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## The Cost of Free Healthcare— Just the Beginning

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Effective August 1, 2012, women with health insurance now get free contraceptives—no co-pay or other cost-sharing necessary. This was ushered in with the new healthcare law.

Well, we all know what's considered contraceptive—and it's not just birth control pills. The emergency drug called Plan B (commonly called the morning-after pill) and the new drug Ella (good for up to 120 hours after sex), Depo Provera, and other assorted potential baby-killing drugs called abortifacients are part and parcel of the healthcare committee's newly-formulated preventive services for women of child bearing age proclaimed by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius as "based on science and existing literature."

Up until recently pregnancy was known to have begun at fertilization (the point where the sperm penetrates the egg), explained in medical textbooks as such. But, in order to accommodate those in society who do not want to believe that there really is a baby, the burgeoning rationalization is that—well, pregnancy begins at implantation, not fertilization. Most of us know, however, that just because the developing fetus has not attached to the womb does not make it less than a human being (contrary to pro-choice opinion). There is not one person I know today who didn't start this way. We were all fertilized eggs once, conceived by God's design to find a nest in our mother's womb and grow and be fed enough to reach the moment we obtained the strength to breathe open air. And all embryos attach to the uterine lining save those that are prevented from doing so.

These contraceptives (a misnomer) are post-sex brands of the well-we-can-fix-that syndrome in America today. Even when birth control has been around since the

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### BFL Report

It was a great event with a few minor glitches. The T shirts didn't come through this year and the group picture didn't turn out. Other than that every thing worked out well. Weather was great and 24 bikers made the trip in good spirits. I even made it to Carlton from Duluth (barely). I want to thank all the bikers who came and showed their willingness to support the ministry of speaking up for the unborn—for the sidewalk counseling ministry in Duluth. And for all those who made food donations: Superone Foods, Karen Young, Linda Dobs, and Rebecka Richmond.

One of the many scenic views along the Munger trail



## Sidewalk Counseling Encounters

### On Second Thought

We cannot measure or know how what we say to women going into the abortion center impacts them. But when a couple changes their mind after sitting in the abortion center for a long time we see proof that it does have some influence.



On August 2, we saw the proof that we longed to see. A young man and his wife came to the abortion center to abort their third child. Unlike most clients, instead of rushing past me, they stopped to hear what I had to say. (It is for just this reason we prefer not to use signs in our witness at the abortion center. We want to talk with clients.) They took literature and looked at pictures that I had with me. I could see the uncertainty on their faces. Still they went into the building, where in so many cases if there were any doubts, they are reassured and affirmed in their original intent and continue in the process to abort their son or daughter.

Sometimes, however, the words we speak are used by God to set loose an avalanche of emotion, truth, and light into the chambers of their innermost being and give them reason for second thoughts. Second thoughts can be divinely inspired, and it is the duty of the sidewalk counselor to initiate those thoughts. Without any proof, I believe we are successful in generating a lot of second thoughts, even third or fourth thoughts, and sometimes they win the day. The couple I talked with on August 2 did give their abortion plans a second thought and those thoughts prevailed. A little more than two hours later they called me to let me know they were not going to have the abortion. Why they gave their second thought the nod and not the plan they originally had that morning I will never know.

It is interesting to note that on that very day a lady (Connie Joppa) was prompted to go to the abortion center and just pray. Perhaps as with many people such promptings trigger a debate within. Should I go or not? And in Connie's mind the thought that she should come prevailed. She did not know why she was supposed to come but she did anyway, and that day, unlike most days, a baby's life was spared.

Perhaps you have had thoughts about coming to the Building for Women to just pray but never followed through—other things just got in the way. Maybe its time you give that prompting a second thought and come. It isn't necessary that you spend the whole two hours out on the street with us; even 15 minutes can make all the difference in the world.

beginning of time, it had never actually been sanctioned by society until the 20<sup>th</sup> century when the Comstock Laws were removed. We have since undergone a shift from a huge amount of unprotected sex, yielding average to large families to a huge amount of protected sex, yielding small two-parent families and unbridled amounts of children born to unwed mothers. Until now we fixed it so well that only those with presence of mind to go into a Planned Parenthood "Clinic" ahead of time or to a restroom vending machine for a condom get away with cancelling or precluding a pregnancy.

And, of course, anytime pro-lifers bring up the fact that contraceptives (including birth control pills) can be abortifacient, they get the backlash that they are just the extremist, anti-contraceptive crowd talking, and we are classified as ideological rather than factual. At the same time, people who conjecture about other people's ideology taking over their sensibility have no desire to look into the facts. It is a reality that these powerful drugs irritate the lining of the womb so that the fertilized embryo cannot attach, its life terminated and sloughed off, never to be seen or heard from again.

Remember back when Obama said that there would be no federal funding for abortion with his health-care plan? And remember when pro-lifers showed over and over again how this was not true. This is the first step of the frog-in-the-lukewarm-water metaphor.

(You know, the one that starts out with the frog in cool water and set on a hot burner, the water gradually becoming hotter and hotter till boiling.) These drugs snuff out a life after conception. If not, why would women take them? They take them because of the chance that they are pregnant. The object is to get rid of the embryo—a baby in its beginning stages—a chemical abortion. Nevertheless, a case-in-point reality of what's already at our doorstep and a precursor of what's yet to come in the life-and-death battle we are in as advocates of unborn children who cannot speak for themselves.


The Obama government's mandated policy requiring insurance coverage of birth control will cost us. And that cost will be felt by mothers who use these birth control methods who will never see their child, by children who will never know life, and by a society demised by its disregard for truth and a sincere love for humanity.



**Pro-Life Action Ministries'  
Annual Fundraising Banquet  
featuring Abby Johnson  
Monday, October 3, 2011  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Earle Brown Heritage Center  
Brooklyn Center, Minn.**

Author of the best-selling book, *unPlanned*, Abby Johnson joined Planned Parenthood in 2001 as a college student because she wanted to help women in crisis—a goal she believed the organization shared. As she rose through the ranks to become a clinic director and community services director, she became increasingly unsettled about what she was being asked to do. But it wasn't until she helped perform an actual abortion procedure that Abby fully realized what she had been a part of all those years. In 2009 she left Planned Parenthood and joined the Coalition for Life as a volunteer. She continues her volunteer activities and now works on projects with the national 40 Days for Life campaign. She also recently joined Live Action as Chief Research Strategist. Abby's story has been featured on FOX News, the Mike Huckabee Show, the O'Reilly Factor, Focus on the Family and numerous other print and media programs.

I plan on reserving a table(s) at this event for those who would like to come with me. The cost is \$50 per person. This would include the cost of a ticket and transportation to and back from the banquet the same evening. Please call Jim Tuttle at 218-393-4954 to reserve a seat.



**Report for June 16– August 15, 2011**

Total clients going into building	81
Clients leaving before an abortion	4
Confirmed saves in Duluth this report	1
<b>Total ministry-wide saves this year at time of publication</b>	<b>58</b>

On the second floor of this building in Duluth, 479 abortions were committed in 2010.

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# Aborted Child Memorial

**Sunday, September 4, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**  
 With Rev. John Pressler and Rev. Duncan Ross  
 at  
**Mount of Olives Baptist Church**  
 1500 Swan Lake Road, Duluth, Minn.

**Come to remember the 479 babies lost to abortion this past year (2010) in Duluth. Do your part to give them some love and respect. They are not forgotten by our heavenly father—let the church not forget them either. A plaque will be dedicated in their remembrance.**

