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## **Breakthrough in Treating Multiple Sclerosis Using Patients' Own Adult Stem Cells**

Holly Drewery of Sheffield, England, was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis after suffering numbness and blurred vision. She became wheelchair-bound after the birth of daughter Isla, but thanks to an adult stem cell transplant using her own cells, today she can dance, run and chase after her daughter Isla in the park.

Many articles have been written about the successful uses of adult stem cells, explaining that ethically unobjectionable adult stem cells are far superior in practice to stem cells taken from embryonic human beings.

David Prentice, PhD, Vice President and Research Director, Charlotte Lozier Institute, commented that "Adult stem cells taken from normal tissue still remain the gold standard for patient treatment." Adult stem cells are isolated from many different tissues, including bone marrow, blood, muscle, fat, and umbilical cord blood. They have been helping patients around the world for years.

David Prentice, an expert on stem cells of all kinds, commented on a study led by Professor Basil Sharrack of the Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield:

"This is another gratifying example of the successful application of adult stem cells. Prof. Sharrack and colleagues are to be congratulated for undertaking this study, which has shown extremely promising results. Their publication of the data in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* adds even more evidence to the already-substantial successes for adult stem cell treatments for patients. The protocol they use, pioneered by Dr. Richard Burt at

Northwestern University (who is also a co-author on the JAMA paper), involves harvest and purification of some of the patient's bone marrow adult stem cells, then chemotherapy to kill the rogue immune cells that are causing the autoimmune problem of multiple sclerosis, followed by re-infusion of the patient's adult stem cells. The patient's adult stem cells 'reboot' their immune and blood system, and also seem to facilitate some repair of the nervous system.

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Holly Drewery was plagued with numbness and blurred vision. She was diagnosed with Multiple

Sclerosis (MS). Her health grew worse.

She became wheelchair-bound after her health worsened after her daughter's birth. She needed help with basic tasks and couldn't even wiggle her toes.

Three weeks after the stem cell transplant she was able to walk out of hospital.

Now, more than 18 months later, she is almost back to normal. She has a part-time office job and, although she still gets tired, can dance, run and chase after her daughter Isla, now two, in the park.

She said: 'All I wanted to be able to do is take Isla out. It worked wonders. I am more or less back to normal.'

Another patient, Sam Ramsey, was paralyzed from the neck down by Multiple Sclerosis after she collapsed when out celebrating her 22nd birthday.

Nothing worked until the adult stem cell treatment. Now she can walk on crutches and can drive.

“This treatment has given me my life back,” she told the *Sunday Times*. “This is not a word I would use lightly but we have seen profound neurological improvements.”

Of course more follow-up must be done to ensure that the amazing progress is not short-lived. But toward the very end of the story comes this very encouraging secondary improvement:

As well as stopping the disease in its tracks, the treatment known as autologous haematopoietic stem cell transplantation, seems to heal damage that has already been done.

To read the entire article and learn about the incredible possibilities for stem cell treatment, visit:  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2974675/MS-stem-cell-treatment-hailed-miraculous-patients-make-dramatic-recovery.html>.

## Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project of California is a church-based ministry to support pregnant mothers and their unborn children. They offer immediate and practical help to anyone facing a difficult pregnancy. As Gabriel church signs proclaim, “The members of our church communities see in the conception of each child a fresh expression of God’s unfailing love. We offer immediate and practical help to any pregnant mother experiencing difficulties.” Recently, the Gabriel Project answering service received a call from a pregnant woman in Oroville, California. This came as a surprise since there are no Gabriel Project churches in the Oroville area.

At that time the woman was in a desperate situation. She was five months pregnant and the father of the baby had given her the ultimatum to abort the baby or he would leave. She refused and was left alone. She was on maternity leave without any income and would not be able to go back to work for a few months after the baby was born. Her rent was overdue; she had some unpaid utility bills and had exhausted all avenues of getting some relief from government agencies.

One morning the woman was dropping off one of her girls at a school that is located across the street from

St. Thomas Catholic Church in Oroville. She happened to pull in right behind a pickup truck that had a Gabriel Project bumper sticker. The truck belonged to the Director of the Gabriel Project who lives part time in Oroville and was attending daily Mass.

She called the number on the bumper sticker, hoping that someone would help her. That afternoon she told her two daughters about the “Gabriel” call and for the next two days the girls would come home from school asking “Did Gabriel call yet?”

Gabriel Angel volunteers Mike and Anne Ronco called and met with the client. The Gabriel Project took care of rent for a few months, paid the utility bills, arranged to have her car repaired, and set her up with ongoing emotional support during and after her pregnancy.

She gave birth to a baby girl and has now gone back to work. With some babysitting help from her former mother-in-law, she is managing to get her life back in order.

**The members of our church communities see in the conception of each child a fresh expression of God’s unfailing love.**

Bumper Stickers Work!

During 2014 the Gabriel Projects of the Greater Bay area served over 300 clients from San Francisco to San Jose to Oakland and Sacramento and even Oroville.

Is your church a Gabriel Church? If not, contact David Zarri at [davidlzarri@earthlink.net](mailto:davidlzarri@earthlink.net) to learn more about the Gabriel Project and how you can become a Gabriel Church. It’s definitely worth the lives being saved. More information is available at:  
[\(https://cagabrielproject.wordpress.com/\)](https://cagabrielproject.wordpress.com/)

## R.I.P. Pro-Lifers

The past few months has brought the loss of several “founders” of the Pro-Life movement in America, from national to our own organization.

**Jack Wilke** - Jack and his wife Barbara are sometimes referred to as the dynamic duo of the pro-life movement. They could identify a need as well as a way to fill it while turning more hearts and minds to a compassionate pro-life stance. Jack was an author, physician, and pro-life activist. Along with his wife Barbara, he authored a number of books on abortion and human sexuality. He was an obstetrician in

Cincinnati, Ohio, but ceased practicing medicine in 1988 in order to devote himself full-time to the anti-abortion movement. He was president of National Right to Life from 1984 through 1991. He co-founded the Life Issues Institute in 1991.

Recently Jack and Barbara finished their last book, Abortion and the Pro-Life Movement, An Inside View. It's an autobiographical history of the pro-life movement. The next generation joining this fight for life needs to understand how we have arrived at this point of optimistic anticipation.

**Charles Rice** – Professor at Notre Dame Law School and sought-after speaker, Professor Rice was willing to take on the difficult battles for what he knew to be the truth. An outspoken advocate of the need to respect life from conception to natural death, he was also a noted expert on Natural Law.

**Betty Gallagher** – We here at California Right to Life Educational Fund recently lost a dear member, Betty Gallagher, who volunteered and participated in many pro life activities and was a strong advocate of people with special needs. She and her husband Bob were instrumental in the early days of our organization, and Betty continued to volunteer in various pro-life activities, including coordinating the Respect Life group at her church. She was a woman of great faith who greeted everyone with a smile, especially babies and little children.

Years ago Congressman Henry Hyde, an eloquent spokesperson for America's unborn babies, said this about those who sacrifice and labor to protect innocent human life.

*When the time comes as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God—and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world—and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, 'Spare him, because he loved us,'—and God will look at you and say not, 'Did you succeed?' but, 'Did you try?'*

Just imagine millions of babies greeting our deceased fellow pro-life leaders at heaven's door—all reaching up and thanking them for trying to save their lives. This mental image gives great comfort.

## Library Corner: Let's Go to the Movies

With summer approaching, and the warm evenings, perhaps it is time to think about some summer movies.

**October Baby** – (2011, Rated PG) Stunned by the truth of her birth, Hannah sets out on a road trip with a group of misfits to discover her past and find hope for her future. This film is based partly on the true story of Gianna Jensen.

**Gimme Shelter** – (2014, Rated PG) Starring Vanessa Hudgens and James Earl Jones, this movie is also based on a true story of a teenage girl running away from her abusive mother who seeks refuge with the father she has never known, but he rejects her when he learns she is pregnant.

**Bella** - (2006, Rated PG) Bella is a true love story about how one day in New York City changed three people forever. This movie looks at adoption in a whole new light.

**Juno** - (2006, Rated PG) When Juno, a teenage girl pregnant by her best friend, finds out that her unborn baby has fingernails, she decides to forgo her plan to have an abortion, and instead embarks on a quest to find a family responsible enough to adopt her child. Hilarious in parts; warning: some crude language.

**Gattaca** - (1997, Rated PG) Gattaca is the fictional story of a genetically inferior man who assumes the identity of a superior one in order to pursue his lifelong dream of space travel. This movie explores what could happen in a society with “designer” babies and gene selection.

**Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?**

**Make sure they get the facts first!**

**A LIFE depends on it...**

**1-800-712-HELP (4357)**

**Website: <http://www.optionline.org/>**

## *Calendar of Events*

*For the latest updates of events see  
[www.calendarforlife.org](http://www.calendarforlife.org)*

### **National Pro-Life T-shirt Week**

April 28-May 4, 2015 For more information see:  
<http://www.npltw.com/> Order your T-shirt now, at  
[http://www.prolifegear.com/index.php?main\\_page=index&cPath=23](http://www.prolifegear.com/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=23) Register for the contests.

### **California Pro-Life Youth Oratory Contest**

See <http://www.californiaprolife.org/prolife-youth-oratory-contest/> For further information contact Sara Blicharz 209-477-2829 or [sara@californiaprolife.org](mailto:sara@californiaprolife.org)

### **Male and Female He Created Them August 21-22, 2015**

#### **St. Mary's Cathedral San Francisco**

Two-day forum of presentations and discussions of masculine and feminine spirituality and sexuality; empowering sexual integrity for individuals and couples, while building healthy, happy, holy marriages. For more information see [canfp.org](http://canfp.org) or e-mail [info@canfp.org](mailto:info@canfp.org) or call 1-877-33-CANFP

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Both are affiliates of American Life League, headed by Judie Brown, and share the same "no-exceptions, no excuses" beliefs and the same dedication to promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent human life from the single-cell stage to natural death.

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