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POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES FUNDING AT STAKE AS SESSION NEARS END

MCCL-backed legislation includes protection for pain-capable unborn children

BY PAUL STARK

THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION has put pro-life advocates on the defensive. While MCCL has sought to advance new pro-life legislation, some of Minnesota's existing pro-life laws have come under attack.

Cut to Positive Alternatives proposed

Gov. Tim Walz and the state House have put forward a budget that cuts funding to the Positive Alternatives program by 25 percent (\$850,000). Positive Alternatives, which MCCL helped enact in 2005, provides grants to life-affirming programs that offer practical support to pregnant and newly parenting women—so no one feels like abortion is the only option.



Unborn babies after 20 weeks would be protected under new legislation backed by MCCL.

If the proposed cut becomes law, an estimated 1,700 pregnant women and their unborn children would lose care each year.

As this publication goes to press, the fate of the proposal is still uncertain. You can help protect Positive Alternatives funding by contacting Gov. Walz's office and urging full funding for the program. You can find the latest developments online at mccl.org or by contacting MCCL.

Assisted suicide introduced

Other pro-life laws have also been targeted. A bill to repeal the Woman's Right to Know informed consent law was introduced in the Senate. Woman's Right to Know, which MCCL helped enact in 2003, ensures that women receive basic factual information before undergoing abortion.

In addition, a bill to legalize assisted suicide was introduced in both the House and Senate. **It would overturn Minnesota's current protection against assisted suicide by authorizing doctors to prescribe lethal drugs for patients to intentionally take their own lives.**

Neither of these harmful measures are likely to become law this year, but they could be taken up again in the future.

Ultrasound and pain-capable bills advance

Meanwhile, two MCCL-backed bills have advanced in the Senate but face obstacles in the House. The first (H.F. 1108/S.F. 1168) would ensure that abortion-seeking pregnant women are offered the chance to view an ultrasound of their unborn child. It is

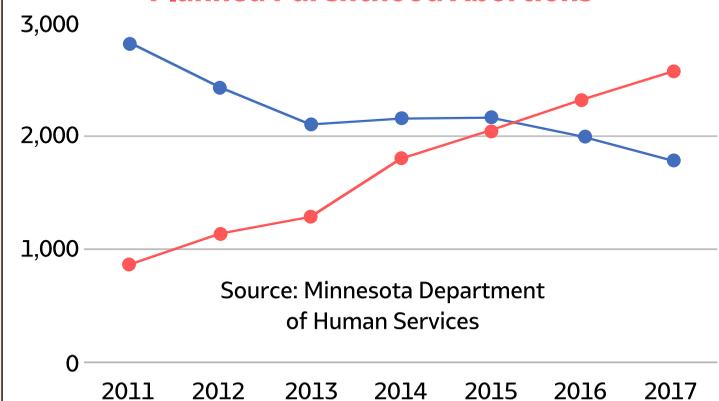
Tax-funded abortions in Minnesota hit another all-time high

Latest state report shows Planned Parenthood continues to exploit public coffers

BY PAUL STARK

TAX-FUNDED ABORTIONS IN MINNESOTA:

Non-Planned Parenthood Abortions
Planned Parenthood Abortions



ABORTIONS FUNDED by Minnesota taxpayers in 2017 reached a record high for the third straight year, according to a report released March 29 by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. **Taxpayers reimbursed abortion practitioners \$1.06 million for a total of 4,356 abortions.** State-funded abortions have risen each of the last four years—a 28 percent jump since 2013.

“Minnesota’s policy of Medicaid-funded abortion props up the abortion industry and works to counteract the long-term trend of declining overall abortions,” says MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. “It allows Planned Parenthood to offer ‘free’ abortions to economically vulnerable women. Women, children, and taxpayers pay the price.”

Planned Parenthood gets the credit

Planned Parenthood, the state’s leading practitioner of abortion, can claim full credit for the increase in recent years. Since 2011, tax-funded abortions at abortion facilities other than Planned Parenthood have actually declined by 37 percent. **In the same time period, tax-funded abortions at Planned Parenthood have shot upward by a startling 197 percent.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Join us for our pro-life outreach this summer

BY LEO LALONDE

AS SUMMER APPROACHES, the legislative session ends at the Capitol, and MCCL puts more of our focus into our educational efforts.

Summer is a wonderful time to share the message of life. Minnesotans across the state will attend their local county fairs. In late August, millions will converge on St. Paul for the State Fair. This is why MCCL will have a pro-life educational booth at 83 different county fairs this year—not to mention our annual State Fair booth in the Grandstand Building.

Booths inform and motivate

MCCL booths typically include pro-life informational materials about life before birth, the reality and scale of abortion, and more. Our “Pregnant? Need Help?” brochure connects pregnant women with local pregnancy care centers.

Our fetal models reveal the humanity of unborn children in a tangible way. Many booths play videos showcasing prenatal development. Materials for children include coloring books, crossword puzzles, and more. Fairgoers can also sign our pro-life petition calling on the Legislature to take action to protect unborn children.

For some people, this is the only serious exposure to the pro-life message they get all year. Many people are informed and touched and motivated.

Camp equips next generation

Summer is also the time when kids go away to camp! In early August, MCCL will hold our fifth annual Life Leadership Camp. It's a pro-life summer camp for high schools students.

Students learn in depth about fetal development, abortion, assisted suicide, and more. **They hear from speakers and participate in activities. And they have a lot of fun!**

Life Leadership Camp is a way to really equip and train young pro-life people. It's a way to build up the next generation of pro-life leaders who will make a difference and help save lives for decades to come.

If we are to create a society that respects and protects every single human being—from conception to natural death—it starts with preparing our young people!

You can help

You can help participate in these summer outreaches. You can volunteer for a shift staffing the MCCL booth at your local county fair—or at the State Fair. You can also donate to help support this county fair project. (See page 7.)

And if you attend your local county fair, be sure to stop by the MCCL booth! **Please also spread the word about MCCL's Life Leadership Camp from Aug. 4-7.** You can send your own students, and let others in your church or school community know about the opportunity. (See page 6.)

See you around this summer! **MCCL**

EXEC. DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Just how far will abortion advocates go?

BY SCOTT FISCHBACH

MOST OF YOU probably heard about some of the pro-abortion legislation advanced around the country early this year.

Born-alive bill defeated

New York passed a law effectively legalizing abortion until birth as well as repealing other commonsense protections. A number of other states pursued similar legislation. **Virginia's governor spoke in an interview about letting babies born alive after abortion die of neglect.**

Pro-life U.S. senators tried to pass a law ensuring appropriate care for babies who survive abortion, but 44 senators, including Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith (see page 4), defeated it by filibuster. The new leaders in the House don't want to even consider it.

Abortion advocacy groups and supporters of abortion in Congress have become so radical that they can no longer support a bill simply saying that when a baby is already born, even if the baby was born in the context of a failed abortion, that baby should be treated like a human being.

We're not talking about unborn children. We're talking about born children. We're not talking about abortion. We're talking about a form of infanticide.

Election consequences

All of this shows the extremism of abortion advocacy today. It's also a direct result of the 2018 elections. When abortion advocates are elected, there are consequences. Abortion-expanding bills are passed, and life-protective efforts are thwarted.

We've seen the consequences in Minnesota, too. The governor and the state House have advanced a budget to cut \$850,000 from Minnesota's Positive Alternatives program.

This life-affirming program supports women in need with all kinds of practical assistance. It offers alternatives to abortion. **Since it began in 2006, more than 60,000 pregnant women and their families have been supported through the program,** according to an estimate by the Department of Health.

Some legislators have also targeted other pro-life laws—our Woman's Right to Know informed consent law and our law protecting against assisted suicide. (See page 1.)

Elections have consequences.

Together, we will save lives

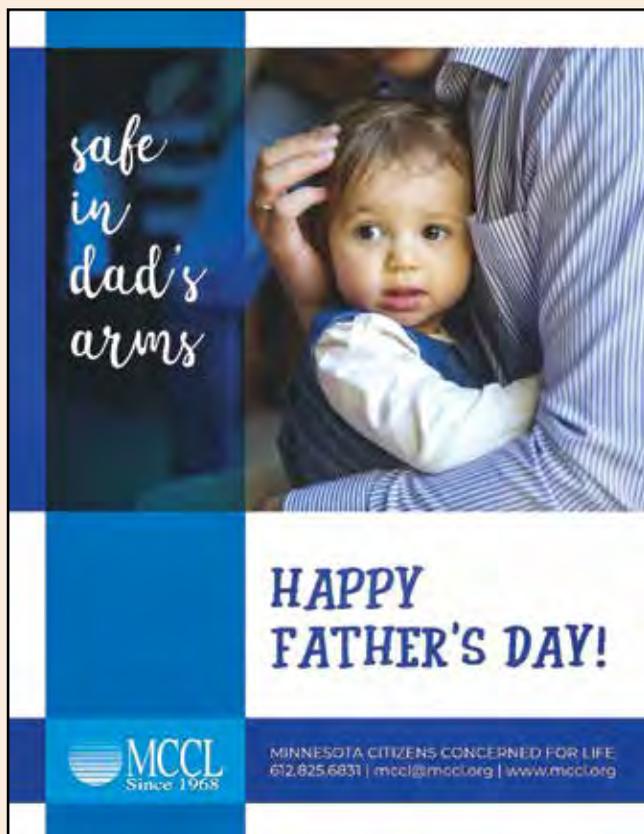
Make no mistake: The battle to protect the right to life of all human beings is tough. There are obstacles and setbacks. But we have made a lot of progress.

We won't give up. And we can't give up.

Please stay engaged in the political and legislative arena. Visit mccl.org to see the status of the proposed cut to Positive Alternatives, and contact the governor and your state representative to urge full funding of the program.

And join our educational efforts this summer (see column at left). **We're working to change hearts and minds. We're working to change laws. We're working to make sure that every human being is respected in our culture and protected by law.**

Together, we will save lives. **MCCL**



Honor fathers with MCCL ad

FATHERS PLAY a vitally important role in the lives of their children. You can honor the fathers in your life and community by placing the 2019 MCCL Father's Day print ad in your local newspaper or church bulletin.

The ad is available in color or black and white, and can be sized to fit any publication. The ad is available at no charge from MCCL; however, most newspapers will charge you to run it.

Simply contact Paul at the MCCL office at pstark@mccl.org or 612-825-6831. **We will email the ad directly to your newspaper or church.** Please provide the publication's advertising email address when you contact us. **MCCL**

PRO-LIFE UPDATE

BY PAUL STARK

Wave of abortion extremism hits in 2019

THE 2018 ELECTION of many new pro-abortion officials across the country produced almost immediate results in early 2019.

In January, New York enacted a law effectively authorizing abortion until birth and even removing explicit protections for newborn babies who survive abortion. Other states have pushed similar bills. In late January, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam said that, under legislation he supported, a baby born alive during an abortion would be kept "comfortable" but only "resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired."

Pro-life members of Congress responded by trying to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which simply requires that newborn babies who survive abortion be treated the same as other newborns at the same age. **But a minority of U.S. senators, including Minnesota's Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar (see page 4), successfully filibustered the bill in late February.** The leadership in the U.S. House has likewise blocked it from consideration.

Abortion advocacy groups like Planned Parenthood oppose the bill. Currently, some states, including Minnesota, have laws explicitly ensuring appropriate care for abortion survivors, but many other states do not.

Planned Parenthood's new Uptown facility to offer chemical abortions

Planned Parenthood is moving ahead with plans to replace its Uptown clinic in Minneapolis with a larger \$14 million facility. **The new center, unlike the current one, will offer chemical (drug-induced) abortions, according to a report in the Southwest Journal.** The expansion "will allow Planned Parenthood to triple its annual patient capacity in Uptown," the report noted.

Planned Parenthood's St. Paul center, where it performed more than 6,000 abortions (both surgical and chemical) in 2017, remains the group's headquarters in Minnesota. Planned Parenthood also recently began again offering chemical abortions at its Rochester facility. It had previously offered chemical abortions in Rochester from 2010 to 2015. **MCCL**

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On Mother's Day, let's show moms our gratitude

MOTHERHOOD REQUIRES tremendous sacrifice, even when (perhaps especially when) a woman decides to place her child into the arms of a loving family. **Whether motherhood was planned or unplanned, whether a mother placed her baby for adoption or adopted a child, all mothers are held in our hearts and prayers.**

This Mother's Day, make a point to express your thanks to your own mother—the one who gave you birth and/or the one who raised you—and to honor the other mothers in your family, church, and community.

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 DAY

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3. To inform the public on abortion and related subjects.
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authored by Rep. Julie Sandstede (DFL-Hibbing) and Sen. Michelle Benson (R-Ham Lake).

The second bill, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.F. 1312/S.F. 1609), is authored by Rep. Peggy Scott (R-Andover) and Sen. Michelle Benson (R-Ham Lake). **It would prohibit abortion after 20 weeks post-fertilization (22 weeks gestation), when scientific evidence shows that unborn children can feel pain.** Minnesota law currently allows abortion at any time during pregnancy and for any reason.

“We have many laws, customs, and traditions that seek to protect others from pain,” said MCCL Legislative Director Andrea Rau in testimony before a Senate committee on March 14. “Should we not extend this to the most vulnerable child—the unborn child?”

Unborn children deserve protection

In 2017, the most recent year for which data is available, 85 abortions were performed at 22 weeks gestation or later, according to the Minnesota Department of Health. The latest abortion was performed at 26 weeks. **Abortions at this stage usually involve the dilation and evacuation (D & E) method, which dismembers the unborn child and removes her from the womb piece by piece.**

“A pain-capable unborn child is a member of our human family,” Rau concluded, and ought to be “recognized as such and protected by law.” **MCCL**

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In 2017, Planned Parenthood took in a record-high \$562,728 in taxpayer money by performing a record-high 2,570 tax-funded abortions—a record-high 59 percent of all tax-funded abortions in the state. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, a record-high 44 percent of total abortions occurring in Minnesota in 2017 were publicly funded.

Harmful to women, children, taxpayers

Minnesota law prohibited public funding of elective abortions until a 1995 state Supreme Court decision (*Doe v. Gomez*) required such funding for pregnant women who receive state assistance. Tax-funded abortions have increased most years since then. **A large body of research, including a literature review by the Guttmacher Institute (which is aligned with the abortion industry), has shown that the availability of public funding leads to more overall abortions than there would otherwise be.**

“This court-mandated abortion funding is financially and ideologically beneficial to Planned Parenthood,” notes Fischbach. “But it is harmful to everyone else. **It’s harmful to the low-income women whose circumstances are exploited. It’s harmful to the helpless and vulnerable human beings whose deaths are bankrolled by the same government that is supposed to protect them.** And it’s harmful to the Minnesota taxpayers who are forced to be part of it.”

Polling consistently finds that most Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion. MCCL helped pass legislation to stop tax-funded abortion in 2011 and 2017, but both bills were vetoed by then-Gov. Mark Dayton. **MCCL**

Here’s exactly how Tina Smith justified her vote for infanticide

The senator claimed that denying basic health care to newborns is a matter of ‘women’s health care’

BY PAUL STARK

ON FEB. 25, Minnesota’s two U.S. senators, Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, joined 42 other senators to successfully block legislation to protect newborn babies who survive abortion.

The legislation in question, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S. 311), requires that babies born alive in the context of abortion be treated with “the same degree” of care that would be given “to any other child born alive at the same gestational age.” The bill only concerns the treatment of these already-born, living human infants. It doesn’t affect abortion in any way. Nor does it affect a woman’s pregnancy or her health care in any way.

Before casting her vote against advancing this measure, Tina Smith spoke on the U.S. Senate floor to express her opposition. Her remarks are flagrantly dishonest and call for correction.

Smith’s dishonest defense

Throughout her speech, Smith never once mentions the born-alive human beings who are the sole focus of the legislation. Instead, she repeatedly claims that the bill’s requirements would infringe on women’s health care.



She says, for example, that “for women, this is a health care issue.” But how? **A woman’s health care doesn’t require the denial of health care to someone else.** Smith says that the bill is about “dictating medical care for women.” Again, how is it about that? Smith says we should “treat women with respect” and rhetorically asks, “Why are we treating women different?” Well, we’re not.

If Smith were sincere, these comments would be completely baffling. Could Smith actually believe that the fate of a separate and already-born child falls within the domain of the mother’s “health care”? Is a newborn infant a part of her mother’s body? No one believes that because it’s nonsense. **Smith says the bill pertains to “decisions about women’s health care.” The bill actually pertains to “decisions about whether to deny proper care to individuals who are not women.”**

Regarding doctors, Smith claims that the bill would “compel physicians to provide unnecessary care.” No, it wouldn’t. The bill doesn’t specify the care that is appropriate in any given situation. It simply says that physicians can’t treat certain babies differently just because of the circumstances of their birth. (Or is Smith suggesting that *any* care for a baby who survives abortion is “unnecessary”?)

Smith says that the bill would “override physicians’ professional judgments about what is best for their patients.” **It would only do this if physicians’ “judgment” is that they should abandon, neglect, or kill their patients.** Smith claims that the bill would force doctors to choose whether to follow the law or to follow “their code of professional ethics.” What code of ethics requires discriminating against babies who survive abortions? If that’s the code embraced by Smith (a former Planned Parenthood executive) and others from the abortion industry, then the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act is desperately needed.

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Young people learn and lobby at 2019 Student Day

MCCL's annual event offers unique experience at the Capitol

BY PAUL STARK



MCCL Resource Director David Munson spoke to students on March 4.

MCCL'S ANNUAL Student Day at the Capitol again took place on multiple days this year. **The March 4 and March 14 events (students chose one) offered young people in grades 7-12 the chance to learn about the importance of protecting life and then to put that knowledge into action.**

"It's very informative and fun," wrote one student afterward. "I learned a lot and was able to use what I learned," said another.

Education and action

Each day began with educational sessions that covered prenatal development, abortion, how laws can save lives, and current pro-life legislation. **In the afternoon, students met with their own state legislators and lobbied them in support of legislation to protect pain-capable unborn children from abortion.**

"It's a great opportunity to learn about the pro-life legislation and get a chance to meet with your representatives," explained one student.

Pro-life officials speak

Pro-life elected officials also made time to speak to the students. Speakers during the March 4 Student Day included Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka. **House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt was among those who spoke during the March 14 event.**

A third, smaller Student Day was later held for a school group that was unexpectedly unable to attend the March 14 event.

Wrote one Student Day participant: **"This was amazing. I'll definitely come again."** **MCCL**

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Read the bill yourself

On Feb. 25, Tina Smith voted against providing appropriate medical care to living human infants who are fortunate enough to survive abortion. Presumably, she doesn't want to acknowledge or defend this deeply unpopular position. So she pretended the bill is about something else instead.

In a longer version of this article published at mccl.org/blog on March 5 (titled "Here's exactly how Tina Smith justified her vote for infanticide"), you can find the full text of Smith's remarks and a link to the actual bill she was talking about.

We encourage Minnesotans to read the bill as well as Smith's speech. Anyone can see the truth for themselves. **MCCL**

Abortion survivor Melissa Ohden: 'We're really in this defining moment'

Founder of Abortion Survivors Network headlines MCCL's Feb. 26 Legislative Dinner

BY PAUL STARK



Melissa Ohden shared her story at the 2019 MCCL Legislative Dinner.

UNBORN CHILDREN targeted for abortion are too young to have a voice. **But when a child miraculously survives that abortion, she can grow up to be a voice for all of them.**

Melissa Ohden's birth mother underwent a coerced saline infusion abortion in 1977. Melissa survived the five-day poisoning meant to end her life. And now she speaks up for others like her.

"We live in a culture that ... has termed lives like mine 'the dreaded complication' of an abortion—a child who lives," Melissa

said at MCCL's 2019 Legislative Dinner. "This is what abortion has done to our society. People now make life-and-death decisions about lives like mine every single day."

'We shouldn't have to fight for our lives'

Melissa headlined the MCCL event on Feb. 26 at the Landmark Center in St. Paul. In a room full of state lawmakers and their constituents, Melissa shared her story of survival, forgiveness, and restoration. And she pointed to the importance of protecting the human rights of other children threatened by abortion or infanticide.

"My experience is one that most children [who are subjected to abortion] will never be able to experience—because their lives are ended in that abortion, or after they're born alive," Melissa said. "When children like me fight for our lives in the womb, we shouldn't have to fight for our lives again after we survive that abortion."

Melissa is the founder of the Abortion Survivors Network. She has testified before Congress, been featured on national radio and television programs, and authored the book "You Carried Me: A Daughter's Memoir."

A story more relevant than ever

Her story is more relevant now than ever. In recent months, politicians in New York and elsewhere have pushed extreme legislation to remove the most modest limits on abortion—and even to repeal protections for babies, like Melissa, who survive abortion.

On Feb. 25, the U.S. Senate defeated the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which simply requires that babies born alive in the context of abortion be treated the same as other babies born at the same age—it prevents abortion practitioners from abandoning, neglecting, or killing them. **A total of 44 senators voted against protecting lives like Melissa's.**

"I feel like we're really in this defining moment of our culture right now," Melissa said, "where life is either going to be greater protected and respected or ultimately aggressively attacked and rejected."

But she expressed determination and optimism.

"This is the time that legislation is needed more than ever," she said. **"It's not a time to grow weary; it's not a time to slow down. The [pro-life] efforts will continue to speed up, and I know they're doing that right here in Minnesota."**

Melissa added: "We're on the side of justice. We're on the side of compassion. And I think people are starting to figure that out." **MCCL**



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LIFE LEADERSHIP CAMP:

Invite high school students to join us this summer



MCCL'S PRO-LIFE summer camp for high school students will return this August.

The event, first held in 2015, will take place August 4-7, 2019, at Koronis Ministries near Paynesville, which is west of the Twin Cities in central Minnesota.

It offers four days of pro-life education, including

guest speakers and sessions covering topics relating to abortion and other right-to-life issues. **It equips students to make a difference in their schools and communities.** And it does so in a summer camp environment with games and fun outdoor activities.

Register for camp today!

The camp is open to students who will be entering grades 9-12 or who will be college freshmen in the coming fall. The cost to attend is a suggested donation of \$75 per student—which includes meals, accommodations, materials, and a T-shirt—but scholarships are available.

Be sure to invite your own students or students you know to participate in this informative and fun experience. **You may learn more and register online at mccl.org/camp; a promotional flier is also available.** You may also contact David at dmunson@mccl.org or 612-825-6831 with any questions. **MCCL**

Pro-life movies open eyes to brutal reality of abortion

BY PAUL STARK

MOVIES ARE probably our culture's most influential method of storytelling. **That's why pro-life filmmakers are increasingly using movies to tell powerful stories that show the truth about abortion and the value of every human life.**

'Gosnell' reveals what media wouldn't

In late 2018, the film "Gosnell" hit theaters nationwide. It depicts the investigation and trial of Kermit Gosnell, the Philadelphia abortionist who ran a clinic dubbed a "house of horrors" by investigators and who routinely delivered babies alive before severing their spinal cords. **Gosnell's shocking murder trial was widely ignored by the media, and the filmmakers overcame a series of obstacles to bring this true story to the big screen.**



'Unplanned' touches lives

This spring, "Unplanned" overcame similar challenges to open in fourth place (far above expectations) at the box office. It tells the true story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director who dramatically switched sides after participating in an abortion and has since be-

came an outspoken pro-life advocate.

In the first few weeks after the film's release, some 100 abortion center workers reached out seeking to leave the industry as a result of the film's message. Many pregnant women have reported opting against abortion after seeing the film.

Ashley Bratcher, the star of "Unplanned," shared in a FOX News interview: **"To be able to hear someone come to you and say I was so affected by your work that I decided, instead of having an abortion, that I'm now going to have my child, I don't know how to really explain how that feels—that you could potentially have just saved a life."**

Support these important films

"Gosnell" is now available on DVD and video on demand (see gosnellmovie.com), and "Unplanned" may still be playing in some theaters (see unplannedfilm.com to find showings).

Another pro-life film, "Roe v. Wade," is expected to be released later this year. It tells the story behind the infamous U.S. Supreme Court decision that eliminated legal protection for unborn children.

Please support these important movies and share them with others! **MCCL**

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MCCL'S COUNTY FAIR Booth program is our largest educational outreach of the year—and you can take part!

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Dedicated volunteers staff booths

It takes enormous coordination, finances, and dedication to have a presence at nearly every county fair each summer. **We are grateful to 2,000 volunteers, MCCL Chapters, and county fair coordinators** who keep our booths stocked, staffed, and ready for visitors. MCCL is the only pro-life group in the state with the power to undertake such a project. Members make it happen.

Empower our educational outreach

Hosting 83 booths requires significant financial resources. **Your crucial gift will help offset the costs of producing and shipping** MCCL materials, fetal models, and displays.

When you support fair booths, you help advance MCCL's mission to effectively educate the public and engage pro-life citizens in our lifesaving work. You help save lives. Contributions are needed today! **MCCL**

Visit, volunteer at MCCL county fair booths!



MCCL's booth at the Washington County Fair in 2018

MCCL'S PRO-LIFE county fair booths have been a summer tradition since 1971. MCCL staffs booths at 83 county fairs—by far our biggest educational outreach of the year.

You can help by visiting and thanking the MCCL booth volunteers at your local county fair. Or better yet, volunteer for a shift or give a generous gift (see the top of this page) to help offset the cost.

A rewarding experience

More than three million people visit Minnesota county fairs each year. **MCCL's booths—which feature educational literature, fetal models, videos, and more—are an effective way to inform people about fetal development and abortion and to motivate them to help protect life.**

Volunteering for a three or four hour shift

at your county fair booth is an enjoyable and rewarding experience—and not difficult. Most important is your friendly, outgoing demeanor.

Don't worry about having all the answers to people's questions. **Most visitors are attracted by the fetal models and are willing to sign our pro-life petition.** If they ask questions you cannot answer, you can offer them an appropriate brochure or simply refer them to the MCCL website or state office.

Support our outreach

If interested in volunteering for our county fair booth project, contact the MCCL state office at 612-825-6831 or mccl@mccl.org. And remember—you can sign up to staff **MCCL's State Fair booth, too, at the end of the summer.** Thank you! **MCCL**



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Contact Gov. Walz and urge him to support full funding for the Positive Alternatives program. Check mcl.org to see the latest developments. (See page 1.)

Encourage high school students to register for MCCL's Life Leadership Camp Aug. 4-7. (See page 6.)

Volunteer for shift at your local MCCL county fair booth. (See page 7.)

Order MCCL's Father's Day ad to place in your local newspaper or church bulletin to honor the fathers in your community. (See page 3.)

Connect with MCCL on our website (mcl.org) and on social media ([facebook.com/mnprolife](https://www.facebook.com/mnprolife), twitter.com/mccl_org, and [instagram.com/mccl_org](https://www.instagram.com/mccl_org)).

Support MCCL's lifesaving work by contributing to our county fair out-reach this summer. (See page 7.)

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