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### IRL Releases New Planned Parenthood Donor List

DES MOINES —It's accountability time. Iowa Right to Life is releasing its latest list highlighting donors to Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa (PPGI).

PPGI education programs increase their abortion business. Last year, PPGI did 4,397 abortions. That is up from 2,898 in 2002. And now they are planning to offer walk-in abortions. (See story on Page 2)

The list of business owners and their related businesses funding PPGI in the past two years includes:

- **Jim and Patty Cownie** —JSC Properties
- **Michael and Barbara Gartner**— Iowa Cubs
- **Jeff Hunter**—Hotel Fort Des Moines, Raccoon River Brewing Co.
- **Mark and Janet Rosenbury**—Countryside Renewable Energy
- **Fred and Emily Weitz**—Weitz Construction, Essex Meadows
- **Sarah Garst**—Garst West Veterinary Hospital
- **Martin and Shelley Brody**—Landmark Luggage and Gifts
- **Larry Stelter and Peggy Fisher**—The Stelter Company

For the full list, visit: <http://irlc.org/get-the-facts/planned-parenthood>.

## Sarah Palin Electrifies Pro-Lifers

ST. PAUL – A young, solidly pro-life governor, who has shaken up politics in Alaska has fired up Republicans for the November elections.

John McCain's choice of Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate has catapulted the Republicans to a 10-point lead over the Democrat ticket of Obama/Biden in a USA/Gallup poll among likely voters nationwide, taken the weekend after the Republican National Convention.

Palin's ability to walk the talk has garnered admiration of her from both pro-lifers and anti-lifers. Palin made headlines back in April, when she and her husband, Todd, gave birth to a Downs Syndrome child, despite being told ahead of time that she could have aborted him. Baby Trig made an appearance with Palin's other four children, during her historic speech September 3 at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, MN, where she promised to be an advocate in the White House for families with special needs children.



Below: Palin on stage after her historic speech with daughter Willow, son Trig, husband Todd and daughter Piper.



"We can't thank John McCain enough for selecting Sarah Palin as his running mate," said Kim Lehman, President of Iowa

Right to Life. "We still have a lot of work to do here in Iowa, but she has added a new energy and has inspired Iowans."

## Thanks to Book Sale Organizers, Volunteers

CLIVE —As we go to press, Iowa Right to Life is gearing up for the Fall Book Sale, September 9-13, to benefit pro-life pregnancy centers around the state. Iowa Right to Life would like to give a special thanks to Rhonda Phillips, who works tirelessly and with a great sense of humor to organize the Book Sale and all of the volunteers who donate their time donating and sorting the books!

**Enjoy the sale—we hope you find some great bargains!**

# Fight Against Planned Parenthood Heats Up in Iowa

## PPGI Planning Walk-In Abortions All Over Iowa

DES MOINES—Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa (PPGI) is planning no appointment, walk-in abortions at all 27 of its locations throughout Iowa.

Iowa's largest abortion provider plans to do this by offering dangerous RU-486 chemical abortions with a Des Moines-based abortionist consulting by webcam.

Planned Parenthood does not follow the Food and Drug Administration's protocol on RU-486, instead using a cheaper combination of the pills which makes the abortions more profitable for Planned Parenthood and more dangerous for women. The women are forced to abort at home, where they will deal with the trauma, the blood and the dead baby—alone.

Currently PPGI performs 85 percent of the chemical abortions in Iowa and over 56 of the surgical

abortions in Iowa.

## PPGI Targets Teens with Implanted Birth Control

DES MOINES—Iowa Right to Life is warning about Planned Parenthood's latest ploy to target teens with dangerous inserted and implanted birth control devices.

PPGI is pushing free IUD and Implanon birth control on **Facebook.com**, a social networking website popular with teens and college students. Despite the fact that IUD and Implanon carry serious, long-term medical risks and the possibility of additional surgery to have them removed, PPGI's Facebook page\*, is promoting the devices to young people as "Worry free and easy."

PPGI, Iowa's largest abortion provider, makes no secret that the free IUDs and Implanon is designed to build business. After a similar giveaway last December, a PPGI staff member was quoted in PPGI's *Source* newsletter as saying, "One of the

goals of the promotion, in addition to preventing unwanted pregnancy, is to recruit more clients to PPGI."

## Contact HHS to Protect Pro-life Health Care Professionals

WASHINGTON D.C.—The public has until September 20 to contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human



Services on a proposed rule to protect doctors and other health care professionals who refuse to participate in abortions and other procedures.

Planned Parenthood is waging a fierce email campaign against the rule, because they want to force more doctors, nurses and other health care professionals into the abortion industry—*against their will*.

Let your voice be heard! Go to <http://irlc.org/what-s-new/press-releases/> for more information.

# Making a Difference Throughout Iowa

## 40 Days for Life Grows September 24-November 2, 2008

40 Days for Life is expanding to other cities in Iowa! Sign up with your friends, family or church group for the popular prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood in the following locations:

Des Moines  
Bettendorf  
Council Bluffs  
Fort Dodge  
Sioux City

For more info, visit:

[www.40daysforlife.com/iowa](http://www.40daysforlife.com/iowa).

Browse through the rest of this site to find out how YOU can help make a lifesaving impact as part of our local **40 Days for Life** campaigns.

## Healing Through Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats

Hope and Healing Ministries is sponsoring Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion. The confidential, supportive retreats are for anyone hurting after abortion.

**September 12-14, 2008**  
**Cedar Falls**

Call: 563.322.1645

**October 24-26, 2008**  
**Rock Island**

Call: 563.322.1645

**November 14-16, 2008**  
**Omaha/Lincoln, NE**

Call Heather at: 402.871.4812

For more information, visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or call a toll-free hotline at **1.877.896.HOPE**.

For more on upcoming local events, visit: <http://irlc.org/events>.

## Help Iowa Right to Life Save Lives!

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