



## Ending Planned Parenthood's "Prevention" Myth

DES MOINES—It would be remiss of Iowa Right to Life to allow Joy Corning's letter to the editor in *The Des Moines Register* ("Group is more than abortions," 9/22/11) which she said is to "quell misconceptions about Planned Parenthood" to go unchallenged.

Pro-lifers can agree with one thing Corning says: "Sometimes we humans avoid facing facts that should shed light on topics we have opposed because of tradition and orientation." How else could one explain how Planned Parenthood apologists turn a blind eye to overwhelming facts that Planned Parenthood hurts women more than it helps?

**Corning stated Planned Parenthood's abortion services are "less than 2 percent of services provided."**

Question: Is Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's current Medical Director Dr. Jill Meadows a specialist in HIV or other STD testing? Is she a specialist in cancer screenings? No. Dr. Jill Meadows specializes in late-term abortions, as does LeRoy Carhart. Her grisly methods of dismembering babies without anesthesia are well documented. (Please see *Iowa Right to Life News*, September 2011, which can be found at: <http://iowartl.org/irlc/what-s-new/irtl-newsletter>).

Planned Parenthood counts every condom as a "service" in order to downplay its abortion business. That's why it claims "less than 2 percent."

**Corning stated, "More than 97 percent of the services Planned Parenthood provides are preven-**

**tion services that help women, men and families stay healthy."**

It's time to end the misconception that Planned Parenthood is about "prevention." The truth is, Planned Parenthood's Education and Contraception feed its profitable abortion business. The numbers don't lie.

Planned Parenthood's abortions are increasing exponentially in Iowa.

**Let's Look at Two Areas: Planned Parenthood's Education and Contraception**

**1) Planned Parenthood's educational materials**, far from being about prevention, are designed to sexualize children at a young age. Here is Planned Parenthood's information for teens to promote "safer" sex: "... there are many types of sex play that are considered lower-risk activities. These include: mutual masturbation, erotic massage, body rubbing, kissing, oral sex, vaginal intercourse with a latex or female condom, anal intercourse with a latex or female condom..." (See Planned Parenthood's [www.Teenwire.com](http://www.Teenwire.com) )

The central feature on Planned Parenthood's page for teens is a video: "Find out whether your breasts, penis, or vulva look normal." On a side navigation bar, "Pregnancy" is number four. It comes after "Sex and Masturbation."

Planned Parenthood's "Breasts, Penis and Vulva" video for teens features graphic images of a woman's vulva on a children's Etch A Sketch® (you know, those toys where you twist the knobs to create a design on the screen?) PP uses tactics like this to target children even younger than teens all the time. *Continued on Page 2...*

## Spread the Love...Get Involved

DES MOINES—So many great opportunities to get involved and make a difference for life! Here are a few:



**40 Days for Life  
Sept. 28 -  
November 6**

Locations Throughout Iowa

40 Days is a peaceful prayer vigil that takes place outside abortion centers everywhere. Over 4,000 babies have been saved so far and 53 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry. To join a location in Iowa visit: [www.40daysforlife.com/iowa](http://www.40daysforlife.com/iowa)

**Life Chain/  
Pro-Life  
Sunday  
October 2**

32 different locations in Iowa are participating in this year's Life Chains. For more, visit: <http://iowartl.org/events/life-chain/>



**Informed Choices of Iowa  
Medical Clinic Fore the Love of  
Golf and Life Classic  
Monday, October 10, 2011**

Glen Oaks Country Club  
1401 Glen Oaks Drive  
West Des Moines

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There is a reason many of the school systems in Iowa do not use Planned Parenthood's sex ed program. (For more information, see IRTL's feature, "Take the Planned Parenthood Sex Ed Quiz" at <http://iowartl.org/what-s-new/hot-topics/>)

## Take Action!

Do you think Etch A Sketch® actually approved Planned Parenthood's use of its product to promote its pornographic sexualization of children? Contact Etch a Sketch's parent company if you disapprove: Phone: 1.800.800.3141; Email: [customerservice@ohioart.com](mailto:customerservice@ohioart.com); Mailing address: The Ohio Art Company, 1 Toy Street, Bryan, OH 43506

## 2) Planned Parenthood's Contraception Programs fuel their abortion business.

One would think contraception prevents unwanted pregnancy. Right? Yet 54% of women having abortions used contraception that month, according to Planned Parenthood's research arm, The Guttmacher Institute.

Planned Parenthood gains financially by giving women a false sense of security. The more condoms Planned Parenthood gives out, the more birth control pills it provides, the more inter-uterine devices Planned Parenthood implants in women (and we should add teens, without the knowledge of their parents), the more its abortion business will increase.

Planned Parenthood can never claim its "prevention services" reduce abortions in Iowa, because Planned Parenthood's abortion business has been growing steadily.

As stated above, Planned Parenthood counts every condom as a "service" in order to downplay its abortion business. That's why it claims "less than 2 percent."

**Corning stated Planned Parent-**

**hood placed nine babies in adoptive homes in one year.**

It's stunning that Corning would see that as a bragging factor, when Planned Parenthood kills more than nine children in a few hours at a single location. **Planned Parenthood in Des Moines on Army Post Road, kills as many as 30 children in one day.**

**Corning stated, "Planned Parenthood prevents those untold, undocumented, unsafe and often disastrous self-inflicted or unprofessional abortion attempts."**

Just a few years ago, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's former Medical Director Dr. Meryl Severson almost killed a woman at a Planned Parenthood in Lincoln, NE, because he punctured her uterus and she lost 80 percent of the blood in her body. When the woman later sued, Planned Parenthood attorneys said in court. *"The woman was well aware of the risks associated with the procedure before it was performed on her at the Lincoln clinic this summer."*

Planned Parenthood has a history of botched abortions and cover-ups from sea to shining sea. Planned Parenthood *is the new back alley.*

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's current abortions by webcam, where a doctor is not there to examine the woman in person, show even greater disregard for women's safety. With the webcam abortions, women take the first drugs to kill the baby at Planned Parenthood and then they take a second set of drugs at home that expels the baby - so women are forced to deal with the blood and the dead baby at home - *alone*. In addition, Planned Parenthood goes against FDA protocol and offers women a cheaper set of drugs that allows Planned Parenthood to make more money.

**Corning stated Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger "held some viewpoints that did not survive our ongoing tests of jus-**

**tice and liberty."**

Talk about jumping the shark. This shows Planned Parenthood's incredible ability to push euphemism to new lows. Margaret Sanger was a proponent of Eugenics. She wanted to purify the human race through birth control, forced sterilization and abortion. In writings and lectures, Sanger dehumanized the poor and disabled as "human weeds," "parasites," "defectives," "mistakes" and "a dead weight of human waste."

Sanger thought parents should be required to submit an application to the government in order to have a child. How can Corning possibly classify Sanger as for a woman's right to "control her body and the ability to decide when, or whether to have a child?"

It's time to stop these myths. Planned Parenthood is not about prevention. **All** Planned Parenthood's services fuel its profitable abortion business. Planned Parenthood hurts women, hurts families, hurts communities and kills our unborn children.

## Who is Joy Corning?

Joy Corning is a former Republican Lt. Governor of Iowa and an abortion activist.



She is on Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's Board of Trustees and while she donates to Republican campaigns, she also donates to Planned Parenthood's Freedom Fund PAC, which works to defeat them. (Freedom Fund gave \$20,000 to Governor Chet Culver's failed re-election bid and also supported candidates like Sen. Mike Gronstal of Council Bluffs.)

She is the leader in Iowa for the pro-abortion Republican Leadership Council and in 2008 she led a failed effort to remove the pro-life plank from the Republican Party Platform.

## Prepare for *Bait and Switch* with New Planned Parenthoods in Iowa

DES MOINES—Planned Parenthood of the Heartland CEO Jill June announced earlier this year that Iowa’s largest abortion provider plans to open six new locations in Iowa over the next five years: Carter Lake (near Council Bluffs), Clinton, Marshalltown, Mason City, Muscatine and Ottumwa.

We want to prepare communities fighting those new openings to battle the big “bait and switch” that is part of PP’s *modus operandi*.

### Planned Parenthood’s Bait and Switch



Just before the new Planned Parenthoods open, expect a big fanfare about all the “other services” Planned Parenthood provides. (Re-read the “Prevention Myth” story on page 1 about this.)

When Planned Parenthood opened its Susan Knapp location in the Drake

University neighborhood back in 2007, Planned Parenthood officials crowed about how they would be offering prenatal care. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland CEO Jill June said, “We’re pleased to be able to expand our prenatal programs to families in this part of Des Moines. This added dimension demonstrates PPGI’s strong commitment to increasing health care delivery and supporting healthy families.”

(And the media thinks, “Awww. Isn’t that sweet? Will the Susan Knapp Planned Parenthood be handing out free puppies, too?”)

*Strong commitment?* After the media cameras stopped rolling, the Susan Knapp Planned Parenthood quietly switched to abortions. Prenatal care is not listed among their services. (See *IRTL News*, Sept. 2011, on how the Susan Knapp PP is set up for webcam abortions.)

Would you like to know how many of PP’s 25 locations in Iowa provide prenatal care? Only one — the ironically named Planned Parenthood Family Practice Center at 200 East Army Post Road. (And after you give birth, if you would like a sex change, the same location offers “hormone therapy for transgender clients.” We are not making this up—it’s on their website.)



Do not be fooled by Planned Parenthood’s Bait and Switch. For more info on how to fight Planned Parenthood, visit:

<http://iowartl.org/get-the-facts/planned-parenthood/>

**If you learned something new, please support Iowa Right to Life: 1500 Illinois Street, Des Moines, IA, 50314, or call, 515.244.1012 or email us at [iowa@iowaRTL.org](mailto:iowa@iowaRTL.org)**

## Run FROM Susan G. Komen

DES MOINES—Iowa RTL gets a lot of calls asking, “Is the Susan G. Komen” organization really linked to Planned Parenthood?”



We all want a cure to be found. Everyone knows someone who has died of breast cancer. It feels great to get together with friends and walk and feel like you are doing something good.

But the Komen Foundation does a lot of bad:

1) Komen Foundation gives hundreds of thousands of dollars to Planned Parenthood. Komen founder Nancy Brinker also served on the Board at Planned Parenthood in Dallas.

2) Komen Foundation endorses embryonic stem cell research which kills human embryos. This is different from ethical adult stem cell research.

To make a difference, skip the Komen race and donate directly to organizations that do breast cancer research and mammograms.

### Correction:

In the *IRTL News* May 2011 issue, the number of Planned Parenthoods in Iowa currently offering abortions was incorrect.

PP currently has 26 locations in Iowa: 25 centers around the state + administrative headquarters on 6th Avenue in Des Moines. (PP eliminated a location at 1343 13th Street in Des Moines.)

16 PP locations currently offer medication (RU-486) abortions. 4 of these 16 locations also offer surgical abortions (Bettendorf, Des Moines-1000 Army Post Rd, Iowa City and Sioux City.) The other 9 are listed as “abortion referral” sites.

**PP’s Abortion Expansion Explosion in Iowa** With 16 Planned Parenthood abortion centers, Iowa has the same number of PPs doing abortions as all the surrounding states **combined** (Illinois-6; Wisconsin-3; Missouri-2; Nebraska-2; Minnesota-1; Kansas-1; South Dakota-1.)

In April 2011, PP announced plans to open 6 new locations in Carter Lake (near Council Bluffs), Clinton, Marshalltown, Mason City, Muscatine and Ottumwa.

If PP adds webcam abortions to the 6 new locations, plus the current 9 abortion referral locations, they will almost double its already excessive number of abortion centers in Iowa to 31.

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Proceeds got to support Informed Choices' clinics in

Iowa City and West Des Moines, which provide abortion alternatives, as well as free STD testing and other services. For more info: <http://informedchoiceia.org>

### Hope Pregnancy Center Fall Banquet Special Guest: Gianna Jessen



Saturday, October 22

Faith United Methodist Church  
Highway 5 South  
Centerville, Iowa  
6:30 PM

Individual tickets are \$18  
Sponsor a table of 8 for \$120

Gianna Jessen survived a saline abortion. Her miraculous story will inspire you. For tickets, call: 641.856.2220.



### Informed Choice of Iowa Annual Banquet

Tuesday, October 25

Coralville Marriott  
7:00-9:00 PM; Seating at 6:30 PM

Enjoy an evening of fine food and music, as you help these health clinics end the need for abortion in Iowa. For more information, <http://informedchoiceia.org>

### Many Pro-life pregnancy centers have fall fundraisers.

To find one near you, visit: <http://iowartl.org/help-i-m-pregnant/crisis-pregnancy-centers/>

### Restoring Values Dinner

Friday, Oct. 28

With Special Guests: Rep. Steve King and Rep. Tom Latham



Bayliss Park Hall  
530 1st Avenue  
Council Bluffs  
6:00 PM Dinner  
\$15 per person

Hosted by Iowa Senate candidate Col. Al Ringgenberg. Learn how true conservative leaders will work to restore true conservative values by important victories in 2012. Reserve your place by registering at: [www.ColonelAl.com](http://www.ColonelAl.com)

**Friends for Life:** North Lee County RTL in the Ft. Madison Rodeo Day Parade on Sept. 10.



## Lessons of Tolerance from DM Register's Rekha Basu



Sometimes you just have to laugh. In two recent columns about a Planned Parenthood donor withdrawing from an award at a Catholic high school, Rekha Basu describes through a quote, "a political atmosphere so polarized that it's hard to have civil conversations about issues." Then says, "But this could have been the perfect opportunity to change that."

What a howler, considering the source. Civil conversation *is difficult* when Basu in just two columns, describes pro-lifers as the following, in her words and quoting others:

- Small minority
- Demonizing
- Trying to smear the reputations
- Anonymous
- Extremists (both columns)
- Intolerant (both columns)
- Commandeer
- Marginalize reasonable people
- One-issue focus
- Vote into office people who start and conduct wars
- Condone torture
- Defund health care and early childhood education
- Put a stop to medical research
- Show contempt for the poor
- Oppose regulation that try to stop the despoiling of our environment
- Ku Klux Klan
- Hypocrisy
- Uncompromising stance
- A few single-issue hardliners
- Self-righteous
- Angry
- Community of angry people
- Hiding behind email, nasty banners and painful words and hit lists
- Not listening to the needs of people
- Judge from the sidelines
- Narrow litmus test
- Shrill ones in hiding

*Des Moines Register*, we know it's a tough economy, but seriously? We have one word for Basu: silly.