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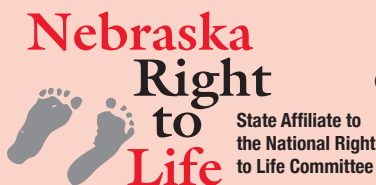
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NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015

10 A.M. STATE CAPITOL, LINCOLN, 14TH AND K STREETS, NORTH SIDE

Sponsored by



A brief program will take place at the Capitol, then we walk seven blocks to our indoor venue at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Union, 14th & R streets, 2nd floor, Ballroom & Centennial Room for our keynote speaker.



About Mario St. Francis

A former actor and model, Mario St. Francis is the spokesperson and Director of Media and PR for WorldYouthDay.com, the co-director of Youth In Europe Inc., a Catholic youth pilgrimage company, as well as an independent producer. He has traveled the world over speaking to audiences in five languages (English, Spanish, Italian, Malayalam and even Hindi). Primarily, he speaks in English and Spanish. His conversion story and work with youth in the pro-life movement will resonate with pro-lifers, young and old!

Parking is available east, south and west of the Capitol, and in metered stalls and parking garages between downtown and the Capitol.

Dress warmly and bring the family to this peaceful, legal witness for LIFE! All events conclude at 1 p.m.

Baked goods accepted at south side of Union 8 a.m. Jan. 31, and prior days by arrangement. Questions? Call NRL at 402-318-8291 or e-mail nebraskartl@gmail.com.

KEARNEY STUDENT IS SISTER OF FIRST SNOWFLAKE EMBRYO ADOPTION BABY

By Marilyn Synek, University of Nebraska at Kearney freshman and Kearney Students for Life founder

Created in a laboratory petri dish. Sustained in a warm incubator. A mere comma on a page. Stored in a straw-like test tube. Cryogenically preserved and frozen. I am describing a pre-born child with the unique genetic material of an individual human being created through a procedure called in vitro fertilization.

I and 30 brothers and sisters were conceived through in vitro fertilization July 7, 1995. After several embryos were transferred into my mother's womb, my parents conceived triplets through the procedure. They gave birth to me and two other healthy babies nine months later. At the time, my parents had three options for what to do with the remaining embryos: dispose of them, leave them frozen indefinitely, or donate them to stem cell research. My parents valued the right to life, so they helped spur research for an alternative, frozen embryo adoption. Two years later in 1997, 24 of my brothers and sisters were placed for adoption. Only one embryo survived the thawing process and was successfully implanted in the uterus lining of the adoptive mother. On Dec. 31, 1998, my sister, Hannah Strege,



Marilyn pushes Hanna on a swing when they met in 2001 in Colorado.

the first adopted frozen embryo, was born.

I met Hannah when I was 3 years old. Both of our families met up in Colorado Springs, where we visited Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family. I last saw her in 2001. The past 14 years, from a distance I've watched her grow up into a beautiful, godly woman raised in a safe, loving, Christian home. Because she was frozen, Hannah is technically 3 years younger than me, but she already has become a pro-life activist. She and her adoptive family have traveled to Washington, District of Columbia, several times to testify in defense of the children killed through stem cell research. She has inspired me to be involved in the pro-life movement, and I plan to dedicate my life to saving the lives of the unborn.

The Nightline Christian Adoption Agency named the frozen embryo adoption program after Hannah. They called it the Snowflake Adoption Program because, just like Hannah and other frozen embryos, snowflakes are unique and never again to be recreated. The lives of more than 300 children have been saved through the program. However, an estimated 600,000 embryos are in cryogenic storage in the United States. It is essential that couples with remaining embryos and couples unable to conceive become informed about frozen embryo adoption. It not only offers a pro-life alternative to the genetic parents, but gives the adoptive parents an opportunity to experience pregnancy. I am so proud that my parents believed that the right to life is an unalienable right for everyone, including the unborn, and chose life for me and my brothers and sisters.



(l to r) Hannah Strege and her sister, Marilyn Synek



BEWARE OF BOGUS "PRO-LIFE" G

CALL ATTORNEY GENERAL IF YOU RECEIVE THIS BOGUS FUNDRAISING CALL;

It has come to our attention that a supposed entity is making live calls to lists of pro-lifers asking if the person is pro-life, pro-choice or somewhere in between. When the person responds pro-life, he or she is asked to donate to the Right to Life Committee. When the person questions the caller about where this committee is, he or she is given a Post Office box in Washington, DC 20024.

When asked about what they do, the caller does not provide any information.

Further, when you Google Right to Life Committee, the first several items that come up are National Right to Life Committee. These calls are not being made by the National Right to Life Committee of which Nebraska Right to Life is a State Affiliate!

CELEBRATE LIFE: PRO-LIFE BANQUETS

NEBRASKA
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AROUND THE
STATE

Hastings



Hastings dinner
NRL info table

Pastor Art Schakat leads in prayer
during the Oct. 17th Hastings dinner.



(L to r) Lt. Gov Mike Foley, Larry and
Connie Consbruck of South Central
Nebraska RTL, and Robert and Olivia
Gans Turner



NRL President
Sandy Danek
sings for the
crowd.



Hastings dinner attendees

NEBRASKA
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Scottsbluff



NRL Board Member Janet Kaus
(second from left in white) and
her committee enjoy the Oct. 19th
Scottsbluff dinner.



Scottsbluff
program



Father Jim
Sorensen of
Our Lady Of
Guadalupe
Church wins a
prize.



Newly elected officials with Olivia Gans
Turner, (l to r) Attorney General Doug
Peterson, Congressman Adrian Smith &
LD#48 State Senator John Stinner



Helpers assist with door prize drawings.

GROUPS CALLING INTO NEBRASKA

PLEASE DONATE DIRECTLY TO NEBRASKA RIGHT TO LIFE AND AVOID SCAMS!

If you should receive one of these calls, or if you hear from someone who receives one, it is suggested that you report the call as potential fraud to the Nebraska Attorney General's office.

These calls ARE NOT made on behalf of Nebraska Right to Life or National Right to Life! We use Mount Development Systems out of Mesa, Arizona, for our telemarketing calls approximately three times a year, and the callers identify themselves as calling for Nebraska Right to Life from MDS.

It is important to know that the pro-life organization you are giving to is legitimate and active in the State. We appreciate your support! Our mailing address is Nebraska Right to Life, P.O. Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410.

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**Both sites are updated daily with video/
links/posts from national and State sources.**
Tell your friends and family on these sites
to join the NRL pages.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY PRO-LIFE DONATIONS NEEDED TO PAY FOR WALK FOR LIFE

Please give generously to the ID-badged gentlemen who circulate the yellow buckets among the Nebraska Walk for Life crowd outside the Capitol and inside the Student Union.

Remember your donation in the buckets circulating at the Walk are the only way to pay for the Walk. The Walk runs over \$6,000 in expenses requiring fees for barricading the streets, rental of the Student Union, insurance, off-duty police officers, balloons, sound system, speaker's fees & airfare/hotel and other. We know that many of our supporters give at the Mass prior to the Walk at St. Mary's assuming that those funds go toward paying Walk expenses. However, that collection belongs to the Bishops Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, which has contributed \$600 in each of the last two years to NRL, which we do appreciate. However, the Walk donation buckets went from \$4,000 in 2013 to \$2,200 in 2014. The Bake Sale at the Union brings in an additional \$1,200 but as you can see, Nebraska Right to Life does not recoup the entire cost of the Walk from the buckets and Bake Sale presently. It is a good problem to have in

that thousands of pro-life Nebraskans want to participate in the largest First Amendment pro-life demonstration in the streets of Lincoln and we always want to accommodate all of those who want to attend.

Please also know that the One Rose, One Life collection taken up at Catholic Churches in January is a project of the State Knights of Columbus and they determine where those donations go. There seems to be some confusion among Catholic pro-lifers who think the One Rose collection helps to support Nebraska Right to Life, the Walk and its local chapters, but we have not received a donation from that collection since 2007. There are many worthwhile pro-life organizations in the State, we just want to be up front about what the Walk finances are for NRL and where we get the money to pay for it.

Thank you for keeping these details in mind as we head into the New Year, and thank you for your support through this newsletter reply envelope as well. It is very much appreciated and needed. We hope to see you at the Walk on January 31st!