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Charitable Organizations and Positions on the Life Issues

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There is rarely a day, a week or a month that goes by nowadays without being designated as the day, week or month to support some sort of charity in our country. There is an ever-growing list of national events, races, telethons and radio-thons to contribute to, or ribbon car magnets, rubber wristbands and other charitable paraphernalia to purchase in support of these causes. And, now is the season, of course, for giving!

Donating to charity is a laudable act (and a corporal work of mercy). Certainly, we are called to help support the needy among us and to contribute to the well-being of our society. It's very likely we all know of someone, either personally or indirectly, who suffers from a condition or an illness that begs for treatment or a cure.

But, can we give to all of them? Probably not. Are all of them even worthy of our donations? Definitely not! Some of these organizations, while they portend to help the needy and the disabled or claim to be seeking the ultimate cure, are actually supporting immoral causes. Some are partnered with Planned Parenthood and similar organizations. Some are conducting, supporting, funding, or otherwise lobbying for research using human embryonic stem cells or aborted fetal body parts.

Before you drop your hard-earned change into red kettles, volunteer to ring a bell or otherwise give to any organization, make sure you know what you are supporting.

Many charitable organizations devote a portion of their website to their positions on various social issues, such as human trafficking, euthanasia and abortion - typically on a page entitled "position statements." Look for organizations that are bold in their stance on the protection of human life.

For example, on the issue of abortion, the Salvation Army (a very prominent holiday charity) states: "The Salvation Army recognizes tragic and perplexing circumstances that require difficult decisions regarding a pregnancy. Such decisions should be made only after prayerful and thoughtful consideration, with appropriate involvement of the woman's family and pastoral, medical and other counsel. A woman in these circumstances needs acceptance, love and compassion."

While that statement may sound understanding and accepting, it is a far cry from the simple and truly pro-life position of, "Our organization opposes all abortions, because we believe each human life is sacred and valued before God." The Salvation Army's posted statement is, unfortunately, a fancy way of supporting, at the very least, abortions in the exceptions cases – rape, incest, life of the mother and fetal deformity.

Other excellent resources for checking out charitable organizations include Life Decisions International's Boycott List (www.fightpp.org) and ALL's website at www.all.org/charities.

Finally, don't allow yourself to become disheartened. While it may seem like the culture of death only becomes richer by the minute, worthy charities are out there-and do need your help! Sometimes you need look only as far as your own community-local food banks, homeless shelters, soup kitchens and pregnancy help centers rarely have the resources to sponsor huge fundraisers or sell merchandise. And, oftentimes, they are not tied to larger organizations steeped in unethical causes. The time you spend doing the research is definitely worth the lives being saved.

Give-but give wisely!

**Do you know someone who might be
considering abortion?
Make sure they get the facts first!
A LIFE depends on it...
1-800-395-HELP (4357)**

THERESA DEISHER, Ph.D., An Outspoken Defender Of Human Life.

by Camille Giglio

“It is frightening to speak out. I don't care for the notoriety,” declared Theresa Deisher, Ph.D. Director of her own company, AVM Biotechnology. She was addressing a recent early morning meeting of Catholics@Work about the critical and often hostile response from her fellow research scientists over her outspoken advocacy for advancing the cause of adult stem cells, rather than embryonic cells.

Since about 2008 when Dr. Deisher, a cellular physiologist educated at Stanford, experienced a moral and religious awakening, she has been an outspoken advocate for advancing the cause of adult stem cell therapies rather than the embryonic stem cells she once researched. Moving from, as she put it, a Feminist, pro abortion position favoring science over religion many in her field have now labeled her the Sarah Palin of stem cells.

She has gone so far as to join with a fellow adult stem cell scientist, James Sherley, in a lawsuit to stop the government funding of embryonic stem cell research based on the Dickey/Wicker Amendment to an appropriation bill, signed by President Bill Clinton in 1995, which cut off government funding of embryonic stem cell research and banned life destroying experiments on human embryos. The lawsuit is still ongoing, but there have been some intermittent victories along the way.

In June of 2010 the U.S. Court of Appeals granted Sherley and Deisher standing to continue their case based on their potential for loss of income due to the preference of the government to fund embryonic stem cell research over adult stem cells. Deisher's AVMBiotechnology company, headquartered in Washington State, is supported with private grants and donations.

Dr. Deisher also has founded a non-profit organization entitled Sound Choice www.soundchoice.org researching vaccines that do not contain aborted fetal cells. She claims that all but two vaccines manufactured for the United States do contain aborted fetal cells.

She also spoke during a Q and A about the need to research the association of fetal stem cells in vaccines and their possible association with autism. She stated that prior to 1988 there was a very low percentage of cases of autism around the world. This number rose dramatically beginning in 1988. Eliminating all the possible genetic and environmental causes the researchers were left with the fact that 1988 was the year that aborted fetal cells began to be used in vaccines.

Deisher's organization works closely on vaccines with a Florida group called Children of God for Life. <http://cogforlife.org/>

Speaking clearly enough for even the most science challenged she explained the difference and significance of the stages of stem cell development such as:

- **totipotent** (able to divide and produce all the differentiated cells in the body),
- **pluripotent**, (divide into certain types of cells such as blood, bone, nervous system)
- and **unipotent** (the ability to divide into only one type of cell.)

It is the totipotent cell that is harvested from embryonic babies causing the death of that human being.

Dr. Deisher is emphatic that the use of fetal stem cell therapies have produced no positive curative or rehabilitative recoveries. In fact, they have caused other serious health problems to occur. The adult stem cell therapy, using one's own extracted cells to be cultured and re-introduced into the patient's body have restored people to good health without the worry of auto-immune rejections.

To learn more about Dr. Deisher and her work see the magazine Nature; the International Weekly Journal of Science, vol. 470, 2/09/2011 <http://www.nature.com/news/2011/110209/full/470156a.html>.

Also www.soundchoice.org and www.avmbiotech.com

For a listing of vaccines, whether they contain fetal tissue and if an alternative vaccine is available visit the following Website:
<http://cogforlife.org/vaccineListOrigFormat.pdf>

Contact our office if you don't have access to a computer and we will mail you a copy.

International Pro-life Youth Conference in Southern California

Student Corner - By Maddie Lopez

It was 4 AM, as we all stood there on the driveway waiting to get loaded into the vans. There were more than 20 of us, and we were on our way to what would be one of the most inspiring and fun-filled experiences, unbeknownst to us. We were on our way to the International Pro-life Youth Conference in Southern California, hosted by Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust, Students for Life of America, and Youth Defence of Ireland.

After what seemed like years of driving, we arrived at St Matthias High School in Downey, where people all around us were getting things set up and awaiting the anticipated 300 people. We piled out of the vans, desperate for air and limb movement. A couple of hours later, since we had purposefully come a bit early, the conference began.

During the three day conference we heard some amazing speakers, including some all the way from New Zealand and Ireland. It was completely worthwhile, with a lot of great people, incredibly inspiring and resourceful talks, lots of ideas on how to be a part of the cause, and most of all a great amount of fun!

The speakers from Ireland were my personal favorite, not only because of their fantastic accents, but because they spoke about the pro-life activism in Ireland, which has remained abortion-free, and how they are fighting to keep it that way. There are organizations that give referrals for abortions to the women, so they can then go to a neighboring country for it. Youth Defence is the name of the main pro-life organization and the speakers who came were representing them and spoke about their efforts in Ireland.

There were other speakers, some more local, still others who had to travel quite a distance, including Jill Stanek, Lila Rose, Bryan Kemper, Walter Hoye, Eoghan de Faoite, Warwick Pascoe, Troy Newman, Bernadette Smythe, and many others! Each came with their own very important message. We learned how to be effective through media, how to look at the issue of abortion from an international perspective, how to face opposition, and how to be effective and strong, all while still having fun.

We were rejuvenated, re-inspired, refreshed. During the breaks we had a chance to go to informational tables from various other pro-life organizations, so we were not left without resources. Not only was it just talks and tables, but there was fun thrown in the mix. At one point there was even a concert for a band called Celtic Spring, which was a pro-life, Irish Catholic family. They Irish-danced along with their performance, and afterwards engaged the whole crowd and taught us a huge group dance! In addition, there were also chances throughout the weekend for prayer, which reminded us all that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves.

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- Mother Teresa

I think it's safe to say that we youth all left with a sense that we were not alone in this. We're part of a movement that is so expansive, but every little thing we do counts. I personally had grown a little weary of fighting, and when I came back, I could not have been more passionate about

the cause. I felt the camaraderie, and I felt like no matter how big or small an action of mine was, it would still matter. I returned to my friends back home, and we had our usual prayer vigil at an abortion clinic, and manned the table at our mall. I realized again that my actions were not useless. At the clinic, we passed out literature and prayed a rosary, and I felt a deeper sense of the magnitude of little actions. I leave you with this: "What we are doing may feel like just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop",

said by Mother Teresa. What you do matters,
and do not be afraid to hold on to hope.

Saturday, January 21, 2012
8th Annual Walk for Life
Civic Center Plaza San Francisco

New venue and new route this year!

The Rally will be held at Civic Center Plaza from 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Our confirmed speakers include: African-American pro-life activist Mrs. Lori Hoye; obstetrician/gynecologist Dr. Vansen Wong; the Reverend Clenard Childress, Director of L.E.A.R.N.; and Ms. Jacquie Stalnaker, a post-abortive woman and *Silent No More* Regional Coordinator.

After the Rally (at 1:30 pm), we will begin walking from Civic Center Plaza and will process down Market Street to end at Justin Herman Plaza at the Embarcadero. The Walk from Civic Center Plaza to Justin Herman Plaza is approximately 1.8 miles.

More info: <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>

See www.calendarforlife.org for the most up to date listing of activities and events happening in your area. Have you visited the website lately? It is totally “remodeled” to be even more user friendly and informative.

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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.