

# NEBRASKA RIGHT TO LIFE

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## NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE

**Saturday,  
Jan. 16, 2021**

**In Lincoln at the State Capitol  
and Newman Center**



**Keynote Speaker  
Sarah Zagorski**

The Walk begins at 10 a.m. on the north steps of the Nebraska State Capitol. From there, we will walk to the Newman Center, 320 N. 16th St., where our Keynote Speaker, Sarah Zagorski, will talk at noon.

Born at 26.5 weeks gestation, Sarah's story is one of survival, hope and healing. As one of 11 siblings living in extreme poverty, she was sexually abused by a family member. She was adopted at age 9 by a loving family after spending 7 1/2 years in the Louisiana's foster care system.

Sarah previously served as the executive director of Colorado Citizens for Life, the state affiliate of National Right to Life, and was a staff writer for LifeNews.com. In 2012, she graduated from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago with a bachelor's degree in communications and biblical studies. Before her service in Colorado, she was the communications director at Louisiana Right to Life, where she worked to end abortion through education, legislation, activism and service.

Sarah understands what a gift life is and how hard it can be. She loves to share her story and her passion for life with her audiences.

The Nebraska Catholic Conference is hosting its annual Pro-Life Mass before the Nebraska Walk for Life at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. Bishop James Conley will celebrate. The Mass will be livestreamed on the NCC Facebook page and broadcast on Spirit Catholic Radio (102.7). Masks and social distancing will be required.

To help prevent spread of COVID-19, we will follow current CDC guidelines of physical distancing, hand-washing/sanitizing, staying home if sick and wearing a mask during all indoor events. Sanitation and masks will be available at the Walk. Event schedule may be subject to cancellation depending on COVID-19. Please see us on Facebook for notifications and updates.

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# Nebraska Right to Life mourns Julie Schmit-Albin

"Nebraska is a Pro-Life State" is a proclamation often stated by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Indeed, many Nebraskans believe this to be true. There are many who would say, though, that the framework of the pro-life image in Nebraska was fueled by a powerful force, longtime Nebraska Right to Life Executive Director Julie Schmit-Albin. She arrived on the scene more than 30 years ago: and on Aug. 22, the pro-life movement lost a giant in the fight to protect the right to life in Nebraska.

Julie grew up on the family farm near Bellwood, Nebraska. After high school, she studied journalism at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, graduating in 1979. In 1980, she married John Albin and they raised four children.

Julie entered the pro-life movement at age 24. She was pregnant with her first child and felt compelled to attend her first Nebraska Walk for Life in January 1981. Afterward, she began attending meetings of Lincoln Right to Life, a chapter of Nebraska Right to Life, and became a board member. She and John later moved to Fullerton, Nebraska, where Julie founded Nance County Right to Life and became a Nebraska Right to Life board member.

In 1989, she and John returned to Lincoln, where she became the Nebraska Right to Life executive director.

Throughout these more than 30 years, Julie directed education, legislation and political outreach for the organization. She also served more than 15 years as a board member for National Right to Life Committee, the parent organization for Nebraska Right to Life.

Julie was talented in many ways, as recognized by the *Lincoln Journal Star*, which named her one of its "Women of Power," suggesting to aspiring candidates to "check with Julie Schmit-Albin if you want to win." In recognition of a lifetime of achievement on behalf of the pro-life cause, Julie was awarded the Nebraska Catholic Conference's Gospel of Life Award in September 2019.

At the core of Julie's life story of being a pro-life advocate was her undying love for Jesus Christ and her Catholic Faith. A living and personal relationship with Christ was foundational to Julie's efforts. In her work and through her long battle with cancer, Julie lived a life in Christ.



## Memorials for Julie Schmit-Albin

Mark & Carlene Albin  
Michael & Joni Albrecht  
Kenneth and Kathleen Andersen  
Duane & Julia Baker  
Judson & Denise Baldrige  
John & Mary Beller  
Myron & Karen Benes  
Ron and Susan Benes  
Bill & Joan Bonkiewicz  
John & Bonnie Brichacek  
Keith & Shirley Brown  
Mike & Mary Budler  
Brian Bullington  
Catholic Business Women  
International of Lincoln  
Chris & Jenifer Cantrell  
Dennis & Maureen Carpenter  
Eileen Childerston  
Joseph Cockson  
Chuck Conrad  
Sharon Conrad  
Richard and Sandy Danek

Hal and Mary Daub  
Peter and Loreta DeMarco  
Perry & Kathy Demma  
Tom Dierks  
Cindy & John Dinkel  
RoseAnn & Edwin Divis  
Deanna Dowd  
Bill & Mary Drahota  
John & Lorin Dunlop  
St. Francis Church  
Ben & Gayle Forney  
Lisa Gorton  
Denny & Claire Hartford  
Jerilee & Darwin Hoefl  
Pat & Jackie Hoefl  
Jean A. Hopwood  
Barb Jansen  
Judy & Ken Kerkman  
Brian & Erica Kimminau  
Nancy Kopischke  
Kay and Cory Kudlacek  
Stephen Lagreca  
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Lindsay Right to Life  
Mark & Ashton Lostroh  
Julia Lostroh  
James and Mary Love  
Kirk and Ann McAndrew  
Pam McCabe  
Sondra Jonson-McHale  
Rich and Barb McPhillips  
Roxana McNally  
Gary Meister  
Marion Meister  
Matt Miltenberger  
Lori & Monte Moss  
George & Marilyn Olmer  
Norfolk Area Right to Life  
Mrs. Virginia Nelson  
Steve & Karen Ott  
John & Fran Pachta  
Sandy Payne  
Larry and JoAnn Peterson  
Dr. Robert Plambeck  
Mark Quandahl  
Larry Rasmussen

Lou Render  
Pam Render  
Marlene Rickert  
Paul & Jackie Ridder  
Wendy Ridder  
Elaine Riley  
Peter & Mary Ringsmuth  
Ron & Mary Ryan  
Al & Linda Riskowski  
Lee and Kay Rupp  
Esther Sander  
Seward County Prolife  
Council  
Linda Schmidt  
Harry and Sharon Schmit  
Joe Schmit  
John Schmit  
Loran Schmit  
Mary Schmit  
Michele Schmit  
Nick & Cheryl Schmit  
Steven & Diane Schmit  
John & Linda Schulte

Cecelia Smith  
Sharon Smith  
South Central Nebraska  
Right to Life  
Cheryl Strickler  
Jeffrey & Mary Struck  
Rox Ann Sutherland  
Michael & Susan Synek  
Deborah Pasonault Howry  
Trtee  
Mark, Mary and Rachel  
Tvrdy  
Craig & Joyce Urbauer  
Sandy & Camrie Ventry  
Vital Signs Ministry  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman  
Wallman  
Mary & Marv Weeder  
Steve & Susan Wellman  
Kathleen Wells  
Jill Zwiener

## Other memorials recently received by Nebraska Right to Life

For Barbara Bechtolt  
From Evard Bechtolt Family  
and Ronald and Linda Liston  
  
For Dale Buhrdorf  
From Mr. Thomas Johnson  
  
For Ruth Cermak  
From husband, Alexander Cermak

For Joseph Conrad  
From Julia Lostroh  
  
For Jo Hamsa  
From Julia Lostroh  
  
For Leroy Kerkman  
From Julia Lostroh

For Mary Fokes Maurin  
From her children, Valerie Andelt,  
Ann Kubes, Mary Lovecchio and  
Joe Maurin

For Richard L. McPhillips in  
sympathy of Rich and Barb  
McPhillips  
From Al and Jan Wemhoff  
  
For Eleanor Pfeifer  
From Family of Eleanor Pfeifer



**HASTINGS**

This pink and blue baby flag display was installed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hastings.



**HASTINGS**

Lt. Gov. Mike Foley spoke to those present for the "Remember the Unborn Aborted Babies Event" on September 12, sponsored by South Central Nebraska Right to Life and Life Runners.

After the address, Sydney Svehla and Kinzie Beuter of the newly organized Life Runners and Teens for Life invited participants to join in a run. Balloons were released in memory of those babies that have been aborted. It was also in remembrance of recently deceased Nebraska Right to Life Executive Director Julie Schmit-Albin.



**HASTINGS**

This pro-life billboard was placed by Larry Consbruck and Jim Krebsbach on State Sen. Steve and Ann Halloran's property near Hastings, Nebraska. Also pictured is Connie Consbruck, member of South Central Nebraska Right to Life. In addition to this billboard, one was placed on land owned by Larry and Connie Consbruck near Roseland and one on their land near Juniata.



**BELLEVUE**

Pro-life supporters from the West Point/Beemer, Nebraska, areas joined in prayer at the Carhart abortion facility in Bellevue, Nebraska.



**LINCOLN**

Weekly volunteers Dick and Lonnie Veik and Rozee Koke work in the Nebraska Right to Life office preparing Christmas cards to supporters.



**LINCOLN**

Volunteers Pam Murray and Amy Lenhoff are dedicated pro-lifers who help in the Nebraska Right to Life office weekly. Thanks, ladies!



**LINCOLN**

Executive Director Sandy Danek is interviewed by Karen Bowling with Nebraska Family Alliance. Sandy shared with listeners details of the Nebraska Walk for Life on Jan. 16.

Nebraska Right to Life issued 50,000 voter guides throughout the state. The voter guides included responses to a series of abortion-related questions from general election candidates running for Senate, House of Representatives, State Legislature, State Board of Education and State Board of Regents.



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## Nebraska Ban on Dismemberment Abortion takes effect without legal challenge

LB814, the dismemberment abortion ban that passed in the Nebraska Legislature this past August, ended a gruesome type of late-term abortion. The law took effect on Nov. 22.

The new law, introduced by State Sen. Suzanne Geist of Lincoln, prohibits an abortion method called dilation and evacuation. The procedure involves dilating a woman's cervix and removing a living baby in pieces. Nationally, it is by far the most common method used for second-trimester abortions. Estimates show that it accounts for about 95% of such abortions.

In Nebraska, it is used much less frequently. Statistics collected by the Department of Health and Human

Services show that dilation and evacuation was used in 32 of the 2,078 total abortions performed in 2018, the latest year for which data is available. The method accounted for about 20% of the 178 abortions performed at 13 weeks or later.

No legal challenges have been filed in Nebraska. A spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood North Central States, which covers Nebraska, said the organization has no plans for litigation.

LeRoy Carhart, abortionist in Bellevue, Nebraska, recently told the Omaha World Herald that the new law would not change anything in his practice as he "changed procedures years ago..." Yet, his website states: "A D&E (dilation and evacuation) procedure is

performed to end pregnancy between the 14th and 24th weeks from the first day of the last menstrual period (LMP)." It states that women who are more than 22 weeks pregnant are encouraged to abort by means of the induction abortion method. That means the banned procedures are being done on women from 14-22 weeks of pregnancy, according to Carhart's own website.

Even though Nebraska experiences a relatively small number of these types of second-trimester abortions, the method had to stop in Nebraska. In addition, the debate was successful in educating the public about this barbaric procedure.

Discussions are underway for 2021 pro-life legislation.



## Lincoln Women's Care Center opens

The new Women's Care Center of Nebraska opened its doors at 5632 S. 48th Street in Lincoln on December 7. The Center is the 33rd location of the Women's Care Center nationally. The Women's Care Center was founded by Dr. Janet E. Smith in South Bend, Indiana, in 1984. It is now the largest, most lifesaving pregnancy resource center in the U.S. Last year, 16,657 babies were born to

Women's Care Center moms nationwide. The Lincoln center will provide pregnancy tests, full-time ultrasounds, tangible assistance, mentoring and ongoing continuing education.

For more information or to support the Women's Care Center, please visit our website <http://www.supportwomenscarecenter.org> or contact Director Sarah Kroner at 531-500-4981.