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THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

-Galatians 6:9

Reflections on the March for Life

After a day of snow and treacherous road conditions along with a night of brutal cold, the sun rose over Washington as hundreds of thousands of people braved the snow and cold to promote life. Even the frigid temperatures could not keep proliferators away from Washington.

For the past 22 years, I have attended the annual March for Life. My local church has hosted a bus and is so willing to keep the registration costs to a minimum so that individuals can attend. Over the 22 years that I have participated, I have experienced sunny warm skies, rain, snow, and even sunny cold skies. But this is the first year that I can remember the temperatures with the wind chill factor being below zero. On the day we were leaving, I received a phone call from a high school chaperone who was bringing a group of 18. Due to the uncertainty of the conditions in Washington and the fact that Washington had shut down that day, she decided that those 16 teenagers and 2 chaperones would not participate this year. So rather than a bus of 40+ participants, we would have a bus of 22.

So, I began to research some information to make sure that our trip would be safe. The weather was clearing overnight so travel would be safe. I contacted a friend in Maryland who shared with me a website to check cancellations in Washington. I also went to the March for Life website. Everything I was finding was an indication that our trip would be safe and that the rally and march would take place.

Our bus driver told me that there were some bus companies that had cancelled the trip to Washington due to the amount of snow in their particular areas. And I learned through various articles that some groups did cancel their bus trips into Washington.

The Lord blessed our trip, even with the small number of participants. When we arrived at the restaurant in Breezewood, the manager allowed me to use her computer to check the website for cancellations. I learned that the federal and government buildings would be opening 2 hours later than normal. Though that could serve as a problem as we had planned a special café for breakfast, when we arrived God was faithful in His provision. The café was open and we had a dry warm place to eat and wait until the other buildings were opened. As we began to do some sightseeing prior to the rally, every museum was opened on time or shortly thereafter. Again, God’s provision.

The March for Life started at noon. The committee did decide to shorten the rally due to the cold and they had first aid tents for individuals who needed assistance due to the cold. Everything was well planned. In fact, as I listened to the Congressional representatives and senators share, two of them used the same Scripture passage that I had used for my devotional on the bus that morning (Galatians 6:9).

Though the number of families with small children seemed to be less than usual due to the cold, a large number of teenagers and young people were among the crowds who filled the streets. As the march began, the sun actually began to provide some heat. It was God shining down on the large crowd of participants standing for the fifty-six million children who will never have the luxury of life.

According to Washington Update (January 23, 2014), President Obama, who never misses an opportunity to celebrate Roe v Wade, managed to write an entire statement sidestepping the most important word in his vocabulary – abortion. *“We reaffirm our steadfast commitment to protecting a woman’s access to safe, affordable health care and her constitutional right to privacy, including the right to reproductive freedom. And we resolve to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies, support maternal and child health, and continue to build safe and healthy communities for all our children. Because this is a country where everyone deserves the same freedom and opportunities to fulfill their dreams.”* Everyone, apparently, but the preborn.

So, as one leader tweeter (Washington Update, January 22, 2014) “Unless Roe v. Wade is cancelled due to weather, the March for Life won’t be either.” We will not give up in our stand for life for at the proper time we will reap a harvest!

YOUR VOICE IN REACHING THE YOUNGER GENERATION

Marianne O'Donnell

It was an anticipated experience that I longed for and yet entered with trepidation, partly because of the driving while involved in unfamiliar urban settings and because of the impending snowfall. I was indeed excited to be representing Teachers Saving Children® Inc. at the Students for Life of America (SFLA) National Conference which was held at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden in Upper Marlboro MD. I was serving as a volunteer at the “Wonder of Life” exhibit along with John Saxe and Judy Bruns, board members of our organization. Being as wise as possible in our decision making, we decided to venture to the venue early on Tuesday morning to avert traffic and forgo the coming snow on the 50 mile journey from the hotel to the conference. After prayerfully embarking, we arrived without incident and set up our exhibit.

I was so impressed and encouraged by the number of young high school and college students with their advisors who stopped to ask us about our organization. Several were from the Wisconsin-Minnesota area, some from Florida, Mississippi, Ohio, and even California to name a few. A young man from Ghana stopped by. There was a delegation from my local university, Franciscan University of Steubenville (OH). Many were drawn to our exhibit by the preborn models we exhibited and also by the short video from Truth Booth, “A Window to the Womb” being shown on the laptop. (We hope to be able to purchase a larger screen in the future to further enhance our exhibit.) Judy engaged many of the students informing them of the development of the abortion issue from Roe vs. Wade and the lesser known Doe vs. Bolton. We gave out packets which included our brochure, a membership coupon, a pen, a current newsletter, calculators, and a bumper sticker to those who expressed interest in joining Teachers Saving Children® Inc.



Occasionally, I was able to listen to several of the presenters. I was uplifted by a panel of four Students for Life members who were discussing “Revolutionary Campus Tactics”. Stephanie Gray from the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform gave a very compelling presentation on “Challenging the ‘I Am Personally Pro-Life But...’” position that many prochoice people use as their defense. She gave examples of using analogies to lovingly confront these views. The end of the evening featured several awards and I was able to see Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar receive the Defender of Life Award.

We left the conference in a world of white as about seven inches of snow had fallen during the day. With prayers on our lips as we entered the four lane beltway around Washington, we found that few cars were on the road and most were traveling slowly. Though it took us much longer to return to our hotel, we arrived safely. God is indeed good.

I would strongly encourage any of you who are still involved in education to seriously consider sponsoring a Students for Life group on your campus if it does not already exist. The theme for this year’s conference was “Be the Revolution” and members were being encouraged to abolish abortion in their lifetime. How blessed an experience it was to see that our youth are running with the baton. Let’s give them a hand in the race to save the preborn.

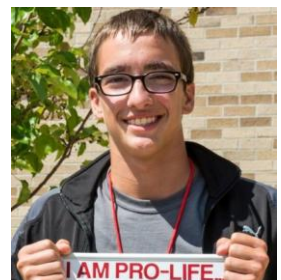
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TEACHER SAVING CHILDREN® AWARDS STUDENT ESSAY WINNERS Judy Bruns

Teachers Saving Children® Inc. was pleased to award 2 FREE student registrations for the 2014 Students for Life of America (SFLA) Conference, held Tuesday, January 21, 2014, in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The SFLA Conference preceded the January 22nd March for Life in Washington and was held at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden, a short distance outside Washington.

While the Teachers Saving Children® “pro-life commitment” essay contest was originally designed for high school seniors or college students heading toward a degree in education, **NO** applications were received by the deadline date of December 20, 2013! Word spread about this, and two very devotedly-pro-life students—one in high school and the other pursuing a college degree—submitted essays. While their situations did not fit some of the original criteria set up for the essay contest, Teachers Saving Children® was not about to let our 2 pre-purchased student registrations go unused. We feel that you, our members, will agree that the following two young men were very deserving of our SFLA Conference attendance awards!

Cole Stephens, a high school junior in Celina, Ohio, wrote of his pro-life commitment. Here are excerpts from his essay: . . . “I have been through multiple pro-life apologetics training [sessions]. . . I attended Friends for Life [Ft. Wayne, Ind.] this summer in which I heard Peter Heck and Scott Klusendorf speak briefly before the class taught by Seth Drayer. Even though I have been through many sessions and sermons [relating to abortion] on top (continued on page 3)



of that, that means nothing in the nationwide pro-life movement. It is the call to action that really matters.” Cole took part in the summer Justice Rides with Created Equal. Since then, he says, “I have done many outreaches, some led by Created Equal and another led by Ian Spencer [a pro-life teen leader from Cole’s church]. . . Because of my morals and convictions as a Christian, I believe it is my duty to love and protect the defenseless. . . The key to ending abortion is changing the hearts and minds of the American people, and this can only be done by hitting the streets and informing, and defending the pro-life movement to the people of the United States.” Cole is considering serving the pro-life movement through getting a law degree someday. His parents (and he and his siblings) have opened their Christian home to many foster children.



Luke Harrington is from Gahanna, Ohio. He was enrolled in Rivendell Sanctuary in Minnesota, where he earned his Associates of Arts. He is transferring to San Diego Christian College, where he will be a junior majoring in Business and Christian Ministries. In his application essay, he wrote, “My name is Luke Harrington, and I am a soldier for life. I began volunteering in the pro-life movement when I was 12 years old, and my passion for the cause has only increased since that time. I am now 21 years old, and have just begun to work full time in the movement. When I was young, I volunteered my time in various ways: holding signs at local outreaches, handing out flyers, and praying in front of abortion clinics. Now, I not only participate in the outreaches, I am thoroughly involved in the logistics, planning, and recruiting that goes along with the process of saving innocent lives.” Luke describes himself as educated, passionate, and experienced in the pro-life position and unafraid to talk to people about this “important, yet commonly ignored, issue.”

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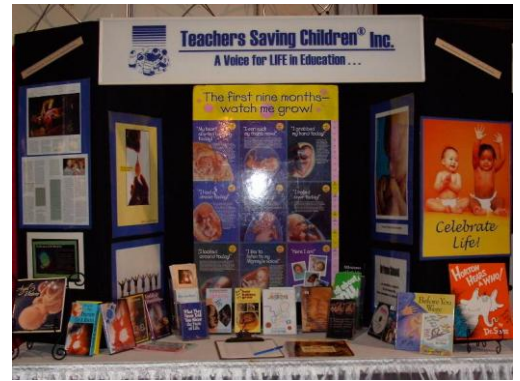
“EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH UPDATE”

“Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary, praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power, praise Him for His surpassing greatness...Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.”
 -Psalm 150:1-2 & 6

Praise God as He literally is pouring out His blessings through your gifts. As of January 31st we have received \$1947.91 plus our balance of \$1720.00 from August 31, 2013.

We were able to submit the balance towards the NEA Expo Exhibit by the deadline in early January and will be able to pay the remaining \$100 expense for the Students for Life of America Conference Exhibit.

God has been blessing abundantly with the details of our trip to Denver. He has opened the door for another Teachers Saving Children® member, Jan, from the Alliance area to travel with Connie. We will be driving to Denver and transporting all of the materials for the exhibit. The majority of our lodging is being covered as we will be staying with two different families while in the Denver area. And we will be staying at my travel companion’s sister’s home one night to Denver and one night back to Ohio. We will only have two nights when we will need a hotel. Praise God!



As for travel expenses, Connie has already told the Board of Trustees that she will only turn in mileage for the trip one way there and some travel within the Denver area while covering the mileage for the trip back to Ohio herself. And though it may appear to be more expensive to drive, the costs to fly two volunteers to Denver, rent a car, and ship the materials is more expensive than for us to drive to Denver.

Currently we have a balance of approximately \$450.00 in the Educational Outreach fund. We will need additional monies to use towards exhibit miscellaneous items which will be purchased in May and towards materials that will be distributed during the NEA Expo. We will also need the monies to cover the two nights lodging and mileage one way. Though it is difficult to predict the exact amount needed, it appears that approximately \$4000 is still needed to cover the expenses of this great opportunity to share the message of life.

We rely on the goodness of God and His people to raise the money needed for these effective pro-life educational outreach ministries. Through your giving of \$5, \$10, \$20, or more, the Lord continues to miraculously provide the needed finances, and for that provision we are grateful. Thank you for your partnership! (Philippians 1:3-6).

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Thank you for your continue support.

NEA CONVENTION 2014

The 2014 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Denver CO from July 1-6. If you have remained a member of the NEA, it is vital that you know who will be casting your vote at the NEA Representative Assembly. All delegates are selected by their colleagues in the local and state affiliates to represent their views at the assembly. If you are interested in being a delegate, check with your local president. It might not be too late to run for that position. Most importantly, watch those local memos and newsletters carefully for NEA delegate election information. Many elections will be taking place between now and mid-March. Pro-life, pro-family educators will only be represented when those who have decided to remain union members take the time to run as delegates or find out the positions of the delegate candidates – and then **VOTE!** Remember – they are your representatives!

**Check out
our
website!**



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