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## THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

-II Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

Two years ago dramatic changes within our government caused a turning point in national politics. Election Day 2008 brought about significant change across America. For the past two years, individuals have prayed and have worked hard to be a voice for the voiceless as we have seen our national government move to a stronger pro-abortion position.

Election Day – November 2, 2010 – another dramatic turning point in national politics – the result of grassroots activism all across America. The American people stated a resounding no vote to the liberal agenda. Amazingly, Republicans won more seats than needed to control the United States House of Representatives. In fact, when Congress begins their new session in January, the Republicans will have their largest majority since the 1940s during which time (1947-1949) they controlled 246 seats. Even from 1995-2007, the Republicans never had more than 231 seats. But now they will have at least 240 seats, most of them pro-life. (Source: [www.LifeNews.com](http://www.LifeNews.com)).

What made the difference? I believe that prayer made the difference. The results of this past election season once again proved the power of prayer and the movement of God's hand across our nation. As individuals showed the importance of taking responsibility to pray, become educated about the candidates, and vote, many candidates who represented the values of the majority of the people of this nation were voted into office. A special thank you to each one of you who did your part in the election process.

Now that God has shed His grace and favor upon us through this election, we must continue to pray and to act. We still must spend time in prayer and in the Word of God. We must pray for our elected leaders who need strength and boldness in order to make moral and legal decisions that will benefit our nation.

We also must continue to seek truth and proclaim truth. We must allow the Word of God to penetrate and change our lives in a way that we compassionately touch the lives of others on a daily basis. There is still much work to be done. Daily there are still thousands of babies who lose their lives to abortion. Christ continually challenges each one of us to be sensitive to the needs of others. He shows us individuals through His eyes...the poor; the hurting; men and women in crisis pregnancy; those with financial needs; or persons, including the unborn, who depend upon a simple act of kindness from others in order to survive.

May we all be challenged to spur onward to the goal by continuing our involvement in various ministries and organizations that minister to women and men who have been affected by abortion. God will be faithful in His part as we our obedient and faithful with our part.

## OUR APOLOGIES

Our apologies for delay in the receipt of the August 2010 newsletter. We had published the newsletter in early August and had mailed it on August 6<sup>th</sup>. By late August we knew there was a problem with the mailing. By mid-September, we learned that many individuals, including those within the same zip code area of the mailing, were just receiving their copy.

Due to this delay in distribution – something totally beyond our control – we have been receiving memberships later than usual. Many who normally renew in August are just now renewing. Others have not yet renewed and may need this humble reminder.

If you have not already done so, please consider renewing soon. Extra donations would also be greatly appreciated at this time.

## NATIONAL 2010-2011 MEMBERSHIPS

The National Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees would like to express their thanks to everyone who has taken the time to renew. As of October 31, 2010, there are 263 paid National Teachers Saving Children® members. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet done so, there is still time to join and receive full membership benefits. Membership cards have been mailed.

## A GIFT OF LOVE

by Judy Bruns

During a recent venture to Kettering to pray and carry signs on the abortion mill sidewalk, I witnessed a startling contrast that brought tears to my eyes. Off to my right was the Women's Medical Center, where an abortionist was making money by taking the lives of preborn babies that day; while in front of me, a smiling, petite, eleven-year-old homeschooler, named "Morgan," stood on the sidewalk holding handcrafted blankets intended to warm the bodies of newborn infants. This, her mother told me, is Morgan's ministry. The young girl, her mother added, is always seeking out ways to help those who are in need. She has developed a special interest in pro-life issues, and prays for women to change their mind about terminating their pregnancy.

Morgan came up with, and developed, the idea of making baby blankets for women who decide NOT to go through with their abortions. She also wants to provide blankets for women who need baby items that the mother just cannot afford. And like many pro-life people who walk the sidewalks outside the abortion mill, the girl has a story behind her love of the babies and their moms, as evidenced in the introduction she gives of herself:

*"My name is Morgan. I'm a very social 11-year-old who lives in the Dayton area with my fantastic parents. I'm an only child. When I was only a year old, my mother had a miscarriage at 18 weeks. Then, when I turned 2, my mother had yet another miscarriage at 16 weeks. The first baby was a girl, and the second baby was a boy. My mom and dad named the girl Mia, and the boy, Brady.*

*My mission is to make baby blankets for mothers who cannot afford to buy them or for a mom-to-be who has decided to keep her baby. I pray that ALL pro-choice women and men will re-think what they might be considering or what they might have already done. My hope is that one day abortion will be illegal."*

In her own words, Morgan adds a few lighter things about herself...*"I have 3 dogs, 2 birds, 1 fish, and 1 rat," she says. "Yes, you heard right!...a rat! I'm an animal lover! I also have an interest and a talent in art, specifically drawing and painting (water colors)."*

An obvious admirer of her mom, Morgan comments, *"My mother is the most generous, loving, kind person, and she has a great sense of humor. She is my guardian angel on earth. She has encouraged me and has supported this pro-life venture of mine. And if anyone else would like to join me in my mission of making these blankets, I can be reached through my mother's number at 937-901-7254. May God bless and protect all babies of the world who are in danger of being aborted today and in the future!"*

The irony of the scene outside the Women's Medical Center was clear to me. As a sleek automobile pulled up to the door of the abortion mill to drop off a pregnant woman – who would be stumbling out later as childless – the eleven-year-old girl stood on the sidewalk extending her arm with a baby blanket.



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## HEALTHY RESPECT: SEX EDUCATION THAT INCLUDES CHARACTER AND ABSTINENCE EDUCATION

By Patricia Godfrey

Can a public school teacher infuse her lessons with a moral compass? As a public school teacher concerned with the sexual health of my students, I wanted to develop a sex education curriculum that would meet state standards for health education while introducing students to the negative consequences of teenage sexual activity. Then I discovered Program Reach's Healthy Respect curriculum (<http://healthrespect.org/>) and found embodied in it a wealth of topics that counter many of the objections I had to the program presently being used in a large number of public junior and senior high schools.

Healthy Respect is a curriculum divided into three levels: Middle School Level (grades 7 & 8), High School Level 1 (grades 9 & 10), and High School Level 2 (Grades 11 & 12). The lessons in this program encourage students to develop their character and their fitness, to explore individual talents and interests, to acquire social and personal management skills, to practice team work, and to make positive choices regarding sex, alcohol, tobacco, violence, and relationships. The lessons help prepare students to be successful in their families, their community and in their future careers. The content of the

program in the lessons for grades 7-11 cover the seven health education standards set forth in the National Health Education Standards: Achieving Health Literacy. The program also meets the US Department of Education Standards for Health Education.

Students are given a pre and post survey which scientifically measures the program's impact. It has been shown to increase student knowledge about the negative consequences of premarital sex (especially those concerning sexually transmitted diseases) while fostering a measurable shift in attitude toward these unhealthy behaviors, a key predictor of their behavior as maturing teenagers. The program presents abstinence education to the students in the context of the short and long term positive impact it will achieve for them throughout their lives by guiding the students to the understanding that abstinence is the healthiest choice they can make for their lives. Students also come to understand that they are more likely to succeed in school and graduate from high school and less likely to end up expelled from school by making healthy choices. Abstinence becomes a positive "good" as the program helps students develop refusal skills to deal effectively with negative peer pressure. In addition, the Healthy Respect program empowers students to develop respect for themselves and others, while increasing their ability to think critically and independently.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**November 6, 2010:** The Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees met in Alliance OH, for their regularly scheduled Fall meeting. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed.

1. The Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Barbara Johnston as an at-large board member, effective August 31, 2010.
2. The Board of Trustees welcomed Dennis Healy as the Michigan Affiliate representative to the board and John Gordon as the Pennsylvania Affiliate representative to the board.
3. The Board of Trustees accepted the reports of the State Affiliate Chapters. The Board of Trustees officially reinstated the Michigan Affiliate to full status.
4. The Board of Trustees made a decision to make application for an exhibit at the NEA Expo 2011 in Chicago, IL, June 30 – July 2, 2011.
5. The Board of Trustees approved moving from 5 newsletters per year to 4 newsletters per year effective immediately (November, February, May, and August).
6. The Board of Trustees approved the 2009-2010 fiscal report and the following 2010-2011 budget:

Affiliate State Chapters	250.00
Awards & Gifts	100.00
Legal & Accounting	1000.00
Office Administration	1000.00
Postage	2300.00
Public Relations	
Printing	2000.00
Promotion	500.00
Telephone	650.00
Travel Expenses	<u>1200.00</u>
Total	\$ 9000.00

7. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Saturday, April 9, 2011 in Columbus, Ohio. Any member interested in attending this meeting should contact the National Office for meeting details.

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As educators, I believe we all need to try to influence our communities to adopt programs that teach our students facts and statistics important for them to know while employing a methodology that helps students adopt desirable and achievable lifetime goals. Healthy Respect students learn that teens (at least up to 18) that are abstinent are twice as likely to graduate from high school, are 60% less likely to be expelled from school, and are 50% less likely to drop out of school. Present these facts to your local board of education and try to get them to adopt the program!

Dr. Coppola is the Executive Director of Program Reach, Inc. She will travel anywhere in order to train teachers to teach this program. Two instructors will conduct a three-day workshop for

## TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® NATIONAL 2009-2010 FISCAL REPORT

Balance - September 1, 2009 \$2,810.16

### Receipts:

#### Contributions:

NEA Exhibit	4880.00
Justice Project	788.80
Designated	525.00
Undesignated	3389.62

#### Memberships:

2009-2010	2535.00
2010-2011	4755.00

Interest 4.90 \$16,878.32

### Disbursements:

Awards & Gifts	139.00
Legal & Accounting	1300.00
Office Administration	689.18
Postage	2256.39
Public Relations	
Printing	1977.00
Promotion	
NEA Exhibit*	4822.86
Justice Project	2195.64

#### State Affiliates

Designated Gifts	525.00
Memberships '09-'10	1116.50
Memberships '10-'11	2145.50

Telephone 752.19  
Travel Expenses 1079.00 \$18,998.26

Balance - August 31, 2010 \$690.22

\*The NEA Exhibit Line Item Balance is \$16.01

**Please note:** There were a smaller than usual number of membership renewals paid prior to September 1, 2010. In addition, due to the special "Justice Project" through our "Wonder of Life" exhibit, we nearly depleted our NEA Exhibit special fund. Reminder: All memberships are now being handled through the National Office. Teachers Saving Children® Inc. - National does not solicit additional contributions beyond memberships, but does appreciate any additional contributions received throughout the year.

up to 8 teachers, so that school districts and community organizations can train health educators from multiple schools during the same session. The cost of the program is only \$3500 plus the cost of travel and lodging. This covers the cost of 3 complete sets of training materials, including instructor manuals and videos. More information can be obtained from the website [www.healthrespect.org](http://www.healthrespect.org), or by writing Dr. Nanci Coppola, Healthy Respect, 3250 Westchester Avenue, Suite #202, Bronx, NY 10461, phoning 718-409-0800 or faxing 718-409-1081, or using Dr. Coppola's email [info@healthrespect.org](mailto:info@healthrespect.org) for inquiries.

**Editor's Note:** Patricia Godfrey is a retired educator from New York. Before retiring, Patricia taught Grades 1-3 during her early years of teaching. Then she taught 38 years in the Stanford Public Schools where she taught Remedial Reading and English as a Second Language.



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**MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011**

**WASHINGTON DC**

**Thirty-eight** years ago on January 22, 1973, the US Supreme Court handed down the Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton decisions that allowed abortion on demand in America through all nine months of pregnancy. Awareness of this tragic decision should spur us on to make this coming March for Life the largest one ever!

*The March for Life Benefits All*

For complete details concerning the events of January 24<sup>th</sup> please contact your local Right to Life Chapter or State Right to Life office. For those pro-life teachers and school employees who cannot go to Washington DC, it is suggested that you attend the pro-life marches or rallies being held in your own local areas.

**Let's stand together for the Sanctity of Life.**

**Website Update**

We are excited to announce that our updated website is nearing completion and should be live by mid-November. Please be patient with us as some items – especially archival items – will be uploaded over a period of time.

Our special thanks to SKWD Associates, LLC (Wayne, PA) who has updated the website and will be our new website host.

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