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Scandal: Taxpayer-Funded Community Health Centers Facilitate Abortions

Volunteers or political operatives? That's what most people are asking after an investigation blew the lid off of a shocking new scandal involving the AmeriCorps program. The "public service" arm of the federal government, created by Bill Clinton in 1993, did a tremendous *disservice* to taxpayers, an inspector general has found, by teaming up with the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) to encourage — and in some cases *facilitate* — abortions. On Capitol Hill, the news of these "abortion doulas" stunned conservative members, who have long seen Community Health Centers as an ethical alternative to funding Planned Parenthood.

According to the inspector general, the NACHC authorized at least six AmeriCorps volunteers to transport women to abortion centers and offer "emotional support" — breaking a series of federal laws in the process. As if that weren't outrageous enough, the report also found that senior staffers were covering up several instances of "waste, fraud, and abuse."

This isn't the first time AmeriCorps has been caught offering support to the abortion industry. In 2011, the group's workers were discovered at Planned Parenthood centers, serving out ninemonth terms as "volunteers." Elsewhere, the group has been called onto the carpet for "mimicking the work of lobbyists and political organizers for agenda-driven community organizations." That should have led the Republican controlled Congress to zero out their budget, but that was not the case. In fact, in December under the massive omnibus spending bill, Republicans gave AmeriCorps a big bump in funding — \$50.6 million. If the inspector general's findings are confirmed, Congress should take action immediately, especially since more than one federal law "expressly prohibits the use of AmeriCorps resources to 'provid[e] abortion services or referrals for receipt of such services."

Representative Tom Cole (R-Okla.), who controls the purse for Congress's health care spending bills, said he was "outraged" by what he called "the terrible misuse of taxpayer dollars. Abortion-related procedures should never be funded by taxpayers. Given these disturbing developments, I believe this grantee should be immediately terminated from the HealthCorps program." By Tony Perkins. Family Research Council. From LifeNews.com, 4/28/2016. Edited for space.

Garage Sale is Major Success

A big thank you to Maria Hoehne, David and Bonnie York, the entire Russia community, and all those who donated items, volunteered to work, or shopped at the Right to Life Garage Sale.

It was a tremendous success, raising more than \$10,000 for Right to Life! The phenomenal generosity of our members and community continues to amaze us.

Congratulations to Mary Ann Kinsella of Botkins, who won the 50/50 drawing.

Thrift Shop Report

February
137 Customers
18 Work-to-Earn certificates
11 Free units (diapers, clothing)

March
281 Customers
29 Work-to-Earn certificates
2 Free units (baby equipment)

Last Call for Golfers: Register this Week!

The 6th Annual Scramble-4-Life will be Saturday, May 14. It's not too late to sign up!

The event starts with a shotgun start at 8:30am, with team registration beginning at 7:30am. Cost per 4-person team is \$200 and includes golf, cart, and lunch. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. The registration deadline is May 6, 2016. All proceeds will benefit Right to Life. For more information about sponsoring the event or to register your team, contact Julia at scramble4life@gmail.com or call or text: (937) 489-9129.

New Documents Prove Planned Parenthood Illegally Profited From Selling Aborted Baby Parts

New documents produced by a Congressional committee show the Planned Parenthood abortion business profited from the sales of aborted baby parts. The documents provide more evidence than a Center for Medical Progress video already put forward that the abortion company is violating federal law prohibiting the profiting from the sales of body parts from aborted children.

The Center for Medical Progress released an expose' video earlier this year that caught the Planned Parenthood abortion business apparently using illegal accounting tricks to hide profits generated from the sale of aborted baby parts.

The video at Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast's massive Houston abortion clinic and documents from a Texas Public Information Act request show how Planned Parenthood used accounting gimmicks to hide its illegal sale of body parts from aborted babies. The video highlights previously overlooked footage from the April 9, 2015 site visit of investigative journalists David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt from The Center for Medical Progress to the abortion facility.

Now, a new white paper on the pricing of aborted baby parts from the House Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives reveals Planned Parenthood appears to be breaking the law. The document points out that "to profit from the acquisition or transfer of fetal tissue violates Title 42 USC §289 g-2, which prohibits the transfer of any fetal tissue for valuable consideration that exceeds the reasonable costs associated with the procurement."

The white paper and accompanying exhibits show that the middleman company StemExpress does all of the work to transfer the aborted baby parts — making it so Planned Parenthood is spared any significant expense, thus leaving it with pure profit from the sale of the parts.

"The [abortion clinic] has no costs so the payments from the [procurement business] to the [abortion clinic] are pure profit," the report concludes. "All costs are born by the [procurement business] or the customer. The payments from the customer to the PB exceed its cost by a factor of 300 to 400 percent."

"The abortion industry sells baby hearts, livers, brains, hands and other organs procured by a middleman company inside their facilities at no cost or effort to the facilities themselves. The facility receives upfront fees that can amount to five-figure sums every month and then the procurement companies resell organs for tens of thousands more—depending on the child's characteristics," Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, said in a release. "The documents make clear there is absolutely no cost to the abortion clinic so that all monies received go to their bottom line."

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In memory of Goldie and Luana North,

In whose names memorial donations were made to Right to Life.

May/June Prayer Intentions

For a successful golf outing. For our nation as we select candidates for office during primaries and conventions.



China Aborts 23 Million Babies, Forced Abortions Continue

Forced abortion, sterilization and other abuses were still commonly used to enforce China's population control policy through 2015, the U.S. State Department has confirmed. In addition, the number of abortions in China appears to be a staggering 10 million higher than the commonly quoted figure of 13 million per year.

The Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2015 released in April said that coercive methods in China generally have "markedly increased" in the last year. Listed among China's many human rights abuses is "a coercive birth-limitation policy that, despite the lifting of one-child-per-family restrictions, in some cases resulted in forced abortion (sometimes at advanced stages of pregnancy)."

Perhaps most striking is the massive increase in the annual number of abortions in China. The Chinese government has repeatedly reported 13 million abortions a year, noting that according to official Chinese sources, "The number of abortions performed is believed to be higher," because the statistics were collected only from registered medical institutions and did not include abortions at unregistered clinics.

According to information provided by the State Department, China is not performing 13 million, but 23 million abortions per year. Reggie Littlejohn, President of Women's Rights Without Frontiers, stated, "13 million abortions a year was already an incomprehensible statistic. But to add another 10 million is truly staggering, incomprehensibly tragic. The population of the United States is about 320 million, with about 1 million abortions per year. The population of China is almost 1.4 billion, with about 23 million abortions per year. Therefore, with four times the population of the United States, China has 23 times the number of abortions."

The State Department Report is significant not only for revealing the startling increase in the number of abortions performed, but also the brutal methods of enforcement. "The country's birth-limitation policies retained harshly coercive elements in law and practice," stated the Report, which described the government's "intense pressure" upon police to enforce local birth-limitation quotas.

The Report noted that the linking of police job promotion to success in meeting birth quotas "provided a powerful structural incentive for officials to employ coercive measures to meet population goals." The Report also confirmed that any woman pregnant outside of marriage breaks the law in almost all provinces, and that so-called "social compensation fees" up to ten times an individual's disposable income were also levied as punishment under the Policy. Where a couple already had two children, one member of the couple was often required to be sterilized.

The State Department Report cited several anecdotal examples of the coercion experienced by Chinese citizens under the Two-Child Policy.

For example, it cited a September case in which a woman complained through social media that local officials threatened to fire her police officer husband if she refused to abort their second child, with whom she was eight months' pregnant.

The Report also stated that, while officially prohibited, sex-selective abortion "continued because of traditional preference for male children and the birth-limitation policy." Further, "female infanticide, gender-biased abortions, and the abandonment and neglect of baby girls remained problems due to the traditional preference for sons and the birth-limitation policy."

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The document also reveals 1 in 5 abortion clinics, whether they were affiliated with Planned Parenthood or independent abortion centers, were selling the body parts of aborted babies when CMP began exposing the sales at Planned Parenthood.

Rep. Marsha Blackburn, the head of the select panels, commented on the new findings: "The release of those horrific videos last summer raised many questions about whether abortion clinics and middleman tissue procurement businesses were profiting from the sale of baby body parts, organs and tissues." She said about a hearing that will investigate the new documents further: "This hearing will examine business documents, invoices, marketing brochures, and management documents that reveal one for-profit procurement business and several abortion clinics may have acted in violation of federal law by profiting from the sale of baby body parts, organs and tissues."

David Daleiden of CMP commented on the new documents and said "The financial documents uncovered by the Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives prove that Planned Parenthood profited from the sale of aborted baby parts to their long-time business partner StemExpress."

"The facts are now undeniable that Planned Parenthood had no "costs" to "reimburse" and every dollar they received for little baby hearts, brains, and livers netted illegal profit. Planned Parenthood lied to the media, to Congress, and to the American people for 9 months falsely asserting they had no financial benefit from supplying baby parts," he continued. *By Steven Ertelt,*