

# Northern LifeCare News

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## No more spin: Abortion funded through National Healthcare

By Keri S. Norton

With all the talk, back and forth, about misinformation as to the abortion language in the new healthcare law; I wanted to get to the bottom of what is and isn't funded by our taxpayer dollars for my own understanding and also for those who support the Center.

I found it quite ironic how I heard double-talk even in writing to my congressmen. When asking Sen. Al Franken to support amendments to the senate bill which would not allow taxpayer dollars to cover abortions, he said he would not support an amendment of that sort as he felt

women of all economic backgrounds should have access to abortion if they desire. On the other hand Rep. Oberstar in a letter explaining to his constituents why he voted for the Senate bill stated taxpayer dollars are not funding abortion under the new healthcare law; especially now due to President Obama's executive order.

Under the health care bill Obama signed, I have found there is little to

no ban on abortion funding. While some states can opt out of funding abortions under the plan, taxpayers in other states will be forced to pay for them.

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Despite the fact 7 out of 10 Americans oppose the use of taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions, anti-funding laws are generally reduced to appropriations riders which must be renewed yearly (e.g. the Hyde Amendment); regulations

which can be changed by

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**We are looking to add more board members. Please talk to Keri Norton, Barb Herrly, Orin Simon, Myrtle Constantine, Jennie Christopherson, or Shirley Ettestad for more information.**

## New Director Hired

A new year has begun and that includes some changes at Northern LifeCare Center. One of the main changes is the hiring of a new executive director.

As the new executive director of Northern LifeCare, I would

love to introduce myself and let you know my goals for the Center.

My name is Keri Norton, and I am a wife and mother. My husband Jim and I adopted both our boys. They both have spe-

cial needs and life has its daily challenges, but the love received in return has outweighed any stresses we go through. God has truly blessed us. We are looking to adopt one more

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Donations Wish List:

- Diapers (Newborn to size 3)
- Baby blankets (Summer weight)
- Baby Baths
- Booster Seats
- Swings
- Gently used baby clothes (especially newborn and summer items)

# Governor Tim Pawlenty Draw Cheers, Jeers for Declaring April Abortion Recovery Month

by Steven Ertelt

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## St. Paul, MN (LifeNews.com)

Tim Pawlenty, the pro-life Minnesota governor and potential 2012 Republican presidential candidate, is drawing cheers and jeers from pro-life and pro-abortion groups for declaring April as a month to help women negatively affected by their abortions.

As LifeNews.com first reported two weeks ago, Pawlenty and Texas Gov. Rick Perry both declared April as Abortion Recovery/Awareness Month.

Lisa Dudley, Director of Operation Outcry, a group that helps women who regret their abortions speak out, told LifeNews.com at the time that Pawlenty's move showed he has an "understanding of the consequences of abortion" and a "willingness to protect women and the unborn."

Pawlenty's proclamation "encourages and promotes healing opportunities and raises awareness of the aftermath of abortion experienced by individuals and families."

It also recognizes the "many Minnesota organizations offer support and recovery services to those who have had abortions or who have been impacted by abortion" and that "many organizations in Minnesota promote policies that reinforce a culture of life and hope."

"Abortion recovery programs help individuals heal by providing counseling, support groups, encouragement," the proclamation says.

Now, Pawlenty is coming under fire from abortion advocacy groups Planned Parenthood and NARAL, which claim Pawlenty is merely pandering to pro-life groups.

Kathi Di Nicola, communications director for Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, told the Minnesota Independent that the move was "pure politics."

Linnea House of NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota, added, "I was hoping the governor's proclamation was an April Fool's Day joke last week, but unfortunately, it is very real. Clearly, this proclamation is truly nothing more than Gov. Pawlenty pandering to the anti-choice organizations in the state."

Pawlenty's duty chief of staff, Brian McClung, responded to the attacks.

"Recovery programs can help individuals heal by providing counseling, support groups, encouragement and education," McClung said. "While critics may say this is just 'politics,' women who have been helped by these programs would strongly disagree."

And Molly White, Operation Outcry leader in Texas, told LifeNews.com that women hurt spiritually, emotionally, and physically after an abortion.

"Many women and men hurt by abortion, as I was, suffer from guilt, shame, anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and suicidal thought, to name a few symp-

toms," she said.

There are several resources available including A.R.I.N.

www.abortionrecovery.com and the National Help Line for Abortion Recovery 1-866-482-LIFE where caring people who have experienced abortion are there to help.

The text of the full Pawlenty resolution:

Whereas: Many Minnesota organizations offer support and recovery services to those who have had abortions or who have been impacted by abortion; and

Whereas: Many organizations in Minnesota promote policies that reinforce a culture of life and hope; and

Whereas: Abortion recovery programs help individuals heal by providing counseling, support groups, encouragement; and

Whereas: Abortion Recovery Month encourages and promotes healing opportunities and raises awareness of the aftermath of abortion experienced by individuals and families.

*Our center welcomes any call for help from women who are experiencing pain from a past abortion. We are also hoping to expand our services in this area in the near future. Please watch for updates.*

## New Director *(Cont. from page 1)*

child to round-out our family (I am personally hoping for a little girl, but would be happy for either).

I grew up in International Falls and was an active member of Teens for Life while in high school and participated in the pro-life speech contest one year.

I joined the board of Northern LifeCare Center this year in order to do my part in helping our community realize what this center has to offer. Though I am here to help all aspects of the Center; I have a spe-

cial place in my heart for those with special needs and adoption. I am hoping to be an advocate for the center to the community and show our compassion for all life from conception to natural death.

My prayer is to be able to reach the primary objective of the LifeCare Center.

“The primary objective of Northern LifeCare Center is to reach out to women in crisis pregnancies with the mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ by offering practical assistance, in both word and action.”

I also hope people understand we also reach out to those people who are involved in the life of those women.

I report to the center board and welcome any ideas from our supporters as to activities and programs which will improve the Center.



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## No More Spin *(Cont. from page 1)*

different administrations and executive orders that can be repealed by any president (e.g. the Mexico City Policy which prohibited federal funding for organizations that promote and perform abortions overseas, which was repealed by President Obama).

The bill contains other pro-abortion problems which are concerns for pro-life advocates. It requires at least one health care plan be promoted across the country that pays for abortions, more abortion funding would come via the affordability credits, and many of the so-called limits on abortion funding are temporary and could expire or be overturned at a later date. The bill also pays for abortion under the Indian Health Service program. And, it contains the Milkulski amendments which would allow the Obama administration to define abortion as preventative care and force insurance plans to pay for abortions.

The new health care law provides millions in funding for Community Health Centers without any prohibition on the money going towards abortions.

Finally, the bill doesn't contain language needed to offer full conscience protection for pro-life medical workers and facilities.

Those problems were theoretically solved with an executive order Obama signed in exchange for votes from some pro-life Democrats in the House — enough so the passage of the bill was ensured.

However, the executive order isn't worth the paper it was written on. An executive order can't trump federal law, doesn't address all of the abortion funding prob-

\$1 million.

The new totals for tax-funded abortions since the Posten decision are 50,869 claims for \$15,674,097.94.

In 1993 (the year before the Posten decision) 14,325 abortions were self-paid or private insurance paid. This was 99.8% of all abortions performed. Since the Posten decision this number has been steadily dropping. In 2008 only 9194 or

**“Minnesota taxpayers paid for 29% of all abortions performed in the state in 2008.”**

lems, could easily be overturned in court, and could be reversed by Obama or a future president at any time.

As a result, the new pro-abortion health care law is the greatest expansion of abortion and abortion funding since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision which saw the Supreme Court open the floodgates for 52 million abortions.

What broke my heart even more was the fact that Minnesotans fund abortions with our state tax dollars. There were 3754 abortions claimed in 2008 for a total of \$1,505,862.64. This is the third-highest annual reimbursement amount to date and the seventh year in a row to go over

71% of the total abortions were self-paid or private insurance paid.

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***Information for this article was gathered from Family Research Council, LifeNews.org, American's United for Life, and MN Department of Health and Human Services.***

# 2009-2010 Memorials and Honorariums

## **In Memory of:**

Arline Carew  
 Arline Carew  
 Ted Pietini  
 Arline Carew  
 Tootie Bergstrom  
 Dee Hustad  
 George Heiberg  
 Patricia Peterson  
 Carolyn Carlson  
 Mary Walls  
 Arlene Fisher  
 Arlene Fisher  
 Katherine Allen  
 Hazel Utter  
 Margret Withrow Theile  
 Harold Lowe  
 Toni Shermoen  
 Laurie Gordon  
 Russell Johnson  
 Angeline Tomzak  
 Parents  
 Wilfred Sweney  
 Nancy Morris  
 Nancy Morris  
 Nancy Morris  
 Nancy Morris  
 Nancy Morris  
 Eric  
 Todd Bernard  
 Matthew Bigler  
 Dee Paulson  
 Betty Lou Dahl Schumann  
 Betty Lou Dahl Schumann  
 Bob Frederickson

## **Given by:**

Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Kelsea Davis  
 Orin and Betty Simon  
 Mr. And Mrs. Wm. Crowe  
 Mr. And Mrs. Alan Burchell  
 Bernice Englund  
 Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Jim and Kathy Cowlshaw  
 Onida Paulbeck  
 Laurel Dahl  
 Daniel and Sharon Zika  
 Andy and Laurie Hedlund  
 Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Ralph and Lois Lewis  
 Marsha Turenne  
 Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Orin and Betty Simon  
 Orin and Betty Simon  
 Joseph and Mary Nell Gust  
 Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Tom and Cheryl Carlson  
 Earl and Shirley Wickland  
 Larry and Dolly Thramer  
 Jim and Gloria DeMuth  
 Bill and Arleen Borden  
 Tom and Cheryl Carlson  
 Tom and Cheryl Carlson  
 James and Mary Bigler  
 Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Rick Dahl  
 Laurel Dahl  
 Bob and Joan Milette

## **In Memory of:**

Paul Reuter  
 Eunice Holt  
 Lily Lindvahl  
 Philip Virkus  
 Hazel Utter  
 Charles Canfield  
 Charles Canfield  
 Charles Canfield  
 P. "Tom" Kellner  
 Robert Lovell  
 Joan Myer  
 Garland Nordlund  
 Bill Hardwig  
 Kenny Barry  
 Sgt. Kurt Kruize

## **Given by:**

Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Tom and Cheryl Carlson  
 Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Orin and Betty Simon  
 Larry and Peggy Gustafson  
 Alan and Miriam Burchell  
 Kenneth and Lois Rohl  
 Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Orin Betty Simon  
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 Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Paul and Myrtle Constantine  
 Jim and Keri Norton

## **In Honor of:**

All past local Pro-Life  
 Speech contestants  
 Bill Glawe's 80th Birthday

## **Given By**

Stuart and Sue Nordquist  
 Paul and Myrtle Constantine



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

When someone you love passes away, the grief can at first seem overwhelming. The shock and pain is so incapacitating in that moment you feel like nothing else will ever be right. Some have been at that point before, and those of us know time does heal, even if it seems like you'll never be the same.

The fact is you probably won't ever be the same, but you will have changed in ways you may never have anticipated. You will learn how to cherish moments you took for granted before, and look at life from a whole different perspective. Your life was enriched by that person – what would it have been like if they had never been born? Sometimes the best thing that comes from death is our ability to cherish life. We can

see how important a life was to us when we take the time to remember a person's impact on us. Where would we be without these people and their role in our lives?

At Northern LifeCare, our mission is to honor and cherish life, both at the beginning and at the close of a life. While our main mission is to celebrate and protect new life, we also love to honor our loved ones who have gone on before us. Memorials are a wonderful way to give honor to a loved one's memory when you don't know how else to recognize how much they meant to you. When you think about a special person who is dearly

missed, what better way to honor them than to give in their memory to an organization that celebrates life?

As you can see, many people honor the memory of a loved one through memorials, and that person's life is publicly recognized as good influence in our community. If you feel moved to make a memorial there is a

form below that allows you to do so. In any case, take some time out of your day to remember all the little things that made a person dearly loved, and cherish the present.



Take a minute to think of all the time you had to get to know your loved one before they passed on

## Memorial Form

In Memory Of:	Amount	Subtotal
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Total Memorial Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment

- Check
- Cash
- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express

Address to whom you wish the Acknowledgement to go to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: 218-285-7673  
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### Personal Message:

*You can include a message that you would like sent to the family along with your memorial. Also, please be sure to state who the memorial is from and the date it was given. This way a card can be sent telling the family of the honoree who has given in their loved one's memory. This is a wonderful and personal way to show you care*



  
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## A Word of Thanks and a call for help...

We would like to take a minute to thank our dedicated volunteers, donors and staff at Northern LifeCare Center. Without these special people, our center would not be able to open its doors to the community like it has for the past 20 years.

A big thanks goes out to Diane Kelly, our full-time office worker who is the main reason our doors stay open everyday from 1-5. It is sometimes hard to find a reliable worker, but she has proved herself to be someone you can depend on. Although there are slow days in the office, Diane finds work to do such as cleaning up and taking care our business looks presentable. Her motivation, love for people, and respect for life shines through in a big way, and we love her for that. She is a faithful worker who has become invaluable to us, and we will miss her dearly when she

leaves us in May.

Some may not realize how important our volunteers are here at the Center, but they have been another very important part of our outreach. With Diane manning the office we haven't had to call on volunteers as often, but just to know that they are there for us if we ever need someone to fill in is a great comfort.

Starting in May however we will again be calling on volunteers to staff the office from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday while we wait for another fulltime worker to cover the office. We would appreciate anyone who able to give of their time to help us. That really shows us how caring our community is!

Donations are gifts of money or time we receive to help ease our financial burden.

As a non-profit organization, one of the most important things that keeps us afloat is donations. We are grateful to people like Jeff Morrison of I Falls PC who generously donated his time to help us get on the web. The generosity we see every month is truly a credit to our town, and we are so grateful for the donations of both time and money. We are dependent on those gifts from our friends and family, and the love we get from them spills over into our ministry at the Center!



*Our record of donations is both an encouragement and a testimony of this community's generosity!*