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“Unplanned” Movie Opens in 5th Place Despite R Rating and Media Blackout, Expands to more Theaters

By Steven Ertelt

Despite a media blackout, a ‘R’ rating designed to discourage viewers and little coverage outside conservative media circles, the new movie “Unplanned” opened in 5th place this past weekend and it will expand to even more theaters next weekend.

The film doubled its projection for expected box office earnings – bringing in \$6.1 million in its opening weekend despite a projection of \$2-3 million. That came despite the fact that Twitter has done its best to censor the movie’s account, suspending it on Saturday and resetting it on Sunday. And major television networks, including Lifetime, Hallmark Channel and HGTV all rejected commercials promoting the film, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Fox News reportedly was the only major network to agree to run the ads.

The film took in an estimated \$6,110,000 or a cumulative per-screen average of \$5,770 on only 1,059 locations across the country.

The average would have put the movie in third place, according to Box Office Mojo.

Due to the storage showing, Pure Flix, the film’s distributor, told LifeNews yesterday it will add an additional 600 screens to those already showing the film. That makes it so 1,700 screens will show the “Unplanned” movie, which earned a rare A-plus rating from CinemaScore.

“We are thrilled, gratified and humbled. We are so pleased that the American people have responded with such an enormous outpouring of support at the box office,” Pure Flix told LifeNews.

“We are very happy for the success of this film,” said Pure Flix CEO Michael Scott. “We hope that those on both sides of the debate will see Unplanned and begin to have their own dialogue. This film can be that spark to bring more hearts and minds to understanding the value of life. To bring the story of Abby Johnson to audiences and have them show up in such large numbers shows how the topic of abortion is so important to our nation.”

Partially financed by MyPillow executive Mike Lindell, the film is the true story of Abby Johnson, a former rising star in the Planned Parenthood corporation. As one of the youngest clinic directors in the nation, Johnson was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women on their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman’s right to choose led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in,



until the day she saw an ultrasound guided abortion that changed everything.

The film made national news last year when its lead actress Ashley Bratcher revealed that it wasn’t until she was on set and filming that she learned that when her mother was pregnant with her, she nearly aborted her. Controversy has subsequently dogged the film, first when it earned an R rating from the MPAA, then when several television and radio networks refused to air commercials for the film and most recently on Saturday when Twitter suspended the film’s page only to reverse itself an hour later after fan outcry and media inquiries. Going into the weekend, trailer views for the film had reached 250K. By Saturday morning, after an evening of strong word-of-mouth, trailer views climbed to 1.7 million. The film has a 93% positive audience score on Rotten Tomatoes.

“I am blown away by the public response to UNPLANNED as well as the box office numbers,” said Bratcher. “Not only is it beyond my wildest dreams, but it has surpassed the expectations of critics across the country. Despite biased critic reviews written more like op-eds, the audience has spoken. I just learned that UNPLANNED received a coveted A+ CinemaScore. While that is truly an honor, the most rewarding thing about this weekend’s opening is the flood of messages I’ve received from people experiencing healing and a change of heart.”

UNPLANNED was written and directed by Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, the writers/co-producers

of God's Not Dead and God's Not Dead 2, also distributed by Pure Flix Entertainment.

"We are thrilled, gratified and humbled," noted Solomon and Konzelman. "We are so pleased that the American people have responded with such an enormous outpouring of support at the box office. It humbles us, and we look forward to seeing what happens in the weeks ahead."

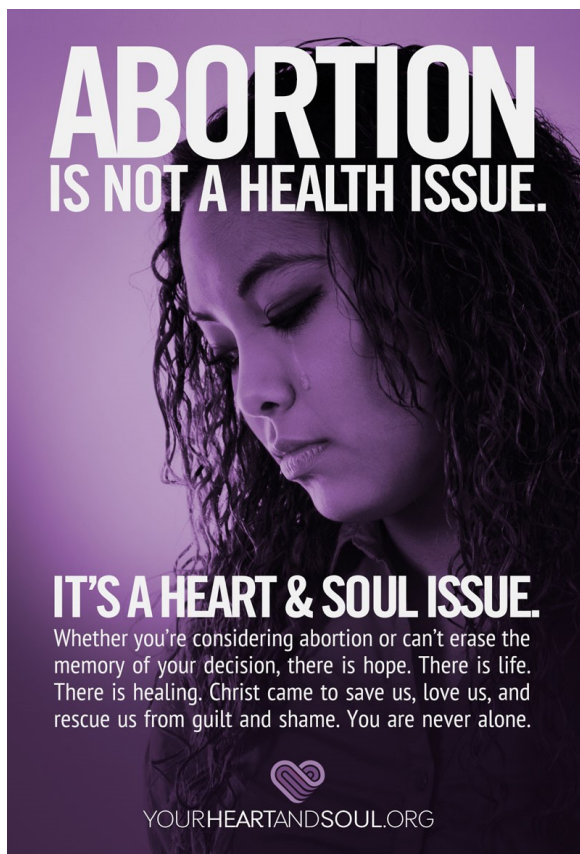
Commercials for UNPLANNED are running on Fox News, The Christian Broadcast Network and conservative talk radio shows, including Glenn Beck's, according to the report.

Catherine Glenn Foster, president of Americans United for Life, told LifeNews that she was not surprised to hear about the rejections. She pointed to shows that openly promote abortion on television and the internet. The new Hulu series "Shrill" drew outrage earlier this month when the main character bragged about feeling "really, really good" and "powerful" after having an abortion.

"The entertainment industry no longer hides the fact that it lacks basic moral decency," Foster said. "It's now overtly dedicated to indoctrinating its viewers with a pro-abortion agenda, hiding from them the pain and emotional toll involved with the destruction of human life."

Visit UnplannedFilm.com for more details.

- LifeNews.com, April 1, 2019



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Legislative Update

President Trump Cuts Planned Parenthood Funding \$44 Million, Sends Funds to Pregnancy Centers

By Micaiah Bilger

President Donald Trump's administration whittled down Planned Parenthood's taxpayer funding by about \$44 million a year on Friday through Title X grants.

Some of that grant money now will go to a life-affirming medical provider called the Obria Group instead, Townhall reports.

The grant announcement was released Friday on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) website. Among those no longer receiving grants are Planned Parenthood affiliates in five states: Hawaii, North Carolina, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Virginia, according to the abortion group's website.

As Politico reports:

... seven Planned Parenthood affiliates in eight states are still set to receive funding through 2022 beginning on Monday. Oregon and Washington states' health departments will also continue to serve as the sole grantees in those states. Those states and Planned Parenthood are suing to block the new anti-abortion rules due to take effect May 3, and threatening to withdraw unless federal courts step in.

Planned Parenthood's \$16 million-a-year allotment is a steep drop from the \$50 to 60 million the group had been receiving annually.

The change amounts to about a \$44 million cut in taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood annually.

Meanwhile, the pro-life Obria Group will receive \$1.7 million a year in Title X grants to provide comprehensive family planning services to low-income individuals in California. Its services include pregnancy testing and counseling, prenatal care, HIV/AIDS testing, ultrasounds, cancer testing, well-woman care, pap smears, STD testing and treatment, adoption referral and post-abortion support, according to Townhall.

"Many women want the opportunity to visit a professional, comprehensive health care facility—not an abortion clinic—for their health care needs; this grant will give them that choice," Kathleen Eaton Bravo, founder and CEO of the pro-life health care group, said in a statement.

The money will go to seven clinic partners in four counties in California, according to the report. Three of the affiliates do not provide contraception, and two others will provide contraception but not use the grant money for that service, the report states.

Obria runs 21 health clinics and 11 mobile clinics in five states, and does not perform or promote abortions.

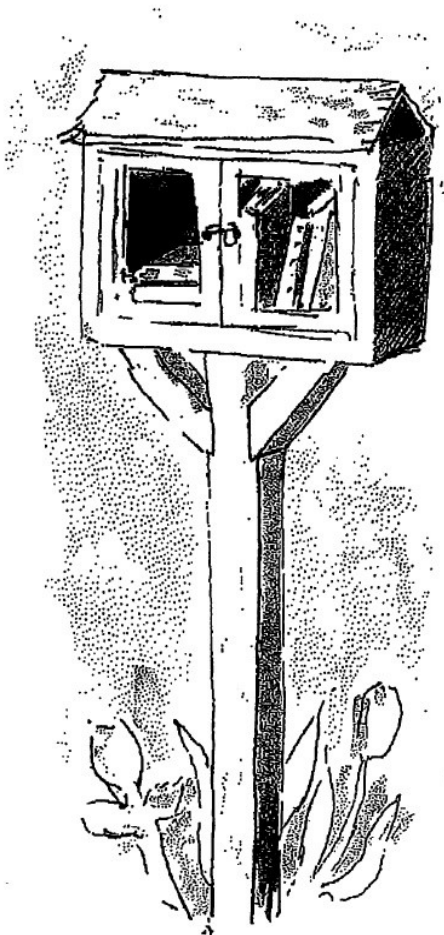
"With this grant, the administration has opened up a new avenue of health care choices for low-income and underserved women and their families in California," Bravo said.

"Our goal is to basically say we're

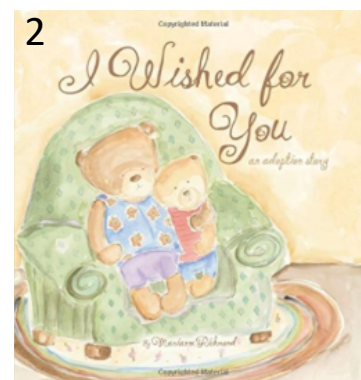
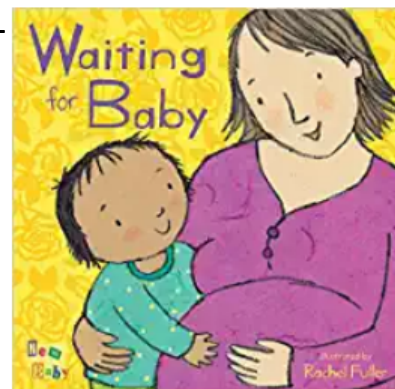
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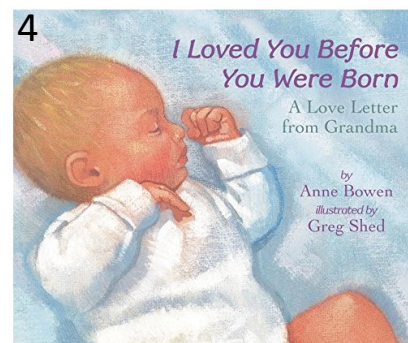
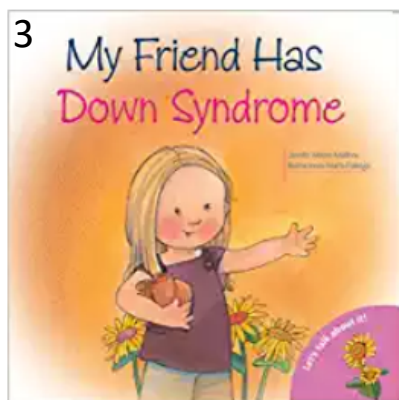
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A Letter to my Aborted Siblings

By Chloe Kilano

Megan and Matthew,
My sweetest big brother and sister. Words cannot describe how much I love and miss you. I've thought of countless things we would have experienced if you were here. You've been watching me, you know what I've been through; I constantly imagine what my life would have been like if you had been there to hold my hand through it all.

People often judge me for missing you; they ask me how it's possible for me to miss people I've never even met. Truth be told, I don't know who I'm grieving, and I think that makes it even more painful.

I constantly imagine who you would have been, what your personalities would have been like. It hurts to think about the possibilities. It hurts to think about what I missed out on.

I'm so sorry for all the times you've had to watch me cry over you; I'm sorry if you've ever felt responsible for my tears—you're not. I cry because I wish you were here to dry them. I wish you had been here to dry the millions of tears I shed growing up.

I would give anything just to have you here for a moment. For a mere second, just to hold you in my arms and love you and hug you and know what it feels like to have a big brother and sister. And I don't care what that moment would consist of.

Megan—we could be sitting in my bed watching a movie or I could be barging into your room and yelling at you for taking my stuff without asking me.

Matthew—I wish I could experience you catching me off guard and throwing me into a pool or having an over-protective and intimidating brother who irritates every fiber of my being. I don't care what it is, I just want to know you for a second.

I pray for you all the time. I pray that God wouldn't let you see my tears, but instead cover it up with the happier moments I experience.

I used to bargain with God—"If you give me my brother and sister back, I'll never say another cuss word. I'll never sin. I'll never lie again. I'll do whatever it is you want me to do, please, just give me my brother and sister back." No words can emphasize how much I would give for a simple hug, a short moment. I've imagined those moments to try to fill the void of your presence, but nothing can.

I'm sorry for surviving the horrors of abortion, and I'm sorry that the both of you had to suffer through that. You didn't deserve a single second of what that machine did to you. Of what a so-called "choice" did to you.

I would take the pain away from you in a heartbeat, without a single doubt. I'm sorry that you were aborted and I wasn't.

Your lives are valuable beyond words; I do my best to tell your story so that you may live on through me, and to help other moms recognize the value of their own babies.

I'm sorry for the times when I've cried over you. I know you see it, and I know that you don't want me to cry over you. I'm sorry in advance, because I know it's going to happen again.

I pray for you all the time. I pray God would give you an extra hug or kiss on the cheek because I can't. On my difficult days, I ask God to block your view on me so that you won't see me struggling.

Everything I do is to praise Him and to honor your lives, I want nothing more than to follow His will and to make you proud of me. I hope you're proud of the work I do—I do it all for the both of you (and for the moms and babies, of course).

I pray that He would love you a little extra sometimes, because I can't. Living without you is so, indescribably painful. Sometimes I walk through the halls of my high school and think: "You would have gone here. You would have walked these halls."

Sometimes I need advice and have nobody to turn to; it is in those moments that I miss you the most. I miss what I could have known. I miss the possibility of your light shining on our family.

I really hope you're proud of me. I know I've made mistakes, but I fight every single day to make sure that no baby suffers what you both suffered. I try not to think about what you suffered. I fight to be their voice. I wish I could have been there and been your voice. I beat myself up for it every single day, for surviving when you didn't.

I think about whether or not you suffered; and if you did, how much you suffered. Your lives were sacrificed so I could find my life in the Lord and I could pursue this work. I feel so guilty all of the time. I question why you didn't survive and I feel so awful for surviving. I love you more than you know and I would do anything for you.

I'm sorry that nobody fought for you. I'm sorry that nobody thought you were important enough. You're more than important enough. I grieve you every single day; next to God, you're the most important aspect of my life. I remember the first time I got up on stage, ready to tell my story. You would've been in the back cheering me on, I know it. You would've done the same thing at my middle school graduation, ecstatic for me to finally leave the place that created me into someone who had suffered from depression. You would have made the depression less difficult; I would have had someone to trust and lean on. You would have told me what I could look forward to. In reality, in those moments, I felt like I had nothing to look forward to.

As I sit here and write this letter with tears streaming down my eyes, I wish I weren't doing this. I wish I had never shed those countless tears. There used to be mo-

ments where I had wished I were sacrificed on the altar of choice instead of the both of you. I could keep going on and on, but just know this: I love you more than words can describe, and I'll be united with you soon. Until then, I have to be here and try to save the babies that were just like you.

While I'm still here, I promise I'll try to cry a little less because you're not here now and smile a little more because God has a plan for me. I love you both so, so much. Rest peacefully and don't worry about me.

Your lives were sacrificed. You both are gone, but your memory lives on through me. Rest assured, I will never stop fighting to honor your precious lives. You both will have two seats saved at my wedding and graduation. I will one day place a tombstone with your names on it next to our grandfather's. I'll go back and visit it every single year on August 2nd, the day you were aborted. My kids will know who you are. So will theirs. A photo of your ultrasound will be hung up in my office and in my home, to act as a reminder of the love I have for you, and to allow that love to push me through life's obstacles.

Survivor's guilt. Depression. Anxiety. Bullying. Separation. Loss. In my short 15 years on earth, I've experienced all of these things and more. But because of the Holy Spirit and the both of you, I was able to turn that pain into beauty. I'm able to use your lives to save the lives of others.

I love you so, incredibly, indescribably much—I'll never be able to put it into words. I hope the tears I'm shedding as I write this letter give you some insight as to how much I love you, miss you, and just wish you were here. I think about you every single day, I don't even think there's an hour that goes by without me thinking about you.

I look forward to the day when I enter the gates of Heaven and, after meeting our Lord and basking in His Glory, seeing the both of you standing behind Him with open arms. I love you, I love you, I love you so so much. I'll never forget about you and I promise to never stop fighting.

With abundant love,
Your little sister, Chloe

- *HumanDefense.com*, April 18, 2019



President Trump Cuts Planned Parenthood Funding

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going to build a model of comprehensive, holistic medical clinics so that a woman [facing an unplanned pregnancy] never has to darken the door of a Planned Parenthood again," Bravo told The Daily Signal in an interview Tuesday.

"We are her health care provider," she said. "It is a brand that has been desperately needed for 45 years, to unite the [pro-life] movement under this medical model."

Title X grants fund family planning services for low-income individuals. In February, the Trump administration finalized a new rule that prohibits Title X recipients from providing or promoting abortions.

The new "Protect Life" rule prohibits Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses from receiving any of those tax dollars unless they completely separate their abortion businesses from their taxpayer-funded services. That means housing their family planning services in separate buildings with separate staff from their abortion businesses and a denial of funds if they fail to do so. Most Planned Parenthood entities are not expected to comply.

Several Planned Parenthood affiliates and pro-abortion politicians are challenging the rule in a series of lawsuits. Their success is uncertain. Similar Title X regulations were upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1991 in *Rust v. Sullivan*.

Planned Parenthood used to see about 1.5 million patients a year through Title X, but its services through the program, including cancer screenings, birth control, etc., have been dropping steadily for years, according to its own annual reports. Meanwhile, its abortion numbers have been growing – a clear indication of its true focus.

The Trump administration also cut \$100 million from Planned Parenthood's international arm in 2017.

A recent Marist poll found that, by a double-digit margin, a majority of all Americans oppose any taxpayer funding of abortion (54 percent to 39 percent).

- *LifeNews.com*, April 1, 2019

LIFESPAN Chapter News

A Celebration of Life!

Many of you have come to dinners in past years and it is always a pleasant evening with good friends, good food and lots of activities and of course excellent speakers.

This year is a totally different experience. The movie UNPLANNED has created quite a stir both in the pro-life community and in the public eye. We are so incredibly fortunate to have Ashley Bratcher, the actress who portrays Abby Johnson in the movie, as our speaker. Ashley has her own pro-life story to tell and I am sure that she has much to tell us. These two things, the movie and Ashley, have combined to create the largest attendance we have ever had at any dinner. We are well over 750 guests and the phone continues to ring. We are completely sold out and cannot accept any more reservations! This has never happened before and it presents a strange situation. We are so sorry to have to turn people away, but we are so excited to be hosting such a large event.

There are those who say the movie is just "preaching to the choir" and not really having much of an impact. Well, those folks clearly have not seen the crowds going to the movie theatre to see the

Sold Out!

film. Sometimes, the 'choir' needs to hear their favorite songs and hymns sung by someone else in order to appreciate how they themselves sound. Many of us who are pro-life know why, in our minds and hearts, we oppose the destruction of abortion, but actually seeing it before our eyes strengthens our resolve to restore protection to the lives of the women and children who fall victim to the lies of the abortion industry.

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– President Harry S. Truman

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Happy Mother's Day!

Is being a mom not the most rewarding, exhausting, exciting, expensive and best job ever? There is no amount of money in the world that can bring happiness any more than a toddler's sticky kisses, a grandchild running into your arms or seeing your precious baby or grandchild for the very first time. There is no joy that compares to motherhood!

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May you all - mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers - have a beautiful day surrounded by those you cherish and those who cherish you!



God bless you all!

Love, Karen

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Youth Report

UNPLANNED Movie Reviews

After working in the pro-life movement for over 16 years, there is much I have read about and learned about in regards to what abortion is - surgical and chemical, what it does to the child in the womb, what it does to the mother, what Planned Parenthood does behind closed doors and out in the open (like at schools, beginning in elementary starting with kindergarten!). I know that in the end once the Truth breaks through the lies and deception and corruption, there is hope and forgiveness and healing for those who choose an abortion and/or are forced to abort and for those who work in the abortion industry. Even though I knew these things, to actually see this movie - *a real true story that is not sugar coated in any way shape or form to make it more palatable to view* - I have to admit it was hard to watch certain scenes at times (the sur-

gical and chemical abortions and the complication of abortion of one young lady are all accurately portrayed), but everything was so real! It was so powerful! So well-acted, in fact I felt like I was right there with Abby (actress Ashley Bratcher)! I would definitely recommend that all people see this movie and have others watch it with you! I do encourage parents to watch this movie with their teens! Everyone needs to know what this evil really is and what it looks like and be convicted to their core that it has to stop. As Abby has stated, we need to "make abortion un-thinkable." There are two Life-giving choices...parenting and adoption. That's **the real help** that women need in unplanned pregnancies. *Lynn Gura, Youth Director at RTL - LIFESPAN, Generation Truth Youth Outreach*

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Ashley Bratcher portrays Abby Johnson in "Unplanned" in the most critical scene of Abby's conversion.

(Pure Flix Entertainment)

I am a major movie critic and often can't even sit through the Christian films that come out. But "Unplanned" blew me away. It was SO well done. It really gets me so excited to know that such an unapologetically pro-life film is in theaters! Unreal! I loved it.

- Christen Pollo, Protect Life Michigan

We thought it was well done. Gayle (who was with us) called her siblings (after) and wants to take them all to (to see it) and even pay for it! It was well worth it! I thought I might have to walk out but I didn't. I get easily upset when I watch disturbing movies. It helped me understand how you don't have to be a bad person to get into working at a clinic. Abby had good intentions until she actually saw the procedure. I would like all our kids to see it.

- Donna

I saw Unplanned last night. So difficult and so important! I thought it was well done. Many people at the theater too. I was pleasantly surprised for a Tuesday night!

- Mary

I thought the movie was incredibly well-balanced and honest and I would feel comfortable taking a friend to see it, no matter where they fall on the political spectrum for abortion.

- Gayle

We thought the movie was very well done giving a clearer understanding of how the PP clinics work behind the scenes, taking advantage of many innocent young women, lying to their face along with how they run their recruiting. This is the ultimate sign of greed and power at

the expense of the voiceless innocent. Thank you for all your work in promoting this "Must see" film! God bless!

- Denis

I thought that it was so well done. I don't think that they could've chosen any better actors/actresses. This movie should certainly cause anyone who might be considering an abortion to reconsider and it also was wonderful at expressing God's mercy and love for those who have had an abortion and for those who work in the industry. I believe that every person should see this movie, including mature teenagers. I pray that this movie will change our culture! It isn't enough for abortion to be outlawed but people's minds must change regarding the value and sacredness of LIFE! It was a fantastic movie on all levels.

- Sandi

First off, Unplanned was very eye opening to me. I know abortion is a horrible abomination, but you don't fully realize just how horrible it is until you see it firsthand. The scene where Abbey is assisting with the abortion shows a small, innocent human being carelessly murdered without the doctors slightest hesitation. And that is exactly what it is: murder. It also astonished me how strongly people support and defend abortion, finding nothing wrong with women killing their own children. On a positive note, watching Abbey's transformation from Planned Parenthood director to pro-life activist was amazing. It was also inspiring to see other people, like Shawn and his wife, who so strongly believe in protecting the rights of the unborn. This story made me feel even more passionate about the pro-life moment. Unplanned was an extremely moving story that everyone should see. I know I'm glad I was able to witness this powerful story.

- God bless, Catherine



Jared Lotz and Emma Elle Roberts portray Shawn and Marilisa Carney of the Coalition for Life who prayed outside the Planned Parenthood clinic in TX where Abby worked.

(Pure Flix Entertainment)

From the President's Desk

Dear Pro-life Friends,

Spring is upon us. The crocuses are blooming, there are buds on the trees and the birds are back singing their sweet songs – new life is all around us. How appropriate that we have a salute to Mothers during this time of re-birth. I wish all our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day. Whether you are a birth mother, an adoptive mother or a surrogate mother (Grandmother, Aunt, Friend), you are giving of yourself for another human being. We are so grateful to our Mothers who, through their love, their time and their many personal sacrifices work so hard to raise the next generation.

Mother's Day is very special for those of us in the Pro-life movement. We not only work toward promoting life for the pre-born child, but we also are concerned and care for the Mothers who carry these children. We love them both.

It is a time to reflect upon why mothers are so important to us and society in general. Mothers are God's helping hands in building strong, productive and purposeful children for the next generation. Without powerful, faithful mothers we will not have a strong country. This has been so clear the past few generations. The values of our country have changed. Traditional motherhood and the role of mothers has threatened the basic structure of the family. Motherhood has been under attack. And now, the splintering of the family has made for very dysfunctional communities. Let us take time and say a prayer that Motherhood will be once again seen as the greatest of professions for women. Women should be proud of their sexuality and the high role they play in bringing new life into the world. As for me I say, "Although women are equal with men

there is one aspect of their lives that they are not. Men cannot carry within their bodies the next generation. They can never be the home for their child from age of 1 second to 9 months. At this time the child is totally dependent on their mom for a soft, warm and peaceful home where their little bodies grow and mature – preparing them for the big beautiful world outside the womb when mom and dad become equal once again". Oh, the miracle of Motherhood. Let us return it to the High Place in society as God had intended.

To all of our members of LIFESPAN and all those working in the Pro-life movement you have been the glue that holds and promotes the true meaning of motherhood. We must never give up fighting for the cause of LIFE and the mothers who bring life into the world.

THANK YOU TO ALL MOTHERS FOR GIVING LIFE TO THEIR CHILDREN. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH MOTHERHOOD.

– Diane Fagelman,
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

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