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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

Our primary mission is education. Apparently we have been remiss in communicating the seriousness of the threat Planned Parenthood (PP) poses to our community and our nation. It has come to our attention recently that many dedicated pro-lifers, while strongly opposing abortion, feel that aside from providing abortions, Planned Parenthood is an otherwise innocuous organization that offers many valuable services to women. We hope to convince you otherwise with this edition. We will demonstrate, primarily with their own documents, that they most emphatically are **NOT** a health-care organization, that hundreds of millions of our tax dollars have funded their anti-life campaign, and that their influence has so thoroughly permeated our society that it is difficult to find any area they don't reach, including our schools; local, state and national governments; the business community; churches, and **your home** (via the internet)!

Health Care?

Planned Parenthood's stated purpose is:

"Defending Women's Right to Choose:

"Access to abortion is vital to women's ability to make responsible choices about reproduction. Through our work in our communities, the courts, state legislatures, and Congress, Planned Parenthood strives to preserve—and expand—access to abortion services for all women who face unwanted pregnancy." (**Annual Report**)

According to PP's 25-year plan, **Vision 2025**, their number one goal is that "...sexuality is understood as an **essential, life-long aspect** of being human and that it is celebrated with respect, openness and mutuality." (Emphasis added). In other words, lifelong uninhibited sex, without regard to age or married status. No mention of health care here, or in the other nine goals.

Goal number three is to "...secure passage of laws and policies, including state and federal constitution amendments, that guarantee reproductive free-

dom for all." Reproductive freedom is their code word for abortion and this is an unabashed admission that they are a lobbying group. **Lobbying expenditures by PP for FY 2000/2001 were \$24.5 million.**

Space prohibits further analysis of their mission, but you can download their Annual Report and see for yourself. The organization STOPP (Stop Planned Parenthood) also offers a complete analysis of the PP goals and notes that "None of the products PP will be bringing to us are intended to treat a woman whose body is malfunctioning. All of them have the intention of taking a woman whose body is operating in a perfectly normal manner and make it operate abnormally".

Sources of Income

In Fiscal Year 2000/2001, PP's total income was **\$671.6 million**, of which **\$202.7 million** (close to one-third) was from Government Grants and Contracts. One local example is the Sutter County Children and Families Commission, which last year provided a \$55,406 two-year grant.

Clinic income, for client services, was **\$241 million**. Again, much of this is tax money paid through the various states' medicaid programs. The State of California pays millions of dollars every year for MediCal abortions. Mark Crutcher of Life Dynamics Inc. estimates that one-third of PP income is generated from girls under 18 receiving services at their clinics.

Private contributions and bequests totaled **\$189.5 million**. Much of this is derived from foundation grants from corporations such as Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, Berkshire Hathaway (See's Candy, Pampered Chef, GEICO Insurance), and the MacArthur Foundation. **The excess of Revenue over Expenses (profit) is \$38.9 million.** PP is nominally a non-profit corporation, but such organizations can maintain their non-profit status by putting the profit back into the organization.

Contrast this with the National Right to Life Committee's **total income of \$15.2 million.**

PP, where are you?

They are **ubiquitous!** In our own community, as noted above, they receive grants from government agencies, and their educators go into our schools with their provocative sex education programs. In Waco, TX, the **county library** opened a branch in a Planned Parenthood clinic. They have even penetrated our churches.

According to **Extension** magazine, "Calling it a faith-based initiative, the largest provider of abortion services and birth control is now offering sex education programs to church religion class and youth groups...Its website even goes so far as to assert that abortion is morally right and scripturally sound." PP's website features a "Clergy Voices" page.

You probably saw the recent articles in the **Appeal Democrat** about PP joining the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce. This is another way they present themselves as mainstream. We asked the Chamber to meet with us so we could share information, but they did not respond and we subsequently organized a picket at their "ribbon cutting."

PP's three-year Emergency Contraception [i.e., morning after abortifacient] Public Awareness Campaign placed ads "in magazines such as **Rolling Stone, Latina, Essence, Vibe, and Jane** —**as well as on drink coasters in restaurants and bars across the country.**"

Finally, if you are on the internet, PP may be in your home. You must be aware that their Teenwire website, directed to preteens and teens, redefines abstinence to be outercourse, which is oral and any other physical contact short of intercourse; tells your children it is okay and normal to be sexually attracted to persons of the same gender; and tells your children how to prepare themselves for their first sexual encounter. Brochures with the same messages are distributed not just at PP offices but at school and other community health fairs.

Influence on Government:

Lest you still have doubts, following is a brief summary of California legislation either sponsored or supported by PP in the last legislative session and signed into law by Gov. Davis. (**Note: PPF MM indicates PP Federation, Mar Monte, with which the local PP clinic is affiliated.**)

SB 1301 (PPF MM Sponsored)—
Replaces the Therapeutic Abortion Act

of 1967 with the "Reproductive Privacy Act." **It allows non-physicians to perform "non-surgical" abortions, i.e., chemical abortions where non-physician staff dispense medications to produce abortions.** The new law also requires that the "state may not deny or interfere with a woman's right to choose or obtain an abortion prior to viability of the fetus...." **This means the local PP clinic can dispense these medications.**

SJR 51 (PPF Supported)— This resolution requests President Bush and the U. S. Congress to restore the \$34 million in funding for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) recently denied. These funds are used to promote abortion in third world countries.

AB 797 (PPF Supported)— This bill originally provided educational support for foster care children when it passed the Assembly, but it was gutted and amended to become a special protection bill for abortion providers, when requests are made for public records on reproductive health care services providers.

AB 2136 (PPF Supported)— This bill increases or facilitates school-based health services through a proposed State School Health Advisory Council, on which Planned Parenthood would seek inclusion, i.e., **be available on campus.**

AB 2194 (PPF MM Sponsored)— Requires all residency programs in obstetrics and gynecology in California to include training in the performance of an abortion by incorporating into state law the requirements of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

PP also supported **AB 1826**, which fortunately was not passed into law. This bill **would have** required health care plans to include coverage for in vitro-fertilization, with the so-called "excess" embryos being either discarded or exploited for medical research. Abortion

is often recommended for babies with disabilities, and is sometimes a part of the contract for in vitro-fertilization. We have no doubt this issue will again be introduced.

PP opposed the pro-life bill **AB 2623**. This bill **would have** established a cause of action for the loss of an unborn child due to vehicular manslaughter.

Sources: PP Federation Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001
www.plannedparenthood.org
www.all.org/stopp
www.give.org/reports
www.teenwire.com
www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html

If you do not have access to the internet but would like a copy of any document, contact Chuck & Miriam Page, 671-5347.

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ABORTION IN SCHOOL RESTROOM

Houston Chronicle, Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003: Teen Takes Drug and Completes Abortion in School Restroom—In a case that makes the complications from chemical abortions more dramatic, a Houston teenager aborted her second-trimester unborn child in a school restroom Wednesday after taking an abortion pill last weekend in an effort to end her pregnancy, a school spokeswoman said.

Although this occurred in Texas, now that non-physician staff (***such as those at the Yuba City PP clinic***) can dispense medication to produce abortion, how long will it be before we see a local dateline on such an incident?

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Financial Report for 2002

Beginning balance 1/1/02	\$1,778.89
Receipts:	
Contributions, dues & fair	\$2,247.01
Catholic Charities Grant	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$5,025.90
Disbursements:	
Non-profit bulk mail & PO	
Box annual charges	232.36
Newsletter Postage	230.63
Educational materials	1,066.69
Fair booth & Insurance	409.00
3 Billboards	450.00
Lifetalk broadcasts	420.00
Memberships (Nat'l RTL & CA Pro-Life Council)	50.00
Breast Cancer education	588.00
Web page hosting	218.95
Miscellaneous	33.80
AWF Hotline support	<u>300.00</u>
	-\$3,999.43
Ending Balance 12/31/02	\$1,026.47

As you can see, we operate on a very frugal budget. We are dependent upon your contributions, which are tax deductible to you. Costs for postage and cable broadcasting for LifeTalk increased the beginning of the year. We would appreciate any additional support you can provide.

We have been broadcasting LifeTalk for almost one year. We are interested to know if you are taking advantage of this valuable resource; it contains so much timely information on life issues. Please let us know if you watch it regularly.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our efforts to get PP out of our schools. If you are willing to help with this or any other project, please call Maureen Guth (673-1437) or Miriam Page (671-5347).

We encourage you to renew your annual membership in YSRTL for 2003 by returning this form along with a \$10 check for your dues. If you want to remain on our mailing list but cannot afford the dues at this time, please check the appropriate box. If you have recently paid for your membership or made a contribution, please confirm by checking the appropriate box and returning the form. You can also help us update our mail list by completing and returning this form.

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