



# Teachers Saving Children® Inc.

## Pro-Life Voices in Education

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### THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Frank Ebiner

*“Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.” -Matthew 25:40*

Autumn has arrived and a new school year has begun. The new school year brings together teachers, students, parents and family members as goals are set, friendships are made, and teamwork and collaboration guide us. Hard work, dedication, enthusiasm, and perseverance are qualities that allow each member of the team to contribute successfully to meeting the goals.

*Teachers Saving Children*, established in 1994, has also, in a way, begun a new year. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, I officially became our new Executive Director. Our purpose--advocacy for all human life from conception to natural death--remains the same. In striving toward and fulfilling our purpose, we are called to use our special, God-given talents. I would venture to say that each of you has extraordinary talents. Use them to serve the vulnerable in your communities.

The strength of *Teachers Saving Children* depends on each of us contributing in whatever ways we can. We are a volunteer-based organization, and our strength depends on your support, which can include prayer, member input, fundraising efforts, outreach in your local community, and positive, persuasive pro-life conversations with others.

In our last newsletter I asked for your input—**your suggestions**, thoughts, comments and questions. A number of you replied. There were stories of local pro-life events and requests for Teachers Saving Children to increase our presence at more events.

At our October Board of Directors meeting, we voted to participate in a number of upcoming events including the *Illinois Retired Teachers Association Conference* (October 30, 2017), the *Students For Life East Coast Conference* in Marlboro, Maryland (January 20, 2018), the *West Coast Walk for Life Info Faire* in San Francisco (January 27, 2018), and a return to the *NEA-RA EXPO* in Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 30–July 1, 2018).

We pay for the exhibit costs and materials through our designated **Educational Outreach** fund. If you would like to donate toward the Educational Outreach fund, toward the organization's expenses in general, or to any event in particular, we would greatly appreciate that support.\* If you would like to volunteer at our exhibits, please let me know. E-mail your suggestions, thoughts and comments to [info@teacherssavingchildren.org](mailto:info@teacherssavingchildren.org), call (330) 821-2747 or write to Teachers Saving Children, P.O. Box 125, Damascus, Ohio 44619-0125.

Thank you for your support for life. May each of us continue to speak the truth with love. This will change human hearts, one at a time. If you have a pro-life story that you would like to share in future newsletters or email blasts, please send it by email or regular mail to our addresses listed. If you would like Teachers Saving Children business cards or brochures to hand out to people whom you encounter, let me know and I will gladly send you the number you request. If you would like to be one of our ambassadors at an upcoming pro-life/respect life event, please let me know. May we work together as we advocate for the sanctity of human life!

**\*Note:** To contribute to this effort, please make checks payable to “TSC Inc. – National”. Carefully note how the amount given is to be designated (Educational Outreach, General Fund, etc.) so that the contribution will be appropriately allocated. As a tax-exempt organization approved under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions received are **NOT** tax deductible.

## ***Pro-Life News Updates***

### **The End of Mandated “Fair Share”?**

**by Judy Bruns**

**The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to take up the Janus v. AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) case. The plaintiff, Mark Janus, a child support specialist, is an employee of the Illinois Department of Healthcare Services.**

**The case contends that as a prerequisite for working for his state government, Mr. Janus is forced to pay union dues or fees, and that this defies the First Amendment right of free speech. If the Supreme Court votes in favor of the plaintiff, forced union dues or fees for all public sector workers will be brought to an end. The case is similar in purpose to the 2016 Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association case that came to a 4-4 deadlock in the U.S. Supreme Court shortly after Justice Antonin Scalia’s death.**

**Teachers Saving Children® Inc. members will be interested in following the Janus v. AFSCME case regardless of their pro-life approach in speaking out on the abortion issue. It is likely that the Janus v. AFSCME testimonies and the amicus briefs will bring up the topic of abortion and its effect on union membership.**

**Some Teachers Saving Children® Inc. members have chosen to stay in the NEA (National Education Association\*) union and to be a voice for Life from within. They have run to get elected as delegates at their state and national representative assemblies. Other Teachers Saving Children® Inc. members have chosen to file for “fair share” in order to keep the political**

**portion of their dues from going to pro-abortion candidates. Still other members of Teachers Saving Children® Inc., because of their faith beliefs, have chosen to file “fair share/religious accommodation” to redirect almost all their dues dollars to a charity instead of to the NEA.**

**In recent years the idea that public employees should be compelled to contribute to unions with which they disagree on political lobbying efforts and positions has come under increasing scrutiny.**

**\*Note: In its Resolutions document, NEA takes a position for “reproductive freedom,” which it has interpreted as including unrestricted abortion. In addition, NEA, in its New Business Item 1990-65, states that it “opposes any efforts to erode the status of Roe v Wade,” which legalized abortion in the U.S.**

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### ***Changes to Affordable Care Act Regarding Abortion-Causing Drugs\****

**President Trump announced on October 6th that employers will now be exempt from the federal requirement to provide insurance coverage for abortion-causing drugs in their health insurance plans if it conflicts with their sincerely held religious or moral beliefs. This now limits a rule created under the Obama administration’s Affordable Care Act that required that employers, including non-church religious organizations, must cover all forms of contraception, from birth control pills to abortion drugs and devices at no cost to the employees.**

**\*Excerpted from Crary, David, and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar..  
The Associated Press, 10/7/17**

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## **PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST**

The American Life League’s Culture of Life Studies Program is teaming up with the Institute for Excellence in Writing to hold an essay contest for students aged 18 and under. Mary Flores, ALL’s educational outreach coordinator, states: “This is a great opportunity for students to practice their writing skills, articulate the pro-life message, and of course, win some great prizes!” For further information, visit <http://prolifeessay.com/>, or contact Mary Flores directly at [MFlores@all.org](mailto:MFlores@all.org) or 540.907.9648.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**Oct. 7, 2017:** The Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees met in Uniontown, Ohio, for its regular fall meeting. The following are highlights of the business transacted:

1. The organization's Policies and Procedures were revised to reflect current practices.
2. Ideas for streamlining the work of the Board and expenses generated were proposed and approved.
3. Several Board members were authorized to speak on behalf of Teachers Saving Children on Sanctity of Life Sunday.
4. The Board of Trustees made plans to exhibit at the Illinois Retired Teachers Association State Convention (10/30/17); the SFLA East Coast Conference (1/20/18); the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco (1/27/18); and the NEA Expo 2018 in Minneapolis, MN (6/30-7/1/18).
5. The Board of Trustees approved the 2016-2017 fiscal report\* and the following **2017-2018 proposed budget**:

Awards & Gifts	150.00
Grants & Scholarships	500.00
Legal & Accounting	750.00
Office Administration	1,500.00
Postage	2,500.00
Public Relations	
Printing	2,500.00
Promotion	500.00
Telephone	650.00
Travel Expenses	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total	\$10,200.00

6. The next Board of Trustees meeting is planned for Saturday, April 7, 2018. Any member interested in attending is welcome and should contact the National Office for details.

**Please note:** Thank you for helping the Board to have a better picture of what our finances will be like for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by paying your memberships prior to September 1, 2017. Teachers Saving Children® Inc. - National is **very thankful** for your membership and, also, **for the additional contributions** many of you have sent during the course of the year.

### ***What Did They Say?***

A recent article on CNN.com by Jacqueline Howard (Updated 8:28 AM ET, Wed 10/04/17), had the headline, "*Nearly half of all abortions each year worldwide are unsafe, study says*". The article cites a recently released study by the World Health Organization that covered abortion procedures completed in 2010-2014. A more accurate analysis would conclude that **100% of abortions worldwide are unsafe--for the unborn child.**

### ***Pro-Life Book Suggestion***

*Redeemed By Grace: A Catholic Woman's Journey to Planned Parenthood and Back* by Ramona Trevino and Roxane Salonen (Ignatius Press, 2015) is the true story of Travino's career as a manager of a Planned Parenthood facility in Sherman, Texas. It relates how, after much reflection and prayer, Travino realized that she was not helping young women but making their life worse. This is Trevino's story of her journey from supporting the abortion culture to engaging in pro-life ministry.

## \*TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® NATIONAL 2016-2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance (Cash & Assets) 9/1/2017 \$2,528.67

### Receipts:

#### ACH Activities

ACH Holdings Received	11.80
Less Holdings This Year	(10.00)

#### Contributions:

Educational Outreach	2,108.80
IT Grant	1,000.00
In-Kind	125.00
In honor of CB	75.00
T-Shirts	778.75
Undesignated	6,462.47

#### Memberships:

2016-2017	1,150.00
2017-2018	3,625.00

Interest 0.78 17,856.33

### Disbursements:

Awards & Gifts	225.00
Grants/Scholarships	0.00
Legal & Accounting	1,165.00
Office Administration	1,953.38
ACH Fees	12.81
IT Grant	1,000.00
Postage	2,200.58
Public Relations	
Advertising	180.00
Printing	2,421.99
Promotion	
Display Materials	0.00
Ed Outreach*	1,021.30
T-Shirts	483.75
Telephone	478.86
Travel Expenses	940.54

ACH Holdings Transactions 2014-2015 -1.80

Balance (Cash & Assets) 8/31/2017 **\$5,771.32**

\*The Educational Outreach Line Item Balance on 8/31/17 is **\$1,968.47**



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**45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018**  
**WASHINGTON DC**

**Forty-five** 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. We encourage your prayerful support of the *March for Life* and of Federal legislation in progress to **limit abortion**.

For complete details concerning the events **surrounding the January 19<sup>th</sup> March**, please contact your local Right to Life Chapter, State Right to Life office, or [marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org). If you cannot attend in Washington DC, please consider attending the pro-life marches or rallies being held in your own local areas.

**Let's stand together for  
the Sanctity of Human Life!**

**2017-2018 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 18, 2017, there are 205 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.

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