

Indiana Right to Life To Sponsor National Pro-Life Women's Conference coming to Indianapolis in 2020

Tickets are now on sale for a national Pro-Life Women's Conference coming to Indianapolis next summer. This is a three day event by women and for women, to proclaim that women's empowerment cannot be attained by the oppression of other human beings. Organizers note, "We are reclaiming the narrative of women's empowerment; we are reclaiming our voice as the grassroots of the pro-life movement. Join us for three days of powerful presentations, fellowship, friendship, and fun that promises to be unrivaled and unforgettable."

To learn more about this event,
visit prolifewomen.com.



Seventh Circuit blocks Indiana's parental notice law

The U.S. Seventh Circuit continued a troubling pattern on August 28 by blocking Indiana's law requiring that parents be notified if a minor daughter seeks a judicial bypass to get an abortion without parental consent. The Court ruled parental notice is an infringement on a young girl's "constitutional right" to an abortion. Indiana is expected to appeal to the Supreme Court.

This graphic received our highest level of engagement on Facebook in August. The Indiana Right to Life Facebook page now exceeds 32,000 likes and is growing everyday.

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Sadness and outrage as 2,246 remains of aborted babies found at home of deceased Indiana abortion doctor

Shock and horror best describe the general reaction to the news that broke on Friday, September 13, that police in Will County, Illinois, had recovered the remains of 2,246 babies on the property of the now-deceased abortion doctor Ulrich Klopfer. Klopfer operated abortion businesses in Gary, South Bend, and Fort Wayne, before losing his medical license in 2016.

Will County officials acknowledged the babies' remains were individually preserved in plastic bags found in over 70 cardboard boxes. One official involved with the recovery of the remains commented, "I've never seen anything like this."

According to Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill, who is spearheading Indiana's investigation, it appears all of the babies' remains are from abortions done in Indiana from 2000 to 2002. At the time of this writing, Illinois officials stated all of the aborted children would be returned to Indiana for a dignified burial. "We are going to bring our babies home," Hill said.

Multiple questions are being raised in the wake of the grisly discovery, including questions over why the babies were being preserved, if they were being sold to universities or other facilities for experiments, and whether other accomplices were involved. "His actions should be fully and thoroughly investigated, the remains of the unborn should be treated with dignity and respect," stated Vice President Mike Pence through social media. "This abortionist's defenders should be ashamed."

Watch for more future editions of this newsletter as investigations continue.



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From the President and CEO

On Friday, September 13, shortly after 9:30 p.m., I received notification that news was breaking regarding a horrific discovery of aborted babies being stored at the property of a deceased Indiana abortion doctor. In an age in which we think we've seen it all, this is a sobering reminder that we haven't.



Within minutes, news stations were picking up the story. By the next day, the story had gone global. The impact, even today, is still unfolding, like ripples in a pond into which someone has just thrown a five pound rock. For the abortion industry, this was a worst-case scenario. In just minutes on Friday the 13th, all of their efforts to make abortion seem harmless were overrun by a flood of public sentiment. Words like "ghoulish", "disgusting", and "terrible", are still being used freely by people who have never really cared one way or the other.

For law enforcement, it is now an open investigation. More than a few lawmakers are asking how to make sure this never happens again. For many women who have had abortions, the discovery has led to the re-opening of a deeply regretted decision and the wondering if one of the babies could be theirs. Sadly, for some groups, it has even become a shameful fundraising ploy.

But what about the 2,246 children, each reportedly sealed in his or her own plastic bag, and stuffed in cardboard boxes? What about these kids? What should be done to ensure they are not forgotten?

At the time of this writing, it appears these children will be buried with dignity in an Indiana cemetery. This is fitting and proper, to give these little ones a final resting place they deserve. But there should be more.

Could this be the opportunity to establish a new national memorial for the unborn, not hidden away in a quiet cemetery, but alongside a prominent Indiana interstate, perhaps near South Bend or Fort Wayne, illuminated throughout the night, and prominent for the world to see?

Such memorials are not uncommon in the United States. In fact, the Flight 93 memorial near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, even includes "and unborn child" inscribed on its sorrowful wall of victims. Painful, yes, but we do well to remember the things we sometimes prefer to forget.

Yes, I believe there should be a national memorial to these 2,246 kids, and to the millions just like them, who have died in this awful, selfish age of abortion. May it come to pass, and may it be a place of repentance, prayer, and hope, while serving as a reminder to all future generations of Americans that we knew what was happening, so that once this nightmare ends, it will never happen again.

Governor Holcomb statement on discovery of aborted babies

"I am deeply disturbed that more than 2,000 fetal remains were found at the Illinois home of a deceased former northern Indiana abortion doctor.

Earlier this year, the United States Supreme Court upheld Indiana's fetal remains law and the courts lifted the injunction on that law two weeks ago. The Indiana State Department of Health developed and provided guidance to licensed providers.

I support calls for a federal investigation."

Rep. Walorski: careless treatment of babies' remains is an outrage

"Reports that more than 2,000 fetal remains were found on the property of longtime South Bend abortion doctor Ulrich Klopfer are sickening beyond words. He was responsible for thousands of abortions in Indiana, and his careless treatment of human remains is an outrage.

"Every human life is precious, and every woman and baby deserves care and respect. This

tragic case shows why abortion providers must be held to strict guidelines and face rigorous oversight. I will be looking into federal legislation to ensure the remains of aborted babies are always treated with dignity, including in the case of chemical abortions.

"State and federal authorities should conduct a full investigation into this case and take any steps necessary to protect Hoosiers, including the unborn, from unsafe practitioners."



Tickets now on sale for Christmas gala featuring Ashley Bratcher

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas gala on December 3 featuring Ashley Bratcher, the lead actress in the film Unplanned. Reservations are \$50 per person, or \$400 for a table for 8 persons. Various corporate sponsorship levels are also available.

To make reservations, please complete and return the form enclosed with this newsletter, or visit irtl.org/gala. Please direct any questions you may have about the gala to Mary Williams at mwilliams@irtl.org. Because of the high demand for Ms. Bratcher and the limited seating at the Ritz Charles, tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

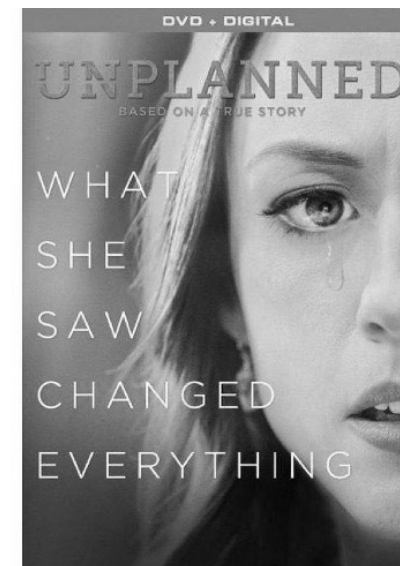
When she signed on to play the lead in Unplanned, actress Ashley Bratcher had no idea that — decades before — her mother had walked into an abortion center. Only upon getting the part did Bratcher learn unexpected secrets from her own past. "To know you almost didn't exist is an incredible thing to hear," says Bratcher in an interview. "I was just seconds away from not existing. I still don't think I've processed it, because I've been so busy nonstop doing this film."



Ashley Bratcher

Indiana Unplanned Project launched to get DVD copies of the film into the hands of elected officials and influence leaders at all levels

With your help, Indiana Right to Life will get DVD copies of the powerful film Unplanned into the hands of elected officials and influence leaders at every level of local, county, state and federal government in the months ahead.



We're calling it the Indiana Unplanned Project, and our hope is that the film opens the eyes and starts new dialogue on abortion all across Indiana.

"Those of us who have viewed the film know how powerful it is," says IRTL President and CEO Mike Fichter. "But we also know there are millions of Hoosiers who have never even heard of the film. This is our way of bringing the most impactful film of our time into the hands of decision-makers."

Thanks to a deep discount offered by producers of the film, Indiana Right to Life is able to purchase bulk quantities of the DVD at a fraction of the retail cost. This makes the outreach highly cost-effective.

This is a project everyone can help with. It's not just elected officials who need to see Unplanned, it's your friends and neighbors as well. For every gift of \$25 or more, we'll send you a copy of the Unplanned DVD as a "thank you" gift that you can watch, and then share, with others.

Let's work together to transform Indiana with the Unplanned Indiana Project!