

Spring Update Victories Across the State!

April 2019

Dear Friend of Life,

HEARTBEAT BILL FINALLY PASSES!!!

Pro-life Ohioans are celebrating the passage of the Human Rights and Heartbeat Protection Act. The legislation was passed by both Houses on April 10th and signed into law the next day, April 11th. As a member of the Right to Life Action Coalition, Dayton Right to Life was instrumental in strengthening this legislation to have NO EXCEPTIONS thus, making it one of the strongest Heartbeat bills in the nation. We are extremely grateful for steadfast, persistent work of “Heartbeat Heroes” like Janet Porter, Lori Viars, and others who have worked behind the scenes for years on this legislation. We also want to thank our courageous elected officials who supported our efforts in the face of public dissent and ridicule. Lastly, we offer our sincere appreciation to Governor DeWine and his leadership on this historic moment in Ohio history.



SUCCESS ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL AS WELL—COURT UPHOLDS OHIO’S BAN ON STATE FUNDING TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD.

On March 12, the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati dealt a serious blow to Planned Parenthood with a decision upholding a 2016 Ohio law. The decision announced in *Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio v. Hodges* upheld the state law which barred funds from six small state health programs for organizations that perform or promote abortions. While the amount of state funds involved is not large (about \$1.5 million annually), the court established a standard when it ruled that the law "does not violate the Constitution because the [two Planned Parenthood] affiliates do not have a due process right to perform abortions." The state began notifying clinics late last month that current funding will run out April 20. As importantly, other states may use this legislation and decision as a template as it applies to funding in their jurisdictions.

LOCAL VICTORY—WOMEN’S MED CENTER LOSES APPEALS CASE ON LICENSE REVOCATION.

Only 2 weeks after bearing oral arguments, the Ohio 2nd District Court of Appeals (Montgomery County) upheld the license revocation order of the Ohio Department of Health, regarding the

Women’s Med Center. This unlicensed facility now has 45 days from the March 28 decision date to file one last appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court.

THE MOVIE “UNPLANNED” has taken the country by storm and Dayton is no exception! We hosted a private screening for over 120 folks at the Cinopolis theatre in Miamisburg. On a side note, Abby Johnson, the focal point of the movie, was our guest speaker in 2011! Our guests commented that the movie was quite “powerful” and “impactful”. If you have not had a chance to see the film, please do and encourage your family and friends to do the same.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE. If you haven’t checked our website recently, we invite you to take a look at daytonlife.org. In particular, if you wish to *volunteer*, *donate*, or *stay connected*, links are readily accessible at the top right of every page. Through our *stay connected* feature, you can indicate whether you want to receive emails, regular mail, or both.

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Margie Christie
Executive Director

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