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Dear Friends,

When the 82nd Legislature defunded Planned Parenthood and passed an informed consent law requiring the sonogram 24 hours in advance of the abortion (in a private confidential setting), we recognized one thing: good laws are rarely implemented as written. Work had to be done to assure that abortion providers were completely defunded and that the informed consent with the sonogram law was implemented properly.

The Heidi Group went to work. We identified life-affirming providers across the state as alternatives to the 43 Planned Parenthoods. Initially, we identified 700 plus and then refined that to 199 that would *not* perform or refer for abortions. Planned Parenthood only covered centers of population yet our 199 covered the entire state, including rural areas. We were very excited to submit that list to the Department of State Health Services with the expectations that all of our life-affirming providers would be notified of availability of funds when the request for proposal (RFP) was announced.

The Heidi Group was on the list anticipating the announcement, and we believed our 199 life-affirming providers were on the list as well.

Seven days before the request for the proposal was required to be submitted, we stopped relying on the internet and called to ask when the RFP was to be released only to learn that we and our providers had not been notified. The State's selective notification of providers left our life-affirming providers out in the cold with far too short a time to submit the required detail proposal, leaving life-affirming gaps in service across the state. This left the door open for abortion providers and affiliates to apply for funds due to a lack of appropriate provider applications.

Only one of our life-affirming providers was able to apply in the remaining 7 days.

When the grants were announced, for all practical purposes, it looked as if Planned Parenthood had not received any funding, yet closer examination proved that 6 of the Health Regions of the state representing \$2.3 million dollars were not yet funded. Investigation showed that those were the very areas where Planned Parenthood could have been the *only* group to apply.

Once again, The Heidi Group went to work in those areas identifying, recruiting and, yes, even writing grants for life-affirming providers to make certain the funds were properly granted to entities other than abortion providers and affiliates.

At this point it looks as though there is only one area of the state - Waco - where Planned Parenthood will be given a 3 month extension to provide Title X services. Even now we are working to make certain there is a life-affirming provider to receive those funds in Waco.

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Simultaneously, we are working with sidewalk counselors across the state to offer our cards when the mothers go in for their 24 hour sonogram/informed consent appointment with the abortionist. Our current card says:

Before U Go ask the doctor these questions about *your* health

- Will the procedure hurt me?
- In your practice, have you ever punctured a uterus? Had to perform any further surgery as a result of this procedure?
- If there is a problem, do you have emergency equipment and blood on hand?
- Do you have hospital admitting privileges in town? If there is a problem, which hospital would the ambulance take me to?
- If I am admitted to the hospital, who will pay my hospital bill?
- Can you assure me that this procedure is completely safe and I will have no problems now or later?
- Will I have a problem getting pregnant when I want to?

After help from a marketing professional, we developed this card to be printed on brightly colored cardstock with a ribbon, to resemble a gift. And yes, the women are accepting them before they walk in the clinic. **if** the abortionist shows her the sonogram, **if** the abortionist allows her to hear the heartbeat, and **if** she is told the truth, many mothers are fleeing to our pregnancy centers.

What does this mean for us?

We have much work to do to save those 40,000 babies this year and those 40,000 mothers and families from the horror of abortion.

Our plan is to continue to provide cards and even accelerate a bit by providing 2.5 by 2.5 foot signs with questions the mother needs to ask. As we continue to watch YouTube and hear through the grapevine the lies the abortion clinics are telling, we will develop new signs to answer those untruths. One of the abortion clinics is stating, "There is no heartbeat." We want to print a sign that says, "If there is no heartbeat, you don't need an abortion."

Our research will continue as we learn the stories and lies abortion clinics tell the mothers. We are reporting every single violation to the Department of State Health Services, the Attorney General's office, the Governor's office, as well as the House of Representatives member and the Senator representing the affected area.

We will continue until abortions are not thinkable in Texas.

Honestly, at the end of this year I may not be able to tell you that we saved 40,000 lives because abortions are reported 2 years in arrears in Texas. The only measurement we will have is what we learn from the pregnancy centers. In my heart, I firmly believe that defunding Planned Parenthood will save 30,000 lives, and we are well on our way to the last 10,000. While the physical life of that baby and the

eternal life of that mother remain our main goals, I don't believe any of us would be upset with cutting abortion in half. We will keep working to save every life until abortion has ended!

That's our goal.

I personally always go back to the fact that abortion started in Texas, and thus Texas should be the first state to end it!

The Heidi Group staff and I are investing our lives, and I once again ask you to invest in this life-saving project with a gift of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, or \$500 dollars.

No gift is too large, no gift is too small, and those \$250, \$100, \$50, \$25 and \$10 gifts will be used to save lives.

The most important gift you can give is prayer.

- Please pray with us for the Lord to end abortion.
- Please pray with us that we can reach every pregnant girl and women before she walks through the door of an abortion clinic.
- Please pray with us that the hearts of the abortionists will be touched with the message of Salvation so they will stop performing abortions.
- Please pray with us that the Lord closes the abortion clinics because no women seek their services.

Thank you for all you do for life. May the Lord continue to bless you and yours.

For life in Him,



Carol Everett

P.S. There is one more positive bit of news: Two more abortion clinics have closed in Texas. That means that 39 abortion clinics are licensed but we must add the 4 ambulatory surgical facilities performing late term abortions for a total 43 abortion clinics. This is down from a high of 83!

Only one woman took prayer out of schools. Working together, what can we do?

We have a job to do. Remember we are winning. We are on God's side. We are the only side having babies.