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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This issue is being sent to all members as well as to anyone who has ever expressed an interest in Teachers Saving Children®



## THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

*“For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.*  
-Proverbs 2:6-8 (NASB)

Another school year. Another graduation. As I attended two different graduations this past June and listened to the many speakers, I sat in amazement as I heard the depth and rich message of one particular speech. My nephew, Daniel, graduated as a co-salutatorian from Heartland Christian School. He had the opportunity to share with his classmates, family, and friends some very powerful thoughts. As I reflected on his speech, I saw in it some things we need to consider in order to fulfill the goals of Teachers Saving Children®.



Daniel is not only passionate about the Lord, but he is also a very deep thinker. The theme of his speech was integrity. He asked his classmates and I want to ask you, *“What will we really be known as, or more importantly, what do we want to be known as in the future?”* The answer: We will be known and called by whatever name we earn...and God calls us to something greater than “successful” in the world’s terms. He calls us to be a person of integrity, and in the case of Teachers Saving Children® Inc., He calls us to be an organization of integrity.

Webster’s Dictionary (1987 Edition) defines integrity as *“the quality or state of being complete or undivided.”* It notes the word honesty as a synonym. The secular world makes it clear that integrity is a virtue. Daniel quoted billionaire Warren Buffet who said *“Somebody once said that in looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence, and energy. And if they don’t have the first, the other two will kill you...If you hire somebody without integrity*

*you want them to be dumb and lazy.”* Yes, integrity is very important even to the secular world.

Next, Daniel shared Scripture where God shows us that in order to be in positions of leadership we must have integrity. In I Kings 9:4-5a (NIV) God speaks to Solomon: *“As for you, if you walk before me in integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever.”* God commanded Solomon to have integrity in order to be blessed. Therefore, it is a very important quality that we need to have in our lives.

We must look for examples of integrity so that we can learn what it means to have a life of integrity. Daniel shared with his classmates that one of his examples of integrity was his

Grandpa Bancroft, my father. Daniel shared that in all the years he was around his Grandpa Bancroft, his grandpa never once got upset, never lied, and was always honest and sincere with him. My nephew looked back on his grandfather’s life and



reflected on all the things that people said at the memorial service, and then he realized why Grandpa Bancroft had such an impact on everyone he met. It was one simple reason: No matter what Grandpa Bancroft did, he did it with integrity, which now serves to inspire Daniel personally as he walks through life.

The same is true for those of us in the pro-life movement – whether with our involvement through Teachers Saving Children® or through other pro-life organizations, people watch us and will respect us when we live a life of integrity. God has given us a mission. Let us press on toward the goal with integrity. Together we can be that “Voice for Life in Education.”

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. I will remain committed to living a life of integrity in representing this organization as I 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.

## ANGELS OF LIFE BANQUET

The Angels of Life Banquet was presented by Students for Life of Illinois (SFLI) on Saturday, May 19, 2012 in Glen Ellyn IL. SFLI sent a letter asking various organizations and individuals to invest in SFLI by being a sponsor. The Board of Trustees approved being a Benefactor Sponsor of \$250 which would provide seating for 2 at the banquet, a listing in the take-home program, and a listing in the pro-life business directory sent to banquet patrons. Two members of Teachers Saving Children® who live near Glen Ellyn attended the banquet on our behalf – Kay Holzmeister and Myra Kiely. The following is a report of the banquet written by Kay Holzmeister.

*Thank you for the opportunity to attend the banquet. We were at the same table as the speaker, Gianna Jessen and we got to talk to her quite a bit before the dinner started. If you go to YouTube you can type in her name and see many things about her. I selected the item in which she spoke before the Assembly in Australia. She's a very busy national and international speaker, a beautiful loving woman with a lovely speaking and singing voice, a sense of humor, and a love for Jesus.*

*Also at our table was Emily Warpinski, the young adult outreach coordinator for the Respect Life Office from the Archdiocese of Chicago. She told us that 75% of incoming freshman in college are pro-life, but by the time they leave college only 25% are pro-life. The time to reach them is in high school and the first year of college.*

*There has been a mentoring program for students in three flagship universities in Chicago: Loyola, De Paul, and Northwestern. There are 170 universities in Illinois. The results of Kevin Grillot, campus mentor, have been so gratifying that the Students For Life of Illinois (SFLI) wants to expand and make Illinois a model to get other states involved. Kevin teaches the leaders how to engage students in dialog about prolife. (I was surprised to find out that Illinois is the only state with such an organization. That helps to make up for our corrupt politics.)*

*Awards were given to three young SFLI ladies. Pamela Suresca, from Las Vegas and president of SFLI at Loyola, said that there were eight members when she started as a freshman and some of them were seminarians. Pam told how all of her soccer team was pro-choice, her roommate was pro-choice, and how hard it was to carry on in spite of the verbal abuse and tearing down of their signs announcing a meeting of SFLI. But she knew she was right and forged ahead.*

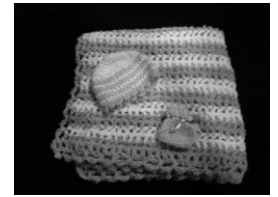
*Anne Marie Dust from Bradley University Students for Life was awarded the courageous award. She wanted to study nursing at Vanderbilt and was shocked when she was told she had to go through abortion training. She fought and got Vanderbilt to change its policy. Alliance Defense Fund helped Anne Marie in her fight.*

Thank you Kay and Myra for representing us well at the Angels of Life Banquet. The Board of Trustees hopes to network more with Students for Life of America in reaching prospective educators while they are in high school and college.

## EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

**NEA Expo 2012:** With God's help, over a 2½ day period, our exhibit put the facts and the wonder of human development before the largest assembly of decision-making educators in this nation. It was visibly noticeable that there were fewer visitors to the NEA Expo this year than in previous years and later we learned why. There were far fewer delegates at this year's Representative Assembly. Yet, the Lord used "The Wonder of Life" exhibit to minister in special ways to those who visited our exhibit.

This year we had the unique opportunity to minister to women who were expecting. The Alliance Pregnancy Center [Alliance OH] had donated 11 sets of afghans, booties, and hats. Our exhibit helpers placed these special sets into gift bags which had been donated by a Teachers Saving Children® member. Then, later, volunteers carefully listened to the leading of the Holy Spirit as they spoke with individuals who visited the exhibit. Gift bags were given to grandmothers whose daughters were expecting, to mothers who were expecting, and even to two fathers whose wives were not with them but who were expecting their first child. The expressions of "awe" and the glowing smiles on their faces as well as "this is free?" told the story of their appreciation for these gifts of love. A special thanks is extended to the kind people of the Alliance Pregnancy Center who made this possible!



We already have a Teachers Saving Children® member who has volunteered to make afghans, booties, and hat sets for distribution next year. We appreciate all of you who are a great part of this ministry in reaching out to educators.

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 recently learned that the deadline for application to the NEA Expo 2013 in Atlanta GA is earlier than in previous years. We will need your assistance once again in providing the financial means to take "The Wonder of Life" to Atlanta, GA.

**Students for Life of America Conference 2013:** By the first part of August, Teachers Saving Children® will be making application to be a vendor at the SFLA Conference on Saturday, January 26, 2013, in Bethesda, MD. The estimated cost for this endeavor is about \$1500 total which includes sending at least 2 volunteer representatives to the conference.

Through you, the Lord has each year miraculously provided the finances for the effective pro-life educational outreach ministry opportunities we have and for that provision we are grateful. Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of these special endeavors in 2012-2013 by sending in your contribution today.

**Note:** Please make checks payable to "TSC Inc. – National". Carefully note how the amount given is to be designated (Educational Outreach) 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.

## NEA DELEGATES: NO CONSIDERATION FOR PREBORN BABIES' PAIN OR FOR GENDER DISCRIMINATION

by Judy Bruns

With loud, screaming voices, delegates at the recent 2012 National Education Association Representative Assembly, held July 2-5 in Washington DC, voted DOWN (opposed) Legislative Amendment 10, which would have had NEA take a position for "*protection for pain-capable unborn children (except when acute physical problems endanger the life of the mother).*" The maker of the motion, Carol Marshall, New York, connected her Legislative Amendment 10 wording to the Supporting Student Achievement/Children's Health item, page 14, line 33 of NEA's Legislative document. The attempt to have NEA take a position against abortion once pain sensitivity in the fetus is established had been attempted before at a previous NEA Representative Assembly, where the proposal first failed.

A proposed Amendment to Resolution I-13, moved by Margaret Mary Phinney, New Jersey, put NEA in a situation of prioritizing between its position against discrimination on the basis of gender in Resolution I-13 and its support for "reproductive freedom," which NEA has interpreted as including the unlimited choice to abort, in its Resolution I-17. NEA delegates voted to put reproductive freedom ahead of the union's opposition to gender discrimination. Mrs. Phinney's Amendment to Resolution I-13 stated, "*The Association will oppose any efforts to promote gender-based discrimination through sex-selection abortion.*" The rationale/background for the amendment was printed as "*NEA opposes discrimination due to gender. Sex-selection abortion is particularly discriminatory against baby girls. NEA needs to oppose this form of discrimination.*" Again, this proposal was rejected "big time" with a loud voice vote, deemed ironic to conservatives at the 2012 NEA Representative Assembly since proposals that oppose a different aspect of gender discrimination, on the basis of sexual orientation, almost always pass. Conservatives also saw irony in the fact that the NEA Women's Caucus failed to take a position against sex-selective abortions since the targeted victims are, by far, prenatal women.

### 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).

NEA delegates have a history of opposing all efforts to put restrictions on the union's backing of abortion on demand. Much of NEA's opposition stems from wording in their Resolution I-17, in which the union supports "reproductive freedom". That position has cost the NEA many Catholic and Evangelical members, who have filed for "religious accommodation" in forced-union schools in order to have their dues dollars rerouted to a designated charity. In some cases school employees have felt pressure from conservative-

community taxpayers who dislike their school tax dollars supporting membership in NEA. Regardless, over a period of several years, NEA projects a membership loss of over a quarter of a million members, due primarily to the economy. In addition, more states are becoming Right to Work states. Of course, it doesn't help union membership either, that fewer teachers are needed because support for abortion over the years has led to over 50 million fewer students — and their children and grandchildren — since dismembering babies was first legalized in 1973.

**Editor's Note:** Judy Bruns is a retired Language Arts teacher from Coldwater Exempted Village Schools in western Ohio. She is the Executive Director of Teachers Saving Children® Ohio Affiliate and is a active speaker on pro-life issues.

## UNION PARTICIPATION

The National Education Association (NEA) and its state and local affiliates do use union funds to engage in lobbying or political activities unrelated to their duties as exclusive bargaining representatives. Educators do have options as to their involvement in union membership. Teachers Saving Children® Inc. – National and its state affiliates do not advocate any one option – filing Fair Share (Agency Shop), filing Religious Accommodation, being a voice within the union, or opting non-membership – over the others. The most important thing is for one to become informed by getting all the facts, know what the local contract states, and then follow your conscience. Teachers Saving Children® Inc. – National has a brochure entitled "Participation in Teacher Unions: Your Rights, Responsibilities, and Options" that provides information on all of the options available. The information found in the brochure can also be viewed on the website at [www.teacherssavingchildren.org](http://www.teacherssavingchildren.org). Our hope is that, whichever route pro-life educators follow, they will become active voices for the lives of prenatal children.

## ELECTION 2012 – BE INFORMED

Dramatic changes are occurring within our government, economy, and society every day, and these changes affect national politics. Again this year the general election in November is vital on both the state and national levels. Decisions will be made regarding representation and critical issues. It is important for all eligible U.S. citizens 18 years and older to be registered voters and to express their freedom of choice through voting. The biggest reason people give for not voting is that they do not know enough about the candidates and the issues. And with today's media, it is very difficult to discern the truth about where the candidates stand on many important issues. The best resource for receiving good bi-partisan information about the presidential candidates is through IVOTERS.COM ([www.ivoters.com](http://www.ivoters.com)). May the American people become informed and voice their conscience at the polls this November!

"It is a sin to remain silent when it is your duty to speak up."  
-Abraham Lincoln

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."  
-Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.



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When upgrading our website in late 2010, we added an online payment feature using PayPal. In mid-June 2011, however, we received information that PayPal is a large supporter of Planned Parenthood! We were unaware of this information and contacted Life Decisions International, an organization that monitors entities who support Planned Parenthood LDI, to verify this information. We then took an entire year to research online payment options in order to find a plan that would fit our needs. We chose 2CheckOut.

In July 2012, SKWD, our website host, placed “live” on our website an upgraded online payment option and updated membership form. Please be aware of the following before making online payments. Each time an individual makes an online payment, when that payment (membership or donation) transaction occurs, it costs Teachers Saving Children® 45 cents per transaction (the cost of a postage stamp) plus 5.5% in fees. In addition, 5% of each transaction is held for 90 days before being transferred to the Teachers Saving Children® account. For example, a member who renews online would pay \$35. Teachers Saving Children® would initially receive \$30.87 and 90 days later would receive \$1.75 more for that membership. Whereas, if that same member wrote a check, they would only pay the 45 cents for the postage stamp, and Teachers Saving Children® would receive the entire \$35.

The Board of Trustees realizes that many of the younger generation are doing more of their business online and so we decided to offer an online payment option in reaching out to the younger generation with Teachers Saving Children® membership. We just want our members and supporters to be aware, however, that using an online payment option does

impact the monies made available for being that “Voice for Life...in Education.”

**2012-2013 MEMBERSHIPS**

In late June, renewal information was sent to all current members. We are grateful for those individuals who have already renewed their membership for the 2012-2013 membership year. Thank you! **The enclosed membership form is provided for those individuals who have NOT yet renewed this year or who have never officially joined Teachers Saving Children®.** All members receive a quarterly newsletter and other pertinent information throughout the year. Please note that **ALL** memberships are now handled through the National Office. Each month State Affiliates receive membership updates and their portion of the dues received. Please contact the National Office (330-821-2747) if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

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