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Woman's Own Adult Stem Cells Rebuild Alabama Woman's Heart

~ Another ADULT stem cell research success ~

Carron Morrow, an Alabama event planner, was hanging Japanese lanterns for a wedding in the summer of 2006 when she suffered her fourth heart attack. A week later, the doctor told the 58-year-old mother of two she was a walking time bomb; the right side of her heart was functioning at less than 50 percent. They tried stents and a defibrillator. Then she was put on the heart transplant list.

There are thousands of people waiting for a heart transplant, so Morrow wasn't very optimistic. As time progressed she grew worse. By fall she couldn't walk twenty feet without someone's assistance.

Then while doing some research on adult stem-cell therapy, a nurse who had helped Morrow after her third heart attack came across a groundbreaking study at the Texas Heart Institute. The study could quite possibly help Morrow, so her health records were sent to Texas.

Within a month's time, Morrow was in Texas. Only thirty people would be admitted to the study. Twenty would receive stem-cell therapy, and ten would receive a placebo.

On Oct. 14, 2006 — her birthday — she went into surgery. Doctors removed about 50cc of bone marrow from her left hip. The cells were cultivated, and four hours later she was back in surgery, where 30 million stem cells were injected into the right side of her heart.

Morrow stayed in Texas for nine days and then returned every two weeks through January. A local businessman Morrow had worked with in the past paid all her airfare to and from Texas throughout the process.

Within a couple of months after the procedure, Morrow knew something wonderful was happening. She was able to sing an entire hymn at church, something that had been impossible before the Texas procedure.

In April, Morrow and her sister worked over eighty hours on a huge wedding. During the long hours her sister said, "Carron, you know you have the stem cells."

In April Morrow and her sister got confirmation of what they already suspected. The Texas Heart Institute confirmed that Carron Morrow had indeed been one of the twenty people who had received stem cells rather than the placebo.

This past July she returned to the University of Alabama, where she had received her dire

prognosis just a year ago. She had another CT scan to see how her heart was functioning.

The doctor reported that the right side of her heart is normal! Morrow is now a believer in adult stem cells and told her doctor, "I don't understand why we have this huge political mess going on about stem cells, I'm living proof that adult stem cells work far better than embryonic. Why should embryonic even be in discussion? I'm here to say, 'I'm living proof... It saved my life.'"

Morrow doesn't even need her \$85,000 defibrillator anymore. The cost to culture the stem cells, Morrow says was less than \$600. "This is going to revolutionize the treatment of heart disease."

PBS featured Carron Morrow on a documentary that aired June 7.

Abortion Causes Mental Health Problems, Raises Suicide Risk

Doctors in England testifying before the British House of Commons have stated that abortion is a serious risk to a woman's mental health, making her six times more likely to consider committing suicide. The doctors cited medical studies backing up their assertions as they commented on a bill to make this information available to women.

Dr. Trevor Stammers, who practices at St. George's University of London and teaches medicine there, said he supported the measure to make women aware of the risks and dangers associated with abortion.

He said that in his 26 years of medical practice, all after Britain legalized abortion in 1967, he has seen numerous women come to him with physical or mental health problems resulting from their abortion.

"The most recent research has shown very clearly that abortion presents a serious risk to the long-term mental health of women and why it is therefore important to know which women are being offered abortion on mental health grounds," he told lawmakers, according to a report in the Evening Standard newspaper.

Dr. Robert Balfour, a consultant gynecologist, agreed with the analysis and pointed to a study of 5,000 women in Finland conducted between 1987 and 2000 showing that those who had an abortion after an unplanned pregnancy were six times more likely to commit suicide than women who carried their baby to term.

Also last year, a university researcher in New Zealand conducted an extensive study on thousands of women and found that 40 percent of those who have abortions suffer from mental health problems following the abortion.

(See <http://www.lifenews.com/nat1941.html>)

Those problems included depression, addictions to alcohol or drugs, sleep disorders, thoughts of suicide and were much greater than those faced by women who had miscarried or carried their pregnancy to term.

Adapted from <http://www.familyandlife.org/Abortion-and-Embryo/346/9/14.html>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(For the latest information, see www.calendarforlife.org)

Pro-Life Memorial Day

Monday October 1

American Life League's annual day to honor the memory of the babies lost to abortion will be on October 1. This is the first Monday in October, the day the U.S. Supreme Court begins its new session. The official T-shirt of ALL's Pro-life Memorial Day 2007 is available online at <http://www.prolifegear.com>

Life Chain

Sunday October 7, 2007

Annually, on the first Sunday in October, LIFE CHAINS across North America stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for one hour, while holding one of the following approved pro-life sign messages:

- 1 ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN**
- 2 JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS**
- 3 ADOPTION: THE LOVING OPTION**
- 4 LORD, FORGIVE US AND OUR NATION**
- 5 ABORTION HURTS WOMEN**
- 6 PRAY TO END ABORTION**
- 7 LIFE—THE FIRST INALIENABLE RIGHT**

In 2006, well over 1,200 Life Chains were built in America and Canada, and the focus is now on National Life Chain Sunday 2007—to be held October 7, across North America. For a listing of Life Chains in your area see <http://lifechain.net/>

ANTIOCH - Somersville Rd at Delta Fair Blvd, Sun, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

NAPA - Jefferson St at Trancas St, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.;

SAN FRANCISCO - Park Presidio Blvd between Clement and California, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The Biotech Century, Facing Our Future

November 3, 2007

Center for Bioethics and Culture is sponsoring a bioethics conference. Bethany Bible Church, 6060 N 7th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85013.

For more information or to register for the conference: <http://bioethicsconference.com>

Trading on the Female Body, A Seminar

November 9, 2007, Friday, 7:00 PM

Exploring the impact of egg harvesting, and cloning research on women's health and safety.

Speakers include:

Diane Beeson, Ph.D., Director, HandsOffOurOvaries

Dana Cody, Esq., Executive Director, Life Legal Defense Foundation

Jennifer Lahl, National Director, The Center for Bioethics and Culture

Nicole Marchand, Student SFSU, HandsOffOurOvaries Board of Directors

David Prentice, Ph.D., Family Research Council

For more information or to register for the conference contact Robyn.Spitzer@theCBC.org

Life Legal Defense Foundation Banquet

Saturday, November 10,

Keynote Speaker Dr. David Prentice on Stem Cell Research Bellevue Club in Oakland If interested, contact Mimi Streett by email streett@fastmail.fm or at (707) 224-6675.

Around the Office

Our Library has Expanded! Thanks to a generous non-profit organization that is in the process of downsizing their resource library, we were able to expand our cassette and video collection in August. We now have a nice selection of abstinence videos, both for teens and several wonderful videos for parents.

Included in the collection is "An Interview With an Executioner" and several videos explaining the procedure of abortion. We also have a copy of the CBC "Debate of the Century" between Nigel Cameron and Peter Singer (of Princeton.)

For anyone working with football fans, we have a wonderful video: "LIFE – The Way of Champions" by Super Bowl XXVI teams - the Washington Redskins and Buffalo Bills.

Among the cassette tapes are several Priest for Life talks by Fr. Frank Pavone, and a favorite of everyone - Pam Stenzel's "Sex has a Price."

If you would like to borrow any of these videos or cassettes, or are interested in helping us catalog our library, contact this office.

School's Open! We continue to receive requests for pro-life materials and literature for classroom presentations. We continue to provide sufficient copies for each student to

have a handout. The past few months, with the increase in requests, our supplies have become extremely low. *Please consider a much-needed donation so we can provide materials to more classrooms in the coming months.*

Phone Calls and Office Hours – Did you know California Right to Life Educational Fund answers the phone 24/7? With our cell phone we are a “live voice” for those contemplating abortion and difficult end of life decisions, on weekends and late at night when so many organizations are closed and callers often just get a voicemail message. A few examples of recent “off hours” calls are detailed below...

It was a warm summer Friday night, well after 10PM when the cell phone rang. A very scared teenager exclaimed, “A live voice!” She was scheduled for an abortion early the next morning and wasn’t sure she wanted to go through with it; she was looking for someone to talk to about all her options. We shared with her all her other options, and the next morning, instead of keeping her abortion appointment, she called 1-800-395-HELP. A few days later she called to tell us that a local pregnancy center was helping her with her “other choice”... to carry the pregnancy to term.

A few weeks later ... Sunday morning 8:00AM, a local emergency room nurse called looking for information on housing options for a pregnant teenager whose parents had kicked her out of the house when they found out she was pregnant. Thinking she had no other choice, the young gal was going to abort the baby. A caring nurse, and our being there on a Sunday morning, saved the life of her precious pre-born baby.

We commend Cecelia’s commitment to being there 24/7. However we want to minimize weekend phone calls, so please limit your calls for non-emergencies to Mon–Fri. But please know that there will be a “live voice” for those late night and weekend “emergency calls.”

United Way / Combined Federal Campaign Payroll Deduction Drives are coming to an employer near you. Please consider designating a portion (or all?) of your contribution to California Right to Life Educational Fund. Feel free to contact this office if you have any questions. This continues to be one of our major sources of funding.