall attitude of self-control rather than self-indulgence, and avoiding risky behavior that leads to unhealthy consequences.**

While the organization has been around in various forms since 1997, we are undergoing some big changes including management and office location. Having lost our federal funding under the Obama administration, we also have to focus a lot of our energy on new ways of being sustainable. We invite you to consider being on our Board of Advisors and to help us out with your tax-deductible donation. Help us to combat abortion by keeping young people from even needing to consider it in the first place.

Please check out our website and don't forget to spread the word!

[www.abstainpureandsimple.org](http://www.abstainpureandsimple.org)

### Baby bottle campaign

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who participated in, or helped with, the baby bottle campaign. We will be using the donations to air the TV program, *Life After Abortion*, in the fall. We will notify our members of the TV schedule and we will also provide bulletin announcements for churches. Please take advantage of the program to assist women struggling with an abortion. God's mercy is unlimited.

### Whole life insurance?

When we were young, we were concerned about providing for our children and helping them feel secure even if something happened to mom or dad. Many purchased whole life insurance as a protection for their families. Today, those children may be doing just fine and don't need to be beneficiaries of an insurance policy. If that is the case, please consider Kansans for Life Education Trust as your beneficiary or partial beneficiary. Saving lives and helping women would make a wonderful legacy. It's something to think about and pray about. For more information call 1-800-928-5433 and speak to David.



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# You can't hurry love

By Mary Kay Culp, KFL Executive Director

Yes, that's a song by the Supremes, but that doesn't make it any less true. You can't hurry love, but God can. As you may or may not know, Kansans for Life is not for the "Heartbeat" abortion ban *at this time* because passing it now, and effectively stopping abortions now, are two different things. Indeed, doing so could easily set us back by inviting the Kansas or U.S. Supreme Court to rule such laws out of order for now *and* the future. Best to keep educating, passing incremental laws, and working towards our goal of making abortion unthinkable, and when the time is right, impossible—in a way that is lasting, not just fodder for the Supremes (the judging, not the singing, kind.)

But let's go back to God for a moment. He has seen fit to shove great lessons right into the middle of the national public square in ways we never could.

Exhibit #1: Kermit Gosnell. Enough said—I'm sure you've heard and seen it all, but look at the results:

- New attention on late-term abortionists.
- A move in Congress to ban abortions at 20 weeks based on fetal pain.
- The expert who testified at the hearing that evidence also indicates unborn babies as young as 8 weeks feel pain (something yet to be accepted by experts, but a start!)
- Graphic pictures of late-term aborted babies shown at that same hearing.
- Testimony by a former abortionist who told Congress about late-term practices.

Exhibit #2: The case of the three young women held hostage in Ohio, and the public revulsion to the fact that their captor caused the abortion of five babies after impregnating captive, Michelle.

But most interesting is the public reaction to the birth of little six-year-old Jocelyn, the daughter of captive, Amanda Berry.

After all the angst over U.S. Rep. Todd Akin's remarks last year about abortion and rape, an amazing conversation took place on ABC's 20/20 when reporter David Muir asked a police detective about that little girl—a product of criminal rape:

Muir: Do you think the birth of that little girl, inside that house, somehow gave these women hope—and a reason to keep fighting to survive this?

Detective: I think it had to give them a new focus. How could it not? They had a baby in the house... A baby brings life. A baby has to bring hope.

Muir: Smiling broadly, nods.

Abortion and rape—our toughest issue when it comes to convincing the public that abortion is always bad. Even those pushing a Heartbeat bill include a rape exception.

I and many of my colleagues have sat long hours trying to figure out how to get the public to get past that one. But then there is God who got the nation's attention using none other than the pro-abortion media!

We don't believe we are yet at a tipping point where we should pass a bill that on paper bans most abortions, even if we can in Kansas. It will get sued and sent to a Supreme Court that could use it to discover a "right" to abortion, and the only thing it would ban is us from successfully being able to ban abortion when the public is ready.

Everything we do at KFL is aimed at hurrying love, and together we work towards the day of a true tipping point. In the meantime, we continue work on a foundation for lasting change—enormously thankful for any help THE Supreme gives to make the day sooner!

## Summer is fair booth season!

The summer and fall are a busy time for county fairs, community and church events, craft shows, and more. Keep your eyes open for local events where KFL could set up a booth.

### It is easy to host a KFL booth at your local event!

Find out your event date, the cost / guidelines for having a booth or information table, and then give us a call at **1-800-928-LIFE**. We can provide the materials you need for either a booth staffed by volunteers, or an unmanned booth. And if you want to look for volunteers to sit at the booth, we can even help you out with a list of KFL members in your area.

### Pro-life educational materials are also available in Spanish.

Are there any Latino-themed events coming up in your area, such as Hispanic Festivals, Fairs or Parades? We have 20 different flyers available in Spanish to help make your booth or float a success! These brochures cover topics such as abortion v. adoption, fetal development, post-abortion healing for men or women, and sexual abstinence. Also, we offer the "180" movie in Spanish. For assistance in setting up a booth that will reach out to Spanish-speakers, call Anna at **1-800-928-LIFE**. We can provide the materials you need for either a booth staffed by volunteers, or an unmanned booth.



A 2012 pro-life booth at a Kansas City area Hispanic Fiesta.

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