

# THE COLORADO RALLY



## 4th Annual Prayer Breakfast for Life to feature Chuck Asay, Editorial Cartoonist

The 4th annual Prayer Breakfast for Life will be held Saturday, January 18, 2003 at the Brownstone Hotel, 1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC. The featured speaker will be Chuck Asay, editorial cartoonist for the Colorado Springs Gazette. Mr. Asay is syndicated with Creators Syndicate in more than 80 newspapers nationwide. In North Carolina, Mr. Asay's cartoons appear in the World newspapers.

According to biographical material on the Gazette's website, "Chuck has a heart for the little guy.....While Chuck's fire covers a broad swath, it is not indiscriminate - the thread of human freedom is intertwined with defense of 'the permanent things'- and he sees the political arena as just a staging area for the monumental battle between good and evil raging in the country - the fight for the very soul of the nation."

In addition to Mr. Asay's presentation, there will be an update on North Carolina Right to Life Prayer Partners for Life.

The cost for the breakfast is \$20 for individuals and \$30/couples, if pre-registered. To pre-register using MC or VISA, call 800-392-6275. Or, mail check to PO Box 9282, Greensboro, NC 27429-0282.

**RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE MARKS 30th ANNIVERSARY OF**

## ROE V. WADE

January 18 at 1 PM North Carolina Right to Life will hold its annual Rally and March for Life commemorating the 30th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision by the U. S. Supreme court which legalized abortion on demand in the United States. Pro-lifers from across the state are invited to come with their family and friends to mark the anniversary. All pro-lifers in NC should take the time and make the effort this year in particular to be in Raleigh for this event. The site for the Rally has changed to Nash Square at the corner of Hargett and McDowell Streets. The route for the March has been slightly altered; although, the Legislative Building and the Capitol will still be included. There will music, informative and inspiring speakers, and opportunities to get pro-life materials. For further information or to request a map and directions to any of the events that day, call our office 800-392-6275 or visit the NCRTL website: [www.ncrtl.org](http://www.ncrtl.org).



*Please Note*

North Carolina Right to Life is running the next article because it has recently received calls from concerned pro-lifers who have been contacted and made pledges via their credit card to the Pro-Life Campaign Committee. We hope this article will help to alert our supporters to what may be a scam. **PLEASE NOTE**, neither North Carolina Right to Life nor The National Right to Life Committee will ask for your credit card or checking account number over the phone. If you want to charge a donation or have your checking account drafted you have to mail that information to us. Please feel free to call us at 800-392-6275 if you have any questions or concerns.

## Pro-Life Families Complain About PLCC Group's Telemarketing Calls

Washington, DC -- An organization saying it supports pro-life efforts continues to practice what the Better Business Bureau calls "unscrupulous" business practices. In May 2001, several pro-life organizations, including Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, alerted pro-life advocates about an organization calling itself "Elect Life." A news story in the New York Daily News also exposed the alleged "shady" practices of the organization.

According to MCCL, "Elect Life" raised more than \$3,000,000

from unsuspecting pro-life families through telemarketing calls that sometimes were pressuring or offensive.

While "Elect Life" claimed to support pro-life candidates and to be working in Congress on a partial-birth abortion ban, neither was apparently true.

Documents on file with the Federal Election Commission revealed the telemarketing firm, Arizona-based Capital Communications, kept 94% of the money raised and the organization's president paid himself more than \$115,000 in salary and fees. The organization's president recently passed away and it appears to some pro-life advocates that Capital

Communications has continued the same practice of taking money from unsuspecting pro-life families through a newer organization, the "Pro-Life Campaign Committee."

Telemarketing scripts and materials mailed to those making pledges over the phone are nearly identical to scripts and materials used with "Elect Life" and other supposedly "pro-life" groups for which Capital Communications has done telemarketing. In each case, the scripts tell callers the organization is working to elect pro-life candidates and lobby on partial-birth abortion.

As for the "Pro-Life Campaign Committee" lobbying claims, representatives of several major pro-life groups that conduct Washington-based lobbying efforts on behalf of life issues have never seen any representative of the group lobbying on any of a number of pro-life issues -- including partial-birth abortion.

Several pro-life advocates have reported receiving harassing calls including pressure tactics designed to obtain banking or credit card information for an immediate donation over the phone.

Sue Block of Iowa recently received a "questionable" call from the organization. "I didn't quite trust them and when I was not willing to give my a donation right then using my VISA card they seemed annoyed," Block explained.

Mitzi James also received a telemarketing solicitation. According to James, the caller explained the Pro-Life Campaign Committee was working to pass "Bill 521" -- legislation to ban partial-birth abortion. No such bill exists.

During the recent Congressional session, a bill numbered H.R. 521 was introduced by the delegate from Guam to reform the Pacific island's judicial system. No Senate legislation with the 521 was introduced in the last session. Pro-life Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) introduced H.R. 4965, the ban on partial-birth abortion, which passed the House and was not considered in the Senate.

After James agreed to give the organization a \$35 donation -- down from the

\$75 the group requested -- she was transferred to another telemarketing employee who requested payment via credit card or check by phone.

"Because of their need to have their money right now, [the caller] tried to assure me that when I received my bank statement or credit card statement, it would serve as my proof of my contribution."

James informed the caller that she wished to be cautious about her charitable giving. "I suggested she let me check them out and could they call me back this afternoon," said James. The PLCC representative refused.

Although the call made James suspect, she provided her credit card information anyway. "I made a terrible mistake and gave them one of my credit cards agreeing to \$35.00. I could have kicked myself afterwards as this is something I have never done before," she said.

After making the donation, James searched on-line for information about the organization. She found no web site for the Pro-Life Campaign Committee but did find alerts from pro-life groups about their activities and a statement from the Better Business Bureau in Spokane, Washington alerting consumers to shady telemarketing practices by the organization.

A statement from the business watchdog group said "unscrupulous organizations such as this divert funds from legitimate organizations attempting to remain active and efficient to their causes."

David Senn says he also received a call from the organization claiming he was a previous donor. "I have no recollection of these people and rarely do checks by phone -- never to a telemarketing organization."

The PLCC group called Kathryn Naylor too. "I pledged \$20 and when it came time to end the phone call they wanted the money right then.

I told them I would send a check by mail but they kept pushing that I use a credit card, debit card or check by phone. I told them that I did not feel comfortable with that and I would send them a check as soon as I received their information.

They pushed and pushed that there was a deadline that I needed to pay now and finally agreed to send me the bill."

Pro-life advocates receiving such telemarketing calls can contact the Business Division of their state Attorney General's office to report any problems or complains from telemarketers.

(Source: Pro-Life Infonet)

## Upcoming Events

**January 18, 2002**

4th Annual Prayer Breakfast for Life  
9:30 a. m. - Brownstone Hotel  
Raleigh, NC

Rally and March for Life 2003  
1:00 p. m. - Nash Square  
Hargett and McDowell Streets

**January 22, 2003**

March for Life  
Washington, DC

## Madison Center Will Defend the Right of Certain Not-for-Profit Ideological Corporations to Contribute to Candidates Before U.S. Supreme Court

The United States Supreme Court today accepted review of a decision, *Beaumont v. FEC*, in which the James Madison Center won an important victory for not-for-profit ideological corporations against the Federal Election Commission. Earlier in 2002, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit held a federal ban on corporate contributions to candidates was unconstitutional as applied to not-for-profit ideological corporations, such as Plaintiff North Carolina Right to Life. The U.S. Supreme Court has now decided to review this decision.

In the 1986 case of *FEC v. Massachusetts Citizens for Life* ("MCFL"), the U.S. Supreme Court held that not-for-profit ideological corporations like MCFL posed no threat of the corruption of the electoral system that justified limits on independent expenditures (i.e., expenditures advocating the election or defeat of a candidate made without coordination with the candidate) by business corporations. Thus, the Court held that non-for-profit ideological corporations must be exempted from a federal corporate independent expenditure ban.

In *Beaumont*, the *Fourth Circuit* applied that rationale to contributions to candidates. Because not-for-profit ideological corporations pose

no corruption threat, then nothing justified prohibiting them from also making contributions. Requiring them to do so through political action committees "could effectively cripple small, nonprofit advocacy groups that may have few or no ties to the world inhabited by for-profit corporations."

" Not-for-profit ideological corporations" must (1) not engage in profit-making activity, (2) have no shareholders or other persons who might have a claim on its assets and earnings, (3) be exempt from federal income taxation, and (4) either not accept business corporation donations or be funded overwhelmingly by private, individual donations.

James Madison Center general counsel James Bopp, Jr., who represented the Plaintiffs against the FEC in the case, declared the case "a significant expansion of the ability of not-for-profit corporations to engage in political activity." "The ability of such corporations to do independent expenditures has long been recognized," he noted, "but now it is clear that they can also make direct political contributions, subject to the \$1,000 contribution limit."

"Perhaps more importantly, this case will provide the Supreme Court an opportunity to answer the question whether not-for-profit advocacy groups are entitled to full participation in our political process," said Bopp. "Whether it is the prohibition on contributions to candidates, at issue in *Beaumont*, or McCain-Feingold's prohibition on groups mentioning the name of candidates in broadcast ads 60 days before a general election, at issue in *McConnell v. FEC*, the issue is the same -- the role of citizens groups in our democracy. Since the First Amendment was designed to protect citizens groups from restrictions intended to benefit incumbent politicians, these restrictions should be fall," said Bopp.

(Source: James Madison Center for Free Speech Press Release, Nov. 18, 2002)

### **Honorariums & Memorials**

To make a donation in memory of or to honor a friend or loved one, send your donation and the name/s of those being remembered or honored to North Carolina Right to Life. Be sure to enclose the name and address of the

person who should receive the acknowledgment about the gift. (i.e., the name and address of the person being honored or the name of the person whose loved one is being remembered) If you do not wish your donation to be listed with others in our newsletter, please tell us so we can honor your wishes.

**In Memory of  
Charles H. O' Steen,  
honored member of the 82nd  
Airborne Division in WW II  
who gave his life so that others  
might live  
by  
David G. O' Steen  
and  
Bert O' Steen**

In Honor of  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cione, The Granado  
Family, and The Spina-Velez Family  
by  
Pamela S. Cione  
**PRO-LIFE MATERIALS  
SAVE LIVES**

Each year North Carolina Right to Life has booths at the Mountain State Fair, the Cleveland County Fair, and the NC State Fair (Our chapters also have booths at fairs in their communities). Just before the State Fair this year, our office received a letter from a young lady who confirmed what we already suspected- our educational materials save lives. So for our supporters and our volunteers who make our presence at these fairs possible, we include a portion of Brandy's letter to encourage them and to let them know the life saving difference they make by their association with North Carolina Right to Life.

*" I first saw your booth in 1996 at the North Carolina State Fair. My sister and I set at least one date during the fair to visit your booth. We go to give our yearly donations. As you can see, my sister and I are very much against abortions. We want you to know we will help in anyway possible. I started doing beauty pageants about 6 years ago. I think it was my 7th pageant [when] I was roommates with a young lady who was only 19 years old. One morning she woke up and was very sick. so, I took her to get a pregnancy test and she tested*

*positive. She was very scared and didn't know what to do. The first thing she thought about was abortion, until I sat down using your info and changed her mind. Now, she has a very beautiful little boy named Joseph. She's very happy. After that we became best friends. I just wanted to share that story with you. Because it was your stuff that helped me change her mind. Thank you from both of us."*

### **Educational Materials Available**

Are you a youth director, school or Sunday school teacher who needs a speaker or information on abortion, infanticide, or euthanasia/assisted suicide? North Carolina Right to Life can provide a speaker and/or the information you need. We have the largest pro-life lending library of books, videos, posters, and fetal models in the state.

We maintain a wealth of other pro-life materials from brochures to bumper stickers and precious feet pins. If you live in Greensboro or within driving distance, you can visit our office and look over our materials. If you live at a distance, you can call us at 800-392-6275 to arrange for a speaker or for materials to be sent to you.



We have a student packet that we will send free of charge to any student doing a paper, report, or speech. Those students who have used our materials have done quite well with their class assignments.

If you are a librarian, perhaps your library would benefit from some of our materials for your vertical files. We recently filled a request from a library which wanted materials for that reason. Call or visit us today. We are anxious to help you.

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