To give innocent and helpless human beings of any age, particularly unborn children, a trained and committed defense against the threat of death, and to support their advocates in the nation’s courtrooms.
DEAR FRIEND OF THE LIFE LEGAL DEFENSE FOUNDATION,

We at Life Legal have been standing in the breach for defendants in the case of Planned Parenthood v. Center for Medical Progress since the suit was filed. Indeed, we’ve been standing up for targets of this suit since before the suit was filed. After last year’s unjust judgment in this case, attributable largely to an unparalleled level of bias from both judge and jury, we began to formulate plans for an appeal. One great thing about injustice in court is that everything is documented. And we have thoroughly noted every deficiency and questionable decision offered in the San Francisco courtroom. This sort of thing takes time. But now our Vice President for Legal Affairs, Katie Short, is crafting the finishing touches on a tremendous brief that should shield from much damage the heroes who first exposed Planned Parenthood’s contemptible trade in baby body parts. We at Life Legal have not wavered in doing everything we could to defend them.

- A new front has opened up in the conflict over baby body parts — and Life Legal has been right there in the midst of the struggle. Incredibly, the disgusting “scientific experiments” shown to the whole world in the CMP videos are still going on — at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Activists from the Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust have established a presence on site and are even now working against UCSF’s mad regime of baby body part exploitation. These new pro-life heroes have already called upon Life Legal to stand as their counsel — and we are proud to be doing just that.

- A confluence of social trends has caused an enormous increase in violence against pro-lifers involved in constitutionally-protected witness outside abortion mills across the country. This is actually one of the most underreported stories of the last two years — and naturally Life Legal has been there to defend these courageous pro-lifers in every way possible. Thanks to our generous donors, we have met the increased demand on our resources, so far, with marked success.

In addition, we have pursued our day-to-day labor of standing up for the elderly and infirm threatened with cruel death by dehydration and starvation. To this task has been joined the need to defend extreme preemies or “periviable” infants from murder by medical neglect. We have indeed had our plates full!

We at Life Legal are continuously reminded of our dependence on the support of pro-lifers like you in all our endeavors. And we pray every day that you will be able to grant us the same support as we face the challenges of the year to come.

As you observe the depredations of the abortion culture, take comfort in the vigilance that we at Life Legal are exercising on your behalf. And bear in mind that, through your generous support, you are striving with us.

Yours for the sacredness of human life,

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It has been a long and difficult road since July 2015 for the Center for Medical Progress — and CMP’s struggle against Planned Parenthood continues to the present day.

Anyone who watches the conflict over abortion at all, from either side, has to see how CMP’s shocking videos — about Planned Parenthood officials and their illegal trade in baby body parts — made the public more aware of abortion’s nauseating realities. Nowadays we tend to forget how unexpected and unprecedented those videos were. The other side had no idea that anything like them was on the way, and the pro-abortion mainstream media initially had no idea what to make of the revelations they contained.

CMP’s videos not only exposed Planned Parenthood’s disregard for federal law. They also exposed anew the seamy, gut-wrenching, blood-drenched actuality of the abortion industry, so far removed from the heavily-scrubbed façade typically presented in media accounts. Abortionists on camera actually referred to tearing extremities off tiny human bodies. Nothing quite like those videos had ever been seen before.

Given the power of the evidence collected by CMP’s undercover journalists, how could it be that, in November 2019, a federal jury handed down judgments, not against Planned Parenthood, but against the self-sacrificing watchmen who had revealed the truth about Planned Parenthood’s operations?

One obvious reason for the injustice was the determination of Judge William Orrick to favor Planned Parenthood’s side of the lawsuit. Although the defense was able to get large chunks of the case dismissed, he appeared determined to salvage enough to get Planned Parenthood in front of a jury.

Then, however, the damaging truth of CMP’s videos never made it to court, having been ruled irrelevant by the judge. Thus, the overarching benefit accomplished by CMP’s brilliant investigation was never presented to the jury.

Exposing Planned Parenthood’s wrongdoing — really, in moral terms, a series of casual crimes certain to fill any decent heart with disgust and horror — had always been CMP’s object and justification. If the jury was denied evidence of that wrongdoing, how could it understand why CMP’s investigation was justified?

Even if viewed strictly according to what the jury was permitted to see, the judgments rendered in *PP v. CMP* were still absolutely outrageous.

Life Legal’s Katie Short observed that: “The jury verdict was so lopsided that all the defendants were found liable for recording people whose names were never mentioned in the trial. The jury found Sandra Merritt liable for recording at conferences she never attended... They found all the defendants liable for every single claim Planned Parenthood was able to get before them.”

The judge did indeed manifest bias against the pro-life defendants as far as the law was concerned, but the jury, as trier of fact, arguably did worse. It was almost as if the jurors paid no attention to the evidence at all.

The deficiencies of judge and jury, however, presented abundant grounds for appeal. As of this writing, Life Legal is pursuing with all due zeal this avenue toward continuing CMP’s struggle against the nation’s premier abortion mega-corporation. With the help of colleague Mike Millen, Katie Short is preparing an appellate brief that should slam the coffin shut on a case that should have been dismissed four years ago.

The story of CMP’s action against Planned Parenthood is not over. And Life Legal’s part in that story isn’t over, either.
“CMP’s videos never made it to court, having been ruled irrelevant by the judge.”
Even among pro-lifers, there’s a common misconception that the shocking videotapes from CMP forced all abortionists to clean up their act when it came to the exploitation of baby body parts.

Unfortunately, such is not the case. While Planned Parenthood backed off in the face of a massive public backlash, the same sort of revolting abuses occur to this day — with the central venue for their occurrence being the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).

The university’s entanglement in experiments requiring “fetal tissue” as raw material has never really been a secret, but the astonishing extent of its involvement was first revealed — like Planned Parenthood’s — in a video. This particular video was produced by an enterprising local activist group called Pro-Life San Francisco. Currently, you can view the video online. The title says it all: “UCSF: A Real-Life American Horror Story.”

Among other revelations: UCSF has actually conducted experiments that required a monthly supply of fresh dead babies from late-term abortions.

Also, a lot of these babies were aborted after 21 weeks — which means that they were viable at the time.

“Fetal tissues” were employed not to produce “cures” — the lie by which that whole unethical business is pitched to the public — but rather to embody such dystopian concepts as “humanized mice”: laboratory mice with human tissues implanted. UCSF’s attitude toward the child in the womb is fully manifest in one detail attached to such experiments: The mice were anesthetized for their procedures, the babies were not.

It should come as no surprise that many of those in authority at UCSF’s School of Medicine are practicing abortionists themselves, or that UCSF is the nation’s center for training abortionists, with a special emphasis on late term procedures.

It should also come as no surprise that, through its Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health, UCSF pushes abortion advocacy on a political level all over the world. Its goal is to make abortion a routine component of obstetrics and gynecology everywhere on earth.

Given the evident parallels between Planned Parenthood and UCSF, it should be readily apparent that pro-lifers should do something about UCSF’s programs.

Young activists from the Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust have already moved to San Francisco to confront America’s premier pro-abortion mega-university.

They are not only there for a series of momentary objections. They have formed a dedicated spin-off group — the Society for Ethical Research — and established a pro-life Mission House in the city as a base of operations.

Just as when CMP went up against Planned Parenthood, the Survivors and their Society for Ethical Research are doing more than subjecting themselves to risk when they go up against UCSF — whose abortion advocacy is bankrolled by wealthy and powerful special interests. They are guaranteeing counter-attacks.

Life Legal has long represented the Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust. We are now acting as chief legal counsel to the Society for Ethical Research as it campaigns against UCSF’s outrages. And we expect that conflict to heat up as pro-life activists continue to expose and oppose those intolerable offenses.
There's a lot of political violence in the country right now. Riots have occurred with frightening regularity in such cities as Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon — and many of these are no longer even nominally connected to instances of proven or alleged police brutality. Restaurant patrons in Washington, D.C., and other venues are randomly harassed and assaulted. It seems as if the most fundamental levels of civility have drained not only out of public discourse but also out of every facet of daily life.

Pro-lifers saw this phenomenon expanding more than a year ago — and it is still expanding far beyond what can reasonably be tolerated.

Take the following cases:

- **Ron K. (San Francisco)** — A local leader of the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, Ron was attacked outside Planned Parenthood. The assailant has been identified, but police to date have failed to apprehend him.

- **Mike Gribbin (Washington, D.C.)** — Peaceful pro-life prayer witness was assaulted by someone identified as Quinn Chasan, a senior Google employee. Again, despite ample evidence, local authorities have so far failed to file charges against the perpetrator.

- **Mary Riley (Napa, California)** — Our own Chief Operations Officer, Mary Riley, was subjected to an assault outside the Planned Parenthood “health center” in the city where we maintain our administrative offices. The assault occurred on March 23, and the assailant was easily identified as the owner and operator of a local wine tour business. Keep in mind that this incident came early in the COVID-19 outbreak. The assailant stopped his car and loomed over Mary, a sweet grandmother standing all of 4-11, then berated her for being out on the street when the virus was abroad. He was himself violating social distancing guidelines the whole time. At the close of his tirade, he deliberately coughed in Mary’s face and told her that she now had the coronavirus. Once again, no arrest was made and no prosecution initiated. Indeed, on the day of the incident, the perpetrator called the police on Mary and argued with the officer who refused to arrest her for praying the rosary!

Pro-lifers have been enduring confrontations at abortion mills for decades. In the past two years, there has been both a qualitative and a quantitative change in these encounters.

In the past, most confrontations involved attempts by law enforcement to restrict free speech rights or violence from employees at the abortion mill. These sorts of encounters continue — but now there are violent encounters with passersby who just cannot believe that the First Amendment applies to pro-lifers.

Furthermore, there has recently been an enormous increase in the frequency of violence against pro-life activists. Part of this alarming trend may result from an increase in that very same activism. The 40 Days for Life movement is providing a lot of targets for pro-abortion rage. However, it is also apparent that angry pro-aborts have become increasingly emboldened. More and more, they think they have the right to attack pro-lifers.

Understand, we’re not out for revenge. But if the police won’t take action, our practice in these cases is to pursue civil actions against the perpetrators, particularly if there is evidence that the perpetrator is a repeat offender. As the protection of street-level activists has always been an essential component of our mission, we expect the trend to render us busier than ever. We are resolved more than ever to prepare for the challenge.
Decades ago, our perhaps tongue-in-cheek and unofficial motto was *Non possumus semper vinci* — “We can’t lose them all!” We at Life Legal are glad to report that we truly can’t. Over the past year, we’ve chalked up a number of wins for our clients, for our donors, and for babies threatened by the cruel machinery of the abortion industry.

Early in the year, in *U.S. v. Moscinski*, we defended Red Rose rescuers associated with Father Fidelis of Priests for Life. Father and his three companions had entered an abortion mill in Washington, D.C., run by the notorious Steven Brigham, who specializes in third-trimester abortions. Charges were dismissed at trial.

In *People v. Blythe*, campus police at a public college in San Jose unlawfully ordered pro-lifers to depart the premises and tried to seize their literature and signs. Police issued citations for violating a non-existent school policy and for refusing to obey an order. The Santa Clara County D.A. dropped charges after Life Legal presented the actual facts and operative law in the case.

Way back in 2014, Life Legal filed two complaints with the Office of Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Early this year, directed by the Trump administration, the OCS wrote to California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, demanding that he bring into compliance with federal law the state’s policy of forcing insurance providers to cover elective abortions. Specifically, California’s policy violates the Weldon Amendment, added to appropriations for HHS since 2005. Becerra still isn’t cooperating, but then, the HHS isn’t done with him — yet.

In San Francisco, long-time pro-life activist Ron K — the same elderly gentleman who was brutally assaulted outside Planned Parenthood last year — suffered arrest in March on the pretext that his First Amendment activity violated a COVID-related health order being selectively enforced. Due to swift action from Life Legal, charges against Ron had to be dropped — and the City of San Francisco altered policy to allow a peaceful pro-life presence outside abortion mills.

Because the abortion cartel fights all regulation — ostensibly as an “undue burden” on women’s rights, but actually as interference with their lucrative business — Life Legal was pleased by an August surprise: Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky (PPINK) backed down from a lawsuit that challenged Indiana’s requirement for an ultrasound and a waiting period of 18 hours before an abortion. The Indiana law had been struck down by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, and Life Legal filed an amicus brief on behalf of Operation Outcry, a ministry of the Justice Foundation. It appears that after the U.S. Supreme Court sent the case back to the 7th Circuit, and precisely because of Life Legal’s arguments, PPINK lost confidence in its position. The ultrasound law will take effect on January 1, 2021.

The abortion juggernaut suffers from a decided weakness: the professional deficiencies of its personnel. Just this last September, after complaints filed by Life Legal and local allies, Leah Torres, M.D., Medical Director of Western Alabama Women’s Center, had her license suspended. She is notorious among other things for a tweet stating that she severs babies’ vocal cords so they can’t scream.

Never let a victory go to waste! We immediately filed a complaint demanding that Alabama revoke the abortion mill’s license — precisely because of its medical director’s lacking a license.
Our success in having abortionist Leah Torres’ license revoked, at least for now, indicates a practical means of fighting the abortion industry’s conveyor belt of death — a means on which we need to intensify our efforts. Every abortion mill needs to recruit abortionists, and in most states those abortionists must be doctors. Yet the very act of abortion, especially if it’s repeated as many times as the industry requires, contradicts the essence of the medical profession. As a consequence, the abortion business attracts the least-qualified, least-ethical personnel available. This means that nearly all abortion mills are subject to valid ethical complaints regarding their providers and practices. Leah Torres is only one example of what can be done.

At Life Legal, we need to redouble our efforts to expose abortionists for the unethical incompetents they are. This should be done not only on general principles, because substandard practitioners are a danger to women, but also because reducing the number of practicing abortionists inevitably saves lives from abortion.

Our campaign in support of pro-life street level activists remains a central part of what we do. At the beginning of our history, this meant defending rescuers involved in direct action to save lives from abortion. We still defend the few rescuers who can continue to devote themselves to such activism. But nowadays we are more occupied with defending First Amendment activities such as protest, public prayer, and sidewalk counseling — activities which also save lives from the ever-accelerating suction aspirators of the abortion syndicate. As noted above, violence against pro-lifers bearing public witness of any kind is expanding exponentially. Official opposition from municipalities also continues. As opposition to pro-life action ratchets up, pro-lifers will need Life Legal’s day-to-day help more urgently, perhaps, even than in the days of widespread rescue.

We at Life Legal are also planning a strategic shift in our actions supporting state regulation of abortion. For many years, we and many others fought to defend incremental legislation and regulation in accordance with such rulings as Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey and Gonzales v. Carhart — rulings we all knew were essentially pro-abortion. Our attempts to adjust to the “realities” of abortion jurisprudence were, in the long run, sadly unrealistic. We are now taking a different tack. Encouraged by the Trump administration’s reform of the federal judiciary, we are resolved to challenge Roe v. Wade and Casey, wherever possible, as the horrible precedents they actually were. Sometimes principle is the most practical option, after all.

In addition, we must continue our commitment to the sorts of calls that come into Life Legal every day — calls from pro-lifers threatened with termination in the workplace, calls from frantic adult children whose elderly parents are threatened with medical murder through deliberate dehydration and starvation, calls from young parents whose premature second-trimester babies, indisputably “wanted,” are threatened with death by denial of medical care. Grand strategic vision is something we may strive for — but we also remain devoted to our essential daily work in taking care of individuals. What kind of pro-lifers would we be if we gave that up?
OUR STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR GIFTS

Please be assured that Life Legal will be a wise steward of any gift you send. The graph below reflects Life Legal’s 2019 independent audit by RINA Accountancy Corporation.

**SUPPORT AND REVENUE**
(Fiscal Year: 2019)

- **Contributions**
  - Donations: 2,065,226
  - (Pro bono) Attorney services: 1,654,063
- Other income: 175,918
- **TOTAL REVENUE**: $3,895,207
- **NET ASSETS, end of year**: $2,360,038

**EXPENSES**
(Fiscal Year: 2019)

- **Program services**: 2,826,127
- **Supporting services**:
  - Fundraising: 114,441
  - Administrative: 103,517
- **TOTAL EXPENSES**: $3,044,085

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We at Life Legal are always filled with gratitude for the part you’ve played in our successes of the past — and we need your continuing support as we face the challenges of 2021. Without you, we never could have followed through on our long-standing work on behalf of defendants in Planned Parenthood v. Center for Medical Progress!

Without you, we couldn’t have backed the efforts of activists from Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust as they confronted the University of California, San Francisco — where gruesome “scientific experiments” exploiting the body parts of aborted babies are still going on!

Without you, we couldn’t have gone to bat time after time for pro-life protesters and sidewalk counselors! The vast increase in violence against pro-lifers would have overwhelmed us — if not for your help.

And without you, we won’t be ready to carry on these fights, to save elderly patients and second-trimester preemies from doctor-decreed termination, or to upset the cushy, lucrative professional lives of bottom-feeding abortionists like Leah Torres.

Furthermore — as this past year more than any other should have taught us all — 2021 will present many challenges that we cannot begin to anticipate today. We won’t be ready for any of these — without your help.

Please — as a committed pro-lifer who recognizes the importance of our particular mission — could you contribute $50, $200, $500, or even $1,000 toward Life Legal’s struggles in 2021?

Remember: we routinely face off against organizations who are positively swimming in blood money acquired through the nation’s “legalized” murder-for-hire business.

For those who can afford to consider such a high level of sacrificial generosity, we are especially seeking gifts of up to $5,000 or even $8,000.

We don’t need to match our adversaries dollar for dollar or even dime for dollar. But we do need to raise what amounts, in our world, to a whole lot of money.

As always, we well understand the value of the widow’s mite and would be grateful for any amount you chose to give.

At Life Legal, we pray every day for our generous benefactors. And we hope you pray for us in return.

May the Lord shield you from all evil in the coming year, shower rich blessings upon you, and reward you for what you’ve done to save his little ones!
OUR MISSION

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