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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2009

Beginning Balance 1/1/09	\$ 2,015.63
Receipts from Contrib. & Dues	3,006.00
Receipts for Buses	2,805.00
Catholic Ladies Relief/Colusa Fair	100.00
Bishop of Sacramento—Grant	1,526.00
	<u>\$ 9,452.63</u>
Disbursements:	
Bulk Mail & P.O. Box	\$ 222.00
Newsletter Expenses	1,393.19
Educ. Materials/Fair Supplies	645.13
5 4x8 Banners	699.35
Y-S Fair Booth Fee, Ins. & Passes	584.00
Colusa Fair Booth	290.00
Website Expenses	231.45
Contrib. AWF	300.00
West Coast Walk for Life/2 Buses	2,384.18
40 Days for Life	600.00
Miscellaneous (Deposit Slips)	13.75
Total Disbursements	(\$ 7,363.05)
Ending Balance 12/31/09	\$ 2,089.58

IN THE NEWS:

February 11, 2010 (Lifesitenews.com) Maddy Curtis, the 16-year old who endeared American Idol viewers with her winning personality was cut from the show. But, says Maddy, from her perspective her American Idol adventure was far from a failure.

In an interview with LifeSiteNews.com, Maddy said, “What was so great about [the experience] was not necessarily making it that far, but the story that got out about our family, and the pro-life message that was shown to the world.”

You see, Maddy comes from a family of 12 children, 4 of whom have Down Syndrome.

The Idol episode where Maddy first auditioned gave prominent play to Maddy’s home life, featuring footage of her playing with her siblings (three of whom were adopted), and airing her comments about what life is like with siblings with Down Syndrome.

“I think some people are a little skeptical of Down Syndrome,” she said in that episode, as tears welled up into her eyes. But, she said, “Those four boys bring out the best in every person they meet. They see the world in colors, and we need to see the world that way.”

When asked why she thought people were so moved by her family’s story, she responded, “I feel like it’s probably because kids with Down Syndrome aren’t given the chance—like 90% of kids with Down Syndrome are aborted.”

In fact, it was only a year ago that her mom first told her about the high abortion rate for babies with Down Syndrome. “I couldn’t stop crying,” she said, “because I couldn’t believe it.”

Barbara Curtis, Maddy’s mother, said of her daughter, “She’s naturally just more selfless because she’s looking out for them. I think people were intrigued because they might not put that idea together logically, but there was something very intriguing about her because she was so in love with life and with the situation that God put her in. Maddy is who she is because she grew up in a certain kind of family and if people understood how wonderful kids with Down Syndrome are and the transformative power that they have in a family, everyone would want one.”



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2010 WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE

Yuba-Sutter Right to Life participants were among the roughly 40,000 people who braved the rain and cold of San Francisco on January 23rd to speak up for **LIFE!** Interestingly enough, the opposition was much smaller and significantly less vocal than in previous years. It’s clear they’re not as passionate about death as we are about life! Those in attendance were treated to inspiring speeches, including one from Abbey Johnson, the Planned Parenthood director who quit her job and became pro-life after witnessing an ultrasound guided abortion. If you missed it this year, join us in **2011**. I guarantee you’ll be forever changed!



Yuba-Sutter Right to Life thanks **RICHARD’S TREE SERVICE** for donating billboard space at Hwy 99 & Oswald for our “I regret my abortion” Silent No More Awareness campaign!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

You Are Cordially Invited.... To our meetings! We meet the **first Wednesday of every month** at 7:00pm in the St. Isidore Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! Call 673-1437 for details.

40 Days for Life in Yuba City? YES! Join us in front of the Planned Parenthood on Palora Avenue the **last Wednesday of each month** from 4-5pm. For more information, call Heather at 751-9349.

Pro-Life Presentation Training:

Coming soon—date to be announced. Check our website often for more information or call Maureen at 673-1437.



IN THE NEWS CONTINUED:

Philadelphia, PA, February 26, 2010 (Operation Rescue) Abortionist Kermit Gosnell had his license suspended Monday after authorities investigating an abortion death discovered dozens of fetal remains and “deplorable and unsanitary” conditions in his clinic.

Gosnell’s recent troubles began after a 41 year old woman died on November 20, 2009, during an abortion in her 18th or 19th week of pregnancy. She was overdosed on painkillers which were illegally administered by an unlicensed worker. The deceased woman’s brother told reporter’s that Gosnell’s clinic was “dirty and bloody.”

This is not the first death for Gosnell. Another woman died in March of 2000, two days after Gosnell perforated her uterus during an abortion. She developed sepsis and died, leaving two children motherless.

Another woman is lucky to be alive after a botched abortion by Gosnell in 1999. She developed a high fever and became unconscious a week after her abortion. She was rushed to the hospital where the reason for her condition was discovered. “They showed me x-rays and said he [Gosnell] left an arm and a leg inside me.”

Then there was the illegal abortion of a 13-year old girl who says Gosnell performed an abortion on her without the required parental consent. The girl, now 32, told reporters she could see jars filled with the remains of “little babies” and that after her abortion, she “saw Gosnell cradling a bottle that contained the remains of her fetus.”



Kermit Gosnell's abortion clinic

40 Days for Life in the Sacramento area:

The Sacramento region is blessed with TWO official 40 Days vigil locations, one in [Roseville](#) at 729 Sunrise Blvd, Planned Parenthood, Mon-Fri 7:30 am to 1:30 pm and one in Sacramento in front of [Pregnancy Consultation Center](#), 53rd & F St, where up to 50 abortions are done each week some as late as 6 months of pregnancy. Read more at "[Inside the Abortion Clinic](#)". Please see the [online vigil schedule](#) and sign-up today! Contact Maureen at 673-1437 or Heather at 751-9349 for details or email secretary@ysrtl.org.

Sidewalk Counseling Workshop- get personal Sidewalk Counseling Training right at the Sidewalk from effective veteran Counselors!! We would love to help newcomers get started and for even seasoned participants to get some more practice, in turn, we learn from you! Everyone is invited! Every Wednesday morning, 9:00-10:00 am, or if that time doesn't work with your schedule, we can arrange other times. Where: At our vigil site of 53rd and F Street, downtown Sacramento. Call Wynette at 916-955-1577 or by [email](#) if you have any questions.

Abortion exploits and enslaves women, expert warns.

An expert on violence against women has warned that the “right to abortion” enslaves women and leaves them vulnerable to exploitation and abuse.

According to Inigo Azpitarte of *Professionals for Ethics*, “If a man thinks that abortion is an easily accessible option for a woman, he will easily feel disconnected from her and leave her with an unwanted pregnancy—since she can easily obtain an abortion.”

Azpitarte’s comments came as a result of an article posted on a [popular men’s website](#) which advised men on how to pressure or coerce their partner into abortion.

In the article, which was withdrawn after numerous complaints, author Isabella Snow suggested that the man threaten to withdraw his support if the woman has the baby anyway. She wrote, “This was her decision, not yours, and the bulk of the responsibility is now hers. Take a moment to spell this out for her when she gives you her final decision; it just may sway her over to your side.”

Coercion happens all too frequently. One [survey](#) found that 64% of American women who had abortions said they felt pressured by others to abort.

PRAYER FOR THE PRO-CHOICE

Loving and merciful Father,
You who are life and wisdom itself,
Remove the veil which blinds
Our pro-choice brothers and sisters.
Plant within their heart the seed of your truth.
Grant that it may germinate in the blood of your Son
And grow in the warmth of your love;
Reaching to the heavens from which it came,
And resting in peaceful repose at your holy feet.
May the seed you plant become a mighty Oak,
Standing firm against the culture of death,
Stretching its branches
Until all the earth is blanketed by your truth
And shaded in your love.
Amen.