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THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 3:12-14

Graduation and commencement exercises took on new meaning for me this past May. My nephew, Charlie, graduated from Heartland Christian School. As a valedictorian, he had the opportunity to share with his classmates, family, and friends some very powerful thoughts. As I reflected on his speech, I began to compare his thoughts with our goals in Teachers Saving Children® and wanted to share his thoughts with you.



Eighteen-year-old Charlie is not only passionate about the Lord, but he also loves to hunt and has learned some very important truths about life while hunting. During his speech, he shared three key elements that one needs to be a great outdoorsman: preparation, determination, and focus.

Charlie shared that if someone wants to be successful in hunting, they need to be prepared and that more time needs to be spent in actual preparation than time spent in the field. The hunter needs to know every obstacle and to be prepared for everything that could and probably will go wrong.

Next, Charlie shared that to be a great outdoorsman, one needs to have determination. Charlie started hunting deer when he

was 8 years old, but he did not get one until he was 11. It took four seasons before he was able to harvest a deer. If he had lacked determination, then he would never have accomplished the goal. Last year Charlie shot a nice buck, seen in this photo.



Finally, my nephew pointed out that one needs to have focus. A hunter needs to pay attention to what is going on in order to hit the mark. If hunters do not focus well, they will completely miss their target.

The same three key elements are true for those of us standing up for preborn babies. We must be prepared. We must research the facts and be ready to share at a moment's notice.

We must also have determination. It is a battle – and has been a long battle – for the lives of the preborn. It is not a battle to be won overnight. It could still take years. If we lack determination, however, the battle will not be won and lives will not be saved.

And finally, we must have focus. It is very easy to allow distractions to move our focus off our goal – the saving of preborn children's lives.

God has given us a mission. Let us press on toward the goal. Together we can be that “Voice for Life in Education.” So, as we begin another year of ministry, I encourage each of you to consider joining with us by becoming more involved. We value your prayers, participation, suggestions, and membership. Phone or email us with questions and ideas.

In conclusion, I praise God for allowing me to be used through this ministry opportunity to save the lives of preborn children – His creation and masterpiece. It is only through His anointing upon my life that I am able to fulfill all the responsibilities as Executive Director. I want to publicly accept the position of Executive Director of Teachers Saving Children® Inc. – National for another year.

A RISK WORTH TAKING

Editor's Note: On June 5, 2011, I sat with my high school faculty as a part of the West Branch High School commencement exercises. As I listened to the valedictorians share their speeches, I sat in awe and in tears as I heard one young man, Joshua Ross, share his life story with his classmates and with others in attendance, many of whom did not know his background. What a testimony of the life that was given to him! May you be touched, as I was touched, by Josh's courage to share his story.

Eighteen and a half years ago, a woman named Nicole decided to take a risk. Already the mother of one child, she soon found out that she had another one on the way. She knew that the best thing for this unborn child was for him to be adopted. When she finally made that decision, to give him up for adoption, she took one of the biggest risks she could take. She made a decision that required a huge leap of faith because there were many possible downsides to that choice. What if this child grew up in a bad community? What if he went to a school where he wasn't accepted and he was the target of every bully? What if none of his teachers ever actually cared about him as a person? What if he became the child of abusive parents and was never shown what love really is? Eighteen and a half years later, I'm able to tell you that in fact her risk did pay off. Her son not only went to a school where the teachers took a personal interest in him, but also where he had the best friends a kid could wish for. He became the child of parents who loved him unconditionally no matter what he did. I proudly stand before you today as that child, as the product of her leap of faith, and without my biological mother's risk, I would not be the person I've become today.

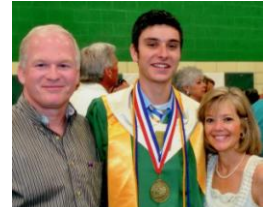


John & JoAnn Ross with Joshua

We all so often take the easy path. While it seems like risking nothing is the best thing for us and those around us, it isn't. On the contrary! Sitting still is the greatest risk. Doing nothing doesn't just assure failure, it guarantees it! An unknown author put it powerfully, writing: "To laugh is to risk looking the fool, to reach out is to risk involvement, to expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self, to love is to risk not being loved in return, to live is to risk dying. But risks must be taken because the greatest risk in life is to do nothing. The person who risks nothing, does nothing, and has nothing...becomes nothing. They may avoid suffering and sorrow, but they cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love, or live. Chained by their attitudes, they are a slave, they forfeited their freedom. Only the person who risks can be free."

Class of 2011, we are all leaving our comfort zones and entering a world new to us. While it seems like the best path to take is the easy one, I challenge you to take risks and forge your own path, not one already predetermined by those who have gone on before you. If it means applying for a job that you don't think you can get, apply for it. If it means taking that harder or unusual course, take it. While taking risks may be different and sometimes scary, the opportunities that you can create for yourself will be far more numerous than if you

risk nothing. And teachers, I challenge you. Some of you risked reaching out to me. You cared for me, you heard my concerns, and encouraged me. You guided me and you went out of your way to help me feel like someone who matters. Thank you for that. You understand that relationship is so much more powerful than knowledge alone. That only with relationship does learning become meaningful. I challenge you to keep it up - do it again - reach out. It was worth the effort, worth the risk, worth it to me. "Only the person who risks can be free."

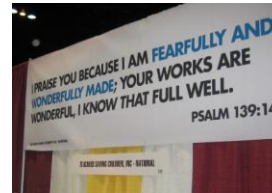


Congratulations, class of 2011 and best of luck. Thank You. God Bless.

John, Joshua, and JoAnn Ross

"THE WONDER OF LIFE"

Teachers Saving Children® has had "The Wonder of Life" exhibit at the National Education Association (NEA) Expo each year since 2000. With God's help, over a 2½ day period, our exhibit has put the facts and the wonder of human development before the largest assembly of decision-making educators in this nation. Through our exhibit, thousands of educators, their guests, and NEA staff are reached with the pro-life message. We have found over the past several years a high interest, especially among science and health teachers, in the materials we have purchased to distribute *free* to interested individuals. These materials include approved brochures which are age-appropriate, positive, colorful, and scientifically accurate. We also include videos, DVDs, and books that encourage a respect for human life.



This year the Board of Trustees of Teachers Saving Children® clearly felt led to add a banner with Psalm 139:14, emphasizing, through a visual, the Sanctity of Life.

The Lord again provided, through you and through His grace, the funds needed for the exhibit space rental and miscellaneous fees, and monies to cover materials for distribution – free to educators who visited our exhibit. We handed out 350 bags of educational tracts and information, as well as books and DVDs. We completely exhausted our supply of the materials prepared for distribution.

Several of our volunteers at the exhibit were "exhausted" after transporting, assembling, stamping, bagging, and arranging hundreds upon hundreds of materials. In addition to the educators attending the RA, we also had several volunteers from the Chicago area. This is a mission field where the harvest is ripe, but the workers are often few. Thanks to all who helped in any way!



In addition to the NEA Expo, we have had the opportunity to share "The Wonder of Life" exhibit at two additional events this summer. From July 18-19, Judy Bruns hosted "The Wonder of Life" at the Evangelical Friends Church Conference in Canton OH. On July 26, Connie Bancroft hosted "The Wonder of Life" at "The Conflict: NEA vs. Christian Conservatives" presentation in Maria Stein OH.

PRO-ABORTION NEA TO SPEND \$60 MILLION RE-ELECTING OBAMA

The nation's biggest educational lobby, which has advanced a pro-abortion agenda, will advance it further now that it has committed to spending \$60 million to support the re-election campaign of pro-abortion President Barack Obama.

National Education Association executive director John Wilson says he is prepared to pull out all the stops to ensure the pro-abortion president has another four years in office to promote taxpayer funding of abortions and pack the Supreme Court and other federal courts with abortion activists.

"We've got a lot of selling to do. Our members are very unhappy," Wilson told Politico. "We've got to explain to them the stakes. We cannot wait until a few months before the election."

The executive board of the NEA voted to endorse Obama's re-election bid last month after waiting until the last minute to support his presidential campaign in 2008 and Wilson said the NEA would need more time to pressure its members to stick with Obama once again. He said NEA President Dennis Van Roekel recognized some NEA members are not happy with the way Obama has performed in the White House but, at the end of June, its members are expected to ratify the decision at their annual convention. Wilson talked with Politico about the massive amount of money the NEA will pour into the race to re-elect Obama, who supports erasing another generation of students via abortion. *He explained that part of the \$60 million it plans to commit will go towards convincing the estimated 1 million NEA members who are Republicans to vote for Obama.* [Emphasis of the newsletter editor]

"Quite frankly, we don't have the money the Koch brothers have, but one thing we do have is, we have boots on the ground," Wilson said. "We are going to invest a lot of our resources and people power to convince our voters, which are reflective of our members."

(Source: LifeNews.com, June 21, 2011)

OBAMA ENDORSEMENT PASSES EASILY AT THE NEA RA 2011

The NEA PAC Council made a decision to ask the NEA delegates for an early endorsement of President Obama's re-election. Even though the Republican candidate for president is not yet known, the NEA PAC Council noted that the policy positions, records, and public statements of declared and likely Republican candidates raised serious questions about their support of key issues, including that education remain a federal priority and the right to collectively bargain. They further noted that NEA could not wait until 2012 for an endorsement decision due to the "attacks" against educators and the extreme agenda of the Republican Congressional leadership. [Source: *Proposed Recommendation of President Obama*, June 23, 2011, "Frequently Asked Questions"]

After no debate, but lots of questions prior to the secret ballot vote, on July 4, 2011, of the 8231 delegates registered, 7516 delegates voted. The delegates approved the endorsement by a vote of 5,414 to 2,102 – or 72.03% - 27.97%. The margin of approval easily exceeded the 58% requirement to pass.

The 72% approval is slightly lower than the NEA's endorsement vote in 2008, when Obama was able to secure only 79.8% of the delegate vote – a historic low for NEA.

As stated by Mike Antonucci (EIA) in his July 4th blog, "It's an unfortunate situation for teachers' unions that they need Obama more than he needs them. His relative indifference to their agenda doesn't seem to have hurt him among the general electorate, or even among Democrats."

NEA DELEGATES APPROVED A \$10 DUES INCREASE FOR BALLOT CRISIS FUND

At the 2000 NEA Representative Assembly in Chicago, IL, delegates created the NEA Ballot Measures/Legislative Crises Fund and the Media Campaign Fund. During the same RA, delegates approved a special dues increase of \$10 from every Active member to support these funds.

During the 2011 NEA Representative Assembly in Chicago, IL, the NEA leadership asked the delegates to approve an *additional* \$10 dues increase from every Active member to support these funds. That means out of every Active members' dues, \$20 will be designated for the NEA Ballot Measures/Legislative Crises Fund and the Media Campaign Fund. This money is **NOT** used for political contributions to candidates. It is strictly used to assist state affiliates in fighting legislative and ballot measures that are perceived by NEA State Affiliates as attacks on education. Note that this is a \$10 increase per **Active** member – and according to the NEA Financial Reports [July 2011], there are approximately 2.8 million **Active** (Professional, ESP, and Life) members.

NEA ONCE AGAIN REJECTS OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUT OF THE ABORTION ISSUE

The National Education Association (NEA) continues to alienate more and more of its conservative members. The organization once again confirmed its liberal positions during its recent Representative Assembly, held June 30 – July 5 in Chicago, Illinois. Delegates voted down Bylaw Amendment #1, proposed by Christine Nowak, New York, which stated that "...NEA will not lobby for or against legislation regarding abortion." Of the 8231 delegates registered, 7474 delegates voted on this amendment. The results were Yes – 3147 (42.11%); No – 4327 (57.89%). The amendment was defeated. As a result, NEA's "right" to lobby for or against legislation regarding abortion, including the filing of amicus curiae briefs, is confirmed.

NEA RESOLUTION I-17

"The National Education Association supports family planning, including the right to reproductive freedom.

The Association urges the government to give high priority to making available all methods of family planning to women and men unable to take advantage of private facilities.

The Association also urges the implementation of community-operated, school-based family planning clinics that will provide intensive counseling by trained personnel." (1985, 1986).



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Ohio Affiliate: The 2011-2012 officers: Judy Bruns, Executive Director; John Saxe, Assistant Executive Director; Marianne O'Donnell, Secretary; David Kaiser, Treasurer; Judy Bruns, Representative to the National Board of Trustees. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be October 9, 2011, in Columbus OH. * tsc-life@juno.com.

Pennsylvania Affiliate: The 2011-2012 officers: John Gordon, Chairperson; Patty Yamrick, Treasurer; John Gordon, Representative to the National Board of Trustees. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be October 1, 2011, with the location to be determined. * tscofpa@epix.net.

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA PURCELL

Barbara Purcell, a devoted champion of LIFE, died on April 19, 2011. Barbara was one of the original board members of the Pennsylvania State Affiliate and served faithfully for about 9 years until September 30, 2004. Just a few weeks before her death, she had joined the gathering of people to pray in front of the Hillcrest Abortion Mill on Front Street in Harrisburg. She left no family members, but many of her friends mourned her passing, but not without joy for the rewards that God must surely now be bestowing upon her for her faithful work in the cause for LIFE.

PAYPAL SUPPORTS PLANNED PARENTHOOD

When upgrading our website, we added an online payment feature using PayPal. In mid-June, however, we received information that PayPal is a large supporter of Planned Parenthood! We were unaware of this information and took the time to confirm by contacting Life Decisions International, an organization that monitors entities who support Planned Parenthood. LDI, which brings together many of North America's leading experts for its primary mission of challenging the radical agenda of Planned Parenthood worldwide, provides boycott lists of corporations that fund Planned Parenthood's deadly agenda. To verify this information about PayPal, please go to www.fightpp.org

After confirming PayPal's support of Planned Parenthood, we removed this online payment option from our website. We are currently researching various payment options and will again provide an online payment provision in the near future. Until we switch to a new online payment provider, please mail all memberships and donations to the National Office.

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