

KY state fair booth successful

by Kathy Schroerlucke, KRCRC Board Member

When I first heard that KRCRC sponsors an information booth at the Kentucky State Fair, I thought, ‘what a waste of time,’ but I volunteered and worked a shift anyway. Sure, it was fun, and I thought it was important to be a presence for choice, but was it worth it? My skepticism increased as I learned how much it costs to sponsor the booth. This year we spent around \$1100 on the booth (\$700 on booth rental alone), and we coordinated 75 volunteers working 284 human hours of time. How could a small organization like KRCRC do this every year, and how on earth could it be worth the effort?

This year, I’m on the KRCRC Board, and I have a completely different perspective. This is a perspective that you probably won’t have unless you’ve volunteered at the fair for many years or have served on the KRCRC Board. As I worked arduously in my “spare time” coordinating the volunteers and getting the materials ready, I kept thinking that all this labor would be for naught. Boy, was I wrong!



Jim-E Iler & Jim Oxyer (behind camera) volunteered

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KRCRC sponsors Comprehensive Sexuality Education Conference in November

by Anne Maron, Chair, KRCRC Board of Directors

At our first conference on comprehensive sexuality education, the Kentucky Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice hopes to accomplish two objectives: 1) to start a discussion about comprehensive sexuality education and understand how President Bush’s abstinence-only policy impacts the increasing incidence of unwanted pregnancies, abortions, and sexually transmitted infections. 2) to provide resources and educational tools to youth workers and parents who would like children to have comprehensive sex education that is no longer available in public schools because of the President’s policy. We hope this conference will be the first of a series of workshops and conferences designed to help Kentucky and Southern Indiana do a better job of educating our youth to make healthy choices.



This conference is designed for clergy, directors of religious education, youth program directors, community organization staff and leaders, parents, and anyone interested in learning about comprehensive sexuality education. It focuses on Learning the Basics of Sex Education, Making Sense of Abstinence and hearing first hand about how the abstinence-only policy affected a community in Texas. During the morning workshop, Emily Burroughs, Planned Parenthood of Louisville and Rus Ervin Funk, a sexuality education and behavior consultant will engage participants in the basic language of sex education and how to convey information to both females and males. These two experts will share their

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knowledge of how young people relate to the subject matter and what language works with different groups.

Our keynote speaker and afternoon workshop presenter is Bill Tavener from New Jersey. Bill co-authored the book, *Making Sense of Abstinence: Lessons for Comprehensive Sex Education*, and has conducted comprehensive sexuality education workshops across the country. Attending this conference will be a rare opportunity for Kentucky's youth workers and parents to engage with a nationally recognized expert in the field.

Please help us spread the word about this conference! See page 19 for conference details. Tear this page off and post it on a bulletin board or pass it on to others. Urge your church's Director of Religious Education to attend. If you are involved in a community organization that works with youth, encourage the staff and the organization's leaders to attend.

With mounting attacks on abortion rights and access

Post page 19 of the newsletter on a bulletin board at work, church, or give it to a friend who works with youth.

to contraception of all kinds, it is now critical for all of us to promote reproductive health, through comprehensive sexuality education communities. Come and learn with us how that can be accomplished.

Test your knowledge. Did you know, that....

1. For more than two decades, the federal government has spent \$113 million in abstinence-only-until-marriage programs despite the absence of research suggesting that these programs work and in spite of the research that demonstrates it does not work.
2. In 2004 President Bush moved the administration of its abstinence-only education out of the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Health Resources and Services Administration and into its ideologically-driven Administration for Children, Youth and Families.
3. The Bush Administration has requested an additional \$28 million for its new more restrictive abstinence programs that bypasses state governments and makes grants directly to local abstinence-only organizations, including faith-based organizations.
4. The Bush Administration has promised to increase total

funding for abstinence-only education from its FY 2007 request of \$204 million to \$270 million by FY 2009—with all future increases likely to go to Community Based Abstinence-only Education, as they have ever since President Bush took office.

5. By their 18th birthday, 6 of 10 teenage women and nearly 7 of 10 teenage men have had sexual intercourse.
6. A sexually active teenager who does not use contraception has a 90% chance of becoming pregnant within a year.
7. Of the approximately 950,000 teenage pregnancies that occur each year, more than 3 of 4 are unintended. Over 25% of these pregnancies end in abortion.
8. The vast majority of teenagers ignore the abstinence-only message.
9. 95% of Americans believe teens should be encouraged to practice abstinence.
10. 80% of adults surveyed believe that young people should be given information on contraceptives, HIV and STDs as well as abstinence.

And, did you know that comprehensive sexuality education encourages abstinence but not to the exclusion of providing information on contraception, sexually transmitted infections and how to promote healthy relationships?

Resources for this article include:

An article by Matthew O'Connor of the National Conference of State Legislatures provided many of the facts quoted above.

Advocates for Youth and Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States
<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/>

National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
<http://www.teenpregnancy.org/>

Guttmacher Institute
<http://www.guttmacher.org/>

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STAND UP FOR YOUR FAITH

by Paul D. Simmons

This month begins a series of articles outlining the nature and character of the debate about abortion and the different features among people of faith. By now it is reasonably obvious that the most prominent feature of the current debate is the extensive involvement of people of faith. They are on both or all sides of the debate. I want to be a voice of encouragement for the members of KRCRC by outlining and describing the features of our faith that lead us to champion choice.

The most vocal and belligerent voices in America are coming from the religious right, of course. They are seeking a near-total ban on abortion and they want to impose criminal penalties on women who have abortions and those who assist them in any way.

El Salvador has gone the way of an extremist theocracy imposing religious notions of the embryo-as-person and imposing prison sentences on anyone violating their ban on abortion. Bad religion generates radical ideas and implements oppressive rules when it becomes aligned with political power. The story of religious oppression is a sorry and disturbing study in tyranny in the name of God and following Christ.

But they are only one part of the Christian involvement in the abortion debate. Christians who support choice have an entirely different slant on the meaning of faith and how God would have us relate to one another through public policy. The problem is that people of faith who support choice tend to draw back from public demonstrations in favor of choice. Eighty percent of the American public supports choice to one degree or another or for some reason that seems to justify the decision to terminate a problem pregnancy.

The Crusade to Ban Abortion

The special object of attack for such religious extremism happens to be people who understand their Christian faith in a very different way.

Church historian Roland Bainton described this religious approach to religion as a crusade ethic. Instead of working for justice, they are motivated by a religious cause. The cause of the “war” thus becomes holy, thus explaining the self-righteous zeal and fervor that characterizes the movement.

They then claim that God is working on their side and against all opponents. They are the righteous working against the unrighteous and sinful who resist God’s purposes. The final feature is the fact that they

pursue their objectives with no holds barred. They are ruthless against enemies, regarding any sign of kindness or civility as weakness in resolve

All those features characterize the current anti-choice crusade. We have heard their claim that they are the true Christians, while everyone those who support choice are without faith. And we have certainly seen the unethical means they employ as they pursue their objectives. Some very unchristian things are done in the name of Christianity.

They also claim to embrace a moral absolutism. The truth is that they embrace an ethic that the ends justify the means. Further, our continued work and witness belies their claim that they are the only Christians or people of faith involved in the public debate.

The polls also back us up. Only about 20 percent of Americans support the anti-choice cause. The other 80 percent are either strongly or modestly supportive of choice.

Pro-choice people come from the ranks of most all religious groups: Jewish, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Unitarians, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist, Buddhists, Bahai, Mormons and others. The faith groups represented are too numerous to mention.

Re-Claiming the Bible

Another claim made by the religious right that needs to be challenged is that the Bible is their source of authority for believing that abortion is wrong and that it should be outlawed. Let’s help set the record straight.

The truth is that the Bible contains no prohibition of abortion whatever. Nor does the Bible provide protections for embryos or fetuses in ways the fundamentalist crusade would have us believe. The Bible has no specific regulation of the practice. The one regulation that can be found is in Exodus 21:22-25. That passage deals with a miscarriage caused when a pregnant woman is injured by two men in a brawl. According to the Talmud the passage requires a fine for the loss of a fetus. But if the woman is injured, the penalty will be set by the rule of “injury in kind.” Thus the men would be punished by “eye for eye, hand for hand, limb for limb, life for life.”

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The passage makes a clear distinction between the value of a fetus (we do not know the stage of pregnancy) and that of the woman. She is fully regarded as a person under the covenant, but not the fetus. But the fetus does have value; it is not simply “of nothing worth.”

Beyond that civil rule, there are no regulations about abortion in the Bible. Apparently the biblical rule is that the decision is left to people of faith to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:12, 13). Christians live by the freedom of God’s grace and mercy, not the rigid requirements of the law, whether religious or secular.

Further, the Bible declares that the woman is the one who is created in the image of God (Gen. 1:28). It is she who bears the responsibility for bringing new life into the world and struggling with the burdens and the joys of pregnancy. Her powers are considerable and so also are her risks and threats. Only the woman may die in childbirth. Men may faint, but she may die of hemorrhage or vital organ failure. Her life will be uniquely affected in ways others can hardly understand.

The particularity of the individual’s special circumstances and moral burden, underscores the biblical emphasis on faith as a matter of personal and immediate relationship to the living God. As Paul said, “God is at work in you” requiring responses that are born of responsible freedom and reflect one’s trust in and obedience to God. One is to hear and obey God, as one understands the Divine command. True faith is not adhering to the dictates of clergy or conforming to religious teachings or ritual requirements to access the privileges of communion with and before God.

In short, there is wide disagreement among religious believers as to the nature of faith and the demands of theology regarding terminating a problem pregnancy. Religion is the most important motivating factor on both the drive to ban abortion and the effort to preserve abortion as a legal option. It is not that one side is religious and the other is not. The debate in America is primarily among people who claim a religious or even biblical basis for their position on abortion. Where they differ is in their beliefs regarding the moral status of gestational life, understandings of personhood, the role of law in regulating reproductive choice, and the freedom of the individual believer before God.

Religious authority is also at issue. Anti-choice groups appeal to the external authority of religious leaders, ecclesiastical structures or legal mandates. Those emphasizing choice believe the individual must answer directly to God for responsible living and moral choices, including matters of sex and reproduction. The Grand Inquisitor has no place in the religious life since obedience is directed to God, not a heavy-handed religious figure. Nor should law settle theological disputes. It should not declare a zygote a person since that requires a special knowledge known only to God. The law does not settle the moral question, but it may greatly complicate the difficult choices women must make.

Next month, I will explore differences between the groups in terms of their vision of the future and the type of society being sought.

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Growing the community makes it worthwhile

As a result of our labor, we have 130 new Kentucky supporters, 8 new Indiana supporters and 1 new Pennsylvania supporter in our community. That's 139 supporters we didn't have before. If these new supporters get involved, donate their time, energies and talents and give financial gifts, then it is indeed worth the effort. If each of these new supporters only gave \$25 in the annual campaign, we would have an additional \$3475 to work with next year, and for us that's a lot of money. This is almost enough to publish two newsletters a year.

Here's what our new supporters said they'd like to do to help:

114 will receive the newsletter, *Voice for Choice*

110 sent pro-choice postcards to their legislators. (We mailed 110 postcards to state senators and 110 postcards to state representatives.)

30 asked to get more involved

31 want to help with the newsletter

16 want to help lobby state legislators

16 want to help escort at the clinic

6 want to share their expertise with KRCRC

6 would like to organize a pro-choice gathering in their community

These 130 pro-choice Kentuckians come from throughout the state. Sure the majority are from Jefferson County, but just take a look at the counties represented by the new members of our pro-choice community! This fact by itself makes having the booth worthwhile.

New KY Pro-Choice Supporters by County

Allen	1	Campbell	2	Jefferson	94	Oldham	4
Anderson	1	Estill	1	Madison	2	Shelby	4
Barren	1	Fayette	5	Mercer	1	Warren	2
Boone	1	Hardin	3	Nelson	3	Webster	1
Bullitt	2	Hart	1	Ohio	1		

In fact, the KRCRC community has grown over the years due, in large part, to the fair booth outreach. Take a look at our current database listed by counties in Kentucky (see chart below). Our database includes KRCRC supporters, all state legislators (pro-choice and anti-choice), and others who simply wish to get the newsletter. The vast majority are pro-choice KRCRC supporters. *Continued on next page*

Current KRCRC Database By Counties in Kentucky

ADAIR	4	CLARK	8	HARDIN	109	LIVINGSTON	1	OWEN	3
ALLEN	4	CLAY	4	HARLAN	2	LOGAN	4	OWSLEY	1
ANDERSON	21	CLINTON	2	HARRISON	5	LYON	4	PENDLETON	2
BALLARD	2	CRITTENDEN	1	HART	8	MADISON	31	PERRY	6
BARREN	17	CUMBERLAND	4	HENDERSON	20	MAGOFFIN	1	PIKE	10
BATH	2	DAVEISS	17	HENRY	20	MARION	7	PULASKI	11
BELL	6	DAVISS	34	HICKMAN	1	MARSHALL	4	ROCKCASTLE	6
BOONE	29	EDMONSON	2	HOPKINS	12	MARTIN	1	ROWAN	3
BOURBON	7	ELLIOTT	1	JACKSON	3	MASON	4	RUSSELL	7
BOYD	10	ESTILL	2	JEFFERSON	2878	MCCRACKEN	11	SCOTT	19
BOYLE	11	FAYETTE	186	JESSAMINE	10	MCCREARY	2	SHELBY	46
BRACKEN	2	FLEMING	2	JOHNSON	5	MCLEAN	6	SIMPSON	2
BREATHITT	5	FLOYD	5	KENTON	48	MEADE	14	SPENCER	19
BRECKINRIDGE	14	FRANKLIN	61	KNOTT	2	MERCER	10	TAYLOR	6
BULLITT	72	FULTON	2	KNOX	4	METCALFE	1	TODD	1
BUTLER	4	GALLATIN	5	LARUE	10	MONROE	3	TRIGG	1
CALDWELL	2	GARRARD	5	LAUREL	7	MONTGOMERY	6	TRIMBLE	8
CALLOWAY	8	GRANT	5	LAWRENCE	1	MORGAN	4	UNION	6
CAMPBELL	31	GRAVES	5	LEE	2	MUHLENBERG	6	WARREN	32
CARROLL	5	GRAYSON	9	LESLIE	4	NELSON	33	WASHINGTON	6
CARTER	1	GREEN	3	LETCHER	5	NICHOLAS	1	WAYNE	2
CASEY	2	GREENUP	5	LEWIS	1	OHIO	3	WEBSTER	1
CHRISTIAN	14	HANCOCK	1	LINCOLN	7	OLDHAM	109		

Do you see your county listed? If so, consider organizing a gathering in your community. Need help? Contact KRCRC and we'll try to help you get started. Every small effort to get more people involved strengthens the community and gives more power to the pro-choice movement in Kentucky.

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Volunteers make it worthwhile

Volunteers feel good about the experience. Providing a statewide presence and engaging with people from different places allows volunteers to feel connected to pro-choice people throughout the state. This experience also affirms that our work is needed and appreciated, and it gives us insights into our work and how we might do things differently.

So let's celebrate the volunteers! 75 individuals made this year's booth a success. (See list on page 8) Because so many volunteers stepped-up, only 12 individuals had to work double shifts, and no one worked three shifts. Every shift had two persons, and a couple of shifts had three persons.

Emily Levine, who is on staff with the national RCRC office in Washington, D.C. and her parents from Birmingham, Alabama, took a shift while they were here participating in the state fair horse show. Emily reported that she and her horses won several awards!

There were two mother/daughter teams and lots of couples, partners, family members, and friends. We had many first-time volunteers and many booth veterans.

New booth design and location makes it worthwhile

This year the booth had a new look due to the collaborative and creative contribution made by Ken Herndon and Carol Savkovich. Ken and Carol met with a few board members to brainstorm a concept for the booth.

As you can see in the illustration below, the booth had a simple and personal message. It really caught your eye. Thank you, Ken and Carol!

Gilbert Schroerlucke constructed the frame for the display and made it work in our limited space, and his wife, Bettye, helped by sewing the black backdrop.

Anne Maron and her husband, Melvin, Kathy Kremer, Gil and Kathy Schroerlucke put the booth together, and Kathy & Gil



Ellen Reed and Rita Knowles shared a shift

Schroerlucke and Norm Stewart took it apart.

Booth location makes a difference

Everyone agreed that our location this year helped. We were no longer hidden by merchandise hanging on the walls next to us. This year we were next to the Candyland booth which attracted many visitors, and the Candyland workers were friendly and generous! To our benefit, the League of Women Voters booth was on the other side. Their booth caught the eye of many pro-choice visitors who also stopped by our booth!

Engaging with booth visitors makes it worthwhile

Not only were we a presence, letting fair goers know there are pro-choice people in Kentucky who are also religious, but we also engaged with many. We consider our booth's purpose to encourage pro-choice people to get involved and be counted. And this year we achieved our purpose. Many more pro-choice than anti-choice supporters visited the booth.

Hundreds of people gave a salute, a thumbs-up or cheered as they walked by. It was good for fairgoers to see that there is a pro-faith, pro-family, pro-choice organization in Kentucky, and it was equally good for us to see so many Kentuckians who believe reproductive decisions should be between a woman and God.

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Thanks to Ken Herndon and Carol Sakovitch, the booth had a compelling message this year



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Close encounters with visitors make it worthwhile

Here are some of the stories of “close encounters” with booth visitors as recorded by booth volunteers.

“A woman stopped by to tell us that she signed up at our booth last year at the Fair. She recounted that some Future Farmers of America people were harassing our booth volunteers, who, she said, did a wonderful job of handling this difficult situation. She said our volunteers remained calm and appropriate at all times and she was very impressed by this. She was looking for our booth this year so she could stop by and tell us this story.”

One young man stopped by to say, “I didn’t know you could be Christian and Pro-Choice.”

“A man with a pro-life t-shirt stopped by with his wife and 3 children, who were younger than 7 years of age. He lectured us on our “wrong” beliefs, slapped his palms on all our literature and said: “It’s not logical to profess your faith and kill children!” Then he turned to his children and said: “If you were just this big (using his thumb and forefinger, he measured about an inch), these women would kill you!” My booth colleague was firm, polite and said: “Thank you for stopping by. You are certainly entitled to your opinion.””

“Two college students stopped by and thanked us for being here. Another woman stopped by and said she stops by every year to thank us.”

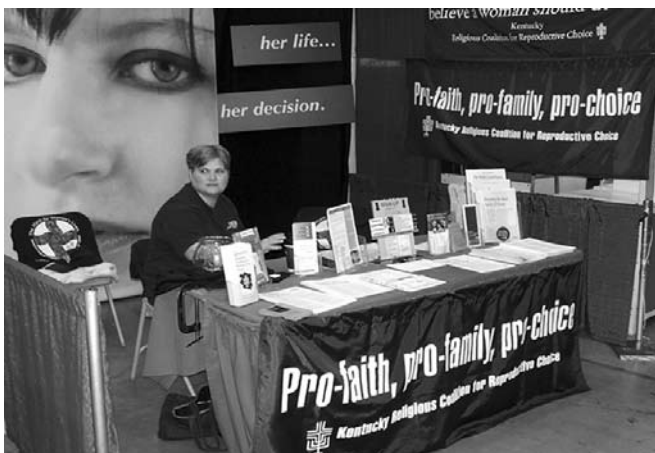
“One gentleman engaged in an argument about the issue, with the final salvo having something to do with whether we also believed that KFC treated its chickens badly. He bet we must be on the chicken side of that argument.”

“An irate woman engaged us in the issue. She ranted about murder and pointed out that Kentucky law forbids aborting the fetus of a horse. So she posed: why not forbid aborting fetuses of humans? We did not know that the anti-choice people see horses as the moral equivalent of humans.”

“Several young women stopped by to tell us how excited they were to find the booth. They had been looking for it. They thanked us for working the booth.”

“One lady assured us we were going to be very, very sorry when we come face-to-face with Jesus. She was in disbelief that Christians had anything to do with this.”

“A man and woman stopped by the booth, put \$5 in the donation bowl and said: “You are great and very courageous for being here.””



KRCRC Board member, Melanie Phillips, waits for visitors while her booth partner, Gil Schroerlucke, snaps the photo.

“A very argumentative young woman said she couldn’t believe that we, at our age, would be pro-choice. She hung around a while attempting to engage us in an argument but when she did not succeed, she finally left.”



(L-R) Betty Reiser, Bettye Schroerlucke & Joann Burch welcomed booth visitors

“Three young women (one from KY and two from OH) stopped and said: “Yay! We’ve been looking for the pro-choice booth.” We thanked them for their support and they said, “Keep fighting the good fight.””

“A woman came by and said that she had the booth next to the pro-life booth. She promised herself that if anyone from the pro-life booth bought something from her, she would donate it to us. They did and she put \$10 in the donation bowl as a result!”

“A father-to-be stopped by the booth and ranted about the benefits of vaginal ultra-sound and how you can see the baby’s heartbeat. He called us murderers and got into an argument with other people who had stopped to sign-up. The argument was easily diffused and both groups went their separate ways. However, the people who signed up with KRCRC said they were very happy and relieved to see pro-choice people here at the state fair.”

“I stopped by the “right to life” booth with the plastic babies inside plastic wombs. I mentioned that I was on the other side of this issue. He said he’d pray for me and I said I’d pray that they will have a happy life. She said, “we all need to pray for one another.” I said: “we sure do, especially in this day and time.” We left each other with a nice smile.”

“A woman with three kids stopped by the booth. She said that she had an abortion in Louisville and that the Clinic Escorts were wonderful and really needed. She asked us to thank all the Escorts!”

“A woman stopped by the booth and started to sign-up but as we talked it became clear that she was not pro-choice. Finally, she said she was against abortion. Her friend heard this, came over to the booth and shared the story of another friend who was pregnant and had cancer: “Her doctor told her she would die if she did not terminate the pregnancy and begin cancer treatment. My friend was against abortion but she had the abortion and began the cancer treatments. She is cancer-free and subsequently gave birth to two healthy children. If she hadn’t terminated that pregnancy, she would be dead and those two beautiful babies would not have been born. Anyone who says they are anti-choice has not been confronted with a situation where pregnancy termination is the right choice to make.” Her friend who said she was against abortion listened to the story and admitted that there are some circumstances when abortion may be necessary. Then all of us chimed in, “then you are pro-choice!” We talked about how no one is pro-abortion, that abortion should be a rarity, but it is a reality and will always be a necessary component of women’s reproductive healthcare. She finally got it and parted with a smile on her face.”

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Post-fair volunteer debriefing makes it worthwhile

About 16 booth volunteers gathered in Central Park in Louisville to share experiences and reflect on what worked and what didn't work at the booth this year. We generated lots of great ideas on how to improve the booth for next year and hope that more KRCRC supporters will want to volunteer next year.

We advertise for booth volunteers by e-mail and through the July newsletter as well as via e-mail. If we don't have your e-mail address, be sure to send it to us: info@krcrc.org.

Living in such a conservative state where legislators are heavily influenced by the extreme religious right, we often feel discouraged. If you ever feel discouraged, volunteer for a shift at the fair booth. It will make you feel great! And, if you want to feel good in between state fairs, volunteer to escort at the clinic once and a while!



Booth workers debrief the 2006 state fair experience



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Don't miss your chance to work the booth on the day and at the time you want. Let us know you want to volunteer and we will add you to the volunteer list. We'll contact volunteers on the list early! With all the ideas volunteers offered this year, next year's booth should be the best yet!

E-mail: info@krcrc.org - or call: 1-866-606-0988 (toll free).

Send name, phone(s), address, and e-mail address and let us know you want to volunteer to work the fair booth in 2007!

by Fran Zaniello, NKU

Thanks to the faculty and staff at Northern Kentucky University, the movement for reproductive choice is alive and well in Northern Kentucky!

With the participation of over 90 faculty and staff, EFRF inspired NKU students to form, NKU Students for Choice, a student organization with over 100 student members.

EFRF believes that a woman's ability to control her own reproduction is a fundamental human right and that the best way to ensure this right is through education and advocacy.

EFRF seeks to: 1) build a campus network of faculty and staff interested in promoting reproductive freedom; 2) promote campus-wide discussion of reproductive freedom through regular programs and a listserv; 3) support NKU student groups with an interest in the issue; and 4) to network with community groups who support reproductive rights.

Members of EFRF...

- Believe in a woman's right to control her own body
- Respect a woman's right to make responsible choices
- Believe information about reproductive choices should be grounded in scientific facts, not in religious ideology
- Believe in the separation of church and state

EFRF advocates...

- Medically accurate and age appropriate comprehensive sex education
- Safe and accessible birth control
- Access to safe and legal abortions
- Access to emergency contraception



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Live in Northern Kentucky? Please join us for...

Pro-Choice Day at NKU Wednesday – November 15

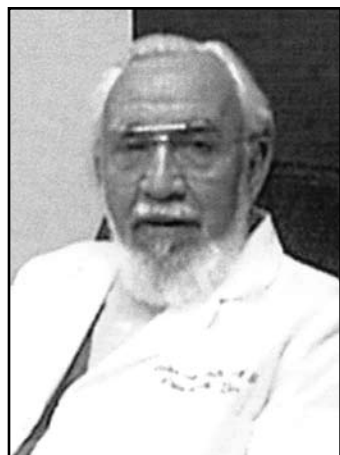
11:30am-2:00pm - Reproductive Rights Fair (Lobby of University Center)

2:00 pm - A panel discussion: "Religious Perspectives on Choice"
Open to the public. For more information, see our web site: efrf.org or e-mail Fran Zaniello: zaniello@nku.edu.

KRCRC is seeking a few volunteers who live in Northern Kentucky to help us staff the information booth at the Pro-Choice Day at NKU. If interested, please contact KRCRC: 866-606-0988 (tollfree) or info@krcrc.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Walter McIlhaney Wolfe, M.D.
1923-2006



It is with great sadness that we report the death of Dr. Walter McIlhaney Wolfe, Jr. Dr. Wolfe died on August 2 at the age of 84. Dr. Wolfe taught obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He was an active advocate of women's reproductive rights and for women in medicine.

Dr. Wolfe received the KRCRC Dr. David Gunn Award in 1998 for his outstanding contribution to women's reproductive rights.

The world is a better place because Dr. Wolfe lived in it. He will be missed.

Bearing witness to the Saturday morning insanity

By Amy McClain

I started escorting women into the EMW Women's Surgical Center after the presidential election of 2004. For me, the election results were a loud wake-up call forcing me out of a life of comfortable complacency. It seemed glaringly obvious to me that the country and our elected leaders were attempting to dismantle many of the rights I value, including women's reproductive freedoms. Equally obvious was my responsibility to do something in response. Since I'm not one to be easily intimidated, escorting seemed like it might be a good fit.

I had no idea what to expect on my first Saturday of escorting. Of course I was somewhat familiar with the violence of Operation Rescue, and knew of the murders of Dr. David Gunn, Dr. Barnett Slepian and Dr. John Britton, but I convinced myself that if massive assaults were occurring at the Louisville clinic, there would have been some coverage by our local media. Since nothing had been in the news, I thought it must not be that bad. I arrived on my first Saturday morning, and the other volunteers encouraged me to merely observe until I was comfortable with the process.

I've tried to set the scene before but with little success. It's like some sort of bizarre circus or a hallucinogenic freak show. There are usually 50 or so anti-choice protestors lining the sidewalk holding rosaries or crucifixes and reciting prayers. Interspersed among them, leaning against trees or propped in the back of pick-up trucks, are large vivid signs of innocent looking babies, depictions of Jesus accompanied by scripture, or bloody pieces of human remains. But the sign which will forever win the award for flexibility was the one which read GOD HATES and below the word HATES was a strip of Velcro, to accommodate the various options. One morning it read GOD HATES FAGS and then on another GOD HATES CATHOLICS.

To be fair, most of the anti-choice protesters are content to stand outside the clinic and pray. Their presence is undoubtedly intimidating, but I don't consider them threatening. Unfortunately, there are on any given Saturday up to half a dozen people who choose to actively badger, menace and scare the women seeking medical treatment. They scream hateful words, accuse them of murder, impede their path and never ever back off. As escorts we attempt to surround the patients with support, provide words of encouragement and stand beside them as they walk the gauntlet.

Fortunately the experience is not as physically aggressive as I initially feared. Occasionally there is bumping, blocking and the stepping-on toes, but most of the aggression is verbal:

"You're a fag"

"You're killing your baby"

"Murderer"

"You're going to be harmed forever."

My past employment includes stints at a psychiatric hospital and correctional facilities, so the verbal barrage bounces off of me. It's obvious though that it affects many of the women. I watched a woman run the distance from her car to clinic door in an attempt to avoid her tormentors. Others will place their fingers in their ears, try to explain their circumstances or on occasion tear-up.

Several weeks ago one of the clients turned around on an anti-choice screamer and yelled back, "You're the meanest Christian I've ever seen!" Personally I've found that one of the most effective means of distracting the rabid anti-abortionists is by allowing them to proselytize. I'll simply ask them to tell me about their religious beliefs, and while they are explaining my certain damnation, women are walking into the clinic with minimal interference. When all else fails smiling or laughing at them is also effective.

I encourage all of my pro-choice friends to visit the clinic on Saturday morning simply to bear witness to the insanity, that in the 21st century, in America, women are being subjected to such barbaric conduct merely because they seek legal medical treatment. I am something of a medical phobic, who is fearful of even the tiniest procedure, and can only imagine the courage required to drive to a surgical center and then face condemnation and palpable hate. As escorts we are always outnumbered, but at least our presence and words hopefully convey the message that these women are not alone.



Amy McClain is one of the dedicated volunteer escorts at the EMW Clinic on Saturday mornings. You may contact Amy by e-mail: redmclain@insightbb.com. Even if you don't escort, please come to observe.

Clinic Escorts Needed

Why are escorts needed?

To answer this question, simply drive by the EMW Women's Surgical Center in Louisville one Saturday morning between 7:00 and 8:00 am. See for yourself.

Anti-choice protesters begin arriving at 7:00 am, getting themselves and their signs in place. As soon as a patient parks her car, the protesters move in and begin spewing their venom, trying to scare patients and intimidate them so they will turn back. No one should be subjected to this abuse when seeking legal medical care.

And, it's more than words. They aggressively push printed material and signs in front of patients, all the while shouting:

*Don't go in there
Don't kill your baby, Murderer
You're already a mother
We'll take care of you
God will condemn you to hell for this*

There are only two clinics in Kentucky that provide pregnancy termination services. The Louisville EMW Women's Surgical Center is a certified surgical facility providing full services. The Lexington clinic performs only first trimester pregnancy termination procedures. At the Louisville clinic, patients come from Tennessee, Indiana, West Virginia, as well as counties throughout Kentucky. When patients arrive, they may be tired, weary, and nervous. They do not need to stand alone as they try to enter the clinic past the protesters.

Clinic Escorts put a buffer between the patient and the protesters. We walk with the patient, shielding her from the protesters. Sometimes the patient or a person accompanying her becomes enraged by the protestors, and Escorts help them to remain calm. Our presence discourages them from engaging with the protesters and thus avoids an escalating situation.

Escorts are volunteers who strive for a peaceful presence. We act as a buffer between loud, intrusive protesters and nervous patients. After greeting the clients at their cars (tactfully waiting at a distance and until the occupants are ready to get out), the escorts walk with them to the door, reassuring them that they are safe.

Clinic Escorting is an act of compassion, kindness, and responsibility. Escorts are non-violent witnesses to abrasive protesters, attempting to interfere with a woman's decision to have a legal and safe medical procedure. Our intention is to guide women and their companions to the door safely, and we resist the temptation to verbally respond to the protesters.

Escorting is a very simple but powerful act. Providing this presence shows compassion and support for women and sends the protesters a very important message - we are watching, we respect women, and compassion rules!

Be a witness for women's safety &
reproductive choice.

Be a Clinic Escort,
as often as you can!

Volunteer to Escort

Escorts gather at the clinic at 7:00 am every Saturday of every month (unless the clinic is closed). You are welcome to just show-up on any Saturday morning. First timers, please get there ten minutes early.

The EMW Women's Surgical Clinic is located at 138 W. Market Street in Louisville, Kentucky. Park on the street. Meter parking is free on Saturdays. Look for Escorts wearing the orange Escort vests. They will be standing on the sidewalk. The escorts who volunteer regularly will show you what to do. You can follow their lead.

Walking from a parked car to the clinic door is easy. The hard part is making the commitment and then getting up on a Saturday morning to do it. However, once you do it, you will feel what we mean when we say: **it is a simple but powerful act.** A couple of hours out of your life helps protect women and sends a powerful message to the anti-choice protesters.

Please consider escorting a few times a year, if not every month! For more information or to talk with someone about escorting, please contact:

Drew Patterson,
Phone: 635-2202
E-mail: drewpy@bigfoot.com

Just show-up! Escorts are needed.



It's All About YOU

By Gil Schroerlucke

How do things get done at the Kentucky Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice? Yes, things do get done. Here are some of them:

- ✓ Sponsoring a Roe v Wade dinner in January with awards presentation and program
- ✓ Promoting lobbying during Kentucky General Assembly.
- ✓ Encouraging escorting at EMW Clinic
- ✓ Publishing *Voice for Choice*, a quarterly newsletter to 4800 households including all members of the General Assembly. Four times a year, we need 15 to 20 volunteers to prepare the bulk mailing.
- ✓ Sponsoring a booth at the Kentucky State Fair which takes 80 volunteers to staff
- ✓ Meeting with school and community groups and much more.

After reading the above, one might think that this organization has a large paid staff. But you already know this is not the case. Everything done by KRCRC is done by volunteers. No one is paid. So all financial contributions go directly to pay for actual expenses incurred. People who work at full-time jobs go the second mile when they participate in and/or lead KRCRC activities.

Would you like to see KRCRC do more? I hope so. We all would. The only limitation is the expertise and the number of people willing to be involved. That's why I say: "It's all about YOU."

As you read this ask yourself, "What am I doing to move Kentucky toward social justice?" Enormous opportunities are available. Our arena is the enlistment of people of faith to work together in the freeing of women from discrimination. Control of women is at the heart of the abortion debate. Ours is a freedom movement.

Do you have an idea? Share it! Do you have some free time that you could use in this movement? Maybe it's providing transportation to the clinic for a young woman who has none. Maybe it's writing an article for the newsletter or working on a financial plan or helping organize an activity or forming a pro-choice group in your community or.....or.....

KRCRC is a movement that operates from the bottom up. Each participant helps plan and carry out the activities that it sponsors. The Board, which facilitates the mission, is open to any willing person ready to be involved. It meets monthly.

So, I conclude. It's up to you.

It's all about **YOU!**



Rev. Gilbert Schroerlucke is a retired United Methodist minister, editor of *Voice for Choice*, and KRCRC Board Member.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Occasionally, we are contacted by the EMW Women's Surgical Center to provide transportation for a patient to get to and from the clinic. So far, 1-2 persons have been doing this. We need a list of volunteers who could be contacted to see if they could provide transportation. You need to be able to drive in the Greater Louisville and Greater Lexington areas.

We are also looking for two persons who would share coordination of this activity. These persons would be the KRCRC contact for the clinic. The coordinator would then contact the list to see who is available to help. You need a phone and e-mail access to coordinate.

PATIENT SUPPORTIVE FRIEND

A supportive friend is with a patient when she signs-in and is with her when it is time to go home from the clinic. Upon occasion, a patient is unable to ask a family member or friend to play this role. In these cases we need a volunteer willing to be such a presence. We want to create a list of volunteers willing to be contacted when a need arises. With a list, we ought to find one person able to do this when needed. We also need someone willing to coordinate this activity.

INFORMATION BOOTH STAFF

Throughout the year, we have opportunities to distribute literature and talk with people attending various events, such as conferences, workshops, information fairs, and more. We need a list of volunteers who are willing to help staff an information booth. Adding your name to the list means you will be contacted when an opportunity arises. With a group of volunteers, we can share the work without taxing any one volunteer.

We also need someone willing to coordinate information booth activities.

KRCRC EVENT HELPERS

In addition to the Roe v. Wade dinner, we sponsor conferences and workshops throughout the year. We need volunteers to help in specific ways, for example: staffing the registration table, making phone calls, setting up for the event, and more. We have an immediate need related to the November 4th Comprehensive Sexuality Education Conference. If you are willing to be contacted to help with KRCRC special events, please let us know.

NEWSLETTER MAILING PREP

We need volunteers 4 times a year to help prepare the newsletter for mailing, e.g. put on labels and such. We do this on a Saturday morning and it's fun. We start at 9AM and finish before noon, depending on how many volunteers show-up. To add your name to the list of volunteers contacted when it's time to do this, contact us.

STATE LEGISLATOR VISITS

Join others who visit legislators. Do this once or several times during General Assembly. To add your name to the list of people contacted, contact us.

CLINIC ESCORTS

See page 11 for information.

Please volunteer to help. Leave/send a message. Tell us who you are, how to contact you and name the activities with which you'd like to help. You are only signing-up to be contacted for the various activities. We hope it works out for you to actually volunteer.

By phone: 1-866-606-0988 (toll-free)

By e-mail: info@krcrc.org.

Hyde—30 Years is Enough

By Vanessa Shepherd

We've all heard the desperate stories of women forgoing food, risking eviction, and pawning their possessions as they attempt to raise money for an abortion. Some are forced to continue the pregnancy, abandon their education and stay trapped in poverty due to the financial barriers that exist within our system. Since 1976 when the Hyde Amendment went into effect, low-income women have been unable to choose pregnancy termination as an option for their reproductive health. The Hyde Amendment forbids federal funding for abortion except in cases of rape, incest, and danger to the life of the woman.

Low-income women and women living on public assistance often face a double-bind. They receive no help paying for a needed abortion but neither do they receive financial support after childbirth. Why? Because the welfare reform laws place a financial cap on families who give birth to new babies while they are receiving public assistance. So, low-income women cannot get help for an abortion, but if they bring the pregnancy to term, they get no more financial assistance than they had before the new addition to the family.

As a result, the Hyde Amendment denies abortion as a healthcare service and thus denies low-income women access to basic reproductive health. It places them in a situation where they cannot choose a course of action that is safe and legal, a choice that would assist them as they move out of poverty. Instead it ensures that women will remain trapped in the cycle of poverty.

American women have had the legal right to choose abortion for more than thirty years; however, to achieve reproductive equality for all women, restrictive barriers such as the Hyde Amendment must be removed.

Did you know that under Medicaid, states receive matching federal funds to provide health care to low-income individuals? Thirty-two states, including Kentucky, have banned state Medicaid funding for abortion. It is estimated that more than 16 million women receive basic health and long-term coverage through Medicaid. The Medicaid ban on abortion funding severely affects poor women, women of color, and young women.

Did you know that the cost of a first-trimester abortion is about \$600 in Kentucky and is more than a poverty-level family lives on in a month? Delaying the procedure while trying to raise the funds often means the woman

seeks the procedure later in the pregnancy where she faces not only higher health risks but also high costs, often double the cost of a first trimester procedure. Some women in this situation even jeopardize their own health by trying to self-induce an abortion.

For women who are struggling to make ends meet and who do not have insurance that covers pregnancy termination, the legal right to have an abortion does not guarantee access.

The A Fund and several other similar funds around the nation were established in direct response to the Hyde Amendment in the late 1960's- early 1970's. In 1993 the National Network of Abortion Funds (NNAF) was formed to unite the many funds. Our local A Fund is a collaborating member of NNAF.

October of this year marks both the 30th anniversary of the Hyde Amendment and is the year its author, Henry Hyde (R-Illinois) is set to retire. In response, NNAF has launched a campaign to raise awareness about the impact this legislation has had on poor women. The campaign web site, "Hyde—30 Years is Enough, provides information about the amendment and what you can do to help raise awareness. See: www.nnaf.org.

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What can you do?

- ① Help low-income women to pay for abortions by making a contribution to the A Fund, PO Box 611, Prospect, KY 40059. The A Fund is the only source of financial assistance available to poor women in Kentucky and southern Indiana. A Fund volunteers work directly with a limited set of reproductive healthcare providers and never give money directly to patients. The A Fund's ability to help women in need depends solely on individual contributions.
- ② Advocate for increased public funding. Write to your U.S. Congress members and state legislators and urge them to provide full Medicaid coverage for abortion and family planning. Find your elected officials at www.vote-smart.org
- ③ Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper. Sample editorials are provided on the NNAF web site: www.nnaf.org.

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A FUND

A Fund, Inc. was founded in 1993 by a handful of Kentucky citizens who became increasingly aware of the severe crisis many low-income women experience when faced with the need to terminate a pregnancy.

This small group established the volunteer-supported A Fund that was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Through the generosity of other like-minded persons, the A Fund is able to help about 600 low-income Kentucky women a year, women who are facing an unwanted or problem pregnancy and who otherwise would not be able to have an abortion without a little financial assistance.

The KRCRC Board of Directors encourages its supporters to donate to the A Fund. This is the only source of financial assistance for women in Kentucky. Your gift can make a huge difference in the life of a woman and her family.

Vanessa Shepherd

has been involved in the reproductive rights movement for the past five years and has been a member of the A Fund board for the past four. She has lobbied state legislators, escorted at the clinic, provided transportation for clients, assisted with grant proposals, and attended regional and national conferences on reproductive rights.



In 2004 she attended the March for Women's Lives in DC and in 2006 she presented at the national NNAF conference on "Emergency Contraception Access in Kentucky." Vanessa grew up in a small town near Prestonsburg, KY, and has lived in Louisville since 2001. She is currently working in Tahara City, Aichi, Japan and holds a master's degree from the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. We will be happy when she returns to Kentucky!

They solicit donations only from those who have given in the past. Please give to the A Fund and get on their mailing list. Any amount will help. Keep in mind that the standard amount given to assist a woman is \$100. Your gift of \$100 will help one woman. A gift of \$500 will help 5! Send your tax-deductible donation to:

A Fund • PO Box 611 • Prospect, KY 40059

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Kentucky pharmacies may still refuse to dispense Plan B

by Amanda Kreps-Long

While we have much to celebrate regarding the FDA's newly granted over-the-counter status of Plan B, a brand of emergency contraception (EC), much work still lies ahead.

The FDA approved dispensing Plan B over-the-counter to women 18 years of age and older. This means that every woman has to show identification to get the over-the-counter medication. Because women have to ask for the drug and show ID, we are still vulnerable to pharmacy refusal.

As we reported earlier, the ACLU Kentucky Reproductive Freedom Project conducted a survey of Kentucky pharmacies in the fall of 2005. Of the 309 pharmacies surveyed, only 13% had Plan B in stock. Of those pharmacies that did not stock Plan B, 47% refused to fill the prescription. These pharmacies refused to dispense the medication on religious, moral, or personal beliefs.

Every woman needs to know her rights and the facts about emergency contraception, because the struggle to provide Plan B in Kentucky is not over.

As a result, the Kentucky Emergency Contraception Awareness Coalition is constructing a website specific to EC issues in Kentucky and will be hosting several educational forums throughout the state. We will also be creating and distributing informational brochures about EC and how to obtain it, placing EC ads in local newspapers, and placing EC ads in bus shelters throughout Louisville.

Be watching for us this winter!



Amanda Kreps-Long is Director of the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project and coordinates state lobbying on behalf of reproductive health. Contact Amanda: amanda@aclu-ky.org; (502) 581-9746

Kentucky General Assembly needs you!

by Amanda Kreps-Long

In the 2006 legislative session women's reproductive rights received assaults from Republicans and Democrats alike. Because of supporters like you, we succeeded in defeating all proposed anti-choice legislation. Unfortunately we will see many of these proposals again in the 2007 legislative session.

In 2006, we fought proposals that would have:

- ☒ Banned all abortions except to save the life of the woman
- ☒ Allowed a parent's illegal use of a controlled substance during pregnancy, which causes a child to suffer physical injury after birth, to qualify as a basis for termination of parental rights
- ☒ Required women, 24 hours prior to an abortion, to receive state mandated information in-person from a physician, physician assistant, licensed nurse, or social worker resulting in women making two visits to the clinic.

The 2007 legislative session of the Kentucky General Assembly is a short session (30 days instead of last year's 60 days). Lobbying efforts will begin **Tuesday, February 6th and continue until Thursday, March 8th.**

The presence of volunteers from **all over Kentucky** truly made the difference this last session and we need you again! Please join us in Frankfort to remind state legislators that we support reproductive freedom in Kentucky.



Kate Cunningham coordinates KRCRC volunteers who are willing to go to Frankfort and visit with legislators during the General Session. Please contact Kate if you are interested in participating sometime during the next session: Feb. 6-Mar. 8. Kate Cunningham, (502) 339-1381; kate.cunningham@juno.com

No matter where you live in Kentucky, it's worth your effort to participate in this activity at least once a year, more if you can.

South Dakota needs your help, Kentucky could be next

Dear KRCRC Friends,

My name is Benjamin with the South Dakota Campaign for Healthy Families (SDCHF).

We are the non-partisan organization fighting for the health, well-being & freedom of all women in South Dakota. We need you to get involved with our campaign and help us repeal the abortion ban that became law in March. The ban allows for NO EXCEPTIONS for victims of incest or rape, not to mention women's health, like cancer patients who can't take certain medications while pregnant.

A Referendum to Repeal this law, voted on November 7, will determine the future for women's reproductive health in South Dakota. We need your help during the final weeks of our campaign.

► **Phone calls need to be made**

Please ask your members to volunteer to make phone calls. We will provide phone lists, scripts and training guides.

► **Cash donations are needed**

We need more donations to help us pay for campaign expenses. As you can imagine, our opponents will be very well funded from out-of-state right-wing groups. We need to run advertisements if we are going to win.

► **Spread the word**

Encourage your friends to help.

Each one of you can make a world of difference in a small state like South Dakota in a mid-term election year. Stand with us as we fight for the rights of women in South Dakota and the nation. We can stop the far-right in South Dakota now! Remember, similar legislation is pending in 12 other states including Ohio! When we win, they will be far less likely to try and take away women's rights in other places.

We understand all of you have important elections in your respective home areas, but still hope you will make some time for SDCHF.

Thank you for supporting women in America!

Sincerely and loyally yours,

Benjamin John Chiszar

Director of GOTV

South Dakota Campaign for Healthy Families

Phone: bj@sdhealthyfamilies.org

E-mail: 605-221-5642

www.sdhealthyfamilies.org



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**HEALTHY
FAMILIES**



The KRCRC annual fundraising letters will arrive in your mailboxes in November.

Please respond quickly and generously!

Everyone's financial support is needed. So, give what you can and help KRCRC advance the cause of choice in Kentucky.



Are you using a KRCRC Kroger Gift Card?

Order a \$5 gift card from KRCRC. Stop at the Kroger service desk and put some money on the gift card. Shop till you drop and pay the bill with your Kroger gift card. When you use your Kroger gift card, it helps raise funds for KRCRC. Consider giving KRCRC Kroger gift cards as gifts! It's the gift that keeps on giving!

Contact KRCRC to order KRCRC Kroger Gift Cards.



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Join other Kentuckians of faith. Support KRCRC and speak out for reproductive choice and health.

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Make check payable and mail to KRCRC:
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I'd like to help on the following activities.

Newsletter Mailing
 Writing for the Newsletter
 Visiting state legislators
 Hosting a gathering in my area
 Kentucky State Fair Booth
 Escorting at the Clinic
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Or donate online:

www.krcrc.org

▶ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ◀

ROE V. WADE CELEBRATION

SATURDAY - JANUARY 20, 2007

Location to be determined



Featuring keynote speaker:

Rev. Carlton Veazy

President & CEO

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

www.rcrc.org

If you've never heard Rev. Veazy speak, you won't want to miss this opportunity! Mark your calendars and watch for registration information in the next newsletter.

HELP IS NEEDED! If you know of a Louisville church with the facilities to accommodate a dinner event for about 175 people, a church that would support this KRCRC event, please contact KRCRC: 1-866-606-0988 or by e-mail: info@krccrc.org. *We are still looking for a facility.*

KRCRC

Board of Directors Meeting

KRCRC supporters are welcomed to attend a KRCRC Board of Directors meeting if you would like to observe, participate or explore your interest in getting more involved with the work of KRCRC.

Oct 15 • Nov 19 • Dec 17 • Jan 21
(Normally the 3rd Sunday of the month.)

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

St. Matthews Episcopal Church

KRCRC

1-866-606-0988

info@krccrc.org

Voice for Choice

Submission Deadline

The next newsletter will go out in early January. Please send all articles, letters, resources, and information to KRCRC by or before **December 6**.

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Kentucky Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
presents a conference on

Comprehensive Sexuality Education

What is it? What does it include? How is it taught?

Morning

Let's Talk About Sex Education Basics

In this workshop, you will learn the appropriate language for sexuality education and how to talk about sex with different genders and different audiences. You'll learn how to be inclusive and how to talk about sexuality education in the context of developing healthy relationships.

Presenters:

Rus Ervin Funk, MSW - Consultant, author, sex educator and expert on sexual assault and domestic violence.

His latest book is titled, *Reaching Men: Strategies for Preventing Sexist Attitudes, Behaviors and Violence*.

Emily Burroughs, M.A. - Sexuality educator for Planned Parenthood of Louisville.

Afternoon

Making Sense of Abstinence

BILL TAVERNER, M.A., was named "one of the country's pre-eminent sex educators, trainers, and sex education theorists" (*Sexual Intelligence*, 2006). He is the co-founding editor of the *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, co-author of *Making Sense of Abstinence*, and the author or co-author of numerous other sex education manuals and texts, including *Sex Ed 101* and several editions of *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Human Sexuality*.



Bill will provide the keynote address and engage participants in learning tools used to teach comprehensive sex education. Bill is the director of education for Planned Parenthood of Greater New Jersey.

Books and materials will be available for purchase at discounted prices.

Saturday, November 4, 2006

Held at the First Unitarian Church • 809 S. 4th St • Louisville, KY

8:30-- 9:00 am	Registration, Continental Breakfast
9:00-11:00 am	Morning Workshop
11:00-11:30 am	Break/Grab a lunch
11:30-12:45 pm	Lunch and Watch Film
1:00-- 3:00 pm	Keynote Speaker & Afternoon Workshop
3:00-- 3:30 pm	Closing

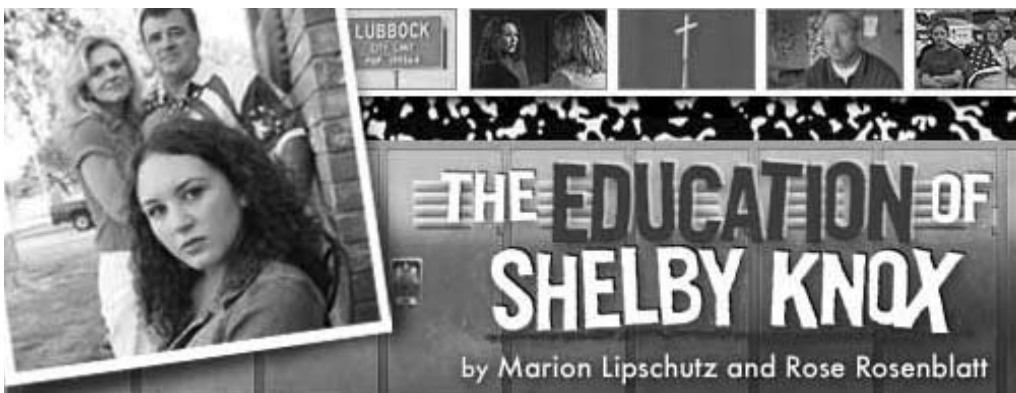
Cost: \$15, pre-registered **by October 18**; \$25 thereafter

To register, send registration form & check to KRCRC, P.O. Box 4065, Louisville, KY 40204. Download registration form from www.krcrc.org or call to have one faxed or e-mailed to you. 1-866-606-0988 (toll-free); info@krcrc.org.

WHO should

attend? Youth workers, parents, program directors, organizational leaders, counselors, religious education directors, social workers, clergy, teachers, KRCRC supporters and anyone interested in comprehensive sexuality education.

During lunch, watch the documentary: *The Education of Shelby Knox*.



At 15, this aspiring opera singer – and conservative Baptist – became part of the Lubbock Youth Commission, a teen organization empowered by the Mayor. Alarmed by absurdly high STD rates amongst teenagers, and the clearly ineffective “abstinence only” approach to sex education, Shelby pushes for comprehensive and accurate sex education in public schools. But a local pastor, a Commission peer, the Mayor’s office, and even her own Republican parents conspire to thwart Shelby’s agenda. Meanwhile, she aligns with a group of gay teens and becomes a staunch ally.



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