



# South Central Nebraska RIGHT to LIFE

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### Pro-Life Ballot Initiative Surpasses Goal!

Congratulations to the more than 1,200 volunteer petition circulators who helped the Protect Women and Children Initiative Campaign by gathering **more than 205,000 signatures from across the state in 97 days!**

Now in the hands of the Nebraska Secretary of State's office, the Protect Women and Children effort accomplished **qualifying 91 out of 93 counties**. This could not have been accomplished without the help of so many from around the state who believed in the effort to counter the Protect Our Right to Abortion initiative that would enshrine a right to abortion, even into the second and third trimesters of pregnancy.

#### History:

In November 2023, abortion advocates initiated a ballot measure which would create a right to abortion in the Nebraska Constitution allowing abortion until birth. Protect Our Right to Abortion submitted about 207,000 signatures to the Secretary of State, attempting to place their initiative on the November 2024 ballot.

In March of 2024, a group of medical professionals countered by forming the Protect Women and Children Ballot Initiative.

State-wide pro-life organizations including Nebraska Right to Life and Nebraska Family Alliance supported this effort and have worked to help educate on the initiatives and collect the needed signatures with local pro-life groups, such as South Central Nebraska Right to Life.

#### The Language:

The pro-abortion language in *Protect Our Rights* would:

**Allow Full Term Abortion:** Without defining "health," courts have found that it can be based on non-medical factors, including mental, spiritual, financial or familial health. Furthermore, viability is defined as being based solely on the abortionist's judgment.

**Take Away Parental Rights:** By using the words "all persons" in the amendment, this will mean parents will not have the ability to consent or even know if their minor daughter seeks an abortion.

**Eliminate Medical Protection for Women:** "without interference from the state" puts all of Nebraska's medical safeguards at risk. This includes obtaining informed consent and performing a medical screening, seeing a physician in person or even seeing a medical professional at all. → over



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The pro-life language in Protect Women & Children would:

## ESTABLISH PROTECTION IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION:

Nebraska would be the first state in our nation to establish pro-life protections in the state constitution.

## PROTECT CURRENT NEBRASKA 12-WEEK PRO-LIFE LAW:

Takes productive, positive action to support and protect pro-life laws already in place in our state; holds the line as outside abortion advocates attack with their big dollars coming in from out of state and foreign countries.

## ALLOW PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION TO BE PASSED IN THE FUTURE:

Establishes a ceiling on abortion, but not a floor. The upper limit means it leaves room to protect life from the moment it starts. Nebraska Right to Life staunchly defends life at all stages and will continue to do so until abortion is unthinkable in Nebraska.

### The Process:

Constitutional ballot measures require the signatures of 10 percent of registered voters, or approximately 123,000 signatures. Ballot measures also require the qualification of 38 counties by collecting signatures from 5% of voters in the county.

Both the Protect Women and Children and the Protect Our

Rights to Abortion ballot initiatives would take the very serious step of amending the Nebraska Constitution.

However, the Protect Women and Children measure would offer a life-affirming alternative to the Protect Our Rights to Abortion initiative, which would eradicate important medical safeguards like parental involvement, and informed consent.

Now that the signatures are submitted on both sides, the Nebraska Secretary of State has up to 40 days to verify the signatures and confirm that both initiatives will be on the November 2024 ballot.

### The Next Phase:

As we celebrate the 4th of July this month, commemorating our Declaration of Independence, we will need to begin again with the important work to educate our family, friends, neighbors, and faith communities about the challenges ahead.

Stay with us to hear of the plans we have in place to assist in the educational process. Additionally, prayer and fasting are our best weapon against this threat. Blessings to you all for your hard work and prayers.

For Life,  
Sandy Danek  
Executive Director  
Nebraska Right to Life

# Changes to Abortion Services at Planned Parenthood: Lincoln & Omaha

The GREAT news is that abortions have STOPPED in Lincoln (as of March 25th) because Planned Parenthood was short-staffed and needed to consolidate with Omaha PP. The BAD news is that Omaha PP expanded from 4 exam rooms to 12 exam rooms and is doing abortions about 12 days per month!

Abortionists Maureen Boyle of Council Bluffs, Iowa and Sarah Traxler of Minnesota have been identified at the two Planned Parenthood locations in the past year or two. There have been other suspected abortionists who have not been identified, probably traveling from out of state. Abortions are also still happening two days each week in Bellevue, Nebraska at the facility formerly owned by Leroy Carhart and now run by his family. Three different traveling abortionists take turns coming to perform the abortions.

Sidewalk Advocates for Life is continuing sidewalk advocacy in Lincoln because Planned Parenthood remains open as a referral center and is offering other services. Their goal is to refer ALL business away from Planned Parenthood, the largest provider of abortion in the nation, and to life-affirming resources. If you would like to join their team as a prayer partner or sidewalk advocate, please call 402-525-9360 or email [info@SCNRTL.org](mailto:info@SCNRTL.org) and we will connect you with more information.



## Parades!

One way we show our pro-life visibility in the community is by participating in parades. SCNRTL has been in the Juniata Days / Adams Co. Fair Parade so far this year. Our next parade event will be the Kool-Aid Days parade on Saturday, August 17th.

**Join us** and increase our pro-life visibility by walking with our group and our rolling pro-life billboard. Bring your entire family, strollers, and wagons. Help us show that there are many pro-life people in our community and that being pro-life can be FUN!

# SCNRTL Activities & Fundraisers

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers who came and worked at our Garage + Bake Sale Fundraiser, held at Zion Lutheran School Gym, from June 25 – 29th! We could not have made it without your generous donations of materials, time and talent to organize and staff our sale.

**THANK YOU** to Zion Lutheran Church for hosting our event! We are so grateful!!

A big **THANK YOU** as well to all who supported us financially with your donations and purchases! Funds raised from this event go to purchase permanent Pro-Life Billboards we can install along highways or in your front yard.



Check out our new **permanent** pro-life billboards near Hastings! The top two photos are located on a two-sided billboard just south of Hwy 6 & Adams Central Road near Hastings, and the bottom left photo is installed on a farm about 9 miles east of Hastings. Thank you, Tim, Jeanne, Paul & Shirley for your pro-life witness!!

If you are interested in posting a permanent pro-life billboard at your home/farm, please reach out! We would do this at no charge. Email us or call Connie: 402-461-1934

Thank you to all who attended our Pro-Life & Pie event on April 28, 2024! We had a phenomenal speaker, Dr. John T. Bruchalski, M.D., (pictured above) who shared his story about his conversion of heart from performing abortions early in his medical career, to a miraculous conversion and subsequent 30+ years of practicing as a true pro-life doctor.

Check out our YouTube page, or search our Website ([www.SCNRTL.org](http://www.SCNRTL.org)), for a recording of his talk. It was transformational, spell-binding, and spoke to your heart!

## Sign up to work the Nebraska State Fair Pro-Life Booth



The Nebraska State Fair begins Friday, August 23 - Monday, September 2 and **you have the opportunity to spread the pro-life message across our state!**

Each year, Nebraska Right to Life hosts a double booth to educate a wide community on life issues. This year, as both abortion and life will likely be on the ballot in November, it will be more important than ever to have volunteers who are willing to speak for the voiceless and on behalf of women's medical protections!

**All volunteers receive a free State Fair pass** and play an important role in promoting a culture of life in our state. As you plan the rest of your Summer, consider hosting our booth at the State Fair and being part of this historical year as we fight for life by educating voters before November.

Slots begin at 10 AM the first day of the State Fair and run until closing time at 9 PM, and they are 2- or 3-hour shifts.

Bring a friend, family member or spouse along and enjoy speaking with fellow Nebraskans about what is likely the most important election we will face in our lifetime.

To sign up, visit Nebraska Right to Life's website: [www.NebraskaRightToLife.org](http://www.NebraskaRightToLife.org) and a window will immediately pop up for you to click on to sign up.

## Pro-Life Song "I Was Gonna Be" Reaches Fifth on iTunes Chart

Pro-life song "***I Was Gonna Be***" was released June 21 and in just three days, it was already a success. The song, performed by 18-year-old artist Rachel Holt, reached fifth among the most-listened-to country songs on iTunes.

On a national level, its figures are even more notable. The song, produced by Baste Records, is already the third most-listened-to country song in the country, according to iTopChart.

Even more important, however, is that only three days after its release, the song "I Was Gonna Be" managed to reach first place on the list of most-played music videos on the iTunes country charts.

The song, composed by the director of Baste Records, Chris Wallin, emerged as

a song for himself, a song that he had no intention of releasing, as he revealed exclusively to Breitbart: "I started writing this song for myself. I didn't think anyone would have the courage to sing this."

But he was wrong. The composer soon met Rachel Holt, an 18-year-old girl from Indiana with traditional values who immediately offered to be the voice to sing the song: "I'm singing that song. I think a lot of the songs that girls my age listen to never talk about real life. And that's what I want to do," Wallin remembers the artist saying to him.

Sung from the perspective of the Unborn Child, the lyrics are bound to make you cry but encourage you to keep fighting at the same time. The song begins:

*Some don't believe I'm a living soul  
Just a bad mistake that needs to go  
If my mama coulda just seen my face  
Maybe she woulda had me anyway  
There are those who speak for me  
Who fight for lives that they can't see  
But there are some who only mourn?  
This life of mine if I were born?  
All I wanted was a chance  
To learn to love and laugh and dance  
But I was gone before I arrived  
Sent back to heaven on a starlight flight  
I was gonna have some pretty curls  
Yeah I was gonna be a girl  
I'm more than just some one night stand  
Or some burden that you think I am  
And there ain't no man ever gonna be  
What I was gonna be  
Some don't believe I'm a living soul  
Just a bad mistake that needs to go*

### **SCNRTL BOARD MEMBERS:**

**President** – Amanda Frasier  
**Vice-President** – Marge Koepf  
**Secretary** – Jacinta Schultz  
**Treasurer** – Larry Consbruck  
**President Emeritus** – Connie Consbruck

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- **August 17** – Kool-Aid Days Parade, 9:45 AM – Hastings – Walk with our float!
- **August 27** – Right to Life Meeting, 6:30 PM – Peace Lutheran Church, Hastings -- **Join Us!**
- **September 14** – Shoot4Life Sporting Clay Tournament, Heartland Shooting Park, Grand Island
- **September TBD** – Remember the Unborn Memorial Service, Parkview Cemetery, Hastings
- **September 24** – Right to Life Meeting, 6:30 PM – Peace Lutheran Church, Hastings -- **Join Us!**