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## THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

*“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”*

-Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

Yes, the Lord is doing a new thing among us. And it is happening through our youth. Each year Students for Life of America (SFLA) has a conference in January either the day before or the day after the March for Life. Thousands of high school and college-age students flock to Maryland at a location just outside Washington DC. There they hear dynamic speakers who not only educate them with information about life, but also charge them up with energy, motivation, and resources. Participants go back to their campuses ready and equipped to impact others in protecting human life.

This fall, the Board of Trustees of Teachers Saving Children® Inc. approved a decision to pay the registration fee for two students so they can attend this January 21, 2014 SFLA conference. (The Students for Life of America Conference is the day before the 2014 March for Life in Washington DC this year.) Enclosed in this newsletter is an application form. Please pass this great opportunity on to a high school senior or college student who plans to complete a degree in education. We in Teachers Saving Children® Inc. hope that this will serve to nurture future pro-life advocates in our profession!



## EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

**Students for Life of America Conference 2014:** Teachers Saving Children® Inc. has purchased exhibit space at the Students for Life of America Conference (SFLA) to be held Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden in Upper Marlboro, MD. The cost for our exhibit space is \$1250, which includes 2 passes to the conference for our volunteers overseeing the display. We still need to raise travel costs for our volunteers. This SFLA Conference is a golden opportunity to reach 2,000 high school and college students with information about Teachers Saving Children® and to provide those going into education with options regarding union membership.

**NEA Expo 2014:** The Board of Trustees has submitted an application for a Teachers Saving Children® exhibit at the NEA Expo 2014, to be held in Denver, Colorado, July 1-2, 2014. (The 4-day 2014 NEA Representative Assembly runs July 3-6.) By submitting an application with a \$50 deposit in July, Teachers Saving Children® will be able to pay the same \$1400 exhibit fee as last year providing we pay the balance by January 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition, by submitting an early application, we have secured a booth location that provides Teachers Saving Children® with greater visibility at the Expo.

**Our Financial Need:** The sponsorship fee is paid for the SFLA Conference, and the deposit is paid for the NEA Expo. We need your financial assistance to fulfill our *current* financial obligations of approximately \$1000 for these two great educational opportunities. Economic times continue to be challenging for many individuals, but I believe God is calling His people to a higher standard of sacrifice in standing up for the LIVES of preborn children—our nation’s future students.

Through you, the Lord has each year miraculously provided the finances for the effective pro-life educational outreach ministry opportunities placed before us, and for that provision we are grateful. Please consider being a part of these special endeavors in 2013-2014 and send 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.

## LIFE...IN PROGRESS

By Maria Lewis

On October 27, 1994, I was born Maria Michelle Lewis. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 3,979,000 children were born in the United States in 1994 (“Live Births and Birth Rates, by Year | Infoplease.com”). Johnson & Johnson affiliates reports that four million children are born each year (“Surprising facts about birth in the United States | Baby Center”). Each of these children’s lives began at conception. Human life develops in stages inside the womb and continues to grow after birth. Without proper protection and care from the mother, a human cannot grow. Abortion halts growth, terminating the young life inside of a woman. In the 40 years since *Roe v. Wade*, 55,772,000 children have been victims of abortion (Ertel, Steve). More innocent human lives have been eliminated over forty years than are annually born. That is about fourteen abortions for every child born.

Life is a process. Our physical and mental development are part of this process. The older we get, the taller, more intelligent, and more mature our bodies are. We do not come out of the womb with a brain filled with knowledge. Over time, we acquire wisdom and hone our skills. The same happens with a fetus. A fetus is not conceived at the size of a full baby. A fetus requires time to grow, to develop. Parents experience this growth through a child’s first steps or first words. Parents feed their child to ensure the child’s proper development. The same must be done for a fetus. If the mother does not nourish this human life, the human cannot grow.

Even though we don’t see every stage of a fetus’s development, a fetus is still a person. As philosophy professor Stephen Schwarz once said, “Being a fetus is merely on stage in the life of a person” (Cozic, Tipp 34). Everyone must go through the fetus stage. If we didn’t, we would not be here.

A girl whom I see every day confessed in the locker room that she had had an abortion. I am unsure of the circumstances surrounding the pregnancy. Unfortunately, I found out that the abortion was not her choice. It was forced upon her, by her own mother. An alternative, adoption, could have turned that child into the next Leonardo DaVinci or Amelia Earheart. Better yet, a loving mother or father.

Abortion terminates a child’s potential, declaring him or her unworthy of life before he or she ever has a chance to demonstrate his or her potential. Adoption could have enabled this girl to eventually meet her child. The girl could have experienced the growth of her child, even if she did not raise the child. While life doesn’t guarantee success, abortion takes away the chance of success.

Too often humans focus on the politics of abortion. Our society insists on persuading everyone to support abortion to protect the mother’s rights. The debate over abortion needs to focus on the people directly impacted. Not only mother, but father, grandparents, and most of all, fetus. Mothers, fathers, and grandparents all go through a period of depression after losing a child. Families lose the opportunity to form a bond with the child who may be their first...child, grandchild, niece or nephew. Parents are unable to teach life lessons, experience a child’s first steps or first words, or even help plan a wedding for their children.

Accepting abortion means society loses the opportunity of the future impact and potential of the child (Cozic, Tipp). As Abraham Lincoln said, “The law cannot give mankind the right to do what is morally wrong” (Rupp, Steve). Abortion is morally wrong. There is no difference between killing someone who is thirty years old or killing a fetus. Both lives are cut short by atrocious actions.

Frogs began as tadpoles, but develop into adults and become frogs. Humans transition from fetus to child to teen to adult. This is all terminology used to describe human life. No matter what terminology we use to describe human life -- fetuses, embryos, babies -- each is still a person at every stage of life. Consider this poem by Rita Huneke, expressing what a child might say if the child could speak in the womb:

“Here in my mother’s womb, as I rest, wait, and listen...They think I’d be a burden. I’m already a beautiful child, bet I’ll look just like you. Please...Don’t kill—give me life. Hear me, I’ll pray, beg, and cry. There’ll be shouts of joy at my birth. Many years later, we’ll say good-bye.”

Consider the human life inside of a woman. This life begins at conception, but is not conceived and born in the same day. Time and nourishment inside a mother’s womb are necessary for this human life to grow. By recognizing the life in the womb as human at each stage of growth, a mother understands the fragility of the life inside of her. If your mother wasn’t willing to carry you in her womb, you wouldn’t be here today. Aren’t you glad your mother chose to give you life?

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**Editor’s Note:** Maria Lewis was the winner of the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life State Pro-Life Oratory Contest and competed at the National Right to Life Oratory Contest in June 2013. Maria graduated as class valedictorian from Indus High School in 2013 and is currently attending the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie WI. Maria is seen in the picture with her speech coach, Sue Nordquist.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**October 26, 2013:** 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 officially approved the dissolution of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Affiliate State Chapters.
2. The Board of Trustees made plans for the exhibit at the SFLA Conference on January 21, 2014 and at the NEA Expo 2014 in Denver CO, July 1-3, 2014.
3. The Board of Trustees approved the 2012-2013 fiscal report and the following 2013-2014 budget:

Affiliate State Chapters	50.00
Awards & Gifts	200.00
Grants & Scholarships	500.00
Legal & Accounting	750.00
Office Administration	1500.00
Postage	2750.00
Public Relations	
Printing	2700.00
Promotion	750.00
Telephone	800.00
Travel Expenses	<u>1000.00</u>
Total	\$11,000.00

4. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Saturday, April 5, 2014 in Columbus, Ohio. Any member interested in attending this meeting should contact the National Office for meeting details.

### NATIONAL 2013-2014 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, 2013, there are 241 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.

## TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® NATIONAL 2012-2013 FISCAL REPORT

Balance (Cash & Assets) \$2808.97  
September 1, 2012

### Receipts:

ACH Activities (Holdings)	(-4.65)	
Contributions:		
Educational Outreach	7605.00	
Designated	1620.00	
Undesignated	2896.00	
Dissolution Receipt of Funds	258.52	
Memberships:		
2012-2013	1740.00	
2013-2014	4090.00	
Interest	1.12	\$18,205.99

### Disbursements:

Awards & Gifts	70.00	
Legal & Accounting	1050.00	
Office Administration	1316.44	
ACH Fees	78.95	
Postage	2672.64	
Public Relations	554.20	
Advertising	100.00	
Printing	2362.65	
Promotion		
Ed Outreach*	6084.17	
State Affiliates	25.00	
Designated Gifts	512.50	
Memberships '12-'13	527.30	
Telephone	767.71	
Travel Expenses	779.39	\$16,901.04

Balance (Cash & Assets) \$4,118.57  
August 31, 2013

\*The Educational Outreach Line Item Balance is \$1947.91

\*The Public Relations Balance is \$105.80

**Please note:** Thank you for helping the Board to have a better picture of what our finances will be like for the 2013-2014 fiscal year by paying your memberships prior to September 1, 2013. 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.

## THANK YOU FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

The National Board of Trustees expresses their deepest appreciation of each board member who served on the Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania Board of Trustees. We are grateful for their strong stand on the sanctity of life issue in which we are involved and highly respect and appreciate the time, talents, and the insights that they contributed as well as the seeds that they planted. These board members shared great ideas and worked very hard. They have been partners in the Gospel (Philippians 1:3-6) and in being a voice for life.

Board Members at the time of State Affiliate Dissolution:

Michigan: Jacqueline Bolander, Ron Cain, Dennis Healy,  
Carl Lenze, Gayle Mazukiewica, and Joan Stratman

Ohio: Ruth Boyatt, Judy Bruns, David Kaiser, Mariane O'Donnell,  
Greg Roth, Juanita Sattler, and John Saxe

Pennsylvania: John Gordon and Patty Yamrick



Connie Bancroft presenting a plaque to Jacqueline Bolander



John Saxe receiving a plaque from Judy Bruns



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**41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014**  
**WASHINGTON DC**

**Forty-one** 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 22nd, 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 Human Life!**

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